



# The Unitarian

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## Calendar of Meetings and Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity, Event or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>40th Annual Service Auction: Alice's Restaurant</b>	
<b>Sun*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: When Someone told me ..., Earle Canfield</b>	
		11:45 am	<b>All-Church Potluck</b>	Foyer & Conf. Room
Mon	5	7:00 pm	Care Committee	Conference Room
Tues**	6	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Pathway to Membership Course: Session 1</b>	Conference Room
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Social Justice Forum: Immigration Issues</b>	Conference Room
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Armistice +100, Rev. Chip Roush</b>	
		11:45 am	Peace & Social Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Mon	12	7:00 pm	Beloved Conversations	Conference Room
Tues	13	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	14	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Thurs	15		RE Consultant Meetings	Conf. Room & Foyer
Fri	16		RE Consultant Meetings	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: Black Friday is Not a Holy Day!, Rev. Chip Roush</b>	
			<b>Kids Connection: Casie Center Stockings</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
			<b>Art Opening: Quilts by Fern Hamlin</b>	<b>Foyer</b>
Mon	19	11:00 am	Pie with the Parson @ Peggs	Offsite
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
			<i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
Tues	20	6:30 pm	<b>Transgender Day of Remembrance Service</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Service: If you want to get someone's attention..., Florence Klecka</b>	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Mon	26	7:00 pm	Beloved Conversations Class	Conference Room
Tues	27	6:30 pm	<b>Wills Workshop (Endowment Committee)</b>	Sanctuary & Conf Rm
		7:00 pm	<b>Pathway to Membership Course: Session 2</b>	Room 109
Wed	28	6:30 pm	Feasters @ PapaVino's	Offsite

*For additions, updates, or location changes, read the weekly CHIRP email, or check our website.*

*\*\* Tai Chi/Qi Gong Classes: Open to All – Sundays at 9:30 am in Room 101.*

*\*\* Choir Rehearsal: The Choir rehearses Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, unless otherwise announced.*

## Minister's Notes

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Help us create a Religious Education program that would work WELL for your family!

Consultant (and working UU Director of Religious Education herself) Tracy Beck will be here to survey parents, caregivers and older youth about what they want/need from our Religious Education program, on Thursday and Friday, November 15 & 16.

Maybe it's gatherings on Wednesday nights, instead of Sunday mornings. Maybe it's monthly childcare/RE sessions, so parents can have a few hours of adult time. Maybe it is adult RE to give parents the resources to handle the difficult ethical/moral questions of 21st century life. Ms. Beck will also receive feedback about past disappointments & frustrations, and provide a wider "state of RE" so we can learn from other UU congregations.

Both evenings (Thursday 11/15 and Friday 11/16), we will provide a simple dinner and some child-friendly activities, so the adults can talk with Ms. Beck about their desires for robust faith formation. Older children will get a chance to speak, if they wish. Please notify Rev. Chip of any dietary restrictions/needs. These sessions will last from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Friday at lunchtime (11:00-1:30), Ms. Beck will again receive feedback from parents & families, while sharing current challenges and best practices from congregations around the UU-verse.

If you CANNOT attend any of these times, but wish to have a conversation with Tracy Beck, please contact Rev. Chip to help set that up.

With Spirit,  
Chip

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**Minister's Office Hours:** In addition to his availability for scheduled appointments, Rev. Chip commits to holding Office Hours regularly, to make it easy to just drop in without prior arrangements. These are also shown on the calendar on the church website, on the back of each Sunday's bulletin, and on Rev. Chip's door. He will be in the church from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (unless otherwise specified) on the following dates:

**Week of November 5:** Mon 1-3, Tues 5-7, Wed 1-3

**Week of November 12:** Fri 1-3

**Week of November 19:** Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3

**Week of November 26:** Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3

**Minister Out of the Office:** Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana twice in November. He will take study leave with the Ohio River Study Group (learning about free speech, censorship, etc) Monday through Thursday, November 12-15; and take vacation after Thanksgiving, Friday through Sunday, November 23-25.

