



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

MAY 2015

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes begin at 10:30 a.m.
Nursery and childcare available **Sunday Forum 9 a.m.**; **Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m.** Nursery and childcare available.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

“Humanism and Unitarian Universalism”
Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter
Sound: Eric Thiel
Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

The Humanist Manifesto arose out of Unitarianism in 1933. In recent years, more people have expressed doubts about the existence of God. At the same time, the use of God language has increased in our services. While I appreciate our growing acceptance of diverse theologies, I wonder if we are becoming more religious while the world is becoming less religious.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 17

The May Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 11:45 a.m. This is an important meeting, as we will elect officers for the congregation; thus your attendance is needed.

The Nominating Committee is proud to present the following slate:

Board President-Elect: Dorothy Hughes
Board Trustees (two-year term): Amanda Estes, Mike Reed
Nominating Committee: Cindy Krulitz, Lorraine Myer

Endowment Committee: Julia Colby
Thanks to the Nominating Committee, Dianna Poindexter, Laura Geiger-Reed and Beth Misner, for all their work. And of course we need to all thank those names above who have all said “yes” to serving the UUC.

The congregation would also like to thank those who have served the church and are rolling off Board, Endowment and Nominating Committee: Mark VanMeeter (Board president), Kris Taylor (Board trustee), Amy French (Endowment), Lisa Pantea and Dianna Poindexter (Nominating Committee).

---Lisa Pantea, Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mother’s Day
“Mothers Come in Many Forms”
Worship Leader: Dorothy Hughes
Worship Associate: Kat Braz
Pianist: Sarah May
Sound: Jason Dufair

SUNDAY, MAY 17

“Flower Communion”
Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter
Sound: Mary Finley
Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

This ceremony was developed by Norbert Capek in Prague for a congregation that was no longer moved by traditional Christian communion. It is now celebrated across our denomination. Bring a flower and place it on the altar; select another flower to take home with you. We will also celebrate the high school graduation of our youth.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

“The Wonder of Science”
Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Bill Welge
Sound: Eric Thiel
Pulpit Preparation: Kat Braz

Some believe that a life without God is devoid of Meaning. Others believe that the universe is enough to inspire us and give us hope.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

TBA
Worship Associate: Kris Taylor
Sound: Gary Fowler
Pulpit Preparation: Kris Taylor

SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9 am in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided. Co-chairs: Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, Bill Welge

MAY 3

Johanna Merritt Wu: “The Baha’i Faith: Its Principles and How it Addresses Problems in Today’s World.” Wu is an organizational psychologist and specializes in leadership and team work. She is a co-author of *Marriage Can Be Forever — Preparation Counts!* and served at the Bahá’í World Center in Israel.

MAY 10

Sarah Powley, Anatoil Rapoport & Asta Balkute: “The Ben Franklin Fellows Transatlantic Summer Institute at Purdue.” The directors of the Ben Franklin Fellows will discuss this summer program and how it benefits participants.

MAY 17

Nicole Rice, Lola Straub, Jason and Julie Rubsam, Andrea Burniske: “Building a Curriculum that Engages and Inspires Our Youth.” Rice, Director of Religious Education at the UU Church, and RE volunteers will discuss what our program offers to children who are growing up in liberal religious education.

MAY 24

Joe Vanable: “Mental Illness.” Dr. Vanable, professor emeritus at Purdue University and a volunteer for National Alliance on Mental Illness-West Central Indiana, has created and presents a “Biology of the Brain” lecture. He will discuss mental illness, its biological basis, treatability, and difficulties in gaining access to treatment.

MAY 31

Cindy Eberts: “Strong Hand Forever: Ray Ewry and the 1908 Olympics.” Lafayette’s native son Ray Ewry broke down color barriers in American athletics, all the way to the Olympics — a story of personal courage, racial inclusion and faith.

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

When you're a kid, the days, weeks, months seem endless. There's a lot to do, but it seems like there is time enough to do it, and then time to be bored. When you become an adult, there never seems to be time to be bored. And this past year? It's gone by so fast that the thought of being a bored Board President never once occurred to me!

Just eleven short months ago, I was introducing myself to you, and now I'm writing my last president's column. Wow.

What to say?

