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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> |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| 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: National Poetry Month, Lay Led | |
| | | 11:45 am | All-Church Potluck | Foyer & Conf. Room |
| | | 11:45 am | Grounds Committee Meeting | Room 103 |
| Mon | 8 | 1:00 pm | Committee on Ministry Meeting | Conference Room |
| Tues | 9 | 7:00 pm | Worship Arts Committee Meeting | Conference Room |
| Wed | 10 | 6:30 pm | Board of Trustees Meeting | Conference Room |
| Fri | 12 | 7:00 pm | Trivia Night Fundraiser | Sanctuary |
| Sun | 14 | 10:30 am | Service: The Power of We, Rev. Chip Roush | |
| | | | <i>Share-the-Plate</i> Offering: Sunshine Movement (local hub) | |
| | | 11:45 am | Peace & Justice Committee Meeting | Conference Room |
| | | 11:50 am | Reflection Circle | Sanctuary |
| | | 12:30 pm | Great Decisions Course: Session 8 | Conference Room |
| Mon | 15 | 7:00 pm | Stewardship Committee Meeting | Conference Room |
| | | | <i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i> | |
| Fri | 19 | 6:00 pm | Women's Potluck | Offsite |
| Sun | 21 | 10:30 am | Easter Service: Living the Journey to Emmaus, Rev. Chip Roush | |
| | | 11:45 am | Children & Youth Easter Egg Hunt | Conference Room |
| Wed | 24 | 6:30 pm | Feasters @ Café Navarre | Offsite |
| Sun | 28 | 10:30 am | Service: Beltane for All, Lay Led | |
| | | 11:45 am | Grounds Committee Meeting | Conference Room |

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

* Choir Practice: Unless otherwise announced, the Choir practices Tuesdays, 7-8 pm.

Are you ready?

About whose sister is John Lennon's song "Dear Prudence"?
Who was shot dead by the FBI after leaving the Biograph Theater on July, 22, 1934?

Register now to attend our 4th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser!

Minister's Notes



The Stonewall Uprising took place in New York city in 1969. This June will be the 50th anniversary of this watershed moment in LGBTQ+ rights. I hope to celebrate the anniversary with a fabulously appropriate service on June 30. Anybody who would like to help plan and/or present the service, please contact me! If you have ideas for educational material, emotional recollections, artistic endeavors upon which we might all collaborate, etc., please share them!

Of course, we also hope for excellent activities for our children and youth to help learn and celebrate.

The competitive part of me wants to create such an amazing service that we can take it on the road, and teach other congregations how to follow our lead. While fame and glory can be lovely, I hope that our service helps to continue bending the arc of the universe toward justice, and to make it easier for all people to live as their authentic selves!

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 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 April 1:** Mon 1-3, Tues 5-7
- Week of April 8:** Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3
- Week of April 15:** Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3
- Week of April 22:** *No Office Hours*
- Week of April 29:** Mon 1-3, Tues 1-3

Minister Out of the Office: Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana twice in April. He will attend our MidAmerica Regional Assembly (and the ministers' meeting prior) from Thursday through Sunday, April 4-7; and take a short vacation from Monday through Sunday, April 22-28.

Poetry Marathon: Hear Rev. Chip at the poetry marathon on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Civil Rights Heritage Center. He reads at 5:20pm, but others will read from noon to midnight

Game of Thrones: Rev. Chip will preach on *Game of Thrones* on **May 5**. He welcomes your opinions, theories, concerns and hopes for this service. What do you like about the show? What do you hate? Does it make you think differently about our human condition? Does it make you more or less hopeful for our future?

Services this Month

April 7: National Poetry Month, Lay Led
It's time once again for our annual celebration of National Poetry Month. Have a favorite poem that inspires you? Have you written one you'd like to share with us? Do you just like listening to words in interesting combinations? This is the service for you!

Please Note: *If you would like to be listed in the Order of Service, please contact service coordinator Florence Klecka (287-7797 or Mayfield.david@att.net) and let her know what poem you would like to read. There is usually time for poetry off-the-cuff, but please, nothing longer than 2 minutes, to give everyone a chance.*

April 14: The Power of We, Rev. Chip
Borrowing the theme of this year's General Assembly, we'll explore the power, possibility, and purpose of finding a path forward together, through struggle and heartbreak toward gladness. Join us as we welcome new members during our *Ingathering Ceremony* (see page 4).

*Share-the-Plate Offering:
Sunrise Movement - Local Hub*

11:50 am - Reflection Circle

Easter Sunday, April 21: Living the Journey to Emmaus, Rev. Chip

What do Jesus of Nazareth, the Bramble Cay melomys, and a certain Time Lord have in common?

