



The *Lighted Chalice* is a UUCTC Publication

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## Putting the Pieces Together: UUCTC Leaders Announce Strategic Planning Sessions

The leadership has heard you and now we are asking for your support. Beginning in August, the long awaited visioning process for UUCTC will begin. We will work along side of UUA consultant that will guide ALL of us through this visioning process will help US discover, **Who we are? Where we are going? and How will we get there?**

It is important to note the pronouns and phrases used earlier in this article... We will, All, and US...These were purposely used to

reflect and to encourage everyone to participate. This is NOT a leaders' event but these sessions are a



UUCTC event, everyone is encouraged to participate. You Matter!, and we want you're your help.

Please hold these dates – they are

important for our path forward: The **Visioning Process** will be held at the church on **Friday evening, August 25<sup>th</sup>**, and then **Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>** until 1pm. Exact hours have not been confirmed. The facilitator for this will be Dan Wiseman. Dan

is currently developing a draft agenda and methodology, which he will share with us in the coming week. He sees this as being an iterative process, through which we get the sessions we need. Childcare will be provided.

### UUCTC Consultant: Dan Wiseman

Dan has been a member of the MidAmerica Region UUA Consultant Group since 2001. Recent projects include district-wide leadership programs, congregation and board retreats and serving as CMWD's congregational conflict engagement project. He has a master's degree in Educational Psychology and PhD work in Adult Education (ABD).

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## Take a Chance, Extend a Hand? By Dorothy Hughes



Rode family on the left, Margaret, Josh and Linda Lou Prokopy at the end of the table.

We have the opportunity to build rewarding friendships with Purdue international students who are eager to learn about American culture from 'real' American families. IFP provides an easy way to make these connections happen. Volunteer hosts meet once a month with assigned students, or 3 or 4 times during the student's first

semester. Hosts typically invite students into their homes and normal everyday activities. Do you enjoy meeting and welcoming people new to the area? Learning about other cultures? Making friends with internationals?

If so, the International Friendship Program (IFP) may be for you. IFP is a Purdue program that connects new international Boilermakers with local community hosts for friendship and support as students and scholars transition to living in Greater Lafayette.

Mark your calendar to attend a forum session at UUCTC at 9:00a.m., Sunday, August 20 to learn the various ways you can be involved in this program and matched with an international student arriving this August.

A handful of UUCTC congregants have participated in this program and sing its praises:

- Marge Hood hosted young women from Japan and China, "Both of my experiences with IFP were great. I still FaceTime with my Japanese friend living in Japan with her two beautiful children. I encourage others to share in this program'.



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## Strengthening Our Community



Have you ever wondered how to get involved in church activities?

Who organizes the Art Fair? Is there a book group? How do I join an interest group or committee? Who do I contact?

UUCTC has heard your concerns and we cordially invite to you the Interest and Activities Fair. Do you

want to know how you fit in? What are your passions and skills and how would you like to use them in the church community?

Which gifts, talents, and ideas do you enjoy sharing? Whichever you choose, we have a place for you! Don't know how to get started?



Accept our invitation to the Interest and Activities Fair on **September 10th.**

This event is brought to you via a partnership between Program Council and Stewardship Committee.

**Be  
part  
of it!**



# Feature<sup>Story</sup>

## *Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole Rice* *"Time For All Sages"*



- We have really enjoyed learning from our sages this summer. We got to make kites, play instruments, bake bread, move our bodies, train a cat, make boats, and all sorts of other exciting things! Thank you to all of you who have imparted wisdom on our amazing youth.
- We have been collecting plastic bottle caps for months and are so close to our goal of transforming those caps into a lovely recycled bench. Thanks to all of you who have donated. Keep them coming!

- We will have RE volunteer training on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am or 12-1pm or Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-10am or 12-1pm. Choose which date works best for you.
- We are kicking off a brand new RE semester on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Here are some things to look forward to in the month of August:
  - o Our final "Time for All Sages" class with Caolan Vane on writing
  - o Bike rodeo
  - o Painting welcome signs to place near the entrances of the church.
  - o Traveling around the world in our "Passport to Spirituality" program

## NURSERY Christina Wright

The youngest children of this church are so very sweet. Their most recent accomplishments and growth are apparent each week. I have been honored to begin to get to know their families as well. Many family members have stayed a while to help ease their children into this new caregiving experience.

