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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	2	10:30 am	Service: <i>How Does Your Garden Grow?</i>, Florence Klecka	
		11:45 am	All Church Potluck in Foyer	
		12:00 pm	RE Meeting in Conference Room	
		2:00 pm	Knitting Party (off site)	
Tues*	4	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Sat	8	3:00 pm	Memorial Service for Danni Poznak	Sanctuary
Sun*	9	10:30 am	Service: <i>lives, who dies, who tells our story</i>, Rose Fournier	
			Share-the-Plate Offering: Notre Dame's Economic Justice Clinic	
		11:45 am	Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		11:45 am	Art on the Wall Opening	Foyer and Hallway
Mon	10	1:00 pm	Committee on Ministry Meeting	Conference Room
		9:00 am	Board Reports Due	
Tues	11	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	12	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	16	10:30 am	Service: <i>Boys Will NOT Be Boys</i>, Rev. Chip Roush	
Mon	17	7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Newsletter Submission Deadline				
Sun	23	10:30 am	Service: <i>The Path of Balance (Spinefulness)</i>, John Raven	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	26	6:30 pm	Feasters @ Longhorn Steakhouse	Offsite
Sun	30	10:30 am	Service: <i>Tenderloin, Stonewall, Rainbows</i>, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	Auction Planning Meeting in the Conference Room	
Mon	1	7:00 pm	Care Committee	Offsite

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

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Minister's Notes



One of the joys of owning a home is that you never have to wonder what to do with your money or your time—there are always things to be maintained, things to be repaired, and things to be remodeled. I guess it's also true of church buildings. In the week before I wrote this, we had to call people to repair the sump pump in the elevator shaft (talk about niche work!) and the dishwasher. I am not complaining—as my wife's grandfather used to say, “don't be sorry you need to get your car fixed; be glad you have a car in the first place!” I am grateful that we have an elevator and a dishwasher, so that we can host services, parties, and events which celebrate the human spirit and bind us in joyful relationship.

Thank you to Kathy Vetter, and the rest of the Building committee, for monitoring and handling these issues. Thank you to everyone who donated time or money to the congregation this year—you helped us to continue championing our religiously liberal message, to a state and a region which needs to hear it.

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 June 3: Mon 1-3, Tues 5-7 pm, Wed 1-3 pm

Week of June 10: Mon 11a-1p, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3

Week of June 17: at UUA General Assembly

Week of June 24: Tues 11a-1p, Wed 1-3, Sat 1-3

Minister Out of the Office:

Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana three times in June. He will complete a pulpit swap by preaching at the UU Fellowship of Ames, Iowa (Rev. Kent McKusick preached here in March), and take study leave around that trip, from Wednesday through Sunday, May 29 – June 2. He'll take a couple of days of study leave on Friday June 7 and Sunday June 9. Finally, he will attend our UUA **General Assembly** (and the Ministry Days prior), from Monday, June 17, through Monday, June 24.

Watching General Assembly

You can watch many of the big events from General Assembly—including the Ware Lecture, and most of the amazing worships—online. Go to www.uua.org/ga to find out how.

Services this Month

June 2: *How Does Your Garden Grow?* Florence Klecka

What's the difference between a flower and a weed, and why does it matter? **You are encouraged to bring flowers to share in our annual Flower Communion.** Rumor has it the Choir will perform!

June 9: *Who lives, who dies, who tells our story*, Rose Fournier

What do Hercules Mulligan, Elizabeth Friedman and Vivien Thomas have in common? Each has a lesson to tell about working behind the scenes on world changing events and whose contributions, at least for a while, were overlooked. Do we strive to be remembered, or to make a difference?

June 16: *Boys Will NOT Be Boys* Rev. Chip

Not all masculinity is toxic, but the parts that are toxic are harming boys, men, people of all ages & genders, and our very planet. How might we re-imagine masculinity?

June 23: *The Path of Balance (Spinefulness)*, John Raven

Free yourself from back and joint pain and empower yourself to live a vibrant life! Could rediscovering our natural inner balance be a first step in recreating our outer balance with the world outside of ourselves? Presentation includes a demonstration on pain-free sitting.

June 30: *Tenderloin, Stonewall, Rainbows*, Rev. Chip

A half-century after the Stonewall Uprising, how have the lives of LGBTQIA+ people improved? What yet needs done? Let's celebrate & add some glitter to this golden anniversary!

