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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>
Sat	5	1-3:00 pm	Solar Tour	Foyer
Sun	6	10:30 am	Service:	
		11:45 am	All Church Potluck	Conference Room
		Noon	Building Your Own Theology Class	Room 103
Mon	7	1:00 pm	Board Packet Submissions Due	
		1:00 pm	Committee on Ministry	Conference Room
		7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	8	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
		7:00 pm	Worship Arts	Conference Room
Wed	9	6:30 pm	Board of Trustees	Conference Room
Fri	11	7:00 pm	Natasha Stojanovska Piano Recital	Sanctuary
Sun	13	10:30 am	Service:	
			<i>Share-the-Plate</i> Offering:	
		11:45 am	Birthday Celebrations	Foyer
		11:45 am	Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting	Room 101
		Noon	Building Your Own Theology Class	Conference Room
		Noon	RE Meeting	Room 103
Wed	16		Newcomers Coffee	Offsite
Fri	18	6:00 pm	Women's Potluck	Offsite
		7:00 pm	Movie Night	Conference Room
Sat	19	6:00 pm	Annual Service Auction	Foyer/Sanctuary
Sun	20	10:30 am	Service:	
		Noon	Building Your Own Theology Class	Conference Room
Mon	21		Newsletter Submissions Due	
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	22	6:00 pm	League of Women Voters	Sanctuary/Foyer
Sun	27	10:30 am	Service:	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Room 103
		Noon	Building Your Own Theology Class	Conference Room
Wed	30	6:30 pm	Feasters	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).

NEW TIME! Choir rehearsal is now on Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm, unless otherwise announced.

Minister's Notes

If you listen to podcasts, you might want to check out the October edition of the *Worship Whisperer* podcast—I'm the featured interviewee! The Rev. Ms. Kimberley Debus is into her second year of hosting the podcast; she has interviewed such IUUminaries (sorry) as Erika Hewitt, Glen Thomas Rideout, Matt Meyer, Sofia Betancourt, and Jason Shelton. I am honored just to be on the same list as those amazing humans!



You may recall that I groused a bit about the lyrics of hymn #331 (*Life Is the Greatest Gift of All*) during the service on September 15. I think “we are...the measure of all things” is hubris. One of the questions that Kimberley asks every guest is their least favorite hymn. I won't spoil it, but 331 was mentioned as a candidate.

We also talked about Joys and Concerns, enforced intimacy in services, and how technology can both help and hurt our worship services. I haven't heard the final edit, but it was a fun conversation that should be worth a download. If you do, please let me know what you think!

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 September 30:** Fri 1-3; Sat 1-3
- Week of October 7:** Mon 1-3; Tue 1-3; Wed 1-3
- Week of October 14:** Mon 11a-1p; Tue 1-3; Wed 1-3
- Week of October 21:** Mon 1-3; Tue 1-3; Wed 1-3
- Week of October 28:** Mon 1-3; Tue 1-3; Wed 1-3

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Minister Out of the Office:

Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana twice in October: the Central Midwest Ministers' retreat runs Monday 9/30 into Thursday 10/3; and he'll help present the Ministerial Formation Network retreat for seminarians on Friday night and part of Saturday, October 18-19 (he'll be back in time for the auction!).

More from our Pastor...

Welcoming?

Our congregation earned its status as a “Welcoming Congregation” a long time ago. And, the challenges faced by our LGBTQ+ siblings and cousins have changed a bit, since we engaged the original “Welcoming” curriculum. Our UUA has created a follow-up curriculum, “The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal,” to help us become better informed, and more deeply welcoming. Beginning in 2020, all congregations will need to engage with this new program, to maintain their “Welcoming” status. Please contact Rev. Chip if you would like to help lead this effort. Find more information at this URL:

<https://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program/five-practices-welcome-renewal>

Solar Tour

We'll participate in the National Solar Tour on Saturday afternoon October 5, from 1-3pm. Homes and businesses all over the country will be opened that weekend, for people who are interested in solar panels and solar power to visit.

