

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020



# The Meridian

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart

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**Speaker:** Andrew McKnight

**Music:** Andrew McKnight

**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94874634692>**

**line Support:** Alice Pawley, Eric Thiel

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

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# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart

Love Reaches Out

This week we will be visiting  
the Unitarian Universalist  
Fellowship of Elkhart, IN



Rev. Amy DeBeck

## Featuring: Andrew McKnight

Nationally-acclaimed singer/songwriter and guitarist celebrates rural America, weaving his masterfully crafted songs, humorous stories and poetic drama into a musical soundscape sketched with shades of Appalachia, tasteful slide and jazzy blues, feisty anthems, and rustic folk.

## Topic: “Beyond These Walls, Beyond These Broken Hearts

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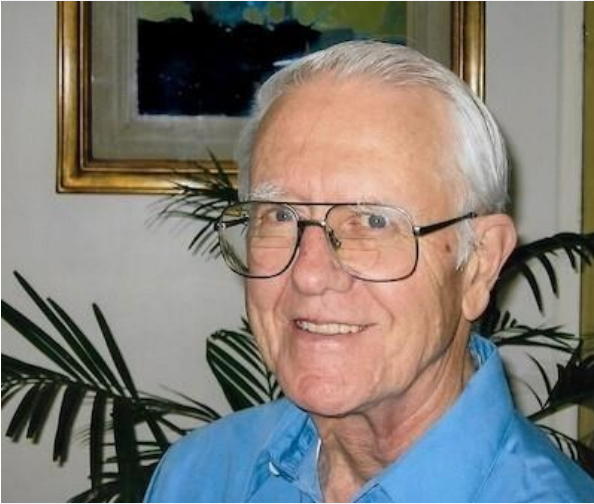
Time: Aug 9, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94874634692>

Meeting ID: 947 7463 4692

# CELEBRATION *of Life*



## **John A. Carlson** **1933—2020**

John Allyn Carlson, 87, passed away at Westminster Village in West Lafayette on July 18, 2020, with his loved ones by his side.

He was born on July 4, 1933 in Boston, to Valdemar Carlson and Lillian (Deans) Carlson. He grew up in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

John received a BS in Mathematics from Denison in 1955 and a PhD in Political Economy from Johns Hopkins in 1961. After a post-doctoral appointment at Cornell, he began his 42-year career as an Economics professor at Purdue, serving as the Loeb Professor of Economics from 1989 to 2004. He was major professors to 58 PhD recipients, and many of his students stayed in touch both professionally and personally long after his retirement. He published widely and won numerous awards and grants, including an NSF research grant and the Pew Fellowship in International Affairs.

Giving back to his community was important to him. He was active in the Unitarian Universalist congregation for many years, handling many of the financial roles until the last month of his life. He also served on the board of the Civic

Theatre of Greater Lafayette and volunteered for the Crisis Center.

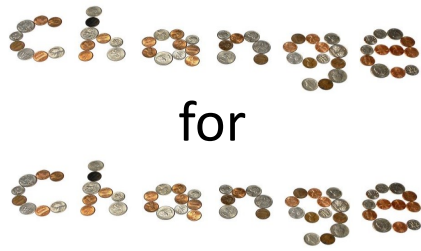
John was happiest when travelling and always looked forward to his next adventure; he visited most of the United States and many countries. He also loved to spend time with his family, especially at a summer home on Manitoulin Island in Ontario. A Purdue sports fan, he regularly attended football and basketball games. He enjoyed ping pong, ballroom dancing, and photography.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Brown Carlson and a sister, Paula Carlson.

He is survived by his lebenspartner, Ingrid Clever, his daughters, Robin (Kevin) Butler, Marjorie (Tracy) Davis, and five grandchildren, Lauren, David, and Karie Butler, and Tyler and Evan Davis.

The memorial service, *“A Celebration of Life”*, will be **August 15th at 2:00 EDT** via Zoom at <http://uuctc.org/sunday>

Memorial donations can be made to the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette or the Unitarian Universalist Church of West Lafayette.



Food Finders Food Bank is continuing as our Change 4 Change recipient for August. FFFB is a front line agency providing assistance to members of our community affected by COVID 19 and all its ramifications. Donate by clicking the Donate button on our church website.

**Changing Lives**

**ATTENTION**

**Board Meetings**

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



**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 53<sup>rd</sup> 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



Dear Unitarian Universalist Church Inc. (IN316),  
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Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

**To link your rewards click below:**

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**Apr-01-2020 to Jun-31-2020**

**Households 20**

**Total Donations \$64.80**

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."

# Ways to Connect

- **People Who Identify As Women group** – contact Sherry Tripodi ([sherrytripodi@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mvanmeeter@comcast.net)) for more details.

## Sundays

- ⇒ **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.

### **UPDATE: This Sundays Class, August 2nd was changed to 3:30pm to 5:00pm.**

- ⇒ 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](mailto: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.

## Mondays

- ⇒ 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

## Wednesdays

### **Rev. Morrison is "On Holidays" in August. Lunch will resume in September.**

- ⇒ **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>

# UU News & Announcements

## Child /Youth RE (Religious Exploration)

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, [dre@uuctc.org](mailto:dre@uuctc.org)

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

### RE Sunday- August 9th from 12-1pm

Zoom link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89083923920>

“Do stuff. be clenched, curious. Not waiting for inspiration's shove or society's kiss on your forehead. Pay attention. It's all about paying attention. Attention is vitality. It connects you with others. It makes you eager. Stay eager.”

– Susan Sontag

⇒ Who are those in your community that you've made connections with? Are you connected with others through family, interest groups, hobbies, or talents? Are you connected with others who are similar or different than you? How do you stay connected with your various communities? Choose someone that you'd like to deepen your connection with and write them a letter, make them a card, or start up a conversation with them. What might you learn from each other?

I'm looking for volunteers willing to share their talents during our Zoom meeting.

**Volunteers Needed:** Would you be willing to:

- Record a story, poem, and/or reading for RE or a UUCTC service?
- Be a pen pal with and/or call a UUCTC community member?
- Hang out with the youth for some outdoor, social distant fun?
- Help out the grounds committee?

**RE At Home Kits-** Kim Smith, Kathy Coder, and I will be working together to create monthly RE at home kits. Please see below for the monthly themes and kits and let me know if you'd like to schedule a time to pick up your monthly kit. They are subject to change based on needs and availability of materials.

- **August-** The theme is connection. We will have chalice making kits available.
- **September-** The theme is expectations. We will have vision board kits for

## NURSERY

Christina Wright, [Nursery@uuctc.org](mailto:Nursery@uuctc.org)

With the losses we are experiencing these days, whether the loss of the comfort of normalcy or that of the loss of a loved one, it can be healing to think of this pain in a different manner. I found comfort in this quote and think it is appropriate to share with my young ones.

**“Grief, I've learned is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot. All that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in the hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go.”**

–Jamie Anderson

When trying to gain insight into a child's thoughts or level of understanding of a topic, open ended questions can be a great tool.

- How do you think that thing works?
- What do you think this item is used for?
- Why did you choose that toy/shirt/book today? What does this remind you of?
- What could we have done instead?



## UU the VOTE

Click the link below to get involved:

<https://www.uuthevote.org/>

**Faith. Love. Action. Together.**

UU CHURCH STAFF



Rev. Rosemary Morrison — Interim Minister

Nicole McCabe — Director of Religious Exploration

Monty Myszak — Office Administrator

Christina Wright — Nursery Coordinator