

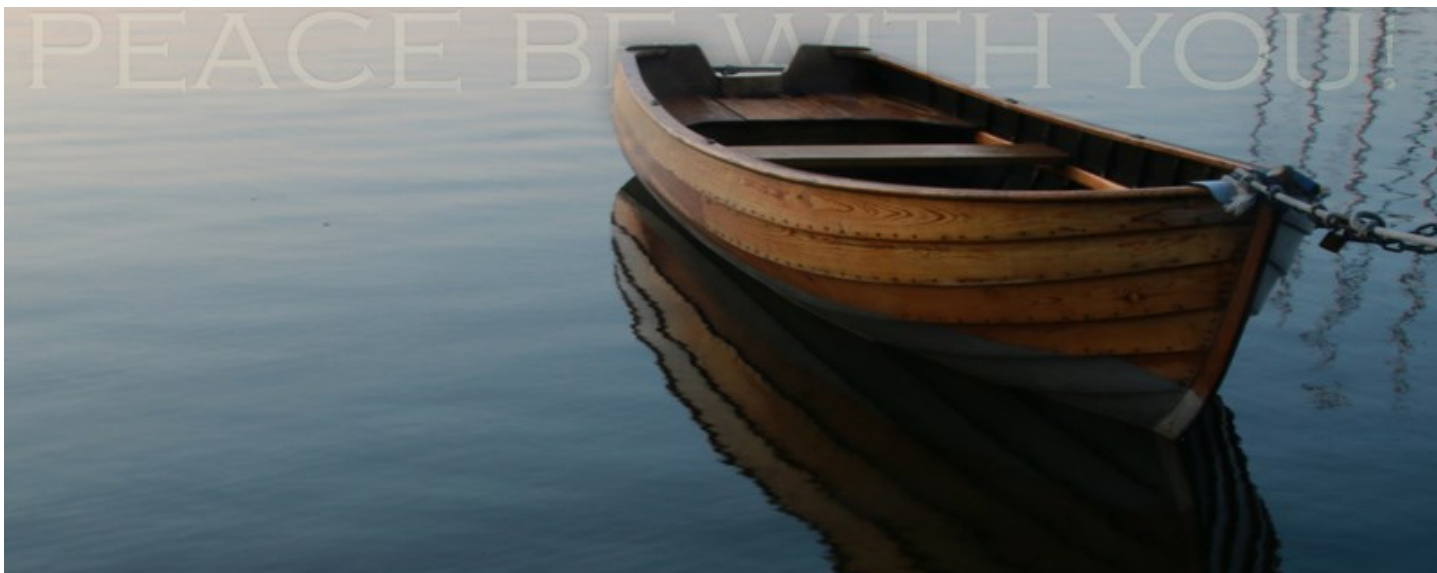


Lighted Chalice

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Minister's Reflection *Rev. Rosemary Morrison*



We are heading into the home stretch together, with exciting times ahead. January is a time to reflect back on accomplishments and look forward to what is yet to come.

This is also a time when folks make New Year's resolutions. I'm here to tell you that I stopped doing that several years ago. I always felt bad when I didn't maintain that routine, or exercise program, or whatever else I thought was lacking in myself as a human being. I think we've got it all wrong, we are not flawed, and we don't need something external telling us how to fix ourselves. Instead of New Year's Resolutions, that ask us to change who we are, and that focus on our shortcomings, let's try something more loving. Let's think about what we could add to our lives that will bring us more joy, peace, hope, and love. How can we think about our own generosity? What do you love doing that you've forgotten about? How can you celebrate the wonderfulness that is you? More broadly: What needs to happen so that there is equal justice in this county and country? Perhaps you have a vision of more diversity at UUCTC, what do you think needs to be in place so that UUCTC can grow in numbers and diversity? From a mindset of scarcity, we would think about what we need to take away, from a theology of abundance, what can we bring to make positive change happen?

