

August 30th, 2020



The Meridian

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

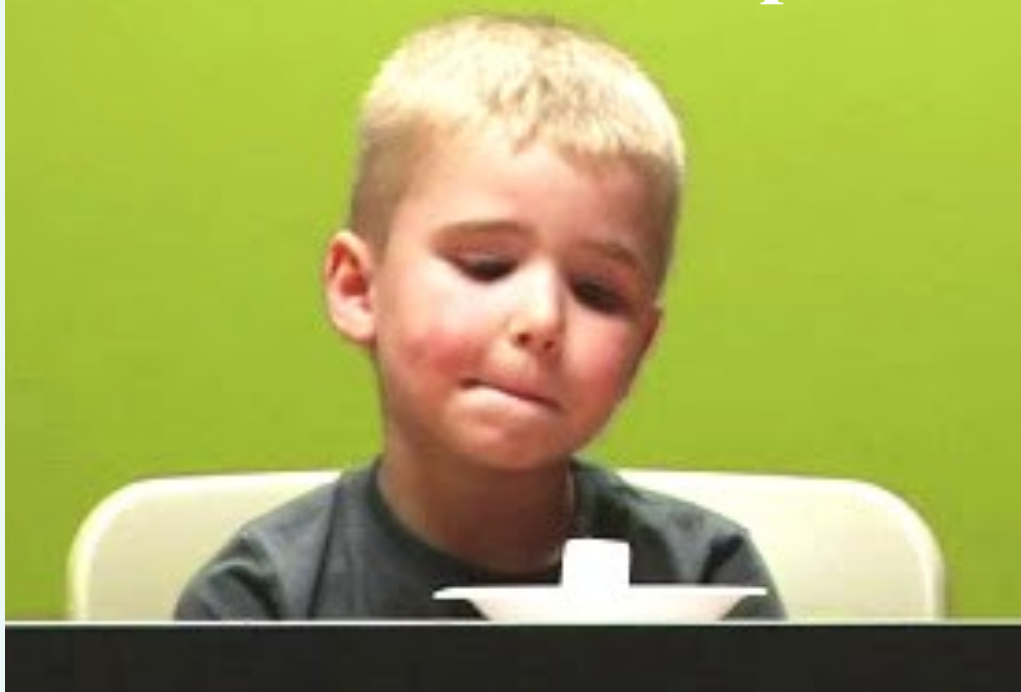
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Marshmallow Willpower



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

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This week we will be visiting the First Unitarian Church of South Bend. The link to the service is: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/4774349822>

Rev. Chip Roush

Chip became an ordained minister in 2005, prior to which he was a database administrator and amateur playwright. He is the co-author of *The Arc of the Universe is Long: Unitarian Universalists, Anti-Racism, and the Journey from Calgary*, along with the Rev. Ms. Leslie Takahashi and Leon Spencer.

He expresses his personal views on his [blog](#) and through [Twitter](#), although his posts and tweets do not necessarily reflect the opinions of First Unitarian Church of South Bend, nor its members.



Marshmallow Willpower

August 30, 2020 at 10:30 am [Rev. Chip Roush](#)

Studying children and marshmallows can teach us about human nature—but probably not in the way you think! We'll explore the real lessons from that (in)famous study.

First Zuunitarian is an online gathering with music, silence, encouraging words and the faces of friends. There will be opportunities to talk & listen with other members/friends during Cafe Hour after the service.

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=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.

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%2BxwvWbT7i%2FEfBkqxAkp7MVwn1s%3D>

Meeting ID: 863 1429 6645 Password: 212486

Wednesdays

- ⇒ **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>

Hunger Hike 2020
Fighting Hunger with all of our Hearts & Soles
hungerhike.org

Registration is now open for **Hunger Hike!** Join us and Fight Hunger with Your Hearts & Soles – locally, regionally & globally.



Get pledges from your family and friends – and raise funds for Hunger Hike 2020.

Encourage your friends & family to join you, start a TEAM, and compete against other community groups.