**Pie with the Parson:** Rev. Chip will be at Peggs (127 S Michigan St, SB) on Monday, November 19, from 11:00 am until almost 1:00 pm EST. An opportunity to chat in a more casual setting, "Pie with the Parson" is like office hours, but with pie. Conversations might include everything from the election results or a serious pastoral concern to the Lady Irish or favorite non-material gift ideas.

**Path to Membership Course:** We will be gathering a group of people interested in learning more about our congregation, and potentially interested in becoming a member, this month. Rev. Chip will participate. See the course description in the Newcomers section (page 4).

## Sunday Services

### **November 4: When Someone told me that I live in a Fantasy Land, I nearly fell off of my Unicorn, Earle Canfield**

With the help of hundreds of UU sponsors in dozens of UU churches, Earle and his organization have now helped nearly 1500 children go to school. 700 students are currently enrolled in over 150 schools and colleges all across Nepal.

### **November 11: Armistice +100 Rev. Chip**

We'll celebrate the centennial Armistice Day (and its more recent incarnation, Veterans Day). There may be a few words about the election results. A Reflection Circle will follow the service.

*Share the Plate Offering: La Casa de Amistad  
Reflection Circle: 11:50 am*

### **November 18: Black Friday is Not a Holy Day!, Rev. Chip**

Money cannot buy happiness, nor adequate self-care, nor significantly meaningful gifts. Rev. Chip's annual anti-consumerism rant.

*Reflection Circle: 11:50 am*

### **November 25: If you want to get someone's attention..., Florence Klecka**

As we head into the busy year-end holiday season, it seems that noise is everywhere. Many feel stressed. On this last day of the Thanksgiving weekend, let's celebrate silence, whispering, and all those things that keep us sane – by talking about them.

#### **Reflection Circles**

We use a modified "circle process" to express how the service affected us. Each person will get to speak once for a specific amount of time. When each person has had an opportunity to speak, Rev. Chip will recap some of what we've heard, and what questions seem particularly alive. - Speakers may express disagreement with the sermon, or agreement, or some combination of both. They may also ask questions that extend the topic. – *When the spirit moves you to reflect further, join Rev. Chip & others so inclined.*

## Activities and Events This Month

### **All-Church Potluck**

**Sunday, November 4, 11:45 am**

We will gather the morning after our big party – our 40th Annual Service Auction. We may have a few leftovers to share, but we still need your offerings from home or the store. We "fall back" to EST today, so you will have an extra hour to prepare!

### **Pathway to Membership: Session 1**

**Tuesday, November 6: 7:00 pm**

This is the first session of a two-session course. For more information, see page 4.

### **Social Justice Forum: Issues Faced by Immigrants, Sam Centallas**

**Sunday, November 11: 9:00 am**

For more information, see page 6.

### **Second Fall Cleanup**

**Saturday, November 17, 9 am – 12 noon**

Join us for our final Fall Cleanup. We will rake leaves one last time for the season along with generally getting ready for winter. There's a lot to do for all ages and abilities, so we'd love your help. Stick around afterwards for pizza and apple cider.

### **RE Consultant Meetings**

**Thursday, Nov. 15 and Friday, Nov. 16**

We hope many will join us for this opportunity to help provide feedback and suggestion as we plan our path to a 21st century RE program. *See details on page 5.*

### **Kids Connection: CASIE Center Stockings**

**Sunday, November 18: 10:30 am**

Our all-RE activity returns with this annual holiday project. *See details on page 5.*

### **Opening: Quilts by Fern Hamlin**

**Sunday, November 18**

This month Art on the Wall is happy to bring back one of our favorites, Fern Hamlin's wonderful quilts. Fern's quilts are functional art at its finest. The opening for this exhibit is Sunday, November 18 and will go through January 2019. Hope to see you there. Enjoy.