Musical Joys and Concerns

Do you enjoy music? Would you like to share some of your favorite songs, and talk about how important they are to you? Let's get together! What are your favorite love songs? Which songs do you absolutely despise? What music do you play when you have to get some chores done? Are there songs which remind you of a particular person or place? Which songs make you feel younger (or older)? Let's discuss! This is intended as a six-session small group experience, but the members may choose to continue, once they've been together a while. We'll meet once per month, through the fall and winter. If there is enough interest, we may form two groups.

Please contact Rev. Chip if you are interested in participating.

Healing/Recharging Ritual

Rev. Chip will present a recharging ritual as a webinar on Tuesday evening, October 29. This is an improved version of the ritual that many of you helped to beta-test, back in July (thanks to all who participated). The webinar is free, but you do have to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webinar-ritual-of-healing-and-recharging-registration-70926014619>

Interfaith Prayer Vigil Against Gun Violence

We will be among dozens of churches praying for peace and less gun violence on Friday night, October 4th. The Vigil begins at 6:00 pm and goes until 6:00 am; our "slot" is 7:00-7:30 pm. Attendance beyond our specific time frame is recommended, at least from 6:45 - 7:45. The Vigil will be held at St. Peter's UCC. Majority-white and black congregations are pairing up to demonstrate unity. If you want to offer a prayer, poem, or song, please contact Rev. Chip.



October 6: Michael Coppedge

Lots of us are worried about the erosion of democracy around the world. Although there are good reasons to be concerned, things may not be as bad as it seems. Still, there are several key aspects of democracy in the United States that lag behind our peer countries and need to be addressed.

October 13: The Columbus Myth

Tseyi Blunier & Rev. Chip Roush
We'll honor Indigenous Peoples with the truth, recognizing their contributions to our society, and celebrating them appropriately.

October 20: Coffee, Phones & Sin

Rev. Chip Roush
We'll use clips from TV's The Good Place to question whether there can be ethical consumption in late capitalism. Then we'll see how that difficult truth may actually be liberating!

October 27: Wanting Memories

Rev. Chip Roush
Celebrating how we learn to live out the lessons originally taught us by our lost loved ones. Bring a photograph or small memento to display, for our annual tolling of the names of our Beloved Dead.

Worship News

Honoring Our Beloved Dead

Please bring photographs or small mementoes to place on the chancel on October 27, as we celebrate our lost loved ones with our annual Tolling of their Names. Joys & Concerns *in absentia*

Joys and Concerns

If you are unable to attend a service on Sunday, but still want to share a joy or concern, please send your message to Mary Hagen or Lois Holm and they'll read it for you.

Religious Education News

Come watch a family movie with us on the third Friday of every month. We'll be in the conference room showing the pixar flick, "Coco," and serving popcorn and drinks from 7 pm - 9 pm. All ages are welcome, but please note that little ones under 5 years of age need to have an adult with them.

Parents, if you can use a breather, you can drop off your child(ren) and we'll keep them safe and entertained. We'll have a place for you to leave your contact information in case we need to contact you before the end of the movie.

RE is hosting a **Halloween Party** from 6-9 pm on November 1. ALL ages are welcome! Please watch for details in the CHIRP.

Please also note that Rich Wallace's hours are now on Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Activities and Events This Month

Women's Potluck

Elena Wake will host the monthly Women's Potluck on Friday, Oct. 18, at 6:00. This is a nice way to relax and get to know others better. You can cook or just pick up something. Please contact Kathy Platt for directions and to let her know what you might bring. pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352.

"Feasters" will meet on Oct 30, 6:30 pm, at Doc Pierce's. Please contact Mary Alice Lundergan by Oct. 28 if you wish to join in the eating fun! 574-387-7342 or maryalichelundergan@gmail.com,

Donations • Donations • Donations

We still need your Auction donations. - It's not too late!
Submission Deadline: Sunday, October 6

We offer many ways for you to donate.