Activities and Events This Month

All-Church Potluck

Sunday, June 2, 11:45 am

This is the last potluck before our summer hiatus in July and August. Although we won't actually move everything outside, we consider this our *Picnic* Potluck. So, bring a favorite *picnic* dish to share, from your kitchen or the store, and join us. Whatever you bring, you are welcome at our tables.

Women's Spirituality Red Tent Gathering Monday, June 17, 6:00 pm (free event)

Meet at Bob Evans Restaurant's front bench to carpool to the labyrinth site. The focus is to celebrate the Five Elemental Forces with song and movement including: *I am Fire, I am Air, I am Water, I am Earth*. Then we'll walk the labyrinth and enjoy the wind chimes and garden. Teens and adults are welcome to attend. For more details, contact Diana at: diana79mendelsohn@gmail.com;

Feasters - Wed., June 26: 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 **Longhorn Steakhouse**. To reserve a seat at the table, contact Roger Birdsell by Monday the 24th (574)245-7825 or rhbirdsell@gmail.com

Social Justice Spotlight:

Criminal Justice (ND's Law Clinic)

Learn: Join us after service on **June 9th** at 12:00 to hear from **Judy Fox** about the relationship between economic disparity and the access to legal counsel.

Do: Let your representatives hear from you. We'll have fliers with info on policies up for vote.

Give: June 9th's **Share the Plate** will go to **Notre Dame's Economic Justice Clinic**.

The Economic Justice Clinic provides free legal services to low-income clients in consumer law matters. They represent clients in cases involving mortgage foreclosures, fraud, predatory lending, land contract scams, foreclosure rescue scams, and debt collection.

Committee News

Care Committee

Summer arrives with great celebration: graduations, weddings, traveling, picnics, camping, water sports, sky watching, porch sitting, and always birthdays!

Birthdays this Month

Those in our community (who we are aware of) celebrating birthdays are:

Gary Metzler (2), Bill Skidmore (2), Barbara Boyd (3), Jacob Carew (8), Ellen Triebold (15), Don Wheeler (15), Deb Carew (15), Greg Young (18), Tom Platt, (20), Ann Ullman (21), Marilyn Shaul (24), Richard Mah (24), Bette Asplund (24), Garry Roberson (28), Rich Wallace (29)

Please let us know if you would like your birthday listed.

Happy Birthday to All!

Among Us

Our deepest sympathy and much love goes out to Michelle Minisan at the loss of her daughter, Danni Poznak. Danni's Memorial will be held here in our sanctuary on Saturday, June 8, at 3:00 pm. Light refreshments will follow the service.

Remember, if you have visiting family this summer, the CC Loan Closet has baby items to borrow, including an infant car seat. The loan closet also has durable medical equipment (walkers, wheel chair, pottie/shower chair, etc.

Enjoy your summer activates. Be safe!

Art on the Wall Committee



The Art on the Wall committee invites you to join us for the opening of the watercolor art of Millie Steveken. Millie is new to our community, so we are really excited to have this show. The opening will be held June 9th after the service. Refreshments will be served.

Auction Planning Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 30, Conference Room

Those interested in helping with our 41st annual Service Auction Oct. 19, please meet following the Service on June 30. Not only is this our major fundraiser, but it's our biggest party and a lot of fun! Please let Kathy Platt know if you plan to attend.

Membership Committee

Newcomers often comment that we are warm and welcoming during coffee hour.

What are some ways you can approach newcomers? Ask if they have ever attended a UU church before. If not, explain briefly what we are about. For example, "even though we do not all share the same theological belief, we do share the idea that we are all on a search for meaning in life."

Offer to show them the welcome table where there is printed material to take with them.

Find about a little about them; if you discover they have a common interest with someone else in the congregation, introduce them to each other.

Invite a newcomer to sign the guest book so they will receive an email from the church with information to the church website and how to obtain the CHIRP! and Newsletter.

And of course, point them in the direction of the coffee.

We will be ordering T-shirts to represent our First Unitarian Church of South Bend. These will be ordered here locally through Access Printing.

Our Chalice will be on the front. The shirts will be gray but other colors may possibly be ordered if there is an interest. **These shirts will be a great way to represent our Church when you are out in the community. Besides, they will be super cool!**

Please let Wendy Lohman know if you are interested in ordering by June 9. There may be more than one order placed, so no worries, but don't wait to express interest!

wendycl13@att.net

Grounds Committee

Lawn Mowers Needed

The grass is growing again. So, we again need volunteers to mow our lawns. You may be pleasantly surprised at the much-reduced noise level of our easy-to-use, environmentally-friendly, re-chargeable lawn mower. If you can help out this summer, please contact Barb Carmichael or Susan Van Fleit (Grounds Co-chairs).