## **Transgender Day of Remembrance Service, Tuesday, Nov. 20: 6:30 pm**

November 20<sup>th</sup> is the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, to remember our Trans cousins whose lives were taken by violence. Our congregation has the honor and privilege of hosting this year. Zion UCC held the service for several years, and St. Peters UCC did last year. It is good to see welcoming / open & affirming congregations of several traditions. *Child care will be available.*

## **Wills Workshop**

### **Tuesday, November 27: 6:30 pm**

*Getting Started with Writing Your Will, Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney*

Have you always wondered if it is appropriate for you to have a Will? Have you just not gotten around to it? Don't know where to begin? Join the Endowment Committee's free outreach program to ask questions and receive information on preparing a Will in Indiana or Michigan. Learn about Living Wills, Trustees, tax effects of Transfer of Assets and more. RSVP to the Church Office ([office@firstunitarian.us](mailto:office@firstunitarian.us) or 574-234-6588); online at <http://1uusb.rsvpify.com>; or find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitarianSB/>

### **Pathway to Membership: Session 2**

#### **Tuesday, November 27: 7:00 pm**

Join us for session 2. More information on p. 2.

### **Feasters - Wed., Nov. 28: 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 Papa Vino's (5110 Edison Lakes Pkwy, Mish). To reserve a seat at the table, contact Cathy Duncan by Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> (272-2931 or [kateduncan@aol.com](mailto:kateduncan@aol.com)).

## **Children & Youth RE News**

As we continue on our path to a 21st century RE program, we have two events this month: one for the children and one geared towards parents and interested adults. *See page 5 (opposite) for details.*

## **For Newcomers**

**Pathway to Membership Course:** If you are new to the church and would like to learn more about us, or are considering becoming a member of First Unitarian Church, we hope you will consider attending our two-session *Pathway to Membership* course. It will be held on Tuesdays, November 6 and November 27 at 7 pm. During the sessions we will take some time to get to know each other, discuss what it means to become a member and tell you how our church runs. Rev. Chip Roush will share with us some of our Unitarian-Universalist history. - For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Gail deSommer at [gaildesomer@yahoo.com](mailto:gaildesomer@yahoo.com), or call or text her at 574-850-8156. So arrangements can be made in advance, please let Gail know if you will need child care.

## **Save the Date**

**Cookie Walk and Bazaar:** Plan to be with us on Sunday, Dec. 2 for our **Cookie Walk** (before and during the potluck). Our annual **Holiday Bazaar** will be held on Sundays, December 9 and 16. We will offer themed gift baskets (of mostly gently-used items), baked goods and gently-used holiday items.

**Vespers:** Our annual Vespers service (a pause from the holiday hustle-bustle, with singing and silence) will take place on Wednesday evening, December 19, at 7:00 pm. *Child care will be provided.*

## **Committee News**

### **Art on the Wall Committee**

We continue to look for artists within our congregational community and outside our walls to local artists. If you know of an artist who might be interested in exhibiting in our space please have them call or email Kay Azar. We are especially in need of an artist to exhibit in January due to a cancellation.

## Special Children and Youth Religious Education Events

### UUA RE Consultant Visit

#### **Help us create an RE program that would work WELL for your family!**

Parents, caregivers and older youth\*, don't miss this opportunity to meet with UUA consultant Tracy Beck and share your past experience with our RE program, and your desires for the future.

Your opportunities to meet with her include:

- ✚ **Supper: Thursday, Nov. 15, 6 – 8 pm**
- ✚ **Lunch: Friday, Nov. 16, 11 am – 1:30 pm**
- ✚ **Supper: Friday, Nov. 16, 6 – 8 pm**

Child care, including child-friendly activities will be provided at all events.

We will serve both adult and child-friendly light meals that can accommodate special needs.