Live Auction	Offer an event or service, or donate a special treasure.
Silent Action	Donate nearly new, unique & homemade items.
Ask a Business	If you ask, your favorite business might contribute!
Bake a Dessert	Our dessert competition needs great bakers!

For **questions or assistance** visit our Auction table in the foyer on Sundays, or email us. auktion@firstunitarian.us

Notes: Events are usually co-hosted; you don't need to do it on your own! (Ask the Auction Team for co-host suggestions.) Notify our Auction Chair of business solicitations and take a *Business Receipt*.

To submit your donation online (preferred) via our auction software vendor go to:
<http://communityauctionservices.com/register/1u-sb2019>

Our auction webpage has more information & forms (go to www.firstunitarian.us & click on the link).



Our 41st Annual Auction is almost here!

We are the World

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 pm

Donate now and plan to join us for our biggest fundraiser & social event of the year.

Child care is available (please RSVP), including a free kid's meal!

The Auction is an evening of Fundraising, Fun and Food.

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

You are sure to enjoy our ***We are the World meal*** featuring African, Asian and Latin cuisines. Our featured cocktail will be a *Hakuna Matata*. **You are invited to dress to our theme too.** Suggested dinner donation is \$8, as you are able.

Our motto is: Bid Early, Bid Often and ENJOY!

The Auction Catalog will be available in print Sunday, October 13; or online Monday, October 14.
All proceeds go to the Church's operating budget.

We strive to have items available for diverse income levels. In addition to bidding on items, you can vote for your favorite dessert, purchase a joke (\$1 & \$5) or purchase a 50/50 playing card (\$10).
Please plan to pay for your purchases (winning bids) before you leave.

Committee Chair: Kathy Platt • Silent Auction Coordinator: Catherine Lundergan

More Annual Auction Info

Event FAQs

❖ **How can I participate in the fundraising without donating an item?**

Just attend this fun event, and, if you are able, purchase something from the *Silent* or *Live Auction*. We strive to offer items and events for diverse income levels. Hopefully you will find something within your means. We list all items in a catalog that is available in print or online the Sunday before the Auction (10/13). This allows you to plan your bidding in advance; or, if unable to attend, ask someone else to bid for you.

❖ **What happens on the night of the Auction?**

The evening begins at 6 pm with a casual meal, bid number paddle pickup in the sanctuary and time to peruse the *Silent* Auction in the Conference Room. Beer & wine, and a special drink are available at a cash bar. The meal includes gluten free, vegan & vegetarian options. The *Live* Auction begins about 7 pm.

❖ **Is childcare provided?**

Yes, including a free child-friendly meal! *But, for planning purposes, we do ask you to RSVP with the number and ages of your children.* You can email the Auction Team (auction@firstunitarian.us) or register your children online at (<http://communityauctionservices.com/register/1u-sb2019>).

❖ **How does the *Live* Auction work?**

Items are offered in catalog order. The auctioneer reads a description of each item, along with its opening price and the quantity offered. (Events are sold per person/place.) Those interested in bidding on the item raise their paddles. The price increases until the number of bidders equals the number of items offered. – *During the Live Auction, you can also buy a joke!*

❖ **How does the *Silent* Auction work?**

You have approximately two hours to peruse the items in the conference room and bid on as many as you would like. You may return at any time to outbid someone. The top bidder wins the item!

❖ **How and when do I pay and get my purchases?**

Our accounting team keeps a tally sheet for each bidder. Any *Silent* Auction purchases (winning bids) are added in. Payment by check or cash is due Auction night. Tangible items are sent home with you. A confirmation of events & services is sent within the next two weeks.

For other questions, please contact our Auction Team at: auction@firstunitarian.us

Dessert Competition

Our Dessert competition takes place during the break. You will have the opportunity to sample and vote (with \$\$) on your favorite *We Are the World* desserts. – If you would like to contribute a dessert, please contact Florence Klecka (mayfield.david@att.net or 287-7797). We welcome desserts of all sorts. To complement our *We Are the World* theme, you might like to share a favorite from your family heritage.

