

July 19th, 2020

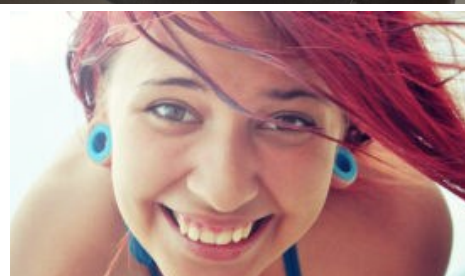


The Meridian

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

333 Meridian Street - West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 - uuctc.org

Welcome All Souls



Speaker: Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Associate: Diana Poindexter

Music: Denise Wilson, Michael Lewis

Online Support: Alice Pawley, Eric Thiel

Link: <http://uuctc.org/sunday>

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Order of Service for July 19th, 2020

Gathering Music *Mazurka de Servante*
Traditional Auvergne
Presented by Traveler's Dream

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting All That We Share is Sacred

As we gather together, may we remember
When you share with me what is most
important to you,
That is where listening begins.
When I show you that I hear you,
When I say your life matters,
That is where compassion begins.
When I open the door to greet you,
That is where hospitality begins.
When I venture out to bring you to shelter,
That is where love begins.
When I risk my comfort to ease your suffering,
When I act against hatred, violence, and injustice,
That is where courage begins.
When we experience the full presence of
each other,
Because of our shared humanity,
Because of our differences,
That is where holy gratitude begins.
May this space be a table that is not complete
until all are welcome.
May this table be a space of beauty
where together we create a series of miracles,
and where all that we share is sacred.
May it be so.

By Andrée Mol

Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church, and service is
its law, This is our covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in
love, and to help one another.

Hymn 360 *Here We Have Gathered*
Led by Denise Wilson, Michael Lewis

Time for All Ages

The Sandwich Swap, By Her Majesty Queen
Rania Al Abdullah and Illustrated by Kelly
Di Pucchio, Read by Gale Charlotte

Offering

Offertory *Simple Faith*, By David Tamulevich
Presented by Denise Wilson

Prayer and Meditation

Message **Welcome All Souls**
Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Hymn 407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*
Led by Denise Wilson, Michael Lewis

Extinguish Chalice

Extinguishing our chalice does not mean that our
work is over. We have been at one time or another
the stranger, the prodigal child, the hungry
multitude, or the thirsty traveler. Let us always
remember what it feels like to be truly welcomed;
and then, let us be that welcome in the world to
others. Let us go in love practicing 'radical
hospitality' with our whole body, mind and spirit.

May it be so, Amen

Benediction Holy and Generous Love

Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long and
we can bend it toward justice.

Go in courage, for together we have the strength
to confront injustice in our daily lives and the
larger world.

Go in love, because a holy and generous love is
both the reason and the means by which we
transform our lives.

By Elena Westbrook

Go in peace gentle people.

Postlude *Mazurka de Servante*
Traditional Auvergne
Presented by Traveler's Dream

Welcome/Coffee Time Hosted by Jean Herr
Please join us for a time of fellowship, conversation
and to welcome visitors/newcomers in the same
zoom space as the service. <http://uuctc.org/sunday>

Religious Exploration
Zoom meeting from 12-12:30 (RE) and 12:30-1
(Youth) <https://uuctc.org/re>

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Ways to Connect

- **People Who Identify As Women group** – contact Sherry Tripodi (sherrytripodi@yahoo.com) to be added to this email list. Meetings are happening both on zoom and in person.
- **People Who Identify as Men group** – contact Josh Prokopy (joshuaprokopy@gmail.com) to be added to this email list. They meet outdoors every couple of weeks.
- **Feminist Book Group** – contact Linda Prokopy (lprokopy@gmail.com) to be added to the list and to receive our current reading list. We're meeting over zoom once a month.
- The **UU Flames** are playing this summer in the WL coed softball league. Anyone 18 years of age or older is more than welcome to join. Please contact Mark VaMeeter (mvanmeeter@comcast.net) for more details.