RSVP (including dietary restrictions) to the office (234-6588) or Rev. Chip ([minister@firstunitairan.us](mailto:minister@firstunitairan.us)) by 11/13.

\* All members & friends are invited to these sessions. In addition to the feedback from RE stakeholders, Ms. Beck will share current challenges and best practices around the UUA.

### **Kids Connection: CASIE Stocking Stuffer Project - Sunday, Nov. 18**

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" is coming early this year! The annual RE stocking stuffer project for our local CASIE Center (Child Abuse Services, Investigation and Education) is set for the Sunday before Thanksgiving, during the morning service. This is a really fun and worthwhile project that we have done for many years. The RE children love it and the CASIE Center is always amazed and grateful for this congregation's generosity.

**Help us help the children in our community who are suffering by giving a bit of joy during a painful time.** *This is a holiday project for a village of all ages.*

- ❖ **Parents** - Be sure to bring your children (age four and up) to church on **November 18 (10:30 am)** so they can be Christmas elves! – We will 'work' in the Conference Room.
- ❖ **Teens or Adults** - Any teens or adults who would like to volunteer to help please contact Mary Beth Dickey ([marybethdickey@yahoo.com](mailto:marybethdickey@yahoo.com)).
- ❖ **All Members and Friends** - We are asking for donations of small (new) items that will fit into a Christmas stocking (see suggestions below). Not a shopper? - We would also welcome monetary donations. *To allow the organizers (Mary Beth Dickey and Mary Ann McDowell) time to shop for additional supplies, **please bring your donated items to the church by Wednesday, Nov. 14.*** Please put your checks (with "CASIE" on the Memo line) or cash (in an envelope marked "CASIE") in the offering basket on November 4 or 11.

### **Suggested Stocking Stuffers**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Art supplies</li><li>• Playdohs</li><li>• Matchbox cars</li><li>• Journals</li><li>• Toddler toys</li><li>• Stuffed animals</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Small toys &amp; games</li><li>• Coloring books &amp; crayons</li><li>• Small balls &amp; footballs</li><li>• Barbie-type or baby dolls</li><li>• Children's hats</li><li>• Children's mittens &amp; gloves</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Socks of all sizes</li><li>• Small purses</li><li>• Hair accessories</li><li>• Chapstick for kids</li><li>• Toothbrushes</li></ul> |
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*Look for the donation bins in the church foyer beginning in November.*

**It is almost here! Join Us for Our**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Auction - Alice's Restaurant**  
**Saturday, November 3, 6:00 pm**

**Agenda**

6:00 pm	Tapas Dinner & Social Time <i>Silent Auction Opens</i>
7:00 pm	Live Auction Begins
8:00 pm	Break & Dessert Competition
8:15 pm	<i>Silent Auction Closes</i>
9:00 pm	Auction Ends & Check Out Begins

**Our motto: Bid Early, Bid Often and ENJOY!\***  
*All proceeds go to the Church's operating budget.*

- Suggested dinner donation: \$8, as you are able.
- Cash Bar: Beer, Wine, "Hippie Juice"
- **Dessert Competition** Entries: Chocolate Silk Pie, Almond Joyful Muffins, Italian Cream Bundt Cake, Harvey Wallbanger Cake, Snow Pudding with Custard Sauce, Carrot Cake, and Pretzel Strawberry Salad. – **Vote for your favorite with \$\$.**

- Child care will be available, including a free kid's meal!
- Please reserve a place online (auction website) or call the church office.

We strive to have items available for diverse income levels. You can also contribute by participating in the raffle, voting for your favorite dessert with your coins (or dollar bills), or purchasing a joke (\$1 & \$5).  
*Please plan to pay for your purchases (winning bids) before you leave.*

The Auction Catalog will be available from the church website beginning Tuesday, October 29.