Our long-range plans for improving our grounds were given a big boost by the efforts of volunteers who showed up for the May cleanup and Garry Roberson, who has been maintaining our rain gardens. With more sun, we should be seeing beautiful flowers soon. An organic lawn care company has aerated the soil, planted grass, and applied compost tea to improve the quality of our lawn. Boulders and plants will be added to the Memorial Garden area on the south side of the building. Efforts to improve the drainage in the northeast section of our grounds and prepare it as an RE play space will occur soon with better weather by adding enough sand to counterbalance the heavy clay soil.

Bazaar Committee

Please save up your leftovers from your spring-cleaning and get these items to Kathie Carr and Kathy Platt! They will be used for the Holiday Bazaar baskets. The committee could also use your help during the month of July. Please let Kathie and Kathy know when you are available.

The ladies would also love for you to ask them about the theme of the “Eco-Bazaar!”

December will be here before you can say “Santa Claus!”

Around the UU

UU Membership

Here’s an update on UU membership, from our UUA: “Adult membership is steady overall, coming in at 154,704, almost identical to last year. We have stabilized a downward trend in membership that had run 2010-2017, but beneath the headline we see substantial movement in membership figures in congregations.

Last year 43% of congregations grew their adult membership, and 30% grew their RE enrollment. Growth is coming largely from our smallest congregations – of the almost 400 members we added to brick and mortar UUA congregations last year, 70% were from congregations of under 150 members. Regionally there is also some variation. The Central East, New England and Southern Regions grew this past year, and the Southern Region in particular has been a source of growth over the past five years.” For the full article:

<https://bee.uua.org/json/b1618570-71bd-11e9-9bc8-0aa591ca51fb.html>

UUA Disaster Relief Fund

This past week has brought a new round of flooding and tornados into our region. If you are looking for a place to send donations, contribute to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund [here](#).

Registration for Chalice Sparx Family Camp & Retreat

July 11-14: Sturgis, Michigan

Join us for an amazing all-ages experience at lovely Amigo Centre. Run by Unitarian Universalist religious educators, ministers and lay persons from all over the Midwest, this Family Camp and Retreat is truly a multi-generational community. Here we learn together, worship together and explore together in a community of all ages – including elders who complete our multigenerational village.

Check out the Chalice Sparx organization website: www.chalicesparx.org. Like us on [facebook](#) and join us July 11-14.

Board News

Board Highlights

The Raise the Roof Campaign is now underway! At the Congregational meeting on May 19, 2019, the Church membership authorized replacement of the Church's north roof at an estimated cost of \$36,600.00. Sources of committed and available funding have been identified to help meet that goal:

- **\$4,000 Endowment Funds** (as recommended, subject to congregational approval)
- **\$2,639 Roof Funds** (specifically designated for the roof, some during *Ginger Bear* fundraiser)
- **\$3,049 Capital Campaign Funds** (originally for building purchase & renovation)

In addition, the Congregation has authorized the Church to borrow additional funds up to \$20,000.00 when our mortgage note is renewed in July of this year, but we hope not to use that authority if possible.

The Stewardship Committee has begun the process of asking members for a commitment to the project, and we have contributions and commitments totaling \$12,200.00 as of this writing. Please consider your resources and contact a member of the Raise the Roof campaign (Stewardship Committee Chair Ron Robinson, members Janet Bogar, Barb Boyd, Gary Metzler, Joseph Gress, Chuck Leone or Roger Birdsell) with your pledge. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life of the Church.

Raise the Roof Campaign

Chuck Leone, President, Board of Trustees

2019-2020 Board of Trustees, Endowment and Nominating Committees

Thank you, Chuck Leone, for your commitment to serving First Unitarian Church as President of the Board of Trustees. We are pleased to welcome Ron Robinson as the incoming president, and Suzanne Waller taking his role as Vice President. New to the board as trustees are Howard Berberick and Camla Seegers.

2019-2020 officers, beginning July 1, are:

Ron Robinson, President

Suzanne Waller, Vice President

Elena Wake, Treasurer

Melanie Smith-Guillaume, Secretary

Trustees: Janet Bogar, Anne Mannix, Howard Berberick, and Camla Seegers.