Thank you to Erin Fredricks, Kirsten Reynolds, and Desiree Chuang who have made time to volunteer in the nursery. If anyone is interested offering time serving as a nursery assistant on a rotating basis (once monthly) please contact RE Director Nicole Rice.



## Fun for All By Frank Arnold



On Sunday, June 4, dozens of UUs gathered at Happy Hollow

two years because the major construction project on Happy Hollow Road has finally been completed. Combined with the warm but bearable weather, attendance was high this year.

With Sam and Jada Haughey behind the grill and everyone else bringing tasty food to share, everyone was well fed. In addition to the fine dining, traditional activities of hiking,

playing on the playground equipment, and of course, kickball and making tie-dye shirts took place. At around 2:40 PM, the skies opened and it poured down rain for several minutes. But it did not put a damper on the day as everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to everyone involved in planning the picnic and organizing activities to make it more enjoyable.

Park for our annual potluck picnic in the park. Travel from the church to the park was much easier this year than the previous

## Minister's Meditation By Rev. D. Charles Davis

Our Denomination is Examining the notion of white supremacy and how it affects our congregations and our interactions with the larger community.

How do we relate to the outside world?

How do we invite people inside our world?

It will take much self reflection from all of us

Imagine viewing the world from the moon.

The oneness of the planet is apparent.

All barriers are invisible.

All Earthlings are one.

No one is an outsider.



But as we move closer barriers appear

We each are moving in our separate spheres.

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?



Consider your gender: Male, female, or transgender.

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?



Consider your race: a false concept with real consequences.

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

Consider your religion.

Did you accept the teaching of your elders?

Do you seek new understanding?

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

Consider your nationality.

Were you born into it or did you choose it?

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

Consider your social class; your wealth, education, occupation and status.

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

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## UUCTC Film Group By Joan Marshall



If you are a film buff or just enjoy going to a movie occasionally, consider joining the UU Film Group. Here is how—contact Joan Marshall ([joanmarshall3@gmail.com](mailto:joanmarshall3@gmail.com)) and let her know you would like to be added to the UU Film Group list. Then, when an interesting film arrives at a local theater, Joan sends an email indicating the place and time and

everyone meets at the theater. Afterwards, we visit a nearby restaurant to discuss the film over food and beverages. In addition to films shown at local commercial theaters, we also attend movies sponsored by other organizations in the community. Last spring, a student group at Purdue hosted an excellent film series many of us enjoyed, and during the summer, the Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association (WALLA) is sponsoring a film series on the Bill of Rights that we are also attending.

Occasionally we show a film at the

church, usually on a Sunday afternoon. In the past we have partnered with the Social Justice Committee to show films with a human rights theme, and we also show films that never made it to Lafayette. Last fall, we screened a fascinating Turkish film, “Mustang” about the role of women in a small village in modern Turkey. Discussion followed led by a young woman Purdue student from Istanbul.

We’d love to have you join us—look forward to seeing you at the movies!

## Celebration of Life



**Brandon Edward Bowen**, 39, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 6:39 p.m.

Brandon was born in Riverside, California on November 6, 1977. He was the son of S. Edward and Kathy E. (Anderson) Bowen of Attica. He was raised in Attica, graduating from Attica High School in 1996. He had

been residing in Lafayette these past few years.

Brandon was raised and baptized in the Attica First Lutheran Church. He enjoyed the outdoors where he liked to fish. He was a fan of NASCAR and enjoyed watching his favorite baseball team, the Chicago Cubs. He leaves behind his parents, Ed and Kathy Bowen of Attica; two daughters, Caitlyn Rose and Emily Grace Bowen, both of West Lebanon; a brother, Andy (Jessica) Bowen, Lafayette.

