

The Vanguard

First Unitarian Church of Hobart

August 2016



Names & Numbers

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Worship Calendar

Services are held Sundays at 11 a.m.

Sunday, Aug 7:

Matthew Zaradich

"Justice, Peace, and Joy for the LGBT Community"

Sunday, Aug 14:

Florence Klecka, daughter of John Klecka

The Coffee Connection

Sunday, Aug 21:

Janet French with Jerry Ashmore, others

"Breathe": A service to catch our collective breath and just...breathe

Sunday, Aug 28:

Multiple members share their perspectives on our Mission Pillars



From our Board President

Maggie Reister Walters

On Friday, July 29th, over 20 members gathered at the Steele-Livengood farm down the road in Leroy, Indiana. Afternoon storms disappeared and the sky over the cornfields was blue streaked with sunset hues of pink. Some explored the outbuildings on the property. All stepped into the family homestead to check out antiques and vintage books. We talked and laughed while we set up for the potluck. Tracy and Tom grilled hamburgers, veggie burgers and hotdogs. A few opened a bottle of champagne. We sang Happy Birthday to Clarence – he is proud to be 84 years young!

As the sun went down we shared what brought each of us to First Unitarian and our dreams for our 150th anniversary in 2026. Overheard at the Leadership Social and Retreat...

"I would love to see a Unitarian symbol on the outside of the church. It should be obvious to passers by that we are UU!" "We will be a green sanctuary by 2026." "There will be lots of new people and lots of enthusiasm – 150 hugs!" "We will have a full time minister." I always wanted to come into this church because my friends told me not to come here - "they" are crazy in there! I envision a week long open house." "I fell in love with this congregation – so welcoming and invested in success and your growth. I see more children, more youth and 150 active families." "I was looking for a place for my kids and found what I needed. I would like to see more integration of our Mission Pillars – they should reinforce and feed each other." "Once I visited I never left." "I was happy to find a church where I could be an atheist/Humanist." "It's hard to hear in the Community Room. Can we adjust the acoustics?"

"I've been a UU for 60 years. Don't just talk, do." "We need a permanent minister." "I would love to hear us sing a hymn with gusto and know all the words!" "A healthy, vibrant religious community." "I got married in a Unitarian church and didn't realize it! I was spending too much time around mean-spirited people so I just showed up here until I got to know people. I found the community I was looking for." "By our 150th people we haven't met yet will become members." "We can start by being

good neighbors in the community."

"We will have more kids – there will be a baby boom!" "I was raised Methodist but I think I was always a UU. I remember the first time I came. The choir needed an alto. I felt right at home." "By 2026 there will be 150 community gardens!" "Our minister will be a recognized community Religious Leader, someone who regularly speaks to the press. Our Religious Education will expand to include a Charter School." "We have expanded our membership to 50 new young people and families with effective use of Social Media including Twitter (hashtag)" "We integrate the 3 Mission Pillars-building community, growing spiritually and putting our values into action. We are human BEINGS, not just Human doings." "There is a waterfall in front of the church." "Our name is First Unitarian Church of Northwest Indiana."

Blessed be, Maggie

First Hour Forum

10 a.m. Sundays in the Parish Hall main room upstairs.

Aug 7: Welcoming and Protecting the LGBT Community in Hobart
Host: Matthew Zaradich

Aug 14: Long Strange Trip: modern Unitarian Universalism
Host: Don Parker

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Aug 28: UU and Current Events
Host: Don Parker

FYI...

The state has closed the intersection of Indiana 130 and County Line Road in Hobart until the end of September for road and traffic signal work.

First Friday Games & Potluck

6:30 p.m. Friday, August 5. Join us for our game and potluck night. Bring your favorite game (board and card games), and a dish to share. Or just bring the food and see what everyone else is playing. Be sure you are able to explain any game you bring, in case others have never played it before. We eat at 6:30 p.m., and we break out the games soon after. Contact Patricia Riley-Churilla.

Second Sunday Coffee Hour Birthday Celebration

August 14: Help celebrate our August birthdays during coffee hour following the worship service. The birthday folks will bring coffee hour treats, thereby giving all of us the chance to let them know-- We're glad you were born!

