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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>
Mon	1	7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues*	2	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
Sun	7	10:30 am	Service: Rescuing Whiteness, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	All-Church Potluck	Foyer & Conf. Room
		11:45 am	Auction Planning Meeting	Room 103
Mon	8	7:00 pm	Beloved Conversations Class	Conference Room
Tues	9	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	10	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	14	10:30 am	Service: Great End of Religious Education, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	Peace & Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Mon	15		<i>November Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
Wed	17	6:30 pm	Domestic Violence Documentary <i>Public Event Co-sponsored by the YWCA</i>	Sanctuary
Sat	20	9:00 am	First Fall Clean Up	Outside
Sun	21	10:30 am	Service: Spirituality: Past, Present & Future, Bob Asplund	
			<i>Auction Donation Submission Deadline</i>	
Mon	22	7:00 pm	Beloved Conversations Class	Conference Room
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Room 103
Tues	23	11:00 am	Pie with the Parson @ Cambodian Thai	Offsite
Sun	28	10:30 am	Service: Green Burial, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	Memorial Garden Discussion	Conference Room
		5:00 pm	Halloween Party for All Ages	Foyer
Wed	31	6:30 pm	Feasters @ Bonefish Grill	Offsite

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).

* The Choir meets every Tuesday from 7-8 pm

October Focus:

Social Justice Theme: Domestic Violence Awareness
Annual Service Auction: Donation Submissions

Minister's Notes



What DOES a 21st-century religious education program look like? What do families need from their congregational community, in these post-modern times? As we imagine searching for a new Religious Education Coordinator, we are taking a step back and re-thinking what our RE program ought to look and feel like.

Parents and families are invited to provide their input in a variety of ways. We'll have conversations with parents/caregivers. Rev. Chip and others will meet one-on-one with anyone who wants to talk; and there will be a survey, for those who don't have time for face-to-face meetings.

If you want to participate, and explain what your family needs from our congregation, please contact Rev. Chip, Anne Mannix, Susan Van Fleit, or Chuck Leone.

Rev. Chip will preach on how religious education and faith formation has changed over the last century, on October 14 ("The Great End of Religious Education").

Meanwhile, as we figure all this out, we'll continue to welcome older children into the sanctuary on Sunday mornings (Diana Mendelsohn hosts a table at the back, and there are busy bags with activities and crayons). Younger children (four and under) can play in the nursery with Henry DeBeck (son of the Rev. Ms. Amy DeBeck, in Elkhart).

With Spirit,
Chip

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 October 1: Tues 5-7, Wed 1-3, Fri 1:30-3:30

Week of October 8: Mon 1-3, Sat 1-3

Week of October 15: *On Vacation*

Week of October 22: Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3

Week of October 29: Mon 1-3, Tue 1-3, Wed 1-3

Minister Out of the Office: Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana three times in October. He will deliver the sermon at the Ordination of Ms. Jenny Peek in Pocatello, Idaho, which will take him away from Friday, September 28 through Monday, October 1 (he'll be back for Office Hours Tuesday afternoon, 10/2). From Oct. 9-11, Rev. Chip will be in Wisconsin attending a UU Ministers Association retreat. He will take a week of vacation to help celebrate his & Becky's twentieth wedding anniversary, from Monday, 10/15, through Sunday, 10/21.

Pie with the Parson: Rev. Chip will be at Cambodian Thai (235 S Michigan St, SB) on Tuesday, October 23, from 11:00 am until almost 1:00 pm EDT. 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 or a serious pastoral concern to favorite tabletop games or pumpkin carving techniques.

Path to Membership – November: We will be gathering a group of people interested in learning more about our congregation, and potentially interested in becoming a member, this month. Contact Rev. Chip for more information.

Sunday Services

October 7: Rescuing Whiteness Rev. Chip Roush

As we engage in the annual Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day conversation, we'll explore whether and how we might reclaim a positive white identity.

October 14: Great End of Religious Education, Rev. Chip Roush

From Channing's "Great End of Religious Education" ("not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own") to Kimberly Sweeney's "Death of Sunday School" we'll ponder the future of faith formation.

*Share the Plate Offering: YWCA
Reflection Circle: 11:50 am*

October 21: Spirituality: Past, Present & Future, Bob Asplund

For a description, see our CHIRP for the Week of Oct. 15.

October 28: Green Burial Rev. Chip Roush

Proponents call "green burial" a more natural, more economical, and more meaningful alternative to embalming, cremation, etc. Does it live up to those claims? Where can we be buried "greenly" in Michiana? Don't forget to bring a picture or small memento to display, for our annual tolling of the names of our Beloved Dead.

Reflection Circle: 11:50 am

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, October 7, 11:45 am

It's October and we are back to the regular first Sunday schedule for our all-church potluck. So, please plan to join us, and bring a dish to share. The bounty of the harvest has arrived – bring something from your home or the store. Whatever you bring, we invite you to share our food and community.

Domestic Violence Documentary

Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm

For this Domestic Violence Awareness Month event we will view the documentary *The Children Next Door* and have a panel discussion. The church is pleased to co-sponsor this event with the YWCA.

First Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 20, 9 am – 12 noon

Join us for our first Fall Cleanup. We will rake leaves, install bike racks, clean gutters, fertilize the Crabtree, and generally get 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.** If you can't make it, but still want to participate, keep an ear out for info on our *second* Fall Cleanup, in November.

Memorial Garden Discussion

Sunday, October 28, 12 noon

The Grounds and Care Committees have been collecting information and developing plans for a First Unitarian Church Memorial Garden. Time has come to assess interest and feedback from the members and friends in this project.

We will hold an informational session/interest assessment meeting after our annual Sunday service for the Day of the Dead on Oct. 28. Tim Wall, our landscape consultant who planned the Angels of Hope Memorial Garden in Pinhook Park, will be present. Any questions or suggestions can be sent to Barb Carmichael, Susan Van Fleit, or Barbara Williams or any member of the grounds committee.

Halloween Party for All Ages Sunday, October 28, 5-7 pm

Join us for an evening of games, treats (including real food!), costume judging and more. Invite your friends. Don't miss it!

Feasters: Wed., October 31, 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 Bonefish Grill (620 W Edison Rd, Mishawaka). To reserve a seat at the table, contact Cathy Duncan by Monday the 29th (272-2931 or kateduncan@aol.com).

Save the Date

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Our congregation has the honor and privilege of hosting this year's Transgender Day of Remembrance. As always, this is celebrated on **November 20**. The service is planned for 6:30 pm. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

Samhain Celebration Planned

For the last few years SPIRAL (Supporting Pagans in Ritual and Life) has celebrated Samhain with a Ghost Supper at the church around November 1. All are welcome—interested parties should contact Rev. Chip.

Committee News

Care Committee

Take the time to treasure the beauty of these autumn days.

October Birthdays

Celebrate with these folks for their birthday with a card or a chat, and especially after the service Sunday the 14th with birthday cake.

Dan Holm (6), Wendy Lohman (7)
Sally Abbot (8), David Carew (9),
Jan Wilen (13), Maureen Wijnen (26)
Ally Kricheff (26), Kathy Vetter (27)
Mary Bethe (29), and Don Irminger.

During the month of October the Care Committee will have a table in the foyer with the emergency contact forms for you to fill out. They are kept in a confidential file for just that purpose, emergencies. Thank you for participating so that we can better serve you.

The Care Committee supplies a full "lending closet" in the basement with medical durable goods and visiting-child equipment. Please remember these are there for you to borrow when you have a need. Please sign out and in when you borrow.

The Care Committee also has Memorial planning books to borrow. Once you use them, please return them to drawer #19 in the workroom or to any Care Committee member, Lois Holm, Mary Hagen, Barbara Boyd, Wendy Lohman, Gail deSomer, Jim Curlee, Dale Gibson, or Rev Chip.

Among Us

- Our community is grateful with Susan Siemers for her news of a clear health report.
- Please send Dale Gibson healing energy and care with the diagnosis of congestive heart failure after being in hospital with pneumonia.

Thank you for the loving care that you give to one another.

Peace and Justice Committee

This month the Peace and Justice committee begins its "Monthly Theme" initiative. Each month we will offer a learning opportunity (such as the documentary on October 17) and a way for you to donate your time (such as the vigil on October 2) that relate to the same social justice issue as our *Share the Plate* offering.

October's theme/issue is **Domestic Violence**. Our *Share the Plate* offering will be given to the YWCA for their work on domestic violence. See Page 6.

Grounds Committee

Join us for the *First Fall Cleanup* (10-20) and/or the *Memorial Garden Discussion* (Sun. 10-28) as described on page 3.

What Do We Need? -- Donations, Donations, Donations!

Our website for online donation submissions is now open. Just go to:
www.communityauctionservices.com/register/southbend2018

**** Donation Submission Deadline: Sunday, October 21 ****

Fortieth Annual Service Auction

Alice's Restaurant

Saturday, November 2, 6:00 pm

Our Biggest Social event and Fundraiser of the year – Don't Miss it!

For your contribution you could:

- ❖ **Host an Event:** Themed dinners, a casual Pizza party, Family Game Night, canoe trip or bike. We encourage events for families, as well as low-cost events.
(Note: We require a date for all events. To avoid conflicts with a church event or an event already submitted, please check our website for an event calendar.)
- ❖ **Offer a Service:** Anything goes: meals delivered to the door, homemade pies or cheesecake, music lessons or yard work.
- ❖ **Donate Tangible Items:** ND or Civic Theatre tickets, handmade items (including food items), and unique new or gently used items (pottery, paintings, etc.). *Please Note:* Most of these items will be included in our *Silent Auction*.
- ❖ **Ask your Favorite Business(es) to Donate:** Donations might include event tickets, gift certificates, merchandise, passes, etc. When you ask for a donation, please take with you a copy of our *Business Donation Receipt* so you can complete it and pass it on to them for tax purposes.

For More Donation Ideas: Review old Auction Catalogs (Sundays in the Foyer)
Visit the Church's website: <http://firstunitarian.us/news-events/annual-service-auction/>
Contact our Auction Chair Kathy Platt (pkplatt@comncast.net)

October Social Justice Theme: Domestic Violence Awareness

For our first theme of Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness, we are very pleased to partner with the YWCA. In addition to community outreach, the YWCA has a 24-Hour Crisis Line and provides emergency shelter for women and children fleeing violence in their homes. Please help us inaugurate our monthly social justice focus by participating in one of the activities listed below.

- ❖ **Participate in the YWCA's DV Vigil** on **October 2** (page 7).
- ❖ **Learn about DV** by attending our **October 17 Documentary Viewing** event (page 4).
- ❖ **Give to the YWCA's DV Fund** through our *Share the Plate Offering* on **Oct. 14** (page 4)
- ❖ **Donate any of the items** listed below to the **YWCA Shelter**. (Box is in the foyer.)

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| • Old cell phones | • Twin Blankets/Sheets | • Feminine Hygiene Products |
| • Combs/Brushes | • Wash Cloths/Towels | • Toothpaste (Children & Adult) |
| • Deodorant | • Diapers (all sizes) | • Shampoo/Conditioner/Body Wash |
| • Pillows | • School Uniforms | • Infant & Children's Pajamas |

* Anyone available is welcome to help drop off the items on Monday, October 29 at noon and to stay for a tour.*
Contact the church office or Andrea Vollrath for more information.

Board News

September Board Meeting Highlights

The Board is continuing to work on finding an Interim RE Director, reinvigorating the RE Committee, and planning for the RE program for the fall. If you have input, please contact Rev. Chip or Chuck Leone.

The Board will be sending a message to all Committees to ask them to study the section of the Strategic Plan that relates to their area. The Board would like to have a sense of what direction their response will take.

As of October 1, there will be virtually no more announcements during the Sunday services other than from the Pulpit Host. This will make it easier for our hard-of-hearing members and will save some time. Announcements may be handed to the Pulpit Host up until 5 minutes before the service.

The Board is wants to set up a Crisis Response Team to work on an Emergency Plan for the Church. See Chuck Leone if you are interested.

At the end of the fiscal year in June, a transfer of \$1,100 was made to the Endowment Fund -- \$1000 was an Operating budget repayment on our building loan from the Endowment Fund, while the other \$100 was a Memorial donation.

Other Church News

Activity Fair Results

We have so many activities, committees and fun things going on that it was hard to get to every 'booth' on Sept. 16. Watch for information in the monthly newsletter and weekly Chirp from different groups and learn ways to get involved. The Kids RE (religious education) and Membership committees and Women's Spirituality Circle are particularly looking for new people.

Share the Plate Offering

Last Month: Thanks to your generosity, we contributed \$526 to *A Rosie Place*, a haven for children who are medically fragile which allows family members periods of relief from the demands of providing 24-hour care.

This Month: As part of our social justice theme, the offering will go to YWCA North Central Indiana's Domestic Violence Fund.

AED Planning Meeting

If you are interested in the selection of the AED (automated external defibrillator) device, training, or schedule for training sessions please send an e mail to barbaralwilliams@gmail.com We are holding an offsite meeting in mid October to decide these issues and seek all ideas/participation.

Verbal Announcements

We will have written announcements *only* after October 1. To help those who have difficulty hearing, we are asking all announcements to be read by the Pulpit Host (almost no verbal announcements from the floor). Please contact Rev. Chip if you have questions or concerns

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!

Annual Service Auction Helpers

In you are interested in helping with our Service Auction (Sat., Nov. 3), you are invited to attend our next planning meeting on Sun., Oct. 7 (during the potluck) or contact Kathy Platt (pkplatt@comcast.net).

Fall Grounds Clean Up

See Activities, p. 3.

Around the UUA

Story as Medicine - UU Women's Connection Fall Retreat: October 12-14

Location: DeKoven Center, Racine, WI

Join us for our 36th Annual Fall Retreat. Our Keynote is Mary Grace ("M.G.") Bertulfo – author and community activist. Her topic is "Story as Medicine – What stories serve to heal the world? How can stories focus your fire within?" Go to: <https://www.uuwomensconnection.org/10-conferences/107-fall-retreat-2018>

Mindful Travel: Trip to North Vietnam

Led by Rev. Wayne Walder from the Neighbourhood U.U. Congregation of Toronto. We have led over a dozen trips in the last 12 years for UU's and have found that UU's enjoy a shared travel experience with an emphasis on Mindful Travel. We seek to go deeper and to interact more directly with the culture we are visiting. Daily meditation and reflection are part of our travel experience.

Community Activities and Organizations' News

Remember Me Vigil @ Seitz Park, SB Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm

Domestic Violence takes a terrible toll on our community. Please join the YWCA North Central Indiana in remembering victims.

Thursday October 18 is Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Remember to wear purple.

Pilgrimage Healing Anniversary Celebration!! October 14, 11:45 am

We are excited to celebrate the one year anniversary of Pilgrimage Healing at First Unitarian Church on Sunday October 14 along with October Birthdays. All entries for the complimentary Pilgrimage Healing session drawing should be deposited in the designated box no later than immediately after service on the 14th.

As we move into autumn, thoughts come to mind of life changes and letting go. Life ebbs and flows like nature, autumn being a time to let go of those things that are no longer supporting our best self. Pilgrimage Healing is supportive in that release and in opening to the receptivity of a better tomorrow.

For more information about Pilgrimage Healing, contact Linda Jacobs at 574-360-7699 or by email lsj621@sbcglobal.net. Healing partners include Maureen Briones, Linda Carter and Linda Jacobs.

Humanist Forum October Events

For any of the events listed below, RSVP to: <https://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum/>.

*** Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner Thursday, October 4, 6:30 pm**

Location: Bangkok Place (705 CR 6 E, Elkhart)
We'll venture into Elkhart this month. The restaurant serves excellent Thai food in a nice, quiet and comfortable setting. They are located a short distance east of Cassopolis St., on the south side of the street.

*** O'Brien Park Cleanup & Lunch Saturday, October 13, 10 am – 1 pm**

We'll meet at 10 am at the gazebo outside the O'Brien Park Admin. Building. This is a family-friendly event. Clean restrooms are available, and O'Brien will supply gloves, trash bags, and other equipment. We'll work until noon, then return to the gazebo for a picnic lunch supplied by the Humanist Forum.

*** Documentary: "Marjoe" Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm**

Location: River Park Library, SB
Marjoe Gortner became a Bible Belt star when he was ordained as a minister in 1949 at age 4. He and his parents toured the country, raking in offerings from eager crowds, until Marjoe's father absconded with the money eight years later. Marjoe broke away from the evangelical circuit for a time, then returned in his late teens. His audiences never knew that he was no longer a believer. Later, in his 20's Marjoe made a break once and for all when he repudiated the religious show-biz life he'd been forced to lead by his fundamentalist parents. He invited a film crew to follow him on his last tour, and he discusses his performances afterwards. The movie is a fascinating expose of how some prey on religious people.

League of Women Voters Friend-Raiser Wednesday, October 24, 6-8 pm

First U will again host the League of Women Voters annual Friend-Raiser on Wed. Oct. 24 from 6-8:00. This is open to the community to encourage people (both men and women) to learn more about the non-partisan programs of

the League, and possibly join. The Making Democracy Work Award will be presented to Nanci Flores.

Mamas Against Violence
6th Biennial Anti-Violence Conference
Building Unity for a Safer Community
Saturday, October 13: 9 am – 4 pm
Navarre Intermediate Center (4702 Ford St., SB)
For more information go to:
www.mamasagainstviolence.com/events-1

"If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me"
Concert by The Ripple Effect Choir
Sunday, October 14: 6:30 pm
Coalbush UM Church (15977 Jackson Rd., Mish)
An evening of music and words designed to build understanding. Uplifting songs of unity and inspiration will be interwoven with speakers from the community who will share personal stories to help us understand how it feels to walk in their shoes.

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

2018-2019 Board of Trustees

Officers:

Chuck Leone, *President*
Ron Robinson, *Vice President*
Elena Wake, *Treasurer*
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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
Please send finance questions to this email.

Our Sunday Team

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

Committee Chairs

Adult RE	Gail deSomer
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Events	Kathy Platt
Finance	Elena Wake
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