In just a few short months, if all goes to plan, you're going to be welcoming your new settled minister and saying goodbye to me, your interim minister. While this time is going to be bittersweet for us, we can all look forward to celebrating the good work we've done together. Let's work mindfully to have a healthy and gratifying time of closure. No need to shy away from it, let's talk openly about our ministry together; how we've felt about it over the last few years, what's worked, and what hasn't, and how we feel about one another. Let's linger here, and not rush through. We'll be glad looking back knowing our ministry has been successful, and we have also ended well. We can learn together how to be loving and say goodbye at the same time. I think it will be enriching and rewarding. It will also help the congregation remember how to end a ministry well, and you can carry that learning into your future ministerial relationships.

We have seven short months left, let's make the best and most of it!

In peace,

Rev. Rosemary



January Calendar of Events

- January 5th—Program Council Meeting

Join us on the **first Tuesday of every month at 7pm** as we discuss upcoming events and programming. Please contact Nicole with any agenda items. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86794489988?pwd=UWdPejBxN0tQM2FMN2RUWDRoQzBBUT09>

- January 10th—Sunday Service

Rev. Rosemary has this Sunday off and we'll be **joining the UU Church of Muncie.**

- January 10th—Youth Meeting

There will be a Youth Meeting on **January 10th at 1pm** for any youth, family members of youth, or youth volunteers. Please take the survey before the meeting to help with planning:
<https://forms.gle/nBHBtAssWgsWXRd6A>

The **RE January at-home kits** will be world religions kits that explore Christianity. They will be available for pick up **January 11th.**

- January 13th & 20th—Adult Sexuality Education Class

Amy Bolman French and **Eric Thiel** are offering virtual **Adult Sexuality Education** classes for folks 18+ from **7:30-8:30pm** on the following dates: **January 13th and 20th & February 3rd and 10th**, with a possibility of more sessions.

Please email dre@uuctc.org if you are interested in registering for any of the sessions and/or receiving more information about this program. The first session is an introduction and the last session is a conclusion. Other session topics will be decided with updates to follow.

Keep Our Flame Burning

2021 Stewardship Campaign

UPDATE

Thanks to those who have pledged to UUCTC for our 2021 annual budget. **As of 01/04/2021, we have \$201,849 pledged to our 2021 operating budget. This is 91.5% of our \$220,000 pledge goal.**

If you would like to view our “Virtual Coffeehouse Concert,” it is available through a link on our website, www.uuctc.org. Search for “coffeehouse” and you will see the option for our “2020 Stewardship Coffeehouse Concert - on demand.” Enjoy!

If you would like to complete your pledge online, there is an option on the front page of our website, “annual pledge.” It’s easy to complete your 2021 pledge there or send in your completed pledge card that was enclosed in the stewardship mailing. If you have any questions for the Stewardship

Team, please email stewardship@uuctc.org.

Let’s “*Keep Our Flame Burning*” brighter than ever!



Board News

From the Desk of Linda S. Prokopy

December 14, 2020

Phew! We made it through 2020! This was a crazy year to be on our church board – so many critical decisions to make to keep everyone safe, to keep a roof above our heads (literally!), and to keep the church financially solvent. We all owe a debt of gratitude to our fabulous Interim Minister, Reverend Rosemary Morrison, and our staff (Monty, Nicole, Christina, and Richard) who helped us navigate through this time by stepping up in all sorts of ways. Please take a moment to recognize and thank them and your board members:

Gale Charlotte, serving as Past President

Eric Thiel, President Elect and Building Use Chair

Julia Sibley, Treasurer

Janice Kritchevsky, Assistant Treasurer

Stephen Hoffmann, Secretary

Oesten Nelson, Trustee

J.T. Hoke, Trustee

Christine McKee, Trustee

We canceled our December meeting to have a well-deserved break after a very busy year. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to come to the budget Town Hall to ask questions about the proposed 2021 budget and everyone who came to our congregational meeting where we unanimously (and with little discussion!) passed our 2021 budget. There are so many people to thank for their work on the budget, ranging from Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs, Cheryl and Gary Fowler, to **ALL OF US** for stepping up and, in many cases, increasing our pledges.

I am grateful to all of you, for all that you do for our church and our larger community.

Hoping to give you all real hugs in 2021!

Happy New Year!

Program Council

It's a great way to stay connected to everything going on at UUCTC. Have a special event coming up? Want to share a social justice idea? Looking to hold a fundraiser?