Friends may gather at the Attica First Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 15th, from 3:00 p.m. until the memorial service time at 4:00 p.m. with Rev. Charlie Davis officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lafayette Transitional

Housing, 615 N. 18th St.,  
Lafayette, IN 47904

### FACTS

**Born:** November 6, 1977

**Place of Birth:** Riverside, CA

**Death:** June 28, 2017

**Place of Death:** Lafayette, IN

**Hobbies:** fishing, watching  
NASCAR; rooting for his

favorite team, the Chicago Cubs

### Organizations:

Attica First Lutheran Church





## A Family Business at UUCTC By Josh Prokopy



JJ runs Old Gray Cat Herb Farm out of a room in the basement of the Fellowship Hall. Old Gray Cat is a small, family business making handcrafted herbal bath, beauty and medicinal products that are sold at local farmers markets and holiday fairs. Their products are also carried by City Foods in downtown Lafayette.

JJ started her business nine years ago when she was teaching at Ivy Tech. She only got paid during the school year, and was looking for a way to supplement her wages over the summer. At the time, Amy

French was on the board of the West Lafayette farmer's market and told her they were looking for someone to sell herbs. The Rodes already had a big vegetable garden, but that year they built several new beds for culinary herbs, got a booth at the market, printed off zillions of recipes and ... nobody bought them! Her total sales for the season were less than \$400. JJ wasn't deterred, however. She'd been making catnip toys for family and friends for years, and gradually shifted the business from a culinary focus to what it is today.

JJ named the business after her old cat, 'Mapali (which is Sesotho for "one who plays"). JJ got 'Mapali when she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho, Southern Africa and in the 23 years



that followed 'Mapali moved with JJ to five states and three continents.

JJ strives to make everything using ingredients that are as natural as possible. Her tag line is: "Good for your body, good for the Earth."

She uses her space at church to manufacture most of her products. That includes sewing body pillows, catnip toys and dog bandanas, and making all of the various bath, beauty & medicinal products.

For JJ, working out of the church feels kind of like being at home. It is centrally located and convenient. Outside of home and school, almost everything her family does is part of one church project or another, so having a work space there is a perfect fit.

A lot of people from church already buy JJ's products and she's eternally grateful for that. Anyone who is interested can email her at [oldgraycatherbs@gmail.com](mailto:oldgraycatherbs@gmail.com), phone her at 765-714-7537, or come to the farmers' market on Saturday mornings (downtown Lafayette) or Wednesday afternoons (West Lafayette's Cumberland Park).



## UUCTC Safety Committee

Greetings, Friends!

We are always thankful when members of our congregation step forward to take on a task that helps our church move forward. However,

sometimes people borrow things and forget to bring them back. If you have borrowed a key from the office key box so that you could do something for the church, thank you! Now, please bring the key back.

Noemi Ybarra, for the Safe Congregation Committee

# NEW!

## MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

Rev. D. Charles Davis' Office Hours are 12:00pm to 4pm Monday through Thursday and by appointment. \*\*\***Note—Rev . D. Charles Davis has a new phone number , 765 656 6113.** Please update your records accordingly.\*\*\*

# The Yield is More than Corn

By Jada Haughey

It all started with an email sent to the board president, the Director of Religions Exploration, and the chair of Program Council/past president in April. The email asked that the UUCTC consider taking over the Roasted Corn Booth at the annual [Feast of the Hunters' Moon](http://www.tippecanoehistory.org/the-feast/), an event hosted by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association, scheduled this year for September 30 and October 1. Hosting the booth could potentially raise \$3500 for UUCTC.

The inquiry was referred to the May Program Council meeting. A later post on the UUCTC Facebook discussion page led to a lively discussion of the pros and cons of the UUCTC taking responsibility for and reaping the benefits of hosting the Roasted Corn Booth. Jada Haughey, having hosted another booth in the past, messaged privately and a productive discussion ensued. Jada



<http://www.tippecanoehistory.org/the-feast/>

met with Brad Helema, the former 15 year booth chair when New Community School used the event as a fundraiser. They discussed the ins and outs and then together presented at the June Program Council meeting. Since hosting the roasted corn booth takes massive amount of manpower over the two days of the feast, UUCTC leadership referred them to the board for final approval.