**We will accept late donations through Thursday, Nov. 1.**  
*Please note: These donations will be listed in our addendum.*

**To submit your donation online go to:**  
[http://communityauctionservices.com/south\\_bend2018](http://communityauctionservices.com/south_bend2018)

For other information or questions contact our Auction Chair, Kathy Platt ([pkplatt@comncast.net](mailto:pkplatt@comncast.net)).  
**It's a fun time for all. Don't miss it!**

**November Social Justice Spotlight: Immigration**

The Peace and Social Justice spotlight for November is on Immigration, and the work of La Casa de Amistad in our community. We have three opportunities to learn and/or give.

- ❖ **Social Justice Forum: Sun., Nov. 11, 9 am: Issues Faced by Immigrants**, Sam Centallas
  - ❖ **Share the Plate Offering (Sunday 9-11) Recipient: La Casa de Amistad**
  - ❖ **Nov. 1 – 20: Non-perishable Food Collection for La Casa de Amistad**

Sam Centallas, Executive Director of La Casa de Amistad will join us on Sunday, November 11. He is an excellent speaker and one of the best non-profit directors in the community. We are lucky to have him visiting the church. I hope everyone gets a chance to hear him.  
Any questions contact Anne Mannix at [amannix.nda@gmail.com](mailto:amannix.nda@gmail.com)

## Committee News, *continued*

### Care Committee

November is our country's month for gratitude. No matter what the political climate is, we each can find much to be grateful for. It is a good exercise to celebrate with gratitude as we end our day, or begin our day. Try it!

### November Birthdays

Let's celebrate with a word or card to our November birthdays.

Joy Pletcher (1), Chip Roush (2)  
Elly Wynia (3), Elise DeSomer (3)  
Barbara Williams (10), John Hardy (10)  
John Bentley (13), Kay Azar (17)  
Elena Wake (21), Bob Asplund (25)  
Chuck Leone (29), Jessica Collett (30)  
& Eric Morgan.

There will be GF cake to enjoy after the service November 11 for these birthday celebrations, thanks to Lois Holm.

### Among Us

- Dale Gibson would like to thank all those who contacted him and shared food during his illness.
- Darlene Catello, Dale's wife, is recovering from a total hip replacement (10/16/18) performed in Chicago.
- We share in sympathy with Bette Asplund and her family. Bette's sister, Ardyce Evensvold, who recently died unexpectedly. Bette and Bob and their children are driving to Cando, North Dakota for the funeral.
- Our sympathy also is extended to Bruce Collier, who lost his brother Bill last month.
- Remember to check in with Rev Chip about his mother, Jean, who has been in and out of the hospital from her assisted living home.

We would like to thank Janet Bogar who graciously helped Rita Prangle with her daily food needs. Rita is improving.

We are continuing the Meditation with Movement (taichi/chi gong) 9:30-10:00 am Sunday morning, indoors in the first RE classroom. Chairs are available for those who wish to participate sitting down. Join us!

If you are having young or old company and have need for helpful items, like walker, wheelchair, port-a-crib, highchair, stroller, etc, there is a lending closet in the church basement that might be helpful. Just sign the item out and back in when you return it. We are grateful for these donations.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

### Grounds Committee

All are welcome to join us for our regular committee meeting on Sunday, Nov. 11 and/or our *Second (& last) Fall Cleanup* on Saturday, Nov. 17 (see page 3).

*Memorial Garden Update:* Architect Tim Wall and Grounds Committee members led a presentation to several members of the congregation explaining progress to date on a plan for a Memorial Garden. We have determined that an area on the south side of the building is the optimal location for a contemplative space, with memorial plaques inside the building, but we are still investigating ideas for the exact design and layout. We welcome input from anyone interested in developing the project, which is not restricted to those considering cremation. Please feel free to attend our Grounds Committee meetings to learn more. Or, contact chairs, Barb Carmichael and Susan Van Fleit, or Barbara Williams and Mary Hagen from the Care Committee.

