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## One Night in Bangkok

On February 25<sup>th</sup> some 100 adults and more than 20 children came together for the annual Service Auction. The theme was One Night in Bangkok, and when they entered the fellowship hall they found it decked out with colorful paper lanterns, the tables strewn with pink and yellow flowers. While they strode among the silent auction offerings, making bids on everything from a torte by Trudi Wildfeuer to gift certificates for Black Sparrow, they were able to sample a traditional Thai appetizer of ginger, scallions, lime, peanuts, and coconut wrapped in greens. Dinner was courtesy of Amy French and Thai Essence, and offered a delectable choice of fried rice and two different curries, accompanied by copious amounts of wine and People's beer. And the desserts from Lorraine Myer filled an entire table.

After people had eaten, we got down to the real business of the night – the Live Auction. Jason Rubsam had us all laughing as he offered up a constant stream of lively banter and jokes while getting us to part with our hard earned money as we bid on more than 25 different items, including dinners, cooking lessons, garden compost, and homebrewed beer. The action got fast and furious at times, and no one who was there will soon



forget the bidding over Bill Welge's painting service. All told, the auction netted more than \$7,000. But just as important was the money was the wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and community that should have people looking forward to next year's auction with eager anticipation. So save the date right now – the last Saturday in February, 2018.

Following the auction, several people have asked how to make the Thai appetizer we served - Miang Kham. Rather than write out the full recipe, just follow this link. <http://rasamalaysia.com/leaf-wrapped-salad-bites-recipe/2/>. It is the same version of Miang Kham prepared for the auction, with the one caveat that no shrimp paste was used in the sauce. Enjoy!

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The board and many volunteers who continue working to improve the processes and effectiveness of the congregation. Many thanks to Josh and Linda Prokopy, Mark VanMeeter and Cindy Krulitz for a very successful Service Auction Fundraiser held in late February. See article elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Our treasurers are working on making it easier to fulfill your pledge. They are investigating the process, procedures and costs of payroll deduction, online bill pay, or auto pay.

The new carpeting in the administrative hall looks fabulous. Thanks to Bill Welge for overseeing this project from start to finish.

The church has been having ongoing problems with its Internet provider. Now that the carpeting installation is complete Bill's new project is checking out quotes from other Internet providers.

The board, office and membership committee are working to update the church's software database. If you have moved, changed phone number or email address, please notify the office at 765-743-8812 or via email [office@uuctc.org](mailto:office@uuctc.org). If you are unsure if your info is accurate, please check with the office.

The Gift Card Program, aka the Scrip Program, is limping along and may be discontinued due to lack of usage. The board is now doing some research to see what we can do to make it more effective and profitable.

Our new church logo will make its debut at the congregational meeting on May 6.

Our wonderful website team of Alice Pawley and Steve Moss are continuing to improve our communication system. In addition to The Weekly Order of Service/Meridian Update being emailed on Friday, it will be posted on the UUCTC Facebook discussion page. Secondly, they created 'Sound Cloud' account for the church and will post sermons online. The link will be posted to the UUCTC website.

Chairs have been found for our annual spring programs/fundraisers. Please contact the people below to volunteer for a few hours. Not only will you be helping out the church, these events are also great opportunities for fellowship.

**Plant sale May 6, Lisa Pantea, Janice Kritchevsky**

**Rummage Sale May 13: Beth Misner, Dorothy Hughes**

**Clothing Drive May 13 Susanne McConville**

Our wonderful Nursery Administrator, Elizabeth Cohen, will be moving to San Francisco in late summer. She will continue to staff the nursery until a replacement is found or she moves. Our DRE, Nicole Rice is heading the search for a new Nursery Administrator.

No doubt there are many other projects and volunteers I could highlight. Please know that I value each and every member of this congregation and thank each one of you for what you do to support this congregation.

**Dorothy Hughes, Board President**

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**Next board meeting is Tuesday, April 11 at**

**7:00pm in room 101/103. All are welcome.**

## Take a Look >>> Transformation

The day I turned 18, I went to get a tattoo. I chose a fairy because I collected fairy figurines as a child. But really, I chose it because I had known a young woman that I admired who had a lovely little fairy tattoo. It had some significance to me, but not much. Mostly I just wanted to get a tattoo because I could. And I later came to regret that one. Oddly enough, the other 3 tattoos that I got within the next year did not lead to regret but that first one, over time, seemed to fit me less and less.

Before my wedding, I decided it was time to cover it up. I would have professional photographs taken of me in a strapless dress and this tattoo that didn't really suit me would be a part of those memories. By that point, I had developed a strong theological affinity to birds. I was drawn to way they fly, letting the wind carry them. And to the way they represent faith in so many scriptures. And to the way they fly in formation, supporting each other on their journey. I loved the idea of covering one winged creature with another.