At the June Program Council and the Board meetings leadership thoroughly vetted the church's possible participation in the event and learned that there is zero financial

investment from the church as the Tippecanoe County Historical Society assumes all financial responsibilities. Worst case scenario, the event is rained out and we receive zero proceeds.

You might imagine how overwhelming that initial meeting with Brad was. Jada agreed to chair the booth only if he agreed to run it, and he is so invested in its continue success he agreed!

What does that mean for the church? Jada will be coordinating



<http://www.tippecanoehistory.org/the-feast/>

the workers at the booth and staffing it. The non-profit food booths at the Feast partner with the Tippecanoe County Historical Society. The TCHS is in charge of all of the products/supplies the booth needs. So all we need to do is run the booth and we get a check at the end. The booth generally brings in \$2500 - \$3500 for the event.

Well, there is always a wrinkle in the best laid plans . . . New Community School donated all the booth supplies they had on hand to us as well as many costumes. In order to have sufficient garb on hand for all the booth workers, and to replace some costumes that are worn out, Jada organized sewing circles at church to make more. What a great opportunity for service and fellowship for those who enjoy and are skilled with sewing related skills.

This is a fundraiser with little investment and big return. There are numerous volunteer opportunities for the event, large and small. Workers receive a FREE weekend pass for this event. Please contact Jada in person, before or after service, or via email [ladyjada@hotmail.com](mailto:ladyjada@hotmail.com) to take advantage of this great volunteer opportunity.



<http://www.tippecanoehistory.org/the-feast/>



# An Awakening...

## A Preview of Forum and Worship

### **August 6th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Luci Keazer**

Topic: **National Alliance on Mental Illness-West Central Indiana**

NAMI-WCI wants to end the stigma and social stereotypes associated with mental illnesses. We raise awareness about mental illness in our community, and show others how to live successfully with the symptoms of mental illness.

### **August 13th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Stephen David**

Topic: **White and Black Freedoms: Privilege and Under-privilege in a Racialized Society**

Stephen David grew up in apartheid South Africa where he was a community activist and an English teacher.

### **August 20th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Wendy L. Medbourn**

Topic: **International Friendship Program**

IFP is a CILMAR program that connects new international Boilermakers with local community hosts for friendship and support as students and scholars transition to living in Greater Lafayette.

### **August 27th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Linda LeMar and Angi Peterson**

Topic: **The Art and Craft of Pottery: A Look Beyond the Kitchen Cupboard**

We all start with clay but design methods, firing techniques, influences, and objectives vary enormously.

### **August 6th at 10:30AM**

Topic: **The Web of Defective Connections.**

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

On this day in 1991 British Unitarian Tim Berners-Lee released files describing his idea for the World Wide Web. WWW debuts as a publicly available service on the internet. This has made the world smaller but has it made us closer.

### **August 13th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Eric Thiel**

Topic: **Choices, Situational Ethics, and Slaughtering Demons: The World of Dragon Age**

“The Dragon Age video game series is from Bioware, a software company noted for both the quality of their games and the race/gender/sexuality inclusiveness of their characters. The three existing titles have plots which change with the choices you make for each situation, with a wide variety of scenarios for various paths and consequences that can carry over to subsequent titles. As I have played and replayed these games, toying with the choices, I’ve gained insight into my own moral compass and preference for situational ethics

### **August 20th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: : **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Battle Of Fallen Timbers**

On this Day in 1794 Native Americans Were defeated by General “Mad” Anthony Wayne. This led to the building of Fort Wayne and establishment of White Supremacy in this region. This legal and social preference for whites still affects our state and congregation to this day.

### **August 27th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: : **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Who is an American?**

What does it mean to Be a citizen. What are the rights and responsibilities. What ideals and experiences make a person an American?