50/50 Raffle

On Sunday mornings, you may have noticed Lois or Dan Holm in the foyer at a table full of playing cards. You can buy a card for \$10 (in advance or at the Auction) and get a 1/52 chance of winning our 50/50 raffle. **If we sell all 52 cards, the winner will get \$260!** *You do not need to attend to win.*

We are the World

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 pm



Care Committee

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

During the month of October, the Care Committee will have a table in the foyer with emergency contact forms for you, of any age, 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.

Birthdays this Month

Celebrate with these folks for their birthday with a card or a chat, and especially after the service on Sunday the 13th, with gluten free birthday cake –

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

Among Us

Wayne Duncan, a friend of the church died 8/24/19 at the age of 92. Our sympathy is extended to his children and former wife, Cathy Duncan.

Roger Birdsell, a long-time member of the church, died on 9/26/19. His memorial will be at First UU on 9/28/19, at 10:00 am.

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

Our frozen meals service is in need of restocking. Consider making a bit more food when sharing for first Sunday potluck. There will be containers available in the kitchen to label and place in freezer. Thank you for your loving generosity for when those are in need.

We are all grateful for the loving care that you give to one another.

Membership Committee

For "seasoned" members - many newcomers have not yet signed up to receive a newsletter. We are having a **Newcomers Coffee** on Wednesday, October 16, at 7 pm, in the home of Anne Mannix. There is a small flier on the welcome table with the details of this event. If you happen to meet someone new in the next couple of weeks, please walk them over to the welcome table and hand them a flier for this event.

Also coming up on November 17 and 24 will be the **New UU** class. A flier for this is also available on the welcome table to hand out to those who would like to find out more about our church history.

And don't forget to invite someone to attend the Service Auction with you or pair up with you to create an event.

Grounds Committee

Fall Cleanup Nov. 9!



It's lovely to spend time outdoors at this time of year. Why not spend some of it beautifying our grounds and readying it for winter? Even an hour or two of your time between 9-noon will be very helpful. Refreshments and camaraderie will be provided.

From the church office...

Most of the requested **name buttons** are finished and hanging on the board in the foyer. Please be patient if you don't see yours, as we are still experiencing some snags in the "button-making" machine.

Many thanks to all of you who are keeping the **work room** tidy!

Thanks to Howard Berberick, who surfaced a **computer** for the office, we will soon have something much more efficient with which to do our jobs! Finda and Peg will be happy campers when the new unit is installed.

UUA Highlights

Climate Strike!

Our UUA is following the lead of young people, supporting the global Climate Strike initiative. Some students are striking every Friday; some once/month. We'll join others in Michiana to begin to demonstrate & bring pressure on our politicians to act!

"Connection & Healing" UU Women's Connection

Fall Retreat
October 11-13, 2019
DeKoven Center, Racine, WI

Join us for our 37th Annual Fall Retreat. **Our Keynote is Kellianna**, an American pagan singer, songwriter and author. Register here:
<https://www.uuwomensconnection.org/>



The Harper-Jordan Memorial Symposium responds to a longing on the part of many Black Unitarian Universalists to more fully understand how to live out a Unitarian Universalism that centers our Blackness. At this four-day gathering, we will break bread together, learn about and engage a Black Unitarian Universalism, spiritually connect, build community, have fun, and unapologetically proclaim a Black UU theology! You can register, book accommodations, and check out the schedule at
<https://www.blacklivesuu.com/about>

Community Activities

Pilgrimage Healing

As fall approaches we think of cooler weather, beautiful leaves, and, underlying all, change. Change is part of life. We can move through any change harmoniously when we center ourselves in a loving Presence which is always there. Pilgrimage Healing will provide an opportunity to relax and release and support you as you navigate gracefully.

Healing Partners include 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!



