



The Unitarian

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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>
Sun	1	10:30 am	Service: And Still We Rise, by Alan Hamlet and Florence Klecka	
		11:45 am	Bazaar Planning Meeting	Sanctuary
		12:30 pm	Peace and Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Mon	2	7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	3	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
Wed	4		Independence Day – Office Closed	
Sun	8	10:30 am	Service: What is oUUr Problem and What is oUUr Solution?, by Rev. Colleen Squires	
		11:45 am	Bazaar Meeting	Confere
Tues	10	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	11	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	15	10:30 am	Service: Left Behind, by Chuck Leone	
		12:00 pm	Brunch Bunch	Offsite
Mon	16		<i>August Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
Tues	17	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	22	10:30 am	Service: Understanding Each Other, by Dan Holm	
		12:00 pm	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	25	6:30 pm	Feasters: Moser's Austrian, New Carlisle	Offsite
Sat	28	8:00 am	Grounds Clean-Up	Outside grounds
Sun	29	10:30am	Service: TBA	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		12:00 pm	(Rain Date) Grounds Clean-Up	Outside grounds
		4:00 pm	UU Church Music	

For additions, updates, or location changes, read the weekly CHIRP email, or check the online calendar at our website (www.firstunitarian.us). Also, we are on Facebook ([FirstUnitarianSB](https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitarianSB)).

Choir Note: The Choir is taking a summer break!

Minister's Notes

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 the following Care Committee members.

Mary Hagen: 574-220-2467 or maryhagen@sbcglobal.net

Gail deSomer: 574-850-8156

Sunday Services

July 1: And Still We Rise by, Alan Hamlet and Florence Klecka. They will explore American resiliency in the face of setbacks.

July 8: What is oUUr Problem and What is oUUr Solution? By Rev. Colleen Squires. Religion scholar Stephen Prothero believes that different religions are responding to different problems. He writes - Christians identify the problem as sin, and the solution is salvation; for Buddhists, however, the problem is suffering and the solution is nirvana. What is our UU problem and what is our UU solution.

July 15: Left Behind, by Chuck Leone. The *Left Behind* series of apocalyptic books and movies tells the stories of End Times during which true believers are raptured into heaven and the rest of us remain on a chaotic earth to fight to survive, while God rains down judgment on the world for seven years. We may not expect to be raptured, but neither do we want to feel left behind as our culture and our world undergo the transformations of modern times. How do we proceed, as individuals, as a community and as a nation?

July 22: Understanding Each Other, by Dan Holm. He describes ways of communication that bring us together.

July 29: "Leave a Light On", by Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelly. Inspired by Howard Thurman's *The Dessert Dweller*. Rev. Shelly will explore some ways to bring the good news of our Unitarian Universalist faith to the roadside for those in need of safe harbor, spirit, and salvation.

Activities and Events This Month

Bazaar Committee July 1

The bazaar committee decided to get some of our work done early this year so we scheduled a committee meeting after church on July 1. We will also be meeting several times during the month of July to put together baskets for the Silent Auction.

We need DONATIONS for baskets. In the past 2 years we have found children's items, new or nearly new appliances like bread makers, art work/supplies, antiques, and items for dads, moms, teachers, friends are popular. This is a great opportunity for "re-gifting".

Please bring donations to the church on Sundays or when our office manager is available during the week. Leave items in the basement in the area with the sign indication bazaar donations.

Thanks everyone.
And "Merry Christmas in July"

Brunch Bunch, July 15

All are welcome to join in a casual lunch/brunch following the Service on Sunday July 15. About noon we'll meet at the Yellow Cat Cafe, on the NW corner of our block (808 E. Colfax). Please let Kathy Platt know to save you a seat, or just come that day, pkplatt@comcast.net or 276-4688.