Sunday

- ⇒ **Sunday Service** - Please join us for Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m, followed by a time to welcome new visitors and of fellowship. The service is at <http://uuctc.org/sunday> via Zoom and <https://uuctc.org/sunday-dial-in/> via phone.
- ⇒ As part of our 8th Principle Task Force, **Schane Coker** will be teaching a class on **Critical Race Theory Sundays from 2 pm to 3:30 pm (July 12th — September 13th)** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85913209223?pwd=WmlxTGtod21SM2V3OXV4OHQrT0I0QT09> contact info: cokersd@gmail.com

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a paradigm within academic research that allows readers the ability to see and understand the experiences of minorities, particularly African Americans, in U.S. society and the struggles they continue to face today... CRT explores how race has been used by people in power (white people) to further their economic and political interests at the expense of people of color.

Monday

- ⇒ Anyone is welcome to join us for a **Virtual Insight Meditation every Monday at 7pm** on Zoom! We're a small community that has found deep value in practicing stillness and focusing on awareness on our breathing, thoughts, and supporting each other in doing so.

You can join us at: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuuctc.org%2Finsight-zoom&token=UbpjTHhyV79Vmfhcs9ZwJqoGRov0Ap0vckX9j%2FKXU%2B0%3D>

Join the web-based Zoom meeting (works best on Chrome) at: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fuuctc.org%2Finsight-web&token=q%2BqmAjOo9YxgaKw2%2BxwwwWbT7i%2FEfBkqxAkp7MVwn1s%3D>

Meeting ID: 863 1429 6645 Password: 212486

Wednesday

- ⇒ **Lunch with Rev. Rosemary.** Every **Wednesday at noon** bring your questions, concerns, and of course your lunch to visit with our Interim Minister <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96146624177>



"Pay It No Mind: The Life and Times of Marsha P. Johnson"

Video: Saturday, August 1st at 3:00 pm
Discussion: Following video at 4:00 pm

The Welcoming Congregation Subcommittee will host a discussion of "Pay It No Mind: The Life and Times of Marsha P. Johnson" on Saturday, August 1 at 4:00 pm at uuctc.org/sunday and uuctc.org/sunday-dial-in via Zoom.

We invite you to watch the video with us at uuctc.org/sunday at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 1, or watch the video at uuctc.org/marsha prior to our discussion (or in case of Zoom difficulties, followed by discussion via uuctc.org/sunday-dial-in).

This documentary includes the longest interview ever conducted with Johnson, a trans activist, central figure in the Stonewall Uprising, actress, prostitute and much beloved "saint" by street people in New York City prior to her death in 1992. Johnson addresses issues of identity, activism, sex work and dangers on the streets in NYC.

Join us for this illuminating and important film.



Dear Unitarian Universalist Church Inc. (IN316),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

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To link your rewards click below:

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Apr-01-2020 to Jun-31-2020

Households 20

Total Donations \$64.80



Lafayette Transitional housing helps people find homes, and also recognizes that they might have other needs related to employment, food, medical issues, etc. Caseworkers are on staff to assist with these as well. There is a day shelter at the LTHC office on Union Street, and currently about 75 people spend part of their day there, and can also eat any/all of the three meals served there each day. The LTHC has a Compassion Council made up mostly of representatives from area houses of worship. UUCTC is represented on that council by Kathy Coder. The Council meets monthly for an

update of LTHC activities and needs. With the blessing of our Social Justice Committee, LTHC was the recipient of \$611.81 through our Change for Change program in January and February. LTHC was very grateful for our generosity. They anticipate that as the COVID-19 restrictions for evicting people for non-payment of rent are lifted by mid-July, the number of people looking for housing will increase. We will try to keep our church community informed in future newsletters of other ways we can help.

Changing Lives

The City of West Lafayette is currently developing a climate action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to future changes in climate. We want to make sure the community's priorities, concerns and feedback are incorporated throughout the plan, so we are reaching out to various businesses, cultural centers, religious organizations, and other community groups to hear as many voices as possible.

