

August 16th, 2020

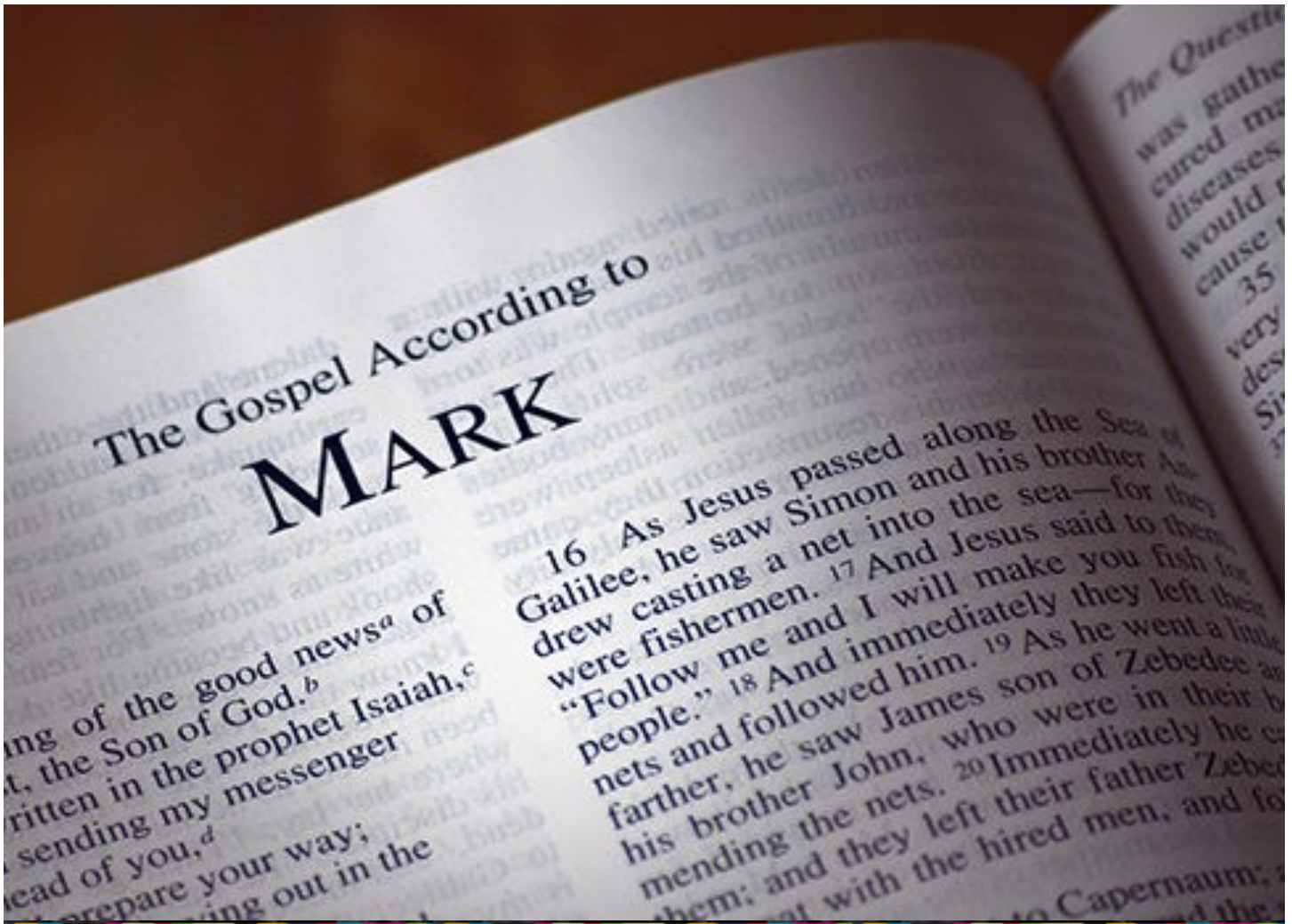


The Meridian

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

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

“Immediately”



Speaker: Tom Brown

Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Music: Richard Maddux, Hilary Noel
Spontaneous Hopeful Monster

Online Support: Alice Pawley, Eric Thiel

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

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Order of Service for August 16th, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude *24 Preludes, Op. 11: No. 15*
 in D-Flat Major
 By Alexander Scriabin
 Performed by Richard Maddux

Chalice Lighting

“So, when I am able to establish myself in nothing, and nothing in myself, uprooting and casting out what is in me, then I can pass into the naked being of God, which is the naked being of the Spirit.”

