



# The Unitarian

First Unitarian Church

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## Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity, Event or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tues	1	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
Wed*	2	7:00 pm	Marketing Committee Meeting	Room 108
Sat	5	10:00 am	Rain Gardens Work Day	South Lawn
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Youth RE Program, Led by Dan Holm</b>	
		<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>All-church Potluck</b>	Foyer/Conf. Room
		12 noon	Strategic Plan Presentation	Sanctuary
		11:45 am	Holiday Bazaar Committee Meeting	TBA
		12:30 pm	Peace and Justice Committee Meeting	Room 103
Mon	7	7:00 pm	Strategic Plan Presentation	Sanctuary
		7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	8	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	9	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Mothers, Grandmothers, Me, Led by B. Carmichael &amp; J. Bogar</b>	
			<b>Share the Plate Offering: YWCA of North Central Indiana</b>	
		<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Art Opening: Willow Crisovan</b>	Foyer
Mon	14	1:00pm	Committee on Ministry Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	15	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Fri	18	6:00 pm	Women's Sharing Circle	Conference Room
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Arguing Creationism, Led by Rev. Byrd Tetzlaff</b>	
		<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Annual Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	
		6:00 pm	Women's Red Tent Circle Gathering	Offsite
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Growing Up UU, Led by Eli Williams</b>	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
<b>Mon</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>Memorial Day – Office Closed</b>	
Wed	30	6:30 pm	Feasters at Carmella's Italian	Offsite

\* The Choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7 pm (in the Sanctuary), unless otherwise announced.

For updated information check the online calendar at our website ([www.firstunitarian.us](http://www.firstunitarian.us)).

## Minister's Notes

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Rev. Roush is on sabbatical, so there is no column from him.

He'll return on August 1, 2018.



For Pastoral Concerns, please contact one of our Care Committee Chairs.

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Lois Holm: 574-850-6652 or [holmstead@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holmstead@sbcglobal.net)

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## Sunday Services

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### **May 6: Youth RE Service, Led by Dan Holm**

The service will be a sharing of the RE students. They will share how they and others can protect the environment. This sharing will be both through words and visuals.

### **May 13: Mothers, Grandmothers, Me, Led by Barbara Carmichael and Janet Bogar**

The English author Eva Figes has said that the difference between being a mother and a grandmother is like the difference between marriage and a love affair. We'll explore her idea in this lay-led service.

***Share the Plate Offering:*** YWCA of North Central Indiana

### **May 20: Arguing Creationism, Led by Rev. Byrd Tetlaff**

We'll discuss why creationism is important from a UU perspective.

### ***12 Noon: Annual Congregational Meeting***

***All members are encouraged to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting.***

*A light lunch will be served prior to the meeting, and child care will be available.*

### **May 27: Growing up UU, Led by Eli Williams**

Seminarian Eli Williams will discuss childhood memories of growing up in First Unitarian Church. She will also talk about how Unitarian Universalists can best engage youth and meet the needs of 21st century families.

## Activities and Events This Month

### **Rain Garden Work Day**

**Saturday, May 5, 10 am – 4 pm**

Please plan to join us to plant native plants in our newly designed rain gardens. See *additional information on the next page.*

### **All-Church Potluck**

**Sunday, May 6, 11:45 am**

After a two-month interlude our first Sunday All-church Potluck returns. Since it seems like spring has finally arrived, you might like to bring a spring favorite from your kitchen or your favorite store. Whatever you bring you are welcome at our tables.

### **Strategic Plan Presentations**

- **Sunday, May 6, 11:45 am** and
- **Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm**

*For more information see the Announcements section on page 5.*

### **Art Opening: Willow Crisovan**

**Sunday, May 13, 11:45 am**

Our new art exhibit will feature the work of our own Willow Crisovan. Currently a senior at John Adams High School, her exhibit will feature a compilation of artworks created throughout her life as an homage to her grade school career. This will include Willow's more recent works, which serve to express her emotions and daily life through still life. All the pieces on display will be for sale, and the proceeds will support Willow as she pursues an engineering degree at Purdue.

### **Women's Sharing Circle**

**Friday, May 18, 6:00 pm**

Relax over the last simple potluck of the year with appetizers, wine and dessert, and enjoy conversation and camaraderie while learning how you can help your global sisters. The purpose of this month's project is to reach the most at-risk girls in Benin and create 64 Girls' Clubs to improve their academic and economic opportunities. For more information on this project, visit Dining for Women on the web at:



<https://diningforwomen.org/programs/the-batonga-foundation/> or contact Barb Carmichael at [barb.carm@comcast.net](mailto:barb.carm@comcast.net).

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, May 20, 12 noon**

Please plan to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting. *An official notice of the meeting and officer nominations will be emailed later this month.* For your review, paper copies of the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, May 13, and will be posted on our website.

### **Women's Red Tent Circle Gathering**

**Monday, May 21, 6:00 pm**

Enjoy friendship with other women as we meet off-site for an evening of touring the bleeding hearts along with colorful blooms at the St. Mary's labyrinth and garden. Contemplative in nature, the labyrinth offers serenity and an opportunity to walk in beauty way. Bring a plant or two and seeds to share for our Green Woman Plant and Seed Exchange!

Afterwards, we will caravan over to nearby Bob Evans Restaurant for a bite to eat. For more information contact Diana Mendelsohn ([diana79mendelsohn@gmail.com](mailto:diana79mendelsohn@gmail.com)) or phone 574.277-7456).

### **Feasters: Wed., May 30, 6:30 pm**

All are invited to join the Feasters group (folks who like to eat well) for an evening of food and conversation at Carmella's Italian (214 N Niles Ave, South Bend, IN 46617) To reserve a seat at the table, contact Cathy Duncan (272-2931 or [kateduncan@aol.com](mailto:kateduncan@aol.com)) by Monday the 28th.

### **Youth RE Program**

The RE children and youth will be participating in the service on May 6. This RE service will be a continuation of what they have been learning related to Earth Day. The students will share, through words and visuals, ways in which they and others can protect the environment.



## **HELP PLANT A RAIN GARDEN!**

**Saturday, May 5, 10 am - 4 pm**

*Refreshments and camaraderie provided.*

Contact Barb Carmichael @ [barb.carm@comcast.net](mailto:barb.carm@comcast.net) for more info.

*Note: Please bring shovels, trowels, and gloves if you have them; if not, come anyway! We will have items here for you to use.*

## Announcements

### Annual Reports: Due May 1

Committee Chairs are asked to have their Annual Reports turned in to the church office by May 1. Other non-committee groups who would like to submit a report are encouraged to do so (by May 1 also).

**Coming soon! Your Strategic Plan!** The Strategic Planning Task Force has been working for almost a year and a half gathering information from members, friends, committees, and staff. We have listened and we want to make sure that you have a chance to interact with it before the May 20 Annual Meeting where you will be voting to approve it. To prepare for this, the Strategic Planning Task Force will offer several ways for you to learn about it.

1. There will be two meetings to present the Plan:

**Sunday, May 6, 11:45 am** (Sanctuary)

**Monday, May 7, 7:00 pm** (Sanctuary)

*Childcare will be provided if needed. Call Meadow in the office by May 2 if you would like childcare at either meeting.*

2. The Plan will be sent electronically to all members and friends with emails. Paper copies will also be provided.

3. A link to the Plan will also be available on our website.

*Please plan to meet your Plan! And thank you for your support.*

### Ten Thousand Villages Fundraiser for Autumn Crisovan

Autumn Crisovan is going to be a youth ambassador through Rotary Youth Exchange in Taiwan next year. To raise funds for this adventure, she is taking advantage of a *Ten Thousand Villages* fundraising opportunity focused around Mother's Day shopping. In order to help support her, simply shop at the *Ten Thousand Villages* store in Granger (Centennial Place, 214 Cleveland Road) May 7-12 and let the cashier know you would like to support Autumn's exchange. Ten percent of their profit will be donated to her

exchange. For more information go to: [https://www.facebook.com/events/360950714415362/?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/360950714415362/?active_tab=about)

## Committee News

### Care Committee

Is it Spring yet? Well, we can celebrate the May birthdays.

### May Birthdays!

Kevin Barry (3), John Hagen (3)

David Wistreich (6), Jim Curlee (12)

Eve Barton (16), Bob Cope(28)

Pat Taplick(28)

To celebrate, join us Sunday, May 13 (which is also Mother's Day) during Social Hour for Gluten-Free birthday cake.

*There is a monthly birthday calendar in the hallway outside the men's room. Add your name when your month comes around.*

Our "loan closet" in the basement has been reorganized for easier accessibility. Please visit. When you borrow, sign the clipboard hanging on the wall. Thank you.