First of all, thank you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of this congregation. Thank you for the many ways you support this church — it made my job so very easy. Your enthusiasm and willingness to take on the many jobs I seemed to be always asking people to do was much appreciated, too. I think the day I will always remember will be the day of the congregational meeting. The Board, finance committee and Stewardship had been agonizing over the budget, trying to find ways to cut expenses and raise revenue. We were hesitant about bringing such a lopsided budget to the congregation. To approve the budget would require an enormous "leap of faith" on your part, and we weren't sure how we could even ask for such a thing. But not only did you "leap," you ... well, you soared. One by one, you came up to me and said you could give more to our church. Or you sent an e-mail. Or you turned in a pledge card. Or you volunteered your time to serve on a fundraising committee. By March, we had closed the gap in the budget, AND we were able to hire a part-time pianist (and now we are ready to hire a full-time pianist!). Thanks you all of you.

Thank you to the members of the Board. I so appreciate your willingness to give countless hours to the governance of this church — it's such a sexy job, isn't it? Seriously, we need to have dedicated folks, willing to give some time, to make sure our church functions. For those who are leaving the Board, an extra dose of gratitude for putting up with all those annoying "check-in" questions I would ask. For those who are about to step onto the Board, welcome! And thanks in advance (and be happy that Bill Welge will be in charge).

And one last thank you to someone who is stepping down from the finance committee. Rosemary Leary is another one of those church mice I have spoken about. She has served on every non-glamorous, very important committee in the church; her quiet, sage words of advice have helped me numerous times. In addition, Rosemary has given a bazillion hours of volunteer time; answering phones, doing office work, cashiering at events — whatever needs to be done, Rosemary will do it. I will miss her at our finance committee meetings, but I'm sure she will enjoy those quieter evenings at home. Thank you, Rosemary, for all you have given to us.

With my newfound free time, I will be learning to play the ukulele. So, as I sign off, please know this: Karen will be happy to volunteer me again— soon — for ANY committee (one can only listen to so much beginner ukulele).

E pili mau na pomaika`i ia `oe (May blessings ever be with you).

--Gale Charlotte galekchar@gmail.com

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

BY REV. CHARLIE DAVIS

May!

May I?

May I hope?

May I hope to be?

May I be truly me.

May I be present for you.

May we be present for others.

May all be present in each moment.

May each moment contain all history.

Maybe all the good that may be, begins now.

May we act now as we hope to be.

May we see what is good.

May we do good.

May? Be!

With gratitude and hope,
Rev. Charlie

CHALICE CIRCLES COMING TO THE UU CHURCH

Also known as Covenant Groups and Small Group Ministry, Chalice Circles are a vital part of many Unitarian Universalist congregations. Now this grassroots movement is here to vitalize our own.

Congregation members and friends are invited to sign up for the program according to the day and time a group will meet. Groups are limited to eight to 10 participants. Although each group is led by a team of trained facilitators, the members work together to create a covenant to guide their discussions.

The primary objective of the Chalice Circles program is fellowship and spiritual growth. Whatever the topic, the conversation is respectful and caring and leads to greater understanding. In each session, all participants have an opportunity to share their perspectives, tell their stories and listen deeply.

The time together is structured: Groups begin and end with centering readings and often include a time of silence before the sharing begins. Many small groups engage in annual service projects, putting their values into action.

Most chalice circles have an "open enrollment" time once or twice a year and request a commitment of a year. After that time, the groups reform and begin again. There is no limit to the number of groups that can be formed in a congregation.

Enrollment for our congregation begins in October 2015; more information will be available soon.

Ellen Germann, ecgermann@earthlink.net,

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FIRST QUARTER FINANCE REPORT

Category	2014 Budget	2014 YTD	2015 Budget	2015 YTD
Pledge Income	\$225,000	\$47,958	\$230,000	\$46,350
Fund Raising	\$15,650	\$(225)	\$16,500	\$7,051
TOTAL REVENUE	\$270,000	\$61,356	\$271,550	\$69,554
Office Expenses	\$6,720	\$2,314	\$6,970	\$2,010
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$270,005	\$69,203	\$284,354	\$65,300

1.) Pledge Income is at 20 percent of budget with 25 percent of the year past. If you are behind in your pledge payments, we encourage you to consider making your pledge payments

2.) Our Auction and FunD Force events have been quite successful (AND enjoyable!)

3.) We are currently looking to hire a pianist for services.

4.) The finance committee is confident we can make up the deficit built into the 2015 budget, both through increases over projected revenue and strict control of spending.