# CHANGE FOR CHANGE

## UUCTC Social Justice Meeting Community's Needs



<https://caregiver.com/articles/relatives-raising-children/>

The Change 4 Change recipient for April & May was Special Parents Special Kids - a local group run by Tiffany Kendall to help families with special needs kids in the surrounding area. She is a huge help to parents by collecting resource information, running local special needs friendly events, and a support group that meets monthly. She is very receptive to the needs of a special needs parent as she has 3 kids with special needs. A check for \$304.11 was sent out last month, and I checked in with Tiffany to see what the extra money would

allow her to do, she explained that she is putting together sensory boxes for all of the kids that attend the July event at My Gym, the boxes will include 6 fidget/sensory items and the kids will get to keep them.

She is also creating visual aids and will use whatever is left to help with scholarships and the needs of the parents as they arise. The Change 4 Change recipient for June & July was Grandparents Raising Grandkids, a local support group started by Martina Sternberg before she moved. The group is in

transition currently and anyone willing to help them get organized and set up would be a huge help. If interested please contact Elva James



<https://caregiver.com/articles/relatives-raising-children/>

at [ejames@areaivagency.org](mailto:ejames@areaivagency.org). A total of \$217.05 was raised, and I am sure it will be put to good use. There is a lack of local resources for Grandparents raising their grandkids in the local area and this group is the start at improving that.

## Meditation *Cont. from page 3*



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Consider your Sexuality.

Whom do you hold closest to your self?

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with

others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

Consider your individuality.

What defines you, defying all categories?

What privileges do you accept?

What oppression do you resist?

In what ways are you an insider with others at your mercy?

When are you an outsider dependent on the mercy of others?

What are the barriers we should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

With Gratitude and Hope,  
Rev Charlie

# UUCTC August 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Building meeting 101/103 <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101)</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)	<b>3</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>5:40 PM</b> Dinner @MCL <b>6:00 PM</b> Finance Committee (102)	<b>4</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>6:30 PM</b> Community Sing ( Blue Moon Rising ) FH
<b>6</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>11:45 AM</b> <b>POTLUCK SUNDAY!</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:30 PM:</b> NA meeting (214) <b>7:00 PM:</b> Meditation (103) <b>7:00 PM:</b> AA (FH)	<b>8</b> <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Pastoral Care (102) <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Greater Lafayette ACLU (214)	<b>10</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship and Music Committee (101/3) <b>5:40 PM</b> Dinner @MCL	<b>11</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Cardinal District Directors Workshop (102) <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>12:30 PM</b> Cardinal District Directors Workshop (101/103)
<b>13</b> UUCTC Freezer Meal Interest Group-- (FH & K) <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>9:00 AM</b> RE Volunteer Training <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>12:00 PM</b> RE Volunteer Training <b>2:00 PM</b> Freezer Interest Group (FH)	<b>14</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:30 PM:</b> NA meeting (214) <b>7:00 PM:</b> Meditation (103) <b>7:00 PM:</b> AA (FH)	<b>15</b> Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Lafayette Independent Deadline: Wednesday before last Tuesday of month</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Choir (FH)	<b>17</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>5:40 PM</b> Dinner @MCL	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Family Movie Night	<b>19</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>10:00 AM</b> UUCTC Membership Class (101/103)
<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>9:00 AM</b> RE Volunteer Training <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>12:00 PM</b> RE Volunteer Training	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Safety Committee (102) <b>6:30 PM:</b> NA meeting (214) <b>7:00 PM:</b> Meditation (103) <b>7:00 PM:</b> AA (FH)	<b>22</b> <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Choir (FH)	<b>24</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>5:40 PM</b> Dinner @MCL	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> UUCTC Visioning Process (TBD) <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> UUCTC Visioning Process (TBD) <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>12:00 PM</b> Fellowship Team Leader Training (101/103)	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b> <b>6:30 PM:</b> NA meeting (214) <b>7:00 PM:</b> Meditation (103) <b>7:00 PM:</b> AA (FH)	<b>29</b> <b>12:00 PM A/A (FH)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Choir (FH)	<b>31</b> <b>5:40 PM</b> Dinner @MCL		



# I Sing, Because... By Denise Wilson



Photo Credit: Jessica Kate Photography

Are you someone who loves to sing but rarely sings outside of the shower? Or are you an experienced singer who would enjoy singing in a relaxed, fun environment? Regardless of experience, all voices are welcome in Blue Moon Rising! Led by Denise Wilson, the community choir will meet weekly from 7:00-8:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall. The session will run from August 16 through November 15. The fee for the autumn session is \$150 but a sliding scale, payment plan, and scholarships are available so that no one misses singing because of money.