When I started researching which bird would take the place of my fairy on my shoulder I learned that bluebirds symbolize transformation. That sealed the deal for me. Because this new tattoo symbolized my own transformation in so many deep and important ways for me. It reminds me of how my theology has deepened and developed over

the years of my young adulthood. It shows me the ways in which I have flown, when I was able to trust my



wings – and also the ways that I have fallen when I have lost my faith or my direction.

For me, this image on my body is also the meaning of life. To heal, grow and become the best self we can so that we can create the best world we can for each other. This is my true purpose. I orient my entire life around this grounding. We are here to transform ourselves so that we might transform the world.

But it is a lot easier to talk about transformation than it is to actually do it. Change is hard. Changing ourselves is extremely difficult. Our behaviors and patterns become ingrained in us and shifting away from those that are unhealthy or problematic for us or those around us is an uphill battle. There is a reason 12 step groups talk about taking it one day at a time. Becoming our best selves takes dedication and daily effort.

Somehow, though, after years of working tirelessly on shedding the beliefs and behaviors that have held me back or gotten in my way,

I have made significant progress. Celebrating my accomplishments towards growth and health help me to keep going on this long journey. When I can see how far I have come more than how far I have to go, I am propelled forward.

I am not entirely there yet. Perhaps I will never reach enlightenment. But I am on this great journey of transformation. And I have come so far. I am so much stronger, braver and wiser than I used to be. I believe in myself more than I used to. I see my own worth more than I ever have before. These are no small things.

As we move through this coming month and explore the theme of transformation, I hope that we can all look at the ways in which we have evolved and grown in our lives. I hope that we can celebrate how we have stepped more fully into our best selves so that we can continue to move further and further along that path. I hope that we can support one another to continue our moves towards health and wholeness. We do not have to do it alone. Let me know how I might help you as you transform.



Blessings,  
Rev. Elizabeth

# UUUCTCSJ >>> When I was hungry, you fed me...



In recent years, the UU Social Justice Committee has designated the month of February as “Food Pantry” month, encouraging members and friends to drop off food items at the UU Church. Each week, Tom McConville, co-chair of the committee, delivers our items to the pantry throughout the month. At the end of February, we provided 139 pounds of food for the pantry. Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection!

Since 1991, Lafayette Urban Ministry and St. John’s Episcopal Church have operated a food pantry in the downtown church’s location on 6<sup>th</sup> St. Several members of the UU church have worked as volunteers at the food pantry and others have provided donations of non-perishable food.



## *There Is Only One Reason*

There is only one reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist church and that is to support it. You want to support it because it:

- Stands against superstition and fear
- Points to what is noblest and best in human life
- Is open to women and men of whatever race, creed, color, place of origin, or sexual orientation
- Has a free pulpit
- Voices ideas expressed there that would cost any other minister his or her job
- Is a place where children come without being saddled with guilt or terrified of some celestial Peeping Tom
- Where children can learn that religion is for joy, for comfort, for gratitude and love
- Is a place where walls between people are torn down rather than built up
- Is a place for the religious displaced persons of our time, the refugees from mixed marriages, the unwanted free-thinkers, and those who insist against

orthodoxy that they must work out their own beliefs

- Is more concerned with human beings than with dogma
- Searches for the holy, rather than dwelling upon the depraved
- Calls no one a sinner, yet knows how deep is the struggle in each person’s breast and how great is the hunger for what is good.
- Can laugh
- Stands for something in a day when religion is still more concerned with platitudes than with prejudice and war
- Does not buy you some insurance policy towards your funeral service but because it insults neither your intelligence nor your conscience, and because it calls you to worship what is truly worthy of your sacrifice

There is only one reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist church – to support it. Adapted from **John Wolfe, Minister Emeritus of a church in Tulsa, OK**

# Feature<sup>Story</sup>

*Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole Rice*

## *“Exploring the Theme of Letting Go”*

### Letting Go

“It doesn’t matter where you came from. All that matters is where you’re going.”

—Bob Marley

The theme for March was letting go. The RE classes participated in a number of activities based on letting go of worries, self doubt, anger, and all of those negative emotions to make room for the beauty of each day. We went on a search for our true selves and drew true self portraits. I’m still collecting true self portraits through the end of March for an art display. Please turn them in to the DRE mailbox.

### Farewell to Lizz Cohen

Our fantastic nursery coordinator, Lizz Cohen, will be moving to San Francisco at the end of spring. We had a farewell celebration to show our appreciation for her years of service and dedication to providing our little ones with a loving environment. She will be greatly missed.

