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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>Brigid, Boudicca & Eheduanna</i>, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	All Church Potluck	Foyer
		12:15 am	Auction Event	Room 103
Mon	3	1:00 pm	Committee on Ministry	Conference Room
		6:30 pm	Ad Hoc Lighting Committee	Room 103
		7:00 pm	Care Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Tues	4	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 103
Sun	9	10:30 am	Service: <i>NAACP at Eleventy-One</i>, Rev. Chip Roush	
			<i>Share the Plate</i> Offering: Our Lady of the Road	
		11:45 am	Celebration of the Month's Birthdays	Foyer
		11:45 am	Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		1:00 pm	Great Decisions Program	Conference Room
Mon	10	5:00 pm	National Gun Violence Survivors Week Dinner	Foyer
		9:00 am	<i>Board Report Submissions Due</i>	
		6:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		7:00 pm	"Mix of Your Life" Group	Room 103
Tues	11	5:00 pm	Worship Arts Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Wed	12	7:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
Sun	16	10:30 am	Service <i>Happy Birthdays to Us</i>, Lay Led	
		11:45 am	Grounds Committee Meeting	Conference Room
		Noon	Religious Education Meeting	Room 103
		1:00 pm	Great Decisions Program	Conference Room
		3:30 pm	Benefit Spaghetti Dinner	Foyer
Mon	17		<i>Newsletter Submission Deadline</i>	
		7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting	Conference Room
Fri	21	6:00 pm	Women's Potluck	Offsite
		7:00 pm	Family Movie & Game Night	Conference Room
Sun	23	10:30 am	Service: <i>Highlights from GA'19</i>, Rev. Chip Roush	
		11:45 am	Emergency Plan Discussion	Sanctuary
		Noon	Exploration and Discoveries Class	Conference Room
		1:00 pm	Great Decisions Program	Room 103
Wed	26	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). The Choir rehearses Thursdays, 7-8:15 pm, unless otherwise announced.

Minister's Notes

20 January 2020

Game Nights!

In March, there will be three Game Nights and three sermons on Games & Gaming. If you bring a friend to one of the services (March 15, 22, 29), you and your friend will be entered into a raffle for a prize from Griffon Books & Games.

Friday night, March 20, will be a combined Family Movie Night and Family Game Night, from 7:00 – 9:00pm. The next night, Saturday, March 21, will be another Game Night, this time for ages 14 and up, from 6:00-9:00. Lynn McDonald will teach a simplified form of Mah Jongg on Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon, March 29, we'll have a Train Games Day. These games are more complicated, and take longer to play. We may play 18Chesapeake (if it's arrived) or another 18xx game; or Age of Steam and possibly Irish Gauge (interested? check BoardGameGeek.com). Train Games Day will go from 3:00-9:00 or so, and will likely include ordering a meal. If you want to play a train game, please contact me so we can plan which game(s) folks want to play.

Lynn may offer another session of introductory Mah Jongg on Sunday evening, March 29, if there is sufficient interest.

Several people have indicated that they are willing to teach games, on one or more of these sessions. Thank you to all who've contacted me, and there is plenty more room, if you haven't reached out to me yet.

It is permissible to invite a friend to church on any Sunday—and if you bring them on 3/15, 3/22, or 3/29, both of you will be entered into a raffle. There will be a drawing all three Sundays.

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. He will be in the church from 1:00 to 3:00 pm (unless otherwise specified) on the following dates:

Week of February 3: Tue 2/4 (5-7p); Wed 2/5; Thur 2/6 (11a-1p)

Week of February 10: Mon 2/10 (2-4p); Tue 2/11; Wed 2/12;

Week of February 17: Mon 2/17; Tue 2/18; Wed 2/19;

Week of February 24: Mon 2/24; Tue 2/25; and Wed 2/26

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.

Minister Out of the Office: Rev. Chip will be away from Michiana once in February, as he preaches at Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church in Cincinnati on Feb 16, 2020 (he'll take Saturday 2/15/20 as a vacation day).





Upcoming Services

Feb 2: *Brigid, Boudicca & Enheduanna*

Rev. Chip Roush

A goddess, a warrior queen, and the first poet whose name we know—we'll celebrate powerful women from history, and claim their gifts for our contemporary struggles.

Feb 9: *NAACP at Eleventy-One*

Rev. Chip Roush

As the NAACP celebrates the 111th anniversary of its founding, we'll take note of its successes, its challenges, and the Unitarian woman who helped found it.