*New Bike Racks:* Many thanks to Alan Hamlet, Roger Foreman and Kathy Vetter for installing bike racks on the north side of the building. These were made possible by a grant from our endowment fund. We are pleased to have parking for our many bike riders.

## Peace and Justice Committee

*Caroling for a Cause:* The Peace and Social Justice Committee is very excited about our December charity event, singing carols to raise money for a local nonviolence project. We still have a few questions to work through, though. What should we sing? Should we go out to somewhere to sing to people or should we stay the church where it's warm? Do some people sing to other people or do we all sing together? And how does the singing raise money? If you have any ideas, please join at our next meeting on November 11th after the service, or email Andrea Vollrath any time before then at [amvollrath@gmail.com](mailto:amvollrath@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your help, and we look forward to singing with you (or to you?) in December.

*Share the Plate Offering:* Last month, thanks to your generosity, we contributed **\$523.44** to the YWCA North Central Indiana's Domestic Violence Fund. - Thanks to all who donated to *A Rosie Place* in August. If anyone is interested in touring *A Rosie Place*, you can call the office (574-235-8899) or visit their website ([arosiplace.org](http://arosiplace.org)). You can also call the director, Tial Bishop at 574-315-6283. *A Rosie Place* is located at 53131 Quince Rd, South Bend, IN 46628. *This month*, the offering will go to La Casa de Amistad, as part of our social justice spotlight on immigration.

## Board News

### October Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Church has begun to receive restitution payments from Charlotte Hale through the St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office, based on her plea agreement with the Prosecutor.
2. There has been no response to internal communication asking for a church member or friend to serve as interim RE director. That position remains vacant.
3. The Board authorized the engagement of Tracy Beck to assist us in planning for the future of Children's Religious Education at

the Church. She will be here on November 15 and 16.

4. Chip's annual evaluation process will be completed at a special board meeting later in the month of October.

5. The Board agreed to accept a special gift to the Church for the design of a memorial garden. The design will be discussed at a meeting after the service on the last Sunday in October.

## Other Church News

### **Congratulations!! Congratulations to Kyle and Heather Hulse on the birth of their twin sons, Julian Ezra and Theodore Quinn on October 11.**

Kyle and Heather have had helpers, but starting in November, they would welcome help in their home. Baby cuddlers are welcome, along with vegetarian meals, as well as help with raking. Please contact Heather at 269-921-0351 or [heatherbellef@gmail.com](mailto:heatherbellef@gmail.com) if you can assist.

**Hymn Practice:** Starting Sunday, November 4, join us at 10am for hymn practice. On any given Sunday, our congregation will be called to sing two or three of the thousand hymns found in our two hymnals. Some of these songs are old favorites, and some may be brand new. To help us with this challenge, our pianist Ian Bunker has agreed to meet any volunteer singers before service and play through each of the day's hymns. Hymn practice will run roughly from 10 to 10:15 am, leaving the singers time to meet up with friends before service or stay in the sanctuary and listen to the prelude. You don't need to sign up or commit to attending regularly, but any Sunday you are able to attend, your help will be appreciated. By coming to church half an hour early, you can ensure that at least a few people know the melodies and can help lead the congregation through rounds, teal-book hymns, and maybe even harmonies some day.



**Great Decisions Class:** We will begin this eight-session series on Sunday, February 10 (1-4 pm) and continue through April 14, skipping first Sundays, 3/3 & 4/7. If you would like to help organize this series, or participate, contact Barbara Williams (barbarawilliams@gmail.com) or Marilyn Shaul (shaulnorth@juno.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Social Hour & Potluck Hosts

Please consider signing up to host Social Hour after the Service. Easy directions to make the coffee are posted in the kitchen. If this is your first time, someone will help with setup and cleanup. Bringing snacks is not required. A sign-up sheet is on the refrigerator and it is GREATLY appreciated!

### Fall Grounds Clean Up

See *Activities*, p. 3.