---Amy French, Finance Committee

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

*Director of Religious Exploration
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LOOKING BACK

In April we explored the fourth source, Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves. We had spirit circles on the four elements and Easter traditions. The students also helped "plant" pinwheels for peace.

LOOKING FORWARD

In May, RE classes will focus on humanist teachings and take part in some important events and ceremonies, such as the plant sale and bridging ceremony. We will also get to visit Lisa Pantea's worm farm.

MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

3 Victoria Lincourt (Amelia Rode)
10 Ben Lincourt (Kalina Harden)
17 Rachel Smith (Victoria Lincourt)
24 Kate French (Rachel Smith)
31 Amelia Rode (Kate French)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND COMING EVENTS

- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, May 24. If you have a May birthday, please take the time to fill out a birthday information sheet (located on the RE bulletin board) and return it to the DRE mailbox. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer to bring treats to share.
- The plant sale is May 16. Come check out the pots that the RE students decorated.
- The May "Fun"draiser will be at HuHot on May 22. The UU will get 10 percent of the total sales.
- Please see the RE bulletin board in the fellowship hall and <http://regluu.wordpress.com/> for important RE information and announcements. You can also e-mail me at drenicolrice@gmail.com.
- Interested in becoming a guide, shadow, sub or volunteer? Have a child in RE and want to find out more about the program? Are you a guide who wants to explore interesting and relevant topics for the RE classroom? If so, one or more of these sessions may be for you:
 - Sunday, May 24, 9:45-10:15 a.m. Cultivating mindfulness in students
- The RE class now has a wish list located on the RE website. Feel free to donate a book to the DRE library. I will have bookplates for donors to fill out. Thanks for helping us build a comprehensive RE library.

“RE”discovering Indiana: UU Summer Camp

June-August 2015

For more information or to register your child(ren), please contact the director of religious exploration, Nicole Rice, at drenicolerice@gmail.com.



Calendar

May 17th to June 7th- registration

June 14th- camp kickoff and local farms

June 21st- Samara house

June 28th- Columbian Park Zoo

July 5th- Battleground Park

July 12th- Wabash River cleanup

July 19th- Clegg Gardens

July 26th- Celery Bog

August 2nd- downtown art tour

August 8th and 9th- Camp Tecumseh retreat

To Bring:

- sunscreen
- sack lunch
- permission slip
- towel or blanket
- plain white t-shirt (for June 14th session only)

Rainy Day Plan:
movie and craft

Cost:
\$5 per child, per day (except retreat)

Time:
10:30-12:30 (except retreat)



MAY/JUNE CHANGE 4 CHANGE

PetSafe is the Change for Change Recipient for May and June.

There are times when individuals or families cannot care for their pets. Homes might be lost to natural disasters, adults may seek emergency shelter to escape domestic violence, or the pet owner may need medical care.

The PetSafe program, a community service offered by Purdue University's College of Veterinary Medicine, meets the short-term housing needs of these pets. PetSafe has successfully provided emergency shelter for approximately 15 pets per year since 1993 and has recently expanded to include pets affected by owners in hospice care.

----Cheryl Fowler, Social Justice Committee
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UNDER OUR ROOF: GRADUATION EDITION

Congratulations to upcoming high school graduates Kate French, Sam Mercier and Rachel Smith, who are bridging May 17. We wish them the best of luck in future endeavors and want them to know that they always have a home here at the UU.

Claire LeMar Sadof, daughter of Linda LeMar and Cliff Sadof, graduates with honors from Indiana University May 9. She has been accepted into and hired by the Council for International Education Exchange to teach English as a second language in Madrid, Spain, September 2015-June 2016.



The Purdue University Student Farm is currently signing up members the their first online Farmer's Market.

If we sign up for 15 or more memberships we will get our weekly shares delivered to us at church each Sunday.

We can purchase locally grown organic produce online. Farm Share members get to choose from seasonally available, campus-grown vegetables, herbs, and cut flowers. Members can pick the items in their share each week by logging in to an online shopping cart. Order as much or as little as you'd like until the end of the ten week session.

Session I : June 15 to August 20.

Session II: August 24 to October 29.

Cost is \$250 per ten-week session.

<https://www2.ag.purdue.edu/programs/studentfarm/Pages/Farm-Shares.aspx>

What a great way to buy our organic produce!



UU GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE

Don't take those old clothes to Goodwill yet. Put them aside and save them for the UU Goodwill Clothing Drive in May.