Mark your calendar for the Ten Thousand Villages bag sale on November 9 from 10-6 pm. Shop early for Christmas and save

25%! The store is at Centennial Place on Cleveland Rd., just east of the intersection with Grape Rd.



"If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me"

It seems that everywhere we

look, people are taking sides and calling names. How can we learn to find common ground? On Sunday, October 6, Sherry K's groundbreaking vocal group, The Ripple Effect, presents the 5th annual "If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me" concert -- 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. Ten percent of the proceeds goes to provisions for the South Bend Community Re-entry Center.

Wilson Auditorium at South Bend Civic Theatre (403 N. Main St) at 7:00 pm. For tickets: 574-234-1112 or
https://sbct.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?event=161&fbclid=IwARowfhOMbxVOFvK2IhhO7QECfUXcSCIxOidGCsxroab26ZjKTA_CdY1DFIw

Humanist Forum October Events

Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner

@ Mango Cafe Thursday, October 3 @ 6:30pm
1740 SB Avenue, 46637. Ask for Rita's table.

The Mango café features Venezuelan cuisine and it's delicious. Prices are reasonable and the décor inside and outside is nicely done.

Reading Matters and Book Exchange

Thursday, October 17 @ 6:30pm
River Park Branch Library, 2022 E. Mishawaka,
South Bend, 46615.

Modern neuroscience has revealed that reading builds new connections in the brain. Reading is an important skill that needs to be developed in children. Not only is it necessary for survival in the world of schools and universities, but in adult life as well. We'll watch the BBC documentary and have a discussion.

Bring books you no longer need, fiction or non-fiction and any subject; take any book(s) that interest you. The exchange will take effect during the entire course of our meetup. Remaining books will be given to the library.

O'Brien Park Cleanup & Lunch

Saturday, October 19, 10 am – 1 pm
321 E. Walter Street, SB, 46614.

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. Please RSVP by Friday before 10 am to allow time for food shopping, thanks!

Dine @ Chicory Café & HF Gets Money!

Monday October 28 @ 6:00 pm
114 W. 1st Street, Mishawaka. Ask for Rita's table.

Hungry Humanists will meet for a delicious dinner at 6 pm at the new Chicory Café in Mishawaka, but you can visit either Chicory location anytime during the day and tell the cashier you're with the Humanist Forum. Chicory Café will donate 20% of your check total to the HF. If you can't be there that day, message Rita to arrange purchase of a gift card.

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

Foster Grandparent Program



My name is Georgia Turvey and I am a social work intern with the Foster Grandparent Program here at REAL Services. Our program sends seniors age 55 and older into schools and childcare facilities to mentor "at-risk" children. The teachers identify 3 or more students who are falling behind in areas such as reading, writing, math, self-esteem, socialization, etc. and assigns them to a Foster Grandparent to help them improve. The Foster Grandparents serve a minimum of 15 to 20 hours a week and earn an hourly stipend of \$2.65 if they meet income requirements. A Foster Grandparent can also serve without a stipend if they do not meet the income requirements. We are especially in need of male Foster Grandparents. You can email me with any questions, or I can put you in contact with the Director of the program, Noel Matthews. I look forward to working with you in cultivating our future leaders.

Georgia Turvey, Real Services Intern
csbgintern@realservices.org



For events happening at the center, copy/paste this link into your browser:

<https://mailchi.mp/853421abc911/september-happenings-the-lgbtq-center?e=141f31f1ea>



Please don't forget that the Michiana Chapter of PFLAG meets at the LGBTQ Center on the 4th Thursday of every month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. ALL are welcome, including allies!

Board of Trustees 2019-2020

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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

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Please send finance questions to this email.

Our Sunday Team

Youth RE Teachers

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

Nursery Care: Diana Mendelsohn

Pianist: Dylan Bajo

Choir Coordinator: Carys Kresny



Mailing Lists: If you are interested in being added to our weekly

CHIRP email or our monthly newsletter, *The Unitarian*, 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 October 2019: September 16)