### Holi

Neelu and Meenakshi Chawla led us in a powerful dance to celebrate the Hindu festival of colors. We ate delicious food and shared in the tradition of welcoming spring by sprinkling colored powder on ourselves (and others).

### Nevertheless, She Persisted

Elizabeth led a multigenerational service celebrating the history and power of strong women. There was an amazing performance by the Blue Moon Rising choir. RE participated by acting out traditional stories with strong female leads from around the world.

### Environmental Horcrux

The 6th-12th graders will be fighting the environmental horcrux in the months of April and May. We will be making goods out of recycled materials to sell at our Earth Day Recycling Fair, which will take place on April 23rd. All proceeds will go toward the creation of a bench that will be made 100% from recycled plastics.



### Help Water Our Garden and Plant Seeds of Kindness

During the months of April and May, we will be participating in spreading compliments and kindness throughout the congregation. This can be done in two ways: watering our garden by filling out a water droplet with a compliment and planting a seed to celebrate acts of kindness among others.



The Membership class on March 11th, 2017 was a fun one. We welcome our newest members:

**Jack Reynolds and Toby North**

*Save the DATE™*

**April 2:** Seed Planting Party in the Playground

**April 23:** Earth Day Recycle Fair

**May 6:** Annual Plant Sale

**May 7:** Congregational Meeting

**May 13th:** UUSJ Clothing Drive & Rummage Sale

**UUCTC Social Justice**  
**May 13, 2017**  
“Help others by cleaning out your closet”

Bring your Donations to the  
Administrative entrance of UUCTC  
333 Meridian, West Lafayette Indiana

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

# An Awakening...

## A Preview of Forum and Worship

**April 2nd at 9:00AM**

Topic: **Interdependence – It's More Than You Think**

Speaker: **Mark French**

The topic description starts here. We tend to think of interdependence in sociological terms. While that's probably correct as far as it goes, the idea of interdependence is particularly important now, and in two different ways....The first is that almost every aspect of our lives is a reflection of how we depend on other people all around the world. It's fashionable right now to talk about how we can separate ourselves from other countries and their economies.

**April 9th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Rabbi Brant Rosen**

Topic: **Prospects for Justice in Israel/Palestine in the Era of Trump**

Rabbi Rosen is American Friends Service Committee's Midwest Regional Director and lives in Evanston, IL. Before coming to AFSC, he served as a congregational rabbi for over 20 years. He is the co-founder and co-chair of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council and the founder, with Rabbi Brian Walt, of the Jewish Fast for Gaza.

**April 16th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Betty Memmer**

Topic: **Planned Parenthood**

A program on PP's 1st 100 years and review of PPINK services. The public policy folks at PP will have the best insight to the effects of the Trump administration.

**April 23rd at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Martina Stemburg**

Topic: Grandparents Raising Grandkids: A follow-up to last January's forum with a shorter talk, then Q&A, followed by a letter writing campaign.

**April 30th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **TBD**

Topic: **TBD**

**April 2nd at 10:30AM**

Topic: **You Can't Hide**

Speaker: **Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd**

Our experiences and vulnerabilities are a part of us, whether we like it or not. How we handle this truth matters. We cannot live our lives behind masks. Join us as we explore how to have a healthy relationship with our experiences and vulnerabilities.

**April 9th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Deanna Brown**

During a time when fear, brokenness, and violence swirl around us and within us, what symbols and sounds propel us into a movement of hope and change? Which ones beckon us to unmask brutality, keep singing, and lead in love?



**April 16th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd**

Topic: **Fertile Soil**

Out of death, where do we find new life? On this Easter Sunday, we will explore how we transform our darkest hours into fertile soil for our own blossoming.

**April 23rd at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Robin Poindexter**

There are those who are inclined to do what is needed to protect everyone else; by physical force, or mental dexterity. We all do what we can.