April 28: Beltane for All, Lay Led

As the life wheel rotates, Beltane is upon us at the end of April – the opposite end of the year from Samhain, celebrated by most as Halloween. Share in this ancient pagan Shabbat, which honors all kinds of life starting again after a long winter, and discover what's in it for you. Service Coordinator: Mara Scott.

Activities and Events This Month

All-Church Potluck

Sunday, April 7, 11:45 am

After a lovely Stewardship luncheon, the All-church Potluck returns to its usual first Sunday schedule, and we are celebrating spring. Bring something spring-like to share from your favorite store or your kitchen. Our tastes are eclectic and variety is always welcome. All are welcome at our tables.

4th Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser

Friday, April 12, 7:00 pm

Register a team with Kathy Platt (234-1352 or pkplatt@comcast.net). For details, see p. 5.

Women's Potluck

Friday, April 19, 6:00 pm

The monthly Women's Potluck will be at the home of Heidi Kauffman. This is a nice way to relax get to know others better. Please RSVP to Kathy Platt for directions and to let her know what you might bring, pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352.

Children & Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21, 11:45 am

All are invited to join the fun!

Women's Spirituality Gathering

Monday, April 22, 5:30 pm

The Women will gather in Red Tent style to share appetizers, garden seeds and plants, and plan for the next few months' activities. Meet us on Earth Day at Bob Evans (204 North Dixie Way, Roseland). We'll carpool to the nearby labyrinth at St. Mary's then back to Bob Evans for an appetizer, dinner, soup, or dessert. Contact the gathering host, Diana M., at diana79mendelsohn@gmail.com or text 574.310-9428.

Feasters - Wed., April 24, 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 Café Navarre (101 N. Michigan St., SB). To reserve a seat at the table, contact Cathy Duncan by Monday, 4/22 (kateduncan@aol.com or 272-2931).

Committee News

Care Committee

Happy Spring!

April Birthdays

Our birthdays to remember this month are:

Barb Carmichael (4), Tama Crisovan (8)
Alfred Guillaume (10), Mary Hagen (18)
Kathy Platt (24), Allen deSomer (29)

Join us for GF birthday cake for everyone after the service April 14 to celebrate these people.

Our **Loan Closet** of durable medical aids and baby furniture is located across from the elevator on the lower level. Please find the clip board to sign out and in. We would like to keep track of these items. Thank you for your assistance.

Among Us

- Kathie Carr will be having a leg vein procedure.
- Bette Asplund will have results from her brain MRI by now.
- Gary Looney is worse off after his Christmas Eve surgeries mostly due to therapy delays. He is wheelchair bound. It is very difficult for Ralph, too, as the caregiver.

Please remember these folks with cards and calls and prayers or energies for healing, peace, and acceptance of the changes coming into their lives.

Continue to take loving care of one another.

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee held a special meeting following the service on February 17 to unveil three design options for a **Memorial Garden** on the south side of our building. All options featured a contemplative space that was partially enclosed by either large rocks and boulders,

plants or a masonry wall. **After a lively discussion, most of the 25 people in attendance agreed that a mix of plants, rocks and boulders with bench seating that ensures privacy would best suit our needs.** An updated design that reflects this feedback will be shared with church members in April. Further comments and input from the congregation will be welcomed and encouraged at that time.

Membership Committee

There will be an **Ingathering of new members** on **Sunday, April 14**. This is a ceremony during the service in which we recognize new members. **If you are interested in becoming a member** of First Unitarian Church, please speak with Rev. Chip or Gail deSomer, 574-850-8156.

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship Campaign Update – Our 2019-2020 Stewardship Drive is off to a fantastic start. We have received pledges totaling \$149,000 which is close to this year's goal of \$160,000. Your pledge helps to ensure that we have a strong, vibrant and loving presence in our community.

We are now reaching out to members and selected friends who have not yet made a pledge. If you are in this group, a member of the stewardship committee will be calling in a few days to check-in with you, to see how you are doing and to hear about any concerns or answer any questions that you may have about our church.

If you are ready to make your pledge, please email the church office (office@firstunitarian.us) to let them know. Thank you for your continued support of First Unitarian Church.

Save the Date

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 19, 12 noon

Annual Reports Due: Wednesday, May 1

Social Justice Spotlight: **Climate Change**

"Climate change is the greatest threat to human rights in the 21st century."

- **Mary Robinson**
Former President of Ireland

- ✚ **Learn:** Join us on **Sunday, April 14 at 9:15 am** for a Social Justice Forum to hear more about the national *Sunrise Movement* (www.sunrisemovement.org), the group of young people behind the *Green New Deal*.
- ✚ **Do:** Help organize or staff our booth at the **Arbor & Earth Fest** at Roseland Park on **Saturday, April 20** (10 am- 2 pm). For more information contact Andrea Vollrath (amvollrath@gmail.com). Also, be on the lookout for fliers in the foyer with legislation that you can ask your representative to support.
- ✚ **Give:** On **Sunday, April 14** our *Share-the-Plate* offering will be given to the local hub of the *Sunrise Movement*. Throughout the month, bring in plastic bags or small electronics to be repurposed or recycled.