For each bag of clothes we donate, Goodwill gives us a \$5 voucher, which we then give to LUM, Cary Home for Children, the YWCA Woman's Shelter and Family Promise. They look forward to receiving these vouchers each year. Thank you.

----Susanne McConville, mcconville1200@comcast.net

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ONGOING A-REC PROGRAMS

- Monday Meditation – 7 p.m. Mondays
- Buddhism Discussion Group – 6 p.m. first & third Mondays
- Drumming (Group/Lesson) – 7:30 p.m. second Mondays. All levels welcome, reserve a drum at <http://goo.gl/Pzur4>
- MCL Dinner group – every Thursday at 5:40 at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette, open to all.
- Old Path White Clouds – Tuesdays at 1:30 pm (101/103). People are invited to join at the beginning of each new section.
- Principled Group – 11:30 am each Wednesday. People are invited to join at the beginning of each new selection.
- Taiji Qigong – 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Writing Group – first and third Monday at 1:30 in the Forum room. Open to all.
- Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading – 5:30 p.m. Thursdays
- Zen Meditation – 8 a.m. Saturdays



SPRING SING WITH BLUE MOON RISING

The community choir Blue Moon Rising will present its Spring Sing at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in the UU sanctuary; a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome and will be encouraged to join in on several songs. You'll see many familiar faces since half of the people in the 40-person choir are members of the UU church.

The Spring Sing is a culmination of the choir's inaugural 16-week session, which started in mid-January. Though this session is about to end, we'll be starting another session in the fall. Plans are also being made for three separate community singing events this summer, which will be open to the public. Dates, times and locations will be announced.

If you are one of those who believe that variety is the spice of life, you will enjoy the diversity of songs that will be sung at the Spring Sing. In addition to some contemporary and traditional American folk songs, there are several songs from other cultures, including the South African "Bambelela" and the Hindu "Om Gam Ganipataye." Some of the songs are light-hearted and fun, such as "The Waves Done in the Ocean-O," while others are beautiful melodies with messages of peace, hope and justice.

For more information, go to the Denise Wilson Music Facebook page.

--Denise Wilson dm2wilson@gmail.com



UUC PLANT AND GARDEN SALE

The annual Plant Sale/Fundraiser is 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

All members and friends are encouraged to participate in whatever way you can. Please come to the sale and invite family, friends and co-workers. If you have a garden, please consider donating plant starts or seedlings.

The sale relies heavily on congregational donations. Please leave plants in the playground area starting Sunday, May 10; on Thursday, May 14, we will sort and price items.

If you are interested and have time to work at the sale or on the days before, please contact Lisa Pantea.

---Lisa Pantea, lisapantea@gmail.com

MAY 2015 CALENDAR

1 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
6:30 pm PRYSM (102)
7 pm May Day Celebration (212)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

2 SATURDAY

8 am Zen Meditation
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

3 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:45 am POTLUCK SUNDAY
4 pm OWL

4 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Writers Group (101/103)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

5 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
5:30 pm DRE: RE Support Team
6 pm Program Council (101/103)
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

6 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

7 THURSDAY

National Day of Prayer
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
6 pm Finance Committee (104)
7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

8 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
6:30 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

9 SATURDAY

All-Church Clean-Up Day
8 am Zen Meditation
9 am Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Blue Moon Rising Concert (S)

10 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service
3 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers Concert (S)

11 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)
7:30 pm Drumming Lesson (S)

12 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
4 pm Girl Scout Troop 1436
5:30 pm Pastoral Care (102)
6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103)
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

13 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon The Principled Group
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

14 THURSDAY

11:30 am SARPHE/Planned Parenthood Lunch and Learn (101/103)
5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Social Justice Committee (104)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

15 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
6:30 pm PRYSM (102)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

16 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M
9 am UU Plant Sale
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

17 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:45 am Congregational Meeting (S)
4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103)

18 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Writers' Group (101/103)
6 pm Safety Committee (104)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

19 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

20 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

21 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

22 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

23 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

24 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
9:45 am "Cultivating Mindfulness in Students"
9:45 am DRE/Guide Meetings with Team Leaders
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:45 am Birthday Celebration

25 MONDAY

Memorial Day – Office Closed
7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
5:30 DRE: RE Task Force
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

26 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
4 pm Girl Scout Troop 1436
6:30 pm Committee on Ministry (102)
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

27 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

28 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

29 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

30 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

31 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE