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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>
Fri	2	5:00 pm	Rehearsal Dinner	Foyer, CR, Kitchen
Sun	4	10:30 am	Service:	
		11:45 am	Auction Planning Meeting	Conference Room
		7:00 pm	Carolyn Cotter in Concert	Sanctuary
Mon		7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	6	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
Sun	11	10:30 am	Service	
			<i>Share-the-Plate</i> Offering:	
		11:45 am	Peace and Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Mon	12	9:00 pm	<i>Board Packets Submissions Deadline</i>	
Tues	13	7:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	14	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	18	10:30 am	Service:	
Mon	19	9:00 am	<i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	25	10:30 am	Service:	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		Noon-1 pm	Telling Our Stories Workshop	Room 103
		5:00 pm	Family Potluck Picnic	Offsite
Wed		6:30 pm	Feasters @ Crooked Ewe	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](https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitarianSB)).

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

Minister's Notes

22 July 2019



Well, I am no longer in “Final Fellowship” with our Unitarian Universalist Association. Don’t be alarmed—nobody is. We changed it from “Final Fellowship” to “Full Fellowship” at General Assembly, several weeks ago.

“Final” seemed to imply that we were finished, that we would not learn more or evolve further in our ministries. This is clearly untrue. We all can grow and adapt, and I see it occurring in most of my colleagues. That said, there are always a few who seem to be overly comfortable, or even resistant to further growth. In particular, we want to encourage all ministers to keep up-to-date on such things as best practices in identifying and combatting white supremacy culture, and in increasing our accountability so that less harm comes to our congregants and to our ministerial colleagues.

“Preliminary Fellowship” is still the initial step, after seminary. It means we’ve satisfied all the requirements, and are ready to begin a career in professional ministry. During Preliminary Fellowship, we are evaluated on an annual basis, to make sure that we are living into ministry successfully. After three satisfactory evaluations, we move from Preliminary to Full Fellowship.

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 August 5: Mon 1-3, Tues 5-7, Wed 1-3

Week of August 12: Mon 11a-1p, Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3

Week of August 19: Tues 1-3, Wed 1-3, Sat 1-3

Week of August 26: Mon 1-3, Tues 11a-1p, Wed 1-3

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Minister Out of the Office:

Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana twice in August. He'll take a brief vacation, Saturday and Sunday, August 3 & 4; and a short study leave, Friday, Aug. 16 through Monday, Aug. 19.



Activities and Events This Month



August 4: Fairy Tale, A True Story

David R. Williams

It has been said "we don't see things as they are, we see them as we are". Do we see and hear what we need to, or are we programmed or influenced? Can being critical thinkers bring us closer to understanding what might be true?

August 11: True BLUU

Rev. Chip Roush

We'll celebrate our "true blue" commitment to inclusion and equity for all persons. Our [Second Sunday collection](#) will go to "The Promise and The Practice of Our Faith" campaign, supporting the Black Lives of UU organization. Thank you for your generosity on August 11!

August 18

Dr. C. Todd Cummings

Todd Cummings is the newly appointed Superintendent for the South Bend Community Schools. Dr. Cummings will speak about his plans for improving the schools in South Bend. We will talk about how his work fits in with the Unitarian values of justice, equity, and the promotion of the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

August 25: All Of Us Need All Of Us

Rev. Chip Roush

The Beloved Community welcomes all ages and genders and...and...non-neurotypical folks? Those who use power chairs or scooters? How might we liberate and welcome EVERYONE?!

Sunday, August 4, doors at 6:30, music at 7.

This concert features folk artist Caroline Cotter. Opening the show will be our own guitar heroes, Allen DeSomer, Alan Hamlet and Bill Skidmore. Child care will be provided, and food and drink available. Presale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for young people. Sliding scale tickets are also available for our members and friends. They can be purchased online, or through Jim Ward. Come enjoy this show and bring friends and family to show off our beautiful building and friendly folks.

Women's Spirituality Gathering

Join us after church on Sunday, August 4, as we carpool to swim, kayak, picnic, and relax on beautiful Clear Lake, Fuller's Resort, Buchanan, MI. Bring a swim suit & towel. There's a snack shop and deli on site! Contact Diana Mendelsohn; 574.277-7456.

Family Potluck Picnic August 25

Everyone is welcome at the home of Kay & Deeb Azar on Sunday August 25 at 5:00 for the annual summer Potluck Picnic. Please RSVP to Kathy Platt & let her know what you're bringing, pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352.

Feasters - Wed., August 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 The Crooked Ewe. To reserve a seat at the table, contact Roger Birdsell by Monday the 26th.

(574)245-782 or rhbirdsell@gmail.com



Church Committees

Care Committee

Enjoy the heat and local fresh produce while we have them!

Birthdays this Month

Michael Coppedge (7), Glenda Gibson (11), Eli Williams (12), Florence Klecka (13), Forest and Autumn Crisovan Wallace (24), Eileen Murphy (24), Melanie Smith-Guillaume (29).

Join us Sunday August 11, after the service, to celebrate these birthdays with a gluten free cake for everyone.

Among Us

- Keep Bette Asplund and Bob connected with your communicating while she waits for her second opinion in Boston concerning her brain tumor.
- Allen DeSomer is recovering from foot surgery. Call or send messages.
- Lois Holm broke her big toe while having fun with her grandchildren. Healing in process.

If you have visiting family, remember that we have a “loan closet” in the basement with baby furniture and durable medical supplies for you to borrow. Please remember to sign out the items on the clipboard.

Weather permitting, we are doing 30 minutes of **TaiChi in the garden at 9:30 before church each Sunday**. No experience necessary. Join us!

Safe travels while vacationing and attending reunions.

Keep hydrated!

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).



The dove sculpture that hung near the entrance of our original church has been installed near our current main entrance by David Mayfield and John Hagen. If you haven't yet seen it, please check it out! It's a beautiful addition with a lot of history and meaning to our congregation.



The south side **memorial garden** continues to progress with the addition of boulders artfully placed by Garry Roberson. In the coming weeks we hope to begin adding more plants to this area

The RE Committee is currently exploring safety concerns that would impact the surface of the play yard planned for the north side before our committee continues to amend the soil and add sod.



Membership Committee

September is Pie Month! Bring a **newcomer** to church on any Sunday in September and you will receive a pie from one of our expert pie makers. It will be up to you to decide whether or not to share the pie with your friend!

More About Newcomers! Imagine that you have chatted with a newcomer during coffee hour. You have already provided a little information about our church to this individual. You've listened and learned about them. Now what? Integrating newcomers into church life can take a little time. Consider recommending or inviting the newcomer to an activity you plan on going to. For example, "I am going to the women's potluck this Friday night. Would you care to join us?" Or "There is going to be an awesome concert here at the church on Sunday, August 4, and I think you would enjoy it." Personal invitations or recommendations can help a newcomer feel included in our rich church life outside of Sunday morning.

Adult Religious Education

Coming this fall! "**Building Your Own Theology,**" a series of 8-10 classes taught by Byrd Tetzlaff.

In "Building Your Own Theology," we are exploring personal belief systems and how we came to them. If we all come to the same conclusion we are doing something wrong. Classes will be about an hour each, beginning in September, after church.

Social Justice Spotlight: August 11

"BLUU" – the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism.

BLUU is part of an Association-wide initiative called

"The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith."

The **Second Sunday** collection will go to "The Promise and The Practice of Our Faith."

Join the Peace and Justice Committee at 11:45 to learn more.

Worship News

Atheism Sermon Series.

Save the dates: Rev. Chip will present a three-sermon series on Contemporary Atheism. The dates are September 15, November 17, and January 12.

Joys and Concerns Survey

Watch for a survey in August about our practice of Joys and Concerns, and how we might make it even better.



Activity Fair, Sept 15, after the service



Board of Trustees

Board Meeting Highlights

July 10, 2019

The Board voted to engage Dudek Roofing, who had already given us a quote, to repair and reroof the north roof. The Raise the Roof Campaign secured pledges of \$28,050, and with the Endowment Fund disbursement, other fundraisers and available budget monies, we have \$37,378 for the project. This is slightly more than the quote we received. We will not have to borrow any money and will have some extra for contingencies. Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for conducting the Campaign and to our very generous members!

The Treasurer, Elena Wake, reported that we finished the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the black.

The Board discussed personnel. We took suggestions for a new Board Trustee to fill a resignation. We have a prospective person to be our church cleaner, who is currently filling out paperwork. Positions remaining unfilled are a member for the Committee on Ministry and Chairpersons for Religious Education and Marketing Committees.

The bronze dove from our old building was installed by David Mayfield. Thank you, David.

The Board Retreat on July 22 included: planning for the year-long process of writing vision and mission statements for the church, strengthening and supporting relationships in the church, following up on work suggested by the Strategic Plan.

The Church Activity Fair will be September 15.

UU Highlights

UU ministers have joined other clergy from a variety of faiths to bless the Whole Woman's Health Clinic in Austin, Texas, and similar facilities in Maryland, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. These blessings help to show the local community that many religious traditions honor the right to choose, and they make the clinic workers feel appreciated and encouraged. We are looking into the possibility of offering such a blessing in South Bend.