There are a lot of myths surrounding climate change: that it isn't happening, that we didn't cause it, that it's too late to do anything about it.

Make it your April resolution to find one small way to help the planet and do it.

Fourth annual Trivia Night Fundraiser Friday, April 12, 7 pm

How do I join the fun?

- **Form a team:** Ask other church folks, your neighbors, co-workers or friends. Then, **register your team (\$100 for 8)** with Event Coordinator, Kathy Platt.
- **Find a team,** or ask Kathy P. to find a team for you (**\$12.50 per individual**).
(If your schedule is unsure, just come on the 12th and ask to be put on a team.)

Bring your own snacks (& table decorations); beverages, including beer & wine, will be sold.

** If requested in advance (by Tuesday, 4/9 please), child care will be available. **

To register, or for questions, contact Event Coordinator, Kathy Platt (pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352), or find her at the Trivia Night table on Sunday mornings.

Roadrunners are from which family of birds?



In which European country is the resort town of Spa?

Trivia commonly refers to bits of information and data that are of little value.

Board News

March Board Meeting Highlights

- The Treasurer's Report reflected higher expenses for last month because of the flood in the sanctuary. Much of that expense will be reimbursed, however. We were also over budget for snow removal last month.
- President Chuck Leone has requested two grants from the Endowment Fund — one for \$5,000 to help with upcoming roof repairs and one for \$5,000 for help with the principal of the mortgage next year.
- We are still looking for a Marketing Committee Chair and more Committee members.
- Screening of applications for Office Manager and for Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) will be starting. Rev. Chip and Chuck Leone will be scheduling and doing interviews for the Office Manager. The RE Task Force and Rev. Chip will be screening applicants for the CRE.
- VP Ron Robinson will be calling together on Ad Hoc Outside Lighting Task Force to ensure safety and security around the building.
- Discussion was started about the new sanctuary technology, particularly how to deal with the videos that we are producing each Sunday. They need to be edited and put on the website. We will continue the discussion next month.
- The Board decided that it needs a policy concerning sponsorships of other groups and activities.

Around the UUA

Regional Assembly: St. Louis, April 5-7

The keynote speaker for our MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be our UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. Go to MidAmericaUUA.org for more details, or go to [EventBrite](#) to register.

Seminary for a Day: Building Religious Communities to Save Democracy
Saturday, April 20, 8:30 am – 2 pm CDT
Unitarian Church of Evanston, IL
For more info & to register go to [eventbrite](#).

General Assembly (GA), Spokane, WA, June 19-23: The theme is *The Power of We*. For more info [click here](#). Registration now open.

Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat
July 11-14, Amigo Centre, Sturgis, MI
Registration is now open for this UU camp run by Unitarian Universalist religious educators, ministers and lay persons from all over the Midwest. For more information or to register go to: www.chalicesparx.org. Like us on [facebook](#).

Other Church News

One From the Vaults...

Florence Klecka, Archivist
As I steadfastly copy and sort old newspaper articles from the 60-plus years of this church, I am getting closer and closer to having just the photographs to go through.

Ideally, every picture (and there are hundreds and hundreds of these) should have a date, location, description, and ***every person should be identified***.

I have made a template for this identification – now, I just need people who *know* people and remember their names. Please let me know if you're willing to fill in a few dozen strips of paper with the information needed. Recent past, long-ago history – I need your help.

Contact me at 287-7797 or mayfield.david@att.net if you can help. We can meet in the conference room and knock out as many as possible. We'll find a time that works for you, and there will be snacks!

AED/CPR Training: In conjunction with the installation of our new automated external defibrillator, the Care Committee is offering the two-part Red Cross *Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED* certification course.

- Part One is completed online.
- Part Two is a hands-on class. First U friend, Rich Mah will lead this class. (Date to be determined based on needs.)

- To obtain details about completing the *online* Part One, including computer requirements, simply click [here](#).
- If you plan to participate, please notify the church office or the Care Committee.

Community Activities and Organizations' News

Humanist Forum Events

For information about any of the events, contact Rita Prangle at rita.prangle@gmail.com or sign up via Humanist Forum's [Meetup.com Page](#).

* Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm

Join us at **Macri's Italian Kitchen on Ireland Road** (not to be confused with Macri's Italian Bakery on Niles Ave.). This is a casual diner with a large menu featuring a wide variety from sandwiches to full meals, with reasonable prices.

* What is Humanism?

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm, River Park Lib. We'll watch a series of very short videos, each covering an aspect of Humanism, along with a video history of religion and Humanism. Discussion will follow.