## Community Activities and Organizations' News

### Empty Bowls: Friday, Nov. 2: 5:30 pm

This is a fundraiser for the Mishawaka Food Pantry (315 Lincolnway West) sponsored by the Food Pantry & *Parrot Heads in Michiana*. For a \$15 donation you get soup, a beverage and a ceramic bowl made by Penn HS art students. For more information or tickets contact: [mburns@mishawakafoodpantry.org](mailto:mburns@mishawakafoodpantry.org) or go to [parrotheadsinmichiana.org](http://parrotheadsinmichiana.org).

### November Humanist Forum Activities

#### *Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner at the Longhorn Steakhouse*

#### Thursday, November 1, 6:30 pm

6402 N Grape Rd, Mish (SE corner Grape & Univ.) The Longhorn Steakhouse, as the name implies, offers excellent steaks, but also chicken, pork, shrimp, and salmon entrees. Also, a good burger selection. For vegetarians, there are a number of interesting and hearty sides and salads. And, delicious desserts. If you wait until the last week in October and go to their website, <https://www.longhornsteakhouse.com>, you can click on their eClub link & get a coupon for a free

appetizer. Don't do this too far ahead of time, it's only good for about a week.

### Documentary & Discussion: "The Scientist" Thursday, November 15, 6:30 pm River Park Library

"The Scientist" is a documentary that traces the story of Raphael Mechoulam from his early days as a child of the Holocaust in Bulgaria, through his immigration to Israel, and his career as the chief investigator into the chemistry and biology of the world's most misunderstood plant. The documentary explains the chemistry of cannabis in detail, presented in a way that is understandable to those of us who don't have a background in biochemistry

For more info email [rita.prangle@gmail.com](mailto:rita.prangle@gmail.com) or to RSVP go to <https://www.meetup.com>.

### Pauli/Oliver Murray Lecture Tuesday, November 13: 6:00pm

Learn about the remarkable life of the Rev. Dr. Pauli / Oliver Murray, Black Activist, Feminist, Lawyer, Priest, and Poet: "Lessons From a Life" at the Civil Rights Heritage Center.

# Happy Thanksgiving!



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## For what are you THANKFUL?

## 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

## 2018-2019 Board of Trustees

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Chuck Leone, *President*  
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## Our Church Staff

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**Director of Youth RE:** *Vacant*

**Interim Office Coordinator:** Kathy Vetter

**Bookkeeper:** Finda Kamanda

[treasurer@firstunitarian.us](mailto:treasurer@firstunitarian.us)

*Please send finance questions to this email.*

## Our Sunday Team

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### Youth RE Teachers

*Please contact Rev. Chip or Board President, Chuck Leone if you are interested in helping with our youth RE program.*

**Nursery Care Provider:** Henry DeBeck  
**Activity Table:** Diana Mendelsohn

**Pianist:** Ian Bunker

**Choir Coordinator:** Alan Hamlet  
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## Committee Chairs

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Adult RE	Gail deSomer
Aesthetics	Melanie Smith-Guillaume
Building	Roger Birdsell
Building Use	Gary Metzler
Care	Mary Hagen & Lois Holm
Children & Youth	<i>Vacant</i>
Religious Ed	<i>Vacant</i>
Com. on Ministry	<i>Vacant</i>
Endowment	Joseph Gress
Events	Kathy Platt
Finance	Elena Wake
Grounds	Barb Carmichael & Susan VanFleit
Marketing	<i>Vacant</i>
Membership	<i>Vacant</i>
Peace & Justice	Kay Azar & Anne Mannix
Social	Kathy Platt
Stewardship	Ron Robinson
Worship Arts	Florence Klečka

### Don't Forget to Fall Back on Sunday, Nov. 4

Yes, you get an extra hour to recover from *Alice's Restaurant* and prepare for our All-church potluck.

Hope to see you at 10:30 EST!