**April 30th at 10:30AM**

Topic: **Youth Led Service**

Speaker: **Nicole Rice**

# UUCTC Monthly Calendar

APRIL 2017

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   |   |  |  |   |  | <b>1</b><br>7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)<br>10:30 AM Blue Moon Rising Choir (S), 101/103, (FH), and (K) |
| <b>2</b><br>Seed Planting Party on the Playground after service<br>9:00 AM Forum (101)<br>10:30 AM Worship & RE<br>11:45 AM <b>POTLUCK SUNDAY!</b><br>5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class<br>7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101) | <b>3</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>11:00 AM President's Meeting (Minister's Office)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>5:30 PM Worship Committee (102)<br>7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH)<br>7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)                              | <b>4</b><br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>6:00 PM <b>Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101)</b><br>6:30 PM N.A. (212)<br>7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)                             | <b>5</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(101/103)  | <b>6</b><br>UUCTC FUNdraiser at HuHot Mongolian Grill<br>5:00 PM Meditation (M)<br>5:40 PM Dinner @MCL<br>6:00 PM Finance Committee (102) | <b>7</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>7:00 PM Youth CON | <b>8</b><br>Youth CON<br>7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)   |
| <b>9</b><br>7:00 AM Youth CON<br>9:00 AM Forum (101)<br>10:30 AM Worship & RE<br>11:45 AM RE Newspaper Meeting<br>5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class   | <b>10</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (FH)<br>2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (FH)<br>7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH)<br>7:00 PM Committee on Ministry (108)<br>7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101) | <b>11</b><br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>5:30 PM Pastoral Care (102)<br>6:30 PM N.A. (212)<br>7:00 PM <b>BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)</b><br>7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S) | <b>12</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>7:00 PM ACLU(212)<br>7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(101/103)  | <b>13</b><br>4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 4218 (FH)<br>5:00 PM Meditation (M)<br>5:40 PM Dinner @MCL  | <b>14</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)                     | <b>15</b><br>7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)   |
| <b>16</b><br>9:00 AM Forum (101)<br>10:30 AM Worship & RE   | <b>17</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>6:00 PM Safety Committee (102)<br>7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH)<br>7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)  | <b>18</b><br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>6:30 PM N.A. (212)<br>7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)  | <b>19</b><br><b>Lafayette Independent Deadline: Wednesday before last Tuesday of month</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>9:00 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH)<br>7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(101/103) | <b>20</b><br>5:00 PM Meditation (M)<br>5:40 PM Dinner @MCL  | <b>21</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)                     | <b>22</b><br>7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)   |
| <b>23</b><br>9:00 AM Forum (101)<br>10:30 AM Worship & RE<br>12:00 PM Earth Day Recycling Fair  | <b>24</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (FH)<br>7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH)<br>7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)  | <b>25</b><br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)<br>6:30 PM N.A. (212)<br>7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)  | <b>26</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>9:00 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH)<br>7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(101/103)  | <b>27</b><br>4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 4218 (FH)<br>5:00 PM Meditation (M)<br>5:40 PM Dinner @MCL  | <b>28</b><br>7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)<br>8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH)<br>12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)                     | <b>29</b><br>7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)   |

## RE's Earth



During the months of March and April, RE will concentrate their efforts on taking an active role in protecting and preserving the environment.

Recycling basically involves turning used materials that are

labeled as recyclable over to your local waste facility designated in a disposal container as "recyclable" materials to be taken and reused as material for a new purpose. A recyclable product is turned back into a raw form that can be used to create a new and different product (Earthfriends.com, 2016).

## Up with Technology >>>

- Missed an OOS and Weekly Meridian Update, No worries. Visit [UUCTC](#) They can be found on the UUCTC's website Newsletters & Bulletins
- Are you finding it easier to connect to the web? A special thank you to the IT committee as they continue to update UUCTC's internet infrastructure
- Missed service last week? Or would like to share the sermon with a friend. UUCTC sermons can be found on [YouTube](#) (prior to 2017) and [Soundcloud](#) (after 2017)

**YouTube Link** ( Copy and paste into your browser)

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxM7MOBsVbvtqqKdPFUbbEuYYCOYfCGI)

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**Soundcloud Link** ( Copy and paste into your browser)

<http://bit.ly/uuctc-soundcloud>

We hope you enjoy connecting with these sermons when you aren't able to attend worship services, or you want to hear a sermon again. Please send your feedback to [webspinner@uuctc.org](mailto:webspinner@uuctc.org). Thank you!

## Spring Plant & Garden Craft Sale!

*Affordable veggie starts, herbs, perennials & annuals!*

May 6th, 9 am-1 pm

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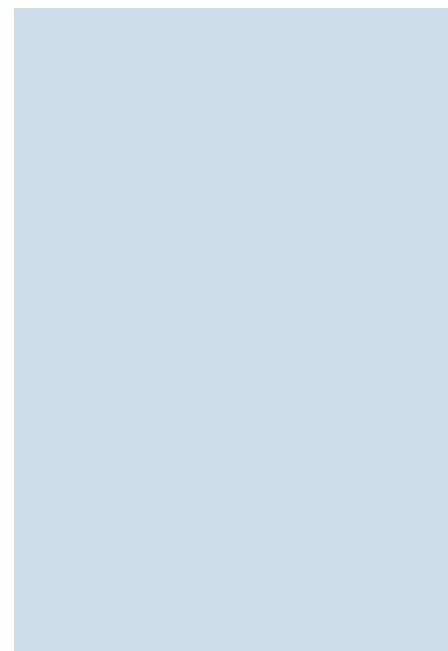






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