United Religious Community's Interfaith Friendships Lunch

Thursday, April 11, 12 - 1:15 pm

(URC Office – 501 North Main Street)

Deep friendships across spiritual and faith backgrounds are a goal for the URC's new Welcoming Congregations initiative. Please join us for a **free, simple lunch**, this month provided by Temple Beth El's annual Corned Beef Fundraiser (and we'll have vegetarian options as well!). For planning purposes, if you plan to attend, please register using URC's [eventbrite sign up](#). *Please park ONLY on the street or in any spot that says 'URC Staff.'*

24th Annual River Cleanup

Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 12 noon

Join the friends of the St. Joe River to help clean up the river. Check in at Veterans Memorial Park or Keller Park. Please wear appropriate clothing. Sponsored by: South Bend Venues Parks & Arts -- *Why not clean up the river in the morning and then rest by watching some movies in the afternoon at Lunafest (see next event)?*

Michiana Lunafest 2019 (at St. Mary's)

Saturday, April 13, 1-4 pm (Reg: 12:30 pm)

Lunafest is a short film fest that is for, by and about women. The program includes screening of the short films, as well as discussion groups following the screening. *Films are recommended for persons ages 16 and above.* The program is a fund raiser that provides money for Chicken & Egg Pictures (a national group of women filmmakers that promote social change through film), and 2 local charities: St Margaret's House and Girls on the Run. Tickets are \$20 General/\$10 Student and may be ordered from the St Mary's Box Office by phone (284-4626) or [online](#). Tickets at the door are \$25 General/\$15 Student.

Michiana VegFest: Sunday, April 14

11 am – 4 pm at the Century Center

This free event will include speakers, music, chef demonstrations and fund for kids. For more information, go to michianavegfest.org.

Experience Pilgrimage Healing

A perfect spring time gift to yourself or someone you love. Release tension and stress and feel Renewal. For an appointment, or to learn more, contact Linda Jacobs (call or text 574-360-7699 or email lsj621@sbcglobal.net). Namaste!

Arbor and Earth Fest, Roseland Park

Saturday, April 20, 10 am – 2 pm

Join in the many kid-friendly activities and events to celebrate Earth Day (4/22) and Arbor Day (4/26). Rev. Chip will perform a Blessing of the Animals at 10:15 am.

Note: At this event our Peace & Justice Committee will have a table (see page 4).

Ripple Effect Choir - Seeds of Life Concert

Sat., April 27, 7 pm, First Baptist Church, SB

Spring-inspired selections will feature the 4 basic elements of life— Fire, Water, Air, and Earth. Ten percent of the free-will offering will be donated to Heifer International.

NAACP South Bend Presents: Meet the Council Candidates: Tues., April 30, 6 pm

FAM Praise & Worship Center

(909 N. Bendix Drive, SB)

More Trivia Night Warm Ups --

How is the date for Easter determined?

Easter Island belongs to which country?

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
(**For May 2019: Monday, April 15**)

2018-2019 Board of Trustees

Officers:

Chuck Leone, *President*
Ron Robinson, *Vice President*
Elena Wake, *Treasurer*
Melanie Smith-Guillaume, *Secretary*

Trustees:

Janet Bogar
Anne Mannix
Wendy Lohman
Rich Wallace

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 | |
| Com. on Ministry | Jim Curlee |
| Endowment | Joseph Gress |
| Events | Kathy Platt |
| Finance | Elena Wake |
| Grounds | Barb Carmichael & Susan VanFleit |
| Marketing | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Membership | Gail deSomer & Anne Mannix |
| Peace & Justice | Andrea Vollrath & Kay Azar |
| Social | Kathy Platt |
| Stewardship | Ron Robinson |
| Worship Arts | Florence Klečka |

Our Church Staff

Minister: Rev. Chip Roush
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Coordinator of Religious Education:
Vacant

Interim Office Coordinator: Kathy Vetter

Bookkeeper: Finda Kamanda
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For finance questions, please use 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: Diana Mendelsohn

Pianist: Dylan Engquist Bajo

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

Volunteer Opportunities

- ✓ **Host a Social Hour** (make coffee, etc.): Sign up on the schedule in the kitchen or watch for a digital link in the CHIRP.
- ✓ **Train to use** our new AED: See page 6.
- ✓ **Concert Production:** Help select, schedule & plan future concerts. Contact Jim Ward (jrwsaranac@gmail.com).
- ✓ **Help with Sunday Services:**
 - * April 7: Poetry Sunday
 - * June 30: Stonewall uprising Anniversary
 - * Serve on the Worship Committee (Contact Florence Klecka or Rev. Chip)
- ✓ Assist our archivist, Florence K., to identify people in photos. To help contact Florence (mayfield.david@att.net or 287-7797).