Join us **Tuesday, January 5th at 7pm** as we discuss upcoming events and programming.

Some highlights this month include virtual forum, adult sexuality education, the 2021 service auction, information on mystery storytellers, and much more.

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86794489988?pwd=UWdPejBxN0tQM2FMN2RUWDRoQzBBUT09>

(RE) Religious Exploration

January Theme: INTEGRITY

Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org

Zoom link <https://uuctc.org/re>

January 10th

- **RE 9:00-9:45**- This will be a time for any RE youth (prek-5th grade), families, and volunteers to meet. This week we'll focus on the monthly theme of integrity and set goals for the new year. What do you want to learn? Explore? Get better at?
- **Youth TIME TBD** – This will be a time for any RE youth (6th-12th grade), families, and volunteers to meet.
- **Mystery Storyteller**- The Empty Pot

January 17th

- **RE 9:00-9:45**- This will be a time for any RE youth (prek-5th grade), families, and volunteers to meet. This week we'll celebrate MLK Day and create an 8th principle task list for the semester.
- **Youth TIME TBD** – This will be a time for any RE youth (6th-12th grade), families, and volunteers to meet.
- **Mystery Storyteller**– Martin's Big Words

January 24th

- **RE 9:00-9:45**- This will be a time for any RE youth (prek-5th grade), families, and volunteers to meet. This week we'll explore the world religion, Christianity. We'll share some history, as well as stories, special holidays, and other fun facts.
- **Youth TIME TBD** – This will be a time for any RE youth (6th-12th grade), families, and volunteers to meet.
- **Mystery Storyteller**– I Wonder

January 31st

- **RE 9:00-9:45**- This will be a time for any RE youth (prek-5th grade), families, and volunteers to meet. This week we'll explore stories surrounding the Black Lives Matter movement.
- **Youth TIME TBD** – This will be a time for any RE youth (6th-12th grade), families, and volunteers to meet.
- **Mystery Storyteller**– I Am Enough

Winter Holidays, Observances, and Community Events 2021- Check out the Google doc with ideas for things to read, watch, bake, do, listen to, connect, give back, and reflect upon. This includes ideas for 15 winter holidays.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1226PdIYgqtGciEyqlZ0QC5YrQ5sG3fCz9Rly7Fvs5VA/edit>

Virtual Adult Sexuality Education will be offered January 13th, 20th, February 3rd, and 10th. Please contact dre@uuctc.org to register or for more information.

To Contact DRE Nicole McCabe:

Phone (765) 237-8737 **Email** dre@uuctc.org **Web** <https://regluu.wordpress.com>

RE calendar https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1GUOFBjnxMnbiqrD4pOAZIt7Wx0K-xPGvdrDkL_GqhNc/edit?usp=sharing

UU News & Announcements



Mental Health America is our Change 4 Change recipient for January and February.



Mental Health America - Wabash Valley Region Inc. was founded in 1950 and is our community's largest and oldest not-for-profit organization dedicated to eradicating the stigma of mental illness and advocating for the rights of those facing mental health challenges.

Their goal is to improve the mental health of community residents through advocacy, education, research and service. MHA also provides much needed services to people dealing with anxiety and depression caused by the pandemic.

To donate, go to <https://www.uuctc.org> and click the "GIVE" button. When presented with options for where to put your donation, select "Change for Change." Half of your donation

You can also donate to the church via the Square website from your cell phone or computer. The link is [uuctc.square.site](https://www.uuctc.org/square). Donations made through our weekly offering will be split 50/50, with half going to support the operations of our church, and the other half being donated to a local social organization that aligns with our mission in our community.



Thank you for giving generously!

LET'S GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER.

FORUM IS BACK! The next **UU Forum** will be on **Sunday, February 7th**

Zoom class—<https://uuctc.org/forum> Forum Coordinator, Larry G./cell.txt: 765.464.4929

Stay tuned for future speakers/topics....

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Deadline is the 15th of the month.

Preview of *January* Worship

10th—What if Roe Were Overturned?

Rev. Barbara Coeyman, UU of Muncie

17th—Beloved Community—A Celebration
of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

24th—A Ring of Inclusion

31st—Fourth and Walnut