-Meister Eckhart, Dominican Monk and Medieval Mystic

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 21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
 Led by Hilary Noel

Responsive Reading *Litany for Human Rights*

In the face of the struggle for freedom,

Give us strength.

In the face of decisions about freedom,

Give us wisdom.

In the practice of freedom,

Give us guidance.

From the dangers of freedom,

Give us protection.

In the life of freedom,

Give us joy.

In the way that we use our freedom,

Give us clear vision.

Offering

Offertory *Shine, By Collective Soul*
 Offered by Spontaneous
 Hopeful Monster

Reflection [See following page](#)

Sermon “Immediately”
 Tom Smith

Hymn 205 *Amazing Grace*
 Led by Hilary Noel

Extinguish Chalice

“God is not attained by a process of addition to anything in the soul, but by a process of subtraction.”

-Meister Eckhart, Dominican Monk and Medieval Mystic

Benediction

“Take a good look at yourself. Inside, you’ve got heaven and earth, and all of creation. You’re a world—everything is hidden in you.”

-Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess and Medieval Mystic

Go in peace gentle people.

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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Reflection

Opening our Lives: Participatory Reflection

We open our hearts to all the creatures of our planet, and to people everywhere, to our Minister, (*Name*) and to the people of this church.

Spirit of creativity, power of destruction and rebirth unite us in generosity to share the bounty and abundance of this good earth. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom and deep compassion.

(Especially we lift up:)

Spirit of Love,

Fill our hearts.

We lift up our community and all those who live and work in our area. We lift up our Ministerial Transitions Team and those working to recruit a new settled minister to this congregation.

(*Silence*)

Spirit of Friendship, bond of trust that ties us together and connects us to one another, we lift up our families and friends, that we might listen with openness and speak without judgment, offering our vulnerable true selves.

(Especially we lift up:)

Spirit of Love,

Fill our hearts.

We lift up those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, and for those with other problems.

(*Silence*)

Call to compassion, desire that stirs deep in our empathy, strengthen and heal all those who are sad, lonely or heartsick. May we be a blessing when we reach out to them.

(Especially we lift up:)

Spirit of Love,

Fill our hearts.

We lift up our lives that we might walk with honesty and integrity this week and treat with fierce tenderness everyone we meet.

(*Silence*)

Spirit of Love, we invoke the best of our gracious humanity, to work for those things we have lifted up, in cautious, but certain belief that flagrant love and ridiculous hope might yet make us the creatures we long to be.

So may it be.

UPDATE from the Ministerial Search Committee:

AUGUST 2020

The ministerial search committee is well underway on their journey to find a new minister. As a search committee, representing our congregation, our goal is to work closely with all of you in order to discover what we want and need in a minister.

Searching for a minister is a lengthy process of gathering and compiling data about the history of our church, who we are today, and where we hope to go in the future. We will also look at all the ministers who have “thrown their hats in the ring,” until we settle on the best match.

One of the tasks we are about to undertake is a congregational survey. This is the part about who we are today, where we want to go, and what each of you is looking for in a minister. We need all of you to participate in this. The survey will be on-line, won't take too long, and will give us valuable information. More information will be forthcoming.

In order for you to know more about us, here's a snapshot of the committee members:

Sherry Tripodi teaches first grade at Earhart. This will be her 4th year teaching and her 2nd year teaching first grade. Sherry and Mike have been married 16 years and have a 14 year old daughter, Sylvia, a 12 year old son, Frankie, and 2 dogs. They moved to Indiana in 2010 and joined the UU church the same year. She likes to practice yoga, read fiction, play cards, work in her garden, take long hot baths, and walk her dogs. She has served as a board trustee, stewardship chair, interim membership chair, and leader of the People Who Identify as Women interest group. She is the proud mother of the UU Euchre tournament champion. Aside from teaching, the best job she ever had was working for a landscaping company in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Susanne McConville claims Chicago as her home town and was educated in the Mid-West, and in Florida. She and her husband, Tom, also from Chicago, have been married a long time, have 4 children and grandchildren. They have been coming to the UU Church for about 25 years. She has served on the Social Justice Committee, Pastoral Care, Committee on Ministry, Goodwill Clothing Drive, as well as Art Fair. She enjoys volunteering at church, cooking, reading, yoga, gardening, hanging out with friends, visiting family, and going to the beach.

Her favorite job ever was teaching yoga at Morton Community Center.