Consider participating in one of the following:

- (1) A **10-15 minute survey** (<https://tinyurl.com/y9nteby9>) to gauge the community's concerns, priorities and preferred strategies. We ask that community members first watch the three-minute educational video at <https://www.wlgogreener.com/community-wide-2020>, and those who complete the survey will be entered in a raffle to win gift cards to local businesses!
- (2) A **virtual public feedback session**, in which anyone from the community can ask questions, share their ideas, or sit back and learn about how West Lafayette's vulnerabilities and how we can grow resilient as a community. **This will be on Tuesday, July 21st at 6 pm.**

Register for the session here! <https://forms.gle/xFX9xT7A5EzV9Bp79>

New Grounds Committee!

Please join us in thanking **Susanne McConville** and **Lorraine Myer** for agreeing to co-chair this important committee.

Guidelines for this group are:

1. We want the grounds to be appealing and pleasant to look at. We want people to see that we care about our space.
2. We want to honor our 7th Principle of "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."
3. We want the grounds to be as low-maintenance as possible as we strive for both the above.

If you have a few hours to spare, and enjoy digging, planting, raking, or weeding please contact:

Susanne McConville at

suemcconville1200@gmail.com or

Lorraine Myer at lorraine@rlmyer.com

People who have donated or volunteered:

Larry Guentert	JJ Rode	Neetu Sinha
Denise Laussade	Lisa Pantea	Susan Wilson
Lonna Beardsley	Kim Harden	Eric Thiel
Bobby Dunning	Tom Smith	Polly
Lonna Beardsley	Jacqueline Nelson	
Della Willman		

Jodie Tishmack from Soilmaker for donating mulch! <http://www.soilmaker.com/index.htm>

Committee Members:

Noemi Ybarra	Beth Misner
Walter Murphy	Lorraine Myer
Amanda Estes	Susanne McConville



Come by and see the changes.



Thank you!!

UU News & Announcements

Child /Youth RE (Religious Exploration)

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org

For more information about the RE (Religious Exploration) program, please contact Nicole McCabe at dre@uuctc.org or visit our RE website at <https://regluu.wordpress.com>

Zoom: Sunday, July 12th from 12-12:30 (Religious Exploration) and 12:30-1:00 (Youth)
This week we'll share self portraits.

Weekly Challenge: Create a paper plate portrait to share. <https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/tolerance-lessons/understanding-prejudice-through-paper-plate-portraits>

Chalice Lighting: We light this chalice—symbol of our faith alive in this world—naming our vision of collective liberation, and daring to remember each other into beloved community.

Feast of the Hunter's Moon Festival

STATUS UPDATE

After meeting with Tippecanoe County community officials on the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association has decided to announce that the 53rd annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon festival scheduled for October 3-4, 2020 will be postponed until October 9-10, 2021. The decision was made based upon the difficulty of maintaining social distancing and other recommended CDC guidelines for large events. The safety of the public was the factor considered foremost in the making the decision.

The difficult decision was made understanding how important the Feast is to the community as a positive, engaging historical event and as a significant fundraiser for 50 community organizations such as scout troops, churches, and civic organizations.

The Feast is the main fundraising event for the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and supports all aspects of the operation including curation of the unique and valuable artifacts in the TCHA collection, the broad expanse of community programming to educate about our incredible local history, and preservation efforts to maintain important historical sites such as the Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum, the Fort Ouiatenon Blockhouse, the Arganbright Genealogy Center and Library, and the Ouiatenon Preserve.

TCHA board president Pete Bill states "With support from the community, our loyal membership, sponsors, and Feast participants, we will weather these tough financial times with the goal for the Feast to return in 2021 and for TCHA to remain a strong community resource."

ATTENTION

Board Meetings will now be on the **THIRD** Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm—8:30pm.



NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

With all of the uncertainties of life during this time, I am revisiting learning how to comfort children dealing with grief. It is important to me to be able to provide comfort while also addressing personal feelings.

1. Acknowledge their presence, importance, opinions, thoughts, and feelings about loss.
2. Be patient and open minded. Allow them to grieve in their own way.
3. Be available – Sit with the child, listen to them, and answer their questions.
4. Reassure them the circumstances that led to the death were extreme and it is unlikely other adults in their lives will die any time soon (unless this is untrue).
5. Let them know that a range of different emotions are normal.
6. Validate their feelings and do not minimize them.
7. Check in with other adults involved in their life.

From <http://www.whatsyourgrief.com> The website goes in to detail of how children process loss grouped by age.

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