### Among Us

- Rita Prangle is recovering from a knee replacement. Calls (574-855.4928) and cards (2032 Poppy Ct, Mishawaka, IN 46544) might be appreciated.
- Darlene Catello is having hip replacement surgery May 10. Please wish her a speedy recovery (220 Wakewa Ave, SB, IN 46617 or 574-232.5141).
- For the past two months Susan Siemers has been evaluated for stomach pain. Testing showed an abdominal tumor embedded in the stomach wall. This tumor is called a GIST, and it is a malignancy of the soft tissue called a sarcoma. After many tests and several doctors she now knows the correct diagnosis and the best way to deal with it. She will begin a course of chemotherapy soon. Please give her your support as she proceeds through her medical intervention

*Thanks for your care of one another.*

The Care Committee along with Barbara Williams is taking on the project of purchasing an AED for our building with, hopefully, a grant from the endowment. We will also be providing training for those who are interested.

This is the month we are reminded to remember our Mothers with loving gratitude for all their best that they were able to give to us. Enjoy the sun and spring flowers and returning birds.

**Holiday Bazaar Committee** The Holiday Bazaar committee will meet on Sunday, May 6, during the monthly potluck. Please join us and bring ideas and suggestions. We will be planning work sessions throughout the summer and fall to prepare baskets for the Silent Auction. We decided at our last meeting to continue with the "3 Sundays in December" format and the first Sunday will be only the Cookie Walk. The next 2 Sundays will be our traditional bazaar. Your help is greatly appreciated!

### **Peace and Justice Committee**

In case you haven't heard, the Peace & Justice Committee is taking a survey of church members to find out what the activities the church should engage in going forward. We are now up to 44 responses. Thanks to Emily Weatherall who is helping out with making calls. If we haven't heard from you, we may be calling you soon! Or go to this link, to add your ideas:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D2LFBS9>

It takes about 10 minutes.

We have received many thoughtful responses so thank you. This survey will help us to tailor our future Peace & Justice activities to the interests of church members. Questions call Anne Mannix (574-210-7962).

### **Stewardship Committee**

Thanks to all who have already turned in their pledge form! **If you haven't already done so, please turn in your pledge form to the office or to one of the Stewardship Committee members ASAP.** We're counting on getting a good

return so that we can use the information to plan our budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Thanks for your support of the church and its mission. *Please contact committee chair Chuck Leone ([leone1129@gmail.com](mailto:leone1129@gmail.com)) with any questions.*

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

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### **Like Coffee?**

We always need folks to host Social Hour after the Service each Sunday. Sign-up is in the kitchen and will soon be on-line. There is always someone to help you, including our amazing dishwasher Marilyn Shaul!

### **Grounds Help**

If you'd like to help with the improvement of the church grounds, join us for one of our Rain Garden Work Day (Saturday, May 5), or contact Susan Van Fleit ([scvanfleit@gmail.com](mailto:scvanfleit@gmail.com)) or Barb Carmichael ([barb.carm@comcast.net](mailto:barb.carm@comcast.net)) to volunteer for other tasks at another time. There is always plenty to do, such as lawn mowing, which will need to start soon.

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## **Around the UUA**

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### **UU Buddhist Fellowship Mid-American Retreat: Saturday, May 5**

This will be at the Lake County Unitarian Universalist Church. Cost is \$25 (scholarships available) which includes a vegetarian lunch. Donations will be accepted for the keynote speaker. To register, go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/7HOY1dXs90EYbAWE2>. For more information, contact: Erich Moraine [emoraine108@gmail.com](mailto:emoraine108@gmail.com).

### **Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat July 12-15, 2018 in Sturgis, Michigan**

Hiking the trails, singing by the campfire, playing games ... all childhood camp fun. But this UU camp and retreat is not just for kids — it's for people of all ages. Make connections, build friendships and experience nature together as a family — with other families, youth and adults — in an environment where diverse religious,

spiritual and theological perspectives are welcomed and celebrated. With programs for children drawing upon the natural environment, workshops for adults and youth on spiritual practices, multigenerational worship, and fun group activities such as canoeing, archery, s'mores around a campfire and popcorn popped in a kettle over an open fire -- all with a variety of accommodations from dormitory-style lodging to hotel-like rooms in the Retreat Center. Tent and RV camping is also available at nearby Amigo Park. Registration is now open at [www.chalicesparx.org](http://www.chalicesparx.org)

## In the Community

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### **Fleur de Lys Concert: May 6, 5:00 pm**

*Fleur de Lys*, the baroque ensemble, will give a concert of German music from Biber to J.S. Bach. The venue is at the University of Notre Dame in the Reyes Organ Hall housed in the DeBartolo Performing Arts building. Please call the ticket office for reservations at 574-631-2800.

### **Pilgrimage Healing**

Release, relax, and renew! Do you feel stressed or overburdened? Do you feel out of balance? Pilgrimage Healing offers you an opportunity to let go of all that is of concern and enter into a place of peace, love and freedom. In that sacred place you are lifted up in mind, body and spirit. You can connect with the possibility of all good. Give yourself or someone you love this loving experience. Gift certificates are available. For more information or to make an appointment contact Linda Jacobs at 574-360-7699 or [lsj621@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lsj621@sbcglobal.net) Pilgrimage Healing practitioners include Maureen Briones, Linda Carter and Linda Jacobs.

## **Humanist Forum SB - May 2018 Events**

### *Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner and Fundraiser: Thurs. May 3, 11 am – 9 pm*

An all-day fundraiser at the Taphouse on the Edge (1803 South Bend Avenue, SB). Go at your leisure OR join Hungry Humanists Meet Up for Dinner @ 6:30 pm OR purchase a gift card over the phone!

This is a fundraiser, and if you can't make our 6:30 Hungry Humanist Dinner, you can lunch there that day, OR call and order a gift card. Be sure you do this on May 3, AND be sure to tell them you're with the Humanist Forum! Then, our organization will receive a portion of the food bill as a donation. At 6:30 pm we'll have a long table just inside the door to your left.

The Taphouse offers 23 craft beers on tap and the food menu features a wide range of dishes from pub hamburgers and unique gastro pub entrees you won't find anywhere else (<http://taphouseontheedge.com/>).

### *The Humanist Forum Presents - McCollum v. Board of Education, a documentary:*

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm

River Park Library, 2022 Mishawaka Ave, SB

This case, which went to the Supreme Court in late 1947 and was decided in 1948, decided the issue of whether public schools could support religious education by setting aside class time for religious instruction. In a landmark First Amendment decision, the Court ruled 8-1 that the public schools in this case were entangled with religious instruction – using public facilities and public funds – which was unconstitutional.

After the movie is finished, we'll discuss how things have changed (or not) since that time. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. For more information go to <http://www.MeetUp.com/Humanist-Forum>.

## Our Church Staff

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**Minister:** Rev. Chip Roush

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*On Sabbatical until August 1, 2018*

**Director of Youth RE:** Dan Holm

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Church Office Hours: M-F 9 am – 12 noon

**Bookkeeper:** Finda Kamanda

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*Please send all finance questions to this email.*

## Committee Chairs

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Adult RE	Gail deSomer
Aesthetics	Melanie Smith-Guillaume
Building	Roger Birdsell & Jean DeWinter
Care	Mary Hagen & Lois Holm
Com. on Ministry	Jessica Collett
Building Use	Gary Metzler
Endowment	Joseph Gress
Events	Kathy Platt
Finance	Chuck Leone
Grounds	Barb Carmichael & Susan VanFleit
Marketing	Becky Lindstrom
Membership	Gail deSomer
Peace & Justice	Kay Azar & Anne Mannix
Social	Kathy Platt
Stewardship	Chuck Leone
Worship Arts	Florence Klečka
Youth RE	Dan Holm

## Our Sunday Team

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### Youth RE Teachers

*K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:* Heather Hulse & Wendy Lohman

*3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:* John Bentley

*6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Grades:* Susan VanFleit & Byrd Tetzlaff

**Nursery Care Provider:** Diana Mendelsohn

**Pianist:** Siwon Kim

**Choir Coordinator:** Alan Hamlet

*If you would like choir information, please contact Alan at: hamlet.1@nd.edu*

## 2017-2018 Board of Trustees

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### Officers:

Susan Siemers, *President*

Chuck Leone, *Vice President*

Elena Wake, *Treasurer*

Melanie Smith-Guillaume, *Secretary*

### Trustees:

Janet Bogar

Wendy Lohman

Florence Klečka

Eli Williams

## Church Communication

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### **Mailing Lists**

If you are interested in being added to our weekly CHIRP (news via email) or our monthly newsletter (*The Unitarian*, sent via email or U.S. mail) list, please contact the church office ([office@firstunitarian.us](mailto:office@firstunitarian.us)).

### **Deadlines**

Please send information to be included in the following, using the deadlines below.

- **CHIRP:** Tuesdays at 9:30 am
- **Order of Service:** Thursdays at 9:30 am
- **Newsletter:** Third Monday