Feb 16: *Happy Birthdays to Us*

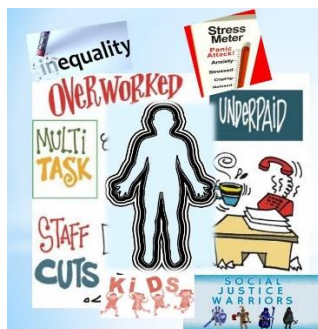
Lay Led

This Sunday's service will be blasts from the past! The church will be a few days shy of its 68th birthday, and through the years, many members and ministers have written about their favorite memories and what this beloved community means. We'll be sharing some of those words, in our voices today. If you're interested in participating in the service, contact Florence Klecka, either in person or at Mayfield.david@att.net.

Feb 23: *Highlights from GA'19*

Rev. Chip Roush

We'll look back at our UUA's General Assembly 2019, as the deadline for the biggest discounts for GA'20 looms. Among others, we'll hear from Richard Blanco—the first immigrant, the first Latino and the first openly gay person to serve as a U.S. inaugural poet (Obama's second term).



**HACK YOUR LIFE:
Avoid Burnout
Save the Date**

- ❖ April 26, 2020
- ❖ 1st Unitarian Church
- ❖ Guiding the journey:
Rev. Chip Roush, Pastor
Dr. De Bryant, Psychologist

* expect relief!!

Activities and Events This Month

All-Church Potluck Sunday, February 2, 11:45 am

Don't miss our second potluck of the winter season. Everyone has their own comfort food for this time of year. We invite you to bring yours to share, whether made in your kitchen or purchased at your favorite store. We assume these favorites will include Valentine's sweets (with or even without chocolate). Whatever you bring, do join us at our potluck tables on 2-2-2020.

Note: To keep our resolution to make the potluck more special-diet friendly, please look for our special dish signs (vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, low carb, nuts).

March 16 Stewardship Brunch...

Thanks to the generosity of the Stewardship committee—there will be a Stewardship Brunch, with food provided for all, on March 16, 2020. Mark the date! And yes, we will STILL have our regular potluck on March 2.

Women's Potluck

The Third Friday Women's Potluck will be

February 21 at 6:00 at the home of Anna Speck. This is a relaxing time to get to know others better. You can prepare a dish or just pick up something at the market. Contact Kathy Platt for directions and to let her know what you might bring, pkplatt@comcast.net or 234-1352.

Feasters

"Feasters" (our group that likes to eat well) will meet at 6:30 on Wednesday, 2/26 at Gasthaus (115 N Dixie Way, Roseland). Please contact Mary Alice by 2/25 if you wish to join in the eating fun! 574-387-7342 or maryalichelundergan@gmail.com

Religious Education Events



Come watch **“Frozen”** with us on Friday, February 21. We’ll be in the conference room serving popcorn and drinks from 7 pm - 9 pm. All ages are welcome!

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.



Save the date and join us for the South Bend **St. Patty’s Day** event on March 14th! We’ll be marching in the 11:00 parade, and partying at the church after!



Save Another Date!
Our annual Trivia Night will be Friday, April 17, at 7:00. Mark your calendar and plan to form a team or come and join one!



Endowment Committee Announcement

In 2019, our church awarded endowment grants for the following projects:

- Archives
- Memorial Garden
- Mobile Ecology Center
- Natural Playground
- North Roof Replacement
- Building Principal

We are excited about the progress that has been made on all of these projects.

The Endowment Committee is now inviting proposals for grants from the 2020 endowment disbursement. We anticipate having approximately \$14,000 available for this year’s grants.

We especially encourage proposals from committees. If you or your committee sees an area of interest, growth or expansion for our Church, please complete the Endowment Proposal Form which you can find on the church website and submit it to the Endowment Committee by March 1st.

The members of the Endowment Committee are happy to assist your committee with your proposal. Please contact any of us (Joseph Gress, Allen deSommer or Marilyn Shaul) to arrange a meeting.

This assistance does not imply that the proposal will be funded but instead is designed to ensure that the proposal forms are filled out completely and accurately.



Peace and Justice Committee

The February 9th Peace and Justice presenter will be Margaret (Margie) Pfeil from St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker House.

This community of Catholics is inspired by the example of Dorothy Day. They feed and shelter the homeless, practice the works of mercy, and oppose the works of war.