Kim Smith joined UUCTC in 2012. She has served the congregation in numerous ways including treasurer and stewardship chair. Currently, Kim co-chairs the 8th principle task force. She likes to bring life to the party as the UUCTC resident karaoke DJ. Kim has spent her career in technical and leadership roles in the manufacturing sector and enjoys her job as a Production Superintendent at Evonik. Kim loves the camaraderie among our congregation and is humbled to serve on the search committee.

Brent Jesiek and family - wife Julie, son Preston (16), daughter Paige (10), and daughter Lila (5) - have attended UUCTC for more than six years. Brent is originally from Holland, Michigan, and since 2008 has been a professor of Engineering Education at Purdue. When the weather cooperates, he enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, and paddleboard surfing. He previously served on the church's board of trustees, and has had volunteer roles in RE and Art Fair.

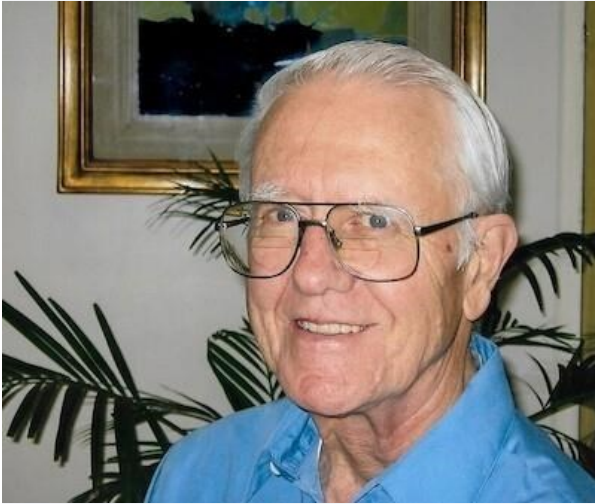
Barny Dunning and his family (wife Beth, and sons Bobby and Nate) joined the UUA while still living in Athens, GA, and have been members of our congregation since 1994. Barny is originally from Stow, Ohio, and is a professor of Wildlife Ecology at Purdue. A birder since he was in Boy Scouts, he has traveled to 18 countries and has seen almost 1500 species of birds. Barny collects postage stamps (some with birds on them!) and sings in the choir. At church he has been on the Board, the Building and Endowment committees and has coordinated the football parking money-maker.

Stephen David was born and raised in South Africa. His partner, Nadine Dolby hails from Boston, Massachusetts, and their daughter was born in Haiti. Stephen and Nadine have been in Lafayette since 2004. Stephen loves literature, philosophy, working with his hands and playing cards. His favorite pastime is hanging out with people and engaging in all types of conversations. He also loves doing volunteer work in the community: he served on the board of the International Center; was the president of City Foods Co-op; and, also assisted at LARA in helping students learn to speak English. He is grateful for being a part of the UU community since 2018, and feels especially honored to represent the UU congregation on the Ministerial Search Committee.

Thank you very much,

Susanne

CELEBRATION *of Life*



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

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.

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

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.

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.
- ⇒ 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=WmlxTGtod21SM2V3OXV4OHQrT010QT09>
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.

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



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



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!

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Community Rewards Staff

ATTENTION

Board Meetings

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



To link your rewards click below:

[Community Rewards Home Page](#)

Apr-01-2020 to Jun-31-2020

Households 20

Total Donations \$64.80

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."

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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>

RE Sunday- August 16th from 12-1pm

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

Please complete a registration form for the upcoming fall semester of RE. You will need to complete one per child. Thanks! <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiKGvagiRua70gPIItQdhJDqtf-TOBmVzoOOIUFiMqxFMeuA/viewform>

“Love is not something we give or get; it is something that we nurture and grow, a connection that can only be cultivated between two people when it exists within each one of them – we can only love others as much as we love ourselves.”

– Brene Brown

How can you stay connected to yourself? What are some routines, habits, and rituals that can bring about greater self-love, self-knowledge, and connection to your own needs and wants? Maybe you'd like to start journaling again, draw a self-portrait, take a daily walk/bike ride alone, redesign your space, explore an interest, etc.

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.

NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

I am still a work in progress
and always hope to be.

- Lupita Nyong'a

It's okay ...to begin your story today.

Those mistakes you've made along
the way are lessons, not failures.

You were meant to get back up and find
a way that resonates with you. There is no
expiration date to reinvent yourself.

- Tiffany Moule



UU the VOTE

Click the link below to get involved:

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

Faith. Love. Action. Together.



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