August birthdays:

August 8, Rue Harter;

August 20, Kevin O'Gallagher;

August 21, Katya Halstead and Sawyer Fouch;

August 30, Dee Mirich and Lilia Wolf.

The listing of birthdays will be updated soon. If you have an August birthday and your name isn't listed above, please contact the Caring/Membership Committee.

The deadline for submissions for the September Vanguard is **Monday, August 15.** Please email them to both noelevans@frontier.com and firstunitarian@frontier.com

Common Reader Book Group

7 p.m. Wednesday August 10 at Church. Pre-discussion dinner **at 5:30** at Schoops' on Hyw 51, across from St Mary Hospital.

Most of us have read volumes about WWII but not WWI. This month's choice is by Richard Rubin, *the Forgotten Generation and their Forgotten War; THE LAST OF the DOUGHBOYS.* "In 2003 Richard Rubin set out to see if he could still find and talk to someone who had actually served in the American Expeditionary Forces during that colossal conflict. Ultimately, he found dozens aged 101 to 113." This book is their stories.

Visitors and New Members Support Team

(The following was mistakenly omitted from last month's Vanguard.) The Visitors and New Members Support Team Held our third Annual Pizza Party. We had such a good time. Many thanks to Connie Barnes for organizing, planning, and taking care of all the details to make the party a success. Door prize winners were Pam Slater, Kristen Neria, Cathy Tade, and Gen Wheatley. Marti Pizzinni and Scott Aaseng led a sing-a-long which was great fun.

Coffee Connections

10 a.m. Thursday August 18 at:
Sip Coffee House 2
2815 Jewett
Highland, IN
(219) 595-0314

Open to all; an opportunity to connect outside of the Church setting. We try different dates and locations to help make it convenient for you.

Pagan Apologetics

6 – 9 p.m. Monday, August 22,
Pagan Apologetics study sessions, "Helping Pagans develop the tools to defend their own individual faith." Using Pagan "scriptures," poems, books, and other sources from within the Pagan community. Sessions continue on the fourth Monday of the month through 2016. Each session will be independent of other sessions, and there will be review from previous sessions.

Contact Patricia Riley-Churilla for more information.



August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 p.m. Beloved Conversations	2	3 7 p.m. Beloved Conversations	4	5 6:30 p.m. First Friday Potluck and Games	6 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group 5 p.m. Benefit Concert
7 10 a.m. First Hour and RE 11 a.m. Service	8 7 p.m. Faith-in-Action	9 <i>Church office closed</i> 7 p.m. Empty Circle Zen Group	10 <i>Church office closed</i> 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Common Reader Book Group 7 p.m. NA	11 <i>Church office closed</i> 5 p.m. TOPS 8 p.m. AA	12 <i>Church office closed</i>	13 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group
14 10 a.m. First Hour and RE 11 a.m. Service 12 noon Second Sunday Birthdays	15 7 p.m. Beloved Conversations	16 7 p.m. Empty Circle Zen Group	17 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m. Board & Congregation 7 p.m. Board meeting 7 p.m. NA	18 5 p.m. TOPS 8 p.m. AA	19	20 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group
21 10 a.m. First Hour and RE 11 a.m. Service	22 6pm - Pagan Apologetics 7 p.m. Building & Grounds	23 7 p.m. Empty Circle Zen Group	24 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. NA	25 5 p.m. TOPS 8 p.m. AA	26	27 7 a.m. Empty Circle Zen Group
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Café Agape



For the most current information on what's happening at First Unitarian, sign up to receive the weekly Wednesday email

Every **Saturday**, the Presbyterian Church of Hobart hosts Café Agape, a free community meal. First Unitarian volunteers coordinate a meal once a month (usually the fourth Saturday). Our volunteer date this month is **Saturday, August 27**. Volunteers should plan to arrive at the Presbyterian Church to prepare food from 9 - 11 a.m., to serve food from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and to help with clean-up from noon - 2 p.m. (Help with all if you can.) Please contact the Faith In Action Committee. Thanks!

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