St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker House is comprised of two hospitality houses - one for men and one for women. The site also runs a drop-in center, Our Lady of the Road, where guests can eat breakfast, use laundry services, take showers, rest, and socialize. The Share the Plate will go to Our Lady of the Road.

Peace and Justice Request

The Peace & Justice Committee is looking for tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations to be the recipients of our Share-the-Plate collections on the second Sunday of every month. The preference is for locally based charities that help people in need. We try to have organizations come back no more frequently than every two years. It works best if we have a representative who will to speak for 2-3 minutes to the congregation about the work of the organization. Please send suggestions to Anne Mannix at amannix.nda@gmail.com

Care Committee

This is the “love” month, “the spirit of our church.” Enjoy freely expressing and receiving love. Possibly, we could send love messages to these folks of our community that we have not seen for a while for various reasons: Bette Asplund, Phil Badger, Mary Bethe, Peg Carmen, Kathie Carr, Cathy Duncan, Dan French, Dale Gibson, Dan Groteke, Michelle Minnisan, Ilene Murphy. Their contact information is in our directory.



This month’s Happy Birthday Celebrations go to: Fern Hamlin (4), Peg Carmen (6), Phil Badger (11) Ron Robinson (18), Rose Fournier (15),

Antoinette Needham (18), Lois Stiffler (19), Tamara Ciszczon (21), Lois Holm (27), and Cathy Duncan (28). Join us for a gluten/dairy free birthday cake celebration for everyone after the service on February 9th.

Among Us

Susan Siemers has a hip replacement surgery scheduled for the first week in February. Hoping that the staff and healing is the best possible.

Our sympathy goes out to Ilene Crutchfield, whose father, Harlow Ervin Grise, died on 1/3/20.

Our congregation suffered a great loss at the passing of Mary Bethe early on the morning of January 28. Please watch the CHIRP for a date for her memorial, and keep her family and friends in your thoughts.

This is the month for “Undie Sundays.” We will have a bin near the button wall to drop off new and gently used clean underwear for Broadway Christian Parish (BCP), “partner’s with the less fortunate in our community.” Monday through Thursday mornings BCP has breakfast, showers, laundry, and mail room services for approximately 100 people (men, women and children) daily. We are grateful for your loving generosity of socks, underwear and towels.

The Care Committee would also like to remind you of our “**giving freezer,**” which is in need of single servings of a meal or soup for those who are in need of some extra nourishment. These winter days take a lot of our body energy to keep warm. So when you cook, put a container aside to share. This food sharing is greatly appreciated by our members and friends.

Due to a generous gift, the Care Committee has a **heavy-duty transport chair** available in the airlock entry to assist people from car to and from our building.

Be safe, stay cozy and enjoy the beauty of these days of winter. ~The Care Committee

Grounds Committee



Plans have been made for installation of the hardscape

for our **Memorial Garden** this spring. Serene Scapes will install a sitting area and a paved walkway leading to it from our parking lot. An endowment grant will cover most of the cost, but we still need to raise some funds for the hardscape, benches, and any additional plantings. If you are interested in helping to pay for the finishing touches of the memorial garden, information and donation opportunities will be available in the church foyer each Sunday in February after the church service. Please see Barb Carmichael or Susan Van Fleit if you have additional questions.



Watch our church Facebook page, and/or our website, and/or your television with all the cancellations at the bottom of the

screen, to see if the church has cancelled a service due to weather, etc. *Whether the church is open or not, we depend on you to make the best choices for you and your family –if it looks too risky, we're happy to see you the next weekend.*

During the week, the office is only closed if the South Bend Community Schools' Administration Building is closed. – For evening meetings, please check with the organizers.

January Board Highlights:



The Board is considering **Board of Trustees** having an intern next year to help Chip and to work with the congregation. Preliminary conversations are taking place. .

Fundraising totals for the Bazaar, Cookie Walk, Ginger Bear donations and Dessert Raffle came to \$3,317.50. Thanks to all who planned and worked on the events and to all who donated.

The Board wants to thank Kathy Vetter and the Aesthetics Committee for their work on getting the sanctuary wall repaired, repainted and fitted with a wooden grate which allows air circulation for the pipes and which matches the style of the sanctuary. It looks great. Thanks to all.

The Ad Hoc Lighting Committee and the Emergency Planning Committee continue their work.

The Board certified the Membership List for 110 members.

The next Board meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 7:00.

Social Hour & Potluck Hosts

Thanks to the following good folks, we have a plan to cover Sunday Coffee Hours and Potlucks:

Kathy Vetter and crew, Kathy Platt, Lois Holm, Sharon Barrett, Alice Bentley, & Ilene Crutchfield. Please offer your help, too!





Volunteer Awards to
First Unitarian Church, South Bend,
Indiana
the Rev. Jennie Barrington,
Interim Minister
June 14, 2009

To Kay Azar: the "Great Talents Come in Small Packages" Award

To Rich Wallace and the Stewardship Committee [including Kay Azar, Cindy Benedict, Jim Curlee, and Laurie Jedlowski]: the "Greatest Success Story" Award

To Fern Hamlin, Assistant Treasurer: "Most Well-Prepared"

To Gary Metzler, Treasurer: the "A Day Ahead and A Dollar Over" Award

To the 2008 - 2009 Board [Kay Azar, Rich Wallace, Kathy Wells, Gary Metzler, Roger Birdsell, Don Marti, Eric Morgan, Ellen Triebold, and Marcia Shuman]: "Best Intentions, Highest Hopes"

To the Search Committee [Barb Carmichael, Florence Klecka, David Wistreich, Elena Wake, Pam Bachman, and Elizabeth Scarborough]: the "Needle in a Haystack" Award

To Cindy Benedict: the "Ever-Ready Bunny" Award

To the Peace and Justice Committee [Dale Gibson, Darlene Catello, Joy Pletcher, and Phil Badger]: "Most Perseverance"

To Kathy Wells: the "For Cryin' Out Loud Let's Replace the Chalice Light With One That Stays Lit, Already!" Award

To Kathy Platt and Diane Teeter and the Service Auction Volunteers: the "We will Raise More Money in Half as Much Time But Only Just this Once" Award

To Tom Platt, Moderator Extra ordinaire: the "Most Strenuous Exertion in the Line of Duty" Award

To Mary Beth Dickey, Maureen Wijnen, Tama Crisovan, and the RE Volunteers: the "Spinning Straw into Gold" Award

To Anne Mannix and the Building Feasibility Task Force [Bob Shuman, Chuck Leone, Kathy Platt, and Allyson Kricheff]: the "If You Build It, We Will do a Power Point Presentation and Promise Never to Survey the Congregation Again" Award

To the Care Committee [Mary Hagen, Lynn McDonald, Joy Pletcher, Dale Gibson, Alice Bentley, and Bette Asplund] "The Purple Heart"

To the Special Musicians [Virginia Morrow, Zae Munn, Emily Munn-Wood, Charlotte Munn-Wood, Allen deSomer, Bill Skidmore, Mary Beth Dickey, Eric Morgan, and Gretchen Ohmann]: "A Gold Record"

To Eric Williams: the "Best Sport" Award

To the Transitions Team [a/k/a Committee on Ministry] Ron Robinson, Chuck Leone, Alice Bentley, Allyson Kricheff, and Kathy Wells]: the "Exquisite Solutions" Award

Unsung Hero Awards to: Mary Alice Hardy, Jim Curlee, Garry Roberson, Val Blanchette, and Brendan Crumlish

To the Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts: the "We Brought Gracious Hospitality, Even Though We Forgot the Door Code Again" Award

And, lastly– to the New Chair of the Maintenance of Our Building Committee, whoever that may be: the "It Was Like that When I Got Here" Award



Regional Assembly Registration Now Open!



MidAmerica Region News

Our MidAmerica Regional Assembly will be Saturday, April 18, in Rockford, Illinois. Early-bird registration (by March 20) is only \$100 for adults (\$75 for Young Adults or youth; \$50 for childcare). Taquiena Boston, Special Advisor to the President of our UUA, will be the keynote speaker. The event lasts from 9:30am until 4:45pm, CDT. This one-day Assembly is an experiment, less expensive than the 2-3 day Assemblies of the past. Contact Rev. Chip for more details, or click on the following link to find out more information about Regional Assembly including pricing, hotel information, schedule of events, workshop information, how to register, and much more:

<https://www.uua.org/midamerica/ra/2020>

We look forward to seeing you there!