Women's Spirituality Circle gathering: Monday, July 16, 6:00 pm

All women are welcome to join us as we meet off site, Fuller's Resort on Clear Lake, Buchanan, MI. The carpool time is 5:30 pm at the corner of Hwy. 933 & Auten Rd, the parking lot at the Family Video.

Our focus for the evening will be to enjoy one another's company.
along with sharing news of the Women's annual Summer Spirit, set for August 3-5, nearby Watervilet, MI.

Kayaks and paddleboats are available for rental. Bring swim suits & a towel.
We have use of the nice warm showers, if you wish.

We will plan to share simple, cool appetizers. Diana will bring the solar oven for the gluten-free taco's and quesadillas. Refreshments are available for purchase along with an old fashioned ice cream parlor on site.

Please RSVP, if possible, by Sunday, July 15, to Diana;
diana79mendelsohn@gmail.com or by calling: 574.277-7456.

Ice Cream Social July 22

Is there anything better than ice cream on a hot summer day?! We will cover all the bases including sugar-free and dairy-free. Stay after the Service on Sunday July 22 to build a banana split or dip a cone in sprinkles.

Feasters: Wed., July 25, 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 Moser's Austrian (201 E. Michigan St, New Carlisle, IN, 46552). To reserve a seat at the table contact Cathy Duncan, (272-2931 or kateduncan@aol.com) by Monday the 25th.

Summer Music at First Unitarian:

Our first summer concert will take place on Sunday, July 29. Nashville based harpist/songwriter Timbre has been enchanting audiences across the world with her unique harp-based folk rock. Her band will perform on our stage for the first time. Also, Michigan tunesmith Chris DuPont opens our evening. From anthemic to intimate, Chris' songs marry Americana folk with ambient minimalist orchestration. Doors at 6:30, music at 7 pm.

Tickets at the door, at church on Sundays, or online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3509179>

We will be selling goodies at the show; anyone willing to help please contact Kathy Platt.

Adult RE Program

The summer Re starts with the month of July. During July, the Re students will be finalizing their art for the the Re art exhibit. In addition, each Sunday in July they will be working on various special art projects. These projects include: water color, collage, and origami. These various art projects will be taught by a variety of members of the congregation.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars now for these events.

Family Picnic August 5

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Family Potluck Picnic at Kay and Deeb Azar's on Sunday August 5 at 5:00. Fun and games for all ages! Bring a dish and blanket or lawn chairs. For planning purposes, if possible, please let Kathy Platt know you'll be there, pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352.

It's a Shower for Two!

Join us Sunday, August 12 at noon in the conference for a Baby Shower for Kyle and Heather Hulse. They are expecting twin boys in the fall. Stop by for some cake and share your favorite parenting tips and stories. Kyle and Heather are registered at Amazon and Walmart. They would equally appreciate vegan casseroles to freeze or diapers in any size.

Committee News

Care Committee

July Birthdays!

Karen Dickson-22
Elyse Wisstreich- 25
Walt Tomas has-26
Susan Siemers- 29

We will celebrate the many July birthdays with GF birthday cake during Social Hour after the service on July 8

Want to be included in this list? There is a monthly birthday calendar on the bulletin board in the south hallway. Just add your name when your month comes around.

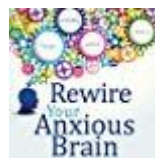
Congratulations to Willow Crisovan and Jessica Collett's son Baedyn on their graduation from High School We wish them well as they continue their studies. Willow will be attending Purdue University and Baedyn is headed to Wilmette University in Salem, Oregon.

Grounds Committee

The committee is wrapping up its work on rain gardens and other strategies to resolve our stormwater drainage issues as part of the grant from St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District. We are now turning our attention to the creation of a memorial garden and the installation of bike racks. Since our grounds are in need of weeding and general maintenance, we will host a clean-up event at the church on Saturday morning, July 28. The building will be open at 8 am for coffee and light breakfast. Many hands make light work, so please try to join us at some point. In the event of rain, we will work after the service on Sunday, July 29.

Other Church News

Summer Building Use: During the summer, committees often take a break. If you are doing so, please let the Office know so we don't cool a room which no one uses.



Catherine Pittman delivered a most informative service on the neuroscience of anxiety on June 24. Anyone interested in purchasing her book-- "Rewire Your Anxious Brain: How to Use the Neuroscience of Fear to End Anxiety, Panic,

and Worry" by Catherine M Pittman, PhD-- can find it at www.amazon.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Coffee or Lemonade?

Most continue to want coffee and hot tea during Social Hour throughout the summer. We may add lemonade and iced tea, especially on hot days. However, if no one signs up to help, there may be nothing. The Social Committee takes over in that case, but may be traveling at times. A sign-up sheet and instructions are in the kitchen and someone will help if it's your first time, *including a dish washer*. Thank you!

Lawn Mowers Needed

Our grounds are rapidly shaping up to be beautiful, inviting, and environmentally responsible. We now need volunteers to mow the lawn in order to keep it that way. If you can help out this summer, please contact Barb Carmichael or Susan Van Fleit (Grounds co-chairs). We will provide the mower



Around the UUA

Annual Summer UU WomanSpirit Gathering: August 3-5, 2018

Please save the date for the Annual Summer WomanSpirit Gathering sponsored by the Women and Religion Committee of the former Central Midwest District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Diana Mendelsohn is serving on the planning committee and will be coordinating local carpools to the Camp Ronora, Watervilet, MI location. For more details, contact Diana.

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

This UU camp and retreat is not just for kids — it's for all ages. The camp has programs for children drawing upon the natural environment, youth and adult workshops on spiritual practices, multigenerational worship, and group activities. We offer a

range of accommodations from dormitory style to hotel-like rooms. Tent and RV camping is also available. For more info, or to register go to www.chalicesparx.org.

In the Community

PILGRIMAGE HEALING

We live in a bountiful universe. Blessings are everywhere - in the world of nature, especially this time of year, in our relationships at home and work, and in our private lives. When we pay attention, when we stop, and when we really look, we can see blessings appear as perfect solutions, unexpected good, feelings of health and wholeness, and perhaps an awareness of a Presence that just fills us. **Pilgrimage Healing is a time to open to the endless flow of good.** Come share such an experience or give it as a gift to someone you love. For more information, contact Linda Jacobs at 574-360-7699 or by email lsj621@sbcglobal.net. Gift certificates are available. Healing partners include Maureen Briones, Linda Carter and Linda Jacobs.

Humanist Forum July 2018 Events:

Thursday 5, July18: Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner at Aladdin's Eatery: 317 W. University Drive, Mishawaka 46545. 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Aladdin's offers a large menu with a variety of delicious Lebanese selections, all freshly prepared. Ladies, bring a wrap or sweater, even if it's really hot outside: they DO love their AC at Aladdin's! Ask for Rita's table.

Thursday 19, July 2018 The Humanist Forum Presents: One Nation Under God? River Park Branch Library – Meeting Room 2022 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend 46615. 6:30 – 8:30 pm

We're often told that the United States is, was, and always has been a Christian nation. But in "One Nation Under God: How Corporate America Invented Christian America", historian Kevin M. Kruse reveals that the idea of Christian America is an invention – and a relatively recent one at

that. We'll watch a short video interview of the author and follow with a discussion.
<http://kevinmkruse.com/book/one-nation-under-god/>

Church Communication

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).

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

Our Church Staff

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Please send finance questions to this email.

Our Sunday Team

Youth RE Teachers

K to 2nd Grades: Heather Hulse &
Wendy Lohman

3rd to 5th Grades: John Bentley

6th to 10th Grades: Susan VanFleit &
Byrd Tetzlaff

Nursery Care Provider: Diana Mendelsohn

Pianist: Ian Bunker

Choir Coordinator: Alan Hamlet

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

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