UU Women's Connection Summer Retreat

August 9-11, 2019, Ronora Lodge & Retreat Center, Watervliet Michigan
(45 miles from the Indiana/Michigan border, a few miles off of I-94 at Exit 41)

We will gather in the dorm-style Trilogy Lodge. Catered gourmet Vegan meals, nourishing workshops, wildflower walks, drumming, singing, and worship circles make up this weekend "back to the land" on the 400+ acres of woodland and lake within the spirit-filled place called Ronora.

Workshops will feature creating your own portable sacred space using matchboxes and a variety of art supplies; and creating your own patterned fabric – faux batik. Remember to bring drums (and musical instruments if you like), perhaps an item to place on one of the 5 altars, and a small item of personal significance to pass along via the Giveaway Blanket. Contact ronora@uuwomensconnection.org

United Religious Community

This is likely to be the biggest URC Annual Meeting in years, due to two topics: hosting a NAIN conference in 2020, and a presentation on End of Life issues by Sister Eileen. NAIN is the North American Interfaith Network (NAIN); South Bend/Michiana will host several hundred people next summer. The URC Annual Meeting will be Sunday afternoon, September 8th, at the Ansari Center on Notre Dame's campus, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. All are welcome.

Special EVENT

41st Annual Service Auction – *We are the World* Saturday, October 19, 6 pm

This is our biggest social event and fundraiser of the year, so mark your calendar now.

What Will We Need?

Donations, Donations, Donations Start thinking about what you can donate now.

- **Host an Event** (*themed dinners, bike ride, pizza party*)
 - **Offer a Service** (*deliver a homemade meal, music lessons, a Holiday Treat*)
 - **Give a Tangible Item** (*Civic Theatre tickets, new or gently used household items*)
- **Ask your favorite business(es) to donate a gift certificate or merchandise**
We encourage everyone to solicit donations from local businesses you frequent.

Watch for additional information in August CHIRP!s, including a link to our online donation site.

A planning meeting will be after the service on Sunday Aug. 4. Anyone interested in helping to make this our biggest and best auction ever, please come! This is our biggest party of the year, and planning is fun too!

Community and More

Pilgrimage Healing

How wonderful it would be, in the midst of all the activity of summer, to refresh your spirit. Two healing partners will guide you in releasing all concerns and help you open to the flow of Peace, Love, and Joy. Healing Partners are Maureen Briones, Linda Carter, and Linda Jacobs. For an appointment, or to learn more, contact Linda Jacobs at lsj621@sbcglobal.net or 574-360-7699. Pilgrimage Healing is offered on a love offering basis. Namaste!

Humanist Forum August Events

For more information or to RSVP for the events below, contact (Rita.Prangle@gmail.com or 574-855-4928). RSVP online at <https://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Forum/>

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 pm: Hungry Humanists meet for Dinner at Tony Sacco's

Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm
River Park Library

Islam and the Future of Tolerance

Panelists Sam Harris, Co-founder and Chief Executive of Project Reason and Maajid Nawaz Founding Chairman of Quilliam, join moderator Juliette Kayyem, Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, for a panel discussion to reflect on the future of Islam and tolerance regarding it. The panelists discuss many topics regarding Islam in modern society, such as Islam's place in modern culture, the events leading up to the modern public perception of Islam, and Islamic extremism. These topics were put forth with the final goal of collaborating to ensure a stable future of tolerance in the world.

Saturday, August 17, 11:00 am:

ArtBeat in Downtown South Bend

ArtBeat showcases the work of local visual, performing, and culinary artists in our area. We'll meet in Howard Park, at the east end of the Jefferson bridge. Plan to be there by 11:30.

Monday, August 26, 11-4:

IUSB Welcome Back Fair – Help Needed

We need at least 6 volunteers who are available then for a 2-hour shift between 10 am and 4 pm.

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 August 2019: Monday, 19th)

2019-2020 Board of Trustees

Officers:

Ron Robinson, *President*
Suzanne Waller, *Vice President*
Elena Wake, *Treasurer*
Melanie Smith-Guillaume, *Secretary*

Trustees:

Janet Bogar Howard Berberick
Anne Mannix

Committee Chairs

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	Kathie Carr
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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

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Bookkeeper: Finda Kamanda
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Please send finance questions to this email.

Custodian: Ian Bunker

Our Sunday Team

Youth RE Teachers

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

Nursery Care Provider: Diana Mendelsohn

Summer Pianist: Ian Bunker

Choir Coordinator: Carys Kresny

Please remember that we are in the process of updating the Church Directory. If you are able, check out the directory on the Website, and send the office any necessary edits. Or, see the hard copy on the welcome table in the foyer. If your entry is already correct, please note "OK" on the hard copy, or send the office an e-mail.

We are trying to gather all the information we can, so this may take some time. Anyone who needs hard copy when it is completed, please feel free to ask. Hard copies will be automatically sent to those who get our newsletter by mail.