In the Community



Humanist Forum February Events

* **Hungry Humanists Meet for Dinner@Oliva's Bar & Restaurant Thursday,**

February 6 @ 6:30pm;327 Union Street Mishawaka, 46544. Ask for Rita's table. Oliva's is tucked away at the end of a dead-end street, so it's not likely you've ever passed this way by chance. A family run place with authentic Italian cuisine including daily specials. Please RSVP by the day before if possible and check out their menu and reviews here:

<https://www.zomato.com/south-bend-in/olivass-bar-restaurant-mishawaka>.

* **Celebrating Charles Darwin and Evolution on Thursday, February 20 @ 6:30pm;** River Park Branch Library, [2022 E. Mishawaka Avenue South Bend, 46615](https://www.cityofsb.org/2022-E-Mishawaka-Avenue-South-Bend-46615).

We'll watch a couple short videos, followed by a discussion. The first video is an engaging talk at the Center for Inquiry Conference by Nathan Lents, Professor of Biology at John Jay College and author of two recent books: Not So Different and Human Errors. With degrees in molecular biology and human physiology, and a postdoctoral fellowship in computational genomics, Lents tackles the evolution of human biology from a broad and interdisciplinary perspective. In addition to his research and teaching, he can be found defending sound evolutionary science in the pages of Science, Skeptic Magazine, the Wall Street Journal, The Guardian and others. After discussion of the first video, we'll move onto a very short video of comedian Dara O Briain giving his take on Creation and Evolution. Finally, we'll end with a short TEDx talk by Chris Darwin, the great, great grandson of Charles Darwin.

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



Chili Cook-off -- You are invited to a special event to help raise funds for The Ripple Effect Vocal Visionary Project! On February 8, chili enthusiasts in the area will be bringing pots of their special homespun recipes to Kern Road Mennonite Church to be judged by the public. At the end of the evening, the Top Chili Dog will be awarded a prize!

The \$15 suggested donation at the door includes limitless chili, cornbread, beverage, dessert, dinner music (provided by The Ripple Effect members and Art Gorman!), and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction.

All proceeds will go to The Ripple Effect choir general operations, including their annual "If You Knew Me" tour! Kern Road Mennonite Church is located at 18211 Kern Rd, South Bend, IN, and the doors open 4:30-7:30. For more info, please contact Sherry K at 574-291-9044 or sherry@sherryk.com (preferred).



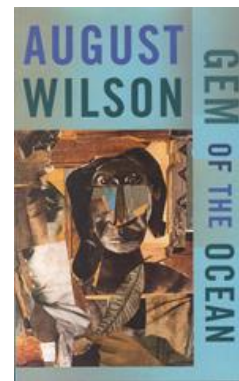
Join North Central Indiana Moms Demand Action to recognize National Gun Violence Survivors Week

(NGVSW) with a dinner to honor the survivors of gun violence and bring the community together to call for an end to senseless violence. NGVSW marks the approximate time that gun deaths in the United States surpass the number of gun deaths experienced by our peer countries in an entire calendar year.

When: Sunday, February 6, 5:00 pm
Where: First Unitarian Church of SB
801 E Washington St, South Bend

Click here to make a reservation:
<https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/30994/signup/?source=mda-web--event-search&akid=&zip=>

Don't forget that the LGBTQ community and allies are welcome to come for support on the 3rd Thursdays of each month at the LGBTQ Center on Mishawaka Ave. We meet from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to join us!



On February 22, the 100 Black Men will sponsor August Wilson's play, *Gem of the Ocean* at the Civic. The congregation is invited to attend at half the price of \$12.00. When you call for tickets, please mention the 100 Black Men to get the special price.

Times:
6:30-7:30: Heavy hors d'oeuvres & cash bar
7:30-10:30: Live Performance
Call 574-234-1112

Pilgrimage Healing

February is the month of Love. We send cards and gifts to family and friends to say "I love you." We can take it to a deeper level as we remember the flow of Love that is ours every day of our lives. We can act as beacons of that Love as we open to its presence in our lives and send it on to every person and circumstance we encounter. What a wonderful valentine gift all year long! Pilgrimage Healing is a perfect time to truly open to the ever present flow of Love. Give yourself or someone you love a valentine gift of Pilgrimage Healing.

Gift certificates are available for a \$20.00 donation. For more information or to schedule a session contact Linda Jacobs at 574-360-7699 or lsj621@sbcglobal.net. Pilgrimage Healing practitioners include Maureen Briones, Linda Carter and Linda Jacobs. ~Namaste

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Please remember that our choir rehearses each Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30pm. All are welcome to join this intergenerational group of singers!

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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 March 2020: February 17)