Endowment Committee: Marilyn Shaul, Allen deSomer, and Joseph Gress.

Nominating Committee: Chuck Leone (Chair Person), Wendy Lohman, Becky Lindstrom, and Lynn McDonald (alternate).



Thank you all for your gift of time given to the work of the church.

Community Activities and Organizations' News



South Bend Pride!

This year's Pride celebration will be the best yet. Find out about all of the various events

(from the mixers and the art exhibit, to the SB Cubs game, and of course, the grand finale Festival on Saturday, June 15, at Potawatomi Park) at southbendpride.org You can also sign up for volunteer shifts, and buy tickets, at that website. See you there!



The local LGBTQ community and their allies will now meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at the LGBTQ Center on Mishawaka Ave. All are welcome. <https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-south-bendmichiana>

Christmas in June Concert by The Ripple Effect, Sunday, June 23, 4:30 pm

Christ the King Lutheran Church
17195 Cleveland Rd, South Bend

This groundbreaking vocal group begins this concert with a variety of Christmas favorites, followed by a traditional carol sing-along, and the moving and unforgettable cantata, *His Love Still Shines* (complete with chamber orchestra). A free-will offering will be taken, and 10% of the monetary proceeds will be donated to Seasons Counseling of Michiana. After the performance, there will be a Christmas Ice Cream Social! (574-291-9044, sherry@sherryk.com).

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. Contact Linda Jacobs (574-360-7699 or lsj621@sbcglobal.net). Gift certificates are available. Healing partners are Maureen Briones, Linda Carter and Linda Jacobs.

Mobile Ecology Center "Pizza Planter Party" @ Roseland Park Pavilion

Saturday, June 8, 10:00-11:00 am

Bring a large 2-3 gallon patio container. Tomato, green pepper, and oregano will be planted in them, as well as in a new garden at the park.

Humanist Forum June Events

For more information or to RSVP for the events below, contact Rita Prangle

(Rita.Prangle@gmail.com or 574-855-4928).

RSVP online at

<https://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum/>.

* Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner

Thursday, June 6 @ 6:30 pm

Maple Indian Cuisine; 127 S. Main St. Goshen
Ask for Rita's table.

* The American Humanist Association (AHA) 78th Annual Conference: Five Universities Venues and Webcasts

June 7-9 2019:

<https://conference.americanhumanist.org/index.php/schedule2019>

Local Viewings on Excerpts of the AHA Conference, June 8, 11:45 am – 2:30 pm;

Colfax Auditorium, St. Joseph County Public Library, 304 S. Main St. SB

Arrive or leave anytime to watch only one or all three topics. Refreshments will be provided.

The topics presented are:

- **12:00 pm-12:30 pm:** Dr. Ali Winters: *Prolonged Solitary Confinement and the Secular Humanist*
- **12:30 pm-1:00 pm:** Sharon Thompson: *You Think You Know What Love Is*
- **1:00 pm-1:30 pm:** Jeffrey Caldwell: *A Faith for the Faithless*

* HF Table at PRIDE Event in South Bend **June 15, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Potawatomi Park 2105 E. Mishawaka Avenue SB
We'll be answering questions, and handing out literature to interested parties, also giving free water. More details and volunteer for short shifts at: <https://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum/>

* What About the Death Penalty

June 20, 6:30 pm

River Park Branch Library, 2022 E. Mishawaka Ave. SB, 46615. We'll watch some short videos and discuss this difficult topic.

Our Church Staff

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Our Sunday Team

Youth RE Teachers

Please contact Rich Wallace if you are interested in helping with our youth RE program.

Nursery Care: Diana Mendelsohn

Pianist: Ian Bunker

Choir Director: Carys Kresny

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 July 2019: Monday, June 17)

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

Committee Chairs

Adult RE	Gail deSomer
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Building Use	Gary Metzler
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Com. on Ministry	Jim Curlee
Endowment	Joseph Gress
Events	Kathy Platt
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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 Klecka

Volunteer Opportunities

- ✓ **Host a Social Hour** (make coffee, etc.):
Sign up on the schedule in the kitchen
- ✓ **Train to use** our new AED
- ✓ **Concert Production:** Help select, schedule & plan future concerts. Contact Jim Ward (jrwsaranac@gmail.com)
- ✓ Help with **Sunday Services: To join the Worship Arts Committee of volunteer to help with a service contact** Florence (mayfield.david@att.net or 287-7797)