Hunger Hike is an inspiring event where our community rallies around a common goal — ending hunger.



Sunday, September 13 — Sunday, September 20

- Challenge Walk
- Download the Stridekick App / create a personal challenge / join a leaderboard challenge with your fundraising team

Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 pm

- Livestream event at hungerhike.org
- Speakers and entertainment — including One Size Fits All comedy, magician Scott Starkey, and Studio B Zumba

Ways **YOU** May Participate — Go to **hungerhike.org** to:

Download the **Stridekick App**
Create a personal **Online Fundraising Page**
Form or Join a **Hunger Hike Team** – and donate to a team
Donate directly to Hunger Hike 2020

Go to **hungerhike.org** to text **HHIKE to 71777** to get started.

For more information — check out our website, call us or email us
(hungerhike.org | 765-423-2691 | hungerhike@lumserve.org).

Direct link to donate to the UU Team is:
<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/HHIKE/team/UnitarianUniversalistChur>

UU News & Announcements



**Saturday, September 12th,
concert starts at 7:30 pm**

Grab a drink, some dessert
and join us for the
Stewardship Campaign's
Virtual Coffeehouse Concert.

<http://uuctc.org/coffeehouse>

An evening of Great Music
and Inspiring Testimonials.



UU the VOTE

Click the link below to get involved:

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

Faith. Love. Action. Together.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



New Community Service Opportunity for UUCTC

**partnering with Lafayette Urban Ministry
(LUM) to locate a weekly Pop up Protein
Pantry in our Fellowship Hall**

Lafayette Urban Ministry currently operates a Pop-up Protein Pantry in it's 525 North 4th Street location on Thursdays from 10:00-11:30am. This pantry served 156 families in July 2020, averaging 40-50 families per week. We are looking to duplicate this pop-up food pantry in West Lafayette possibly in our UUCTC Fellowship Hall.

UUCTC and Chapel of Good Shepherd, our neighbor Meridian St church, are discussing teaming up to provide most of the volunteers to run this pop-up pantry.

We currently are looking for a couple of volunteers to co-chair this effort!

If you are interested to learn more, please email cherylafowler@gmail.com.



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

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>

RE Sunday- August 30th from 12-1pm

Christina Wright will be the DRE sub. RE will be doing animal art for the October “Blessing of the Animals” service. Meeting link: This will be a RE Facebook group set up by Christina.

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

Sharing Stories- Looking ahead at the themes for the upcoming months, I thought sharing stories and books would be a great way to have fun, learn more about our themes, and stay connected to each other. If you would like to sign up to be a “mystery storyteller,” and share a personal story, family story, or read a book, please contact dre@uuctc.org.

Blessing of the Animals- RE will be planning a “Blessing of the Animals” service in October. I’m looking for any interested families to help with recording songs, stories, readings, poems, etc. and participating in the planning of this service. We’ll be using a recording that Sharon McKnight did of “Circle of Life,” and inviting the UU community.

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.

September- The theme is expectations. We will have vision board kits for the ministerial search.

October- The theme is belonging. We will have “Blessing of the Animals” kits available.

November- The theme is attention. We will have sense meditation kits available.

December- The theme is awe. We will have some recipe kits available.

NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

Making time for self care in addition to all we are faced with daily can seem frivolous. Stating positive affirmations is a simple thing that can be very beneficial yet done in only moments.

*“Happy healthy parents make
happy healthy children.”*

-Dr. Miriam Stoppard

- I am grateful for adversity because it allows me to grow.
- I am enough.
- I am in charge of my own self-worth.
- My strength is greater than my struggles.
- There are endless opportunities around me.
- I am surrounded by love.

Meridian Impact

- Live your values aloud, not alone.
- Our open-minded, open-hearted spiritual communities help people lead lives of justice, love, learning and hope.
- BLACK LIVES MATTER
- Going “Back to Normal” is not an option

UU CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Rosemary Morrison — Interim Minister

Nicole McCabe — Director of Religious Exploration

Monty Myszak — Office Administrator

Christina Wright — Nursery Coordinator

