

A Grace Note from the Rector
October 17, 2024

Dear Ones,

Here are some upcoming events of interest...

Knitters and other needleworkers will gather on Wednesday, **October 23** from 10-12 in the Parish Library.

Screening of **“Stranger at the Gate”** Thursday **October 24 @7:00** | Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie | 4800 W Bradford Drive

The **Human Library** is an opportunity to learn more about diverse populations through conversations with persons who have lived experiences of stereotyping, biases, and prejudices and have been marginalized in our society. There will be a Human Library event on Saturday, **October 26 from 1-4pm** at Community of Hope (enter on W. Washington near McKinley). For more information, check out the flyers in the Parish Hall or <https://humanlibrary.org/the-human-library-in-muncie/>

GATHERING GRACE NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped on Sunday to prepare and serve **95 meals** of baked spaghetti, salad, and cake. Halloween is just a few weeks away! Please donate some **Halloween candy** for our Gathering Grace guests. The candy will be included as a treat with meals on October 27. You may leave candy on the table by the commercial kitchen. And, don't forget **clean, gently used winter coats**, hats, scarves and gloves.

SPEAKING OF FOOD...

Dave and Sara Ring, owners of the **Downtown Farm Stand** (Main and Mulberry), have **re-opened their deli**. They will be serving local and organic food on Thursdays from 11:30am - 2:00pm to eat in or carry out. You can follow them on Facebook or subscribe to their newsletter on their website (downtownfarmstand.com) to make sure they are actually open and what they are serving. Spread the word!

A BETTER WAY ~ OCTOBER NEEDS

Shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs and body wash. As of June 30th (the end of ABW's fiscal year), 140 adults and 90 children resided at the facility and 310 non-residents have received services. Thank you for your ongoing support!

A BETTER WAY ~ DONATION CENTER

If you would like to donate items beyond what we collect on a monthly basis, check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. A flyer is available for you to take.

VOTE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

If you want to think about what it might mean to vote your values, check out this tool kit, courtesy of the Diocese of Indianapolis: <https://indydio.org/election-toolkit/> Also, mark your calendars to join Bishop Jennifer online for a Pre-Election Prayer Service on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. ET.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sandra Bailey (October 20)

Max Nottingham (October 21)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tomorrow, October 18, is the **Feast of St. Luke**, a Gentile, and the traditional author of the *Gospel According to Luke* and the *Acts of the Apostles*. A physician, he is identified with the church's ministry of healing. His uniqueness is seen in his detailed description of the birth of Jesus. It is in Luke's gospel that we have the texts of the earliest Christian hymns, *Magnificat*, *Benedictus*, and *Nunc dimittis*. Only his gospel has the parables about the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Luke gives special emphasis to the worth and status of women and stresses the inclusivity of the compassion and love of God. He is traditionally symbolized as a winged sacrificial ox holding a gospel book. Luke accompanied Paul on his second missionary trip from Troas to Philippi, and on the third missionary trip from Philippi to Jerusalem; he also went with Paul to Rome.

Here is Malcolm Guite's sonnet in honor of Luke.

Luke

His gospel is itself a living creature
A ground and glory round the throne of God,
Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature
And One upon the throne sees it is good.
Luke is the living pillar of our healing,
A lowly ox, the servant of the four,
We turn his page to find his face revealing
The wonder, and the welcome of the poor.
He breathes good news to all who bear a burden
Good news to all who turn and try again,
The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,
The voiceless find their voice in every word
And, with Our Lady, magnify Our Lord.

God bless you in these days of change,



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