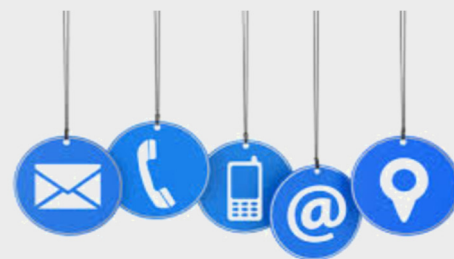
Nearly half of the choir's 60 singers are members or friends of the UU Church. Though people make their way to Blue Moon Rising because they love to sing, they soon find that singing in a community choir is about much more than making music. It is an intentional act of joining with

others to create beauty, peace, unity, and harmony. Singing together lessons our own isolation and offers the valuable gift of a supportive community. As we stand side by side blending our voices, we open our hearts and enjoy a genuine connection to others that is rare in today's world. We feel our bodies relax, our worries fade, and our spirits rise. We know from experience



why doctors and scientists the world over promote group singing as a powerful healing balm for body, mind, and spirit.

Many of the songs in the Blue Moon repertoire resonate with UU values of justice, peace, inclusivity, and the interdependent web of life. But these values are also expressed in songs from other faith traditions and world cultures, so members are sometimes challenged to stretch themselves to learn songs from outside of their cultural, spiritual, or linguistic comfort zone.



If you are interested in exploring Blue Moon Rising, please plan to attend an orientation session on Aug. 16 or Aug. 23 from 6:15 to 6:45. Newcomers are welcome to come and sing at the first two meetings before deciding to continue.

To read more about Blue Moon Rising, please visit

- [www.denisewilson.net/blue-moon-rising](http://www.denisewilson.net/blue-moon-rising).
- One-time singing events and choir activities are also posted on Facebook at Denise Wilson Music.
- Questions? Contact Denise Wilson at
- [dm2wilson@gmail.com](mailto:dm2wilson@gmail.com)



## Take a Chance *Cont. from Page 2*



Josh Prokopy is on the left, daughter Annabel Prokopy is on the right.

has come on their own to a strange place where they might feel lonely and unconnected. Engaging with people from other places is an enjoyable way to act locally while thinking globally”.

- Josh Prokopy reports his family has participated for several years hosting a dinner of 4-6 students either on Thanksgiving or the day after Christmas. “Every time it has been a fantastic experience. We enjoy great and wide ranging conversations, and it's a pleasure to see how much the students appreciate the opportunity to have a meal in an American home. For many of them, it might be the only

opportunity they get, and afterwards they are always effusive in their thanks. It's a rewarding experience on many levels, and takes so little effort to do. I would encourage everyone to give it a try”.

- Ingrid Cleaver brings a different perspective due to her immigration from German faced with different languages and customs. “The matches with students formed a bond on a very human level, something every person needs to survive in a community. It is a two way street, because it is a teaching and learning avenue for both partners involved. I ended up with lots of silken scarves given as gifts!!”



## *Lighted Chalice...*

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# SAVE THE DATE

**Aug. 4th** Lammas Harvest Service

**Aug. 13th** RE Training

**Aug. 15th** Lighted Chalice  
Submission Deadline

**Aug. 18th** Family Movie\*\*

**Aug. 19th** New Members Class

**Aug. 20th** RE Volunteer training

**Aug. 25th** **UUCTC Visioning  
Process**

**Aug. 26th** **UUCTC Visioning  
Process**

**Sept.-Oct** Change 4 Change  
Greater Lafayette  
Immigrant Allies

**Sept.1-3rd** All Church Retreat

**Sept. 10th** Interest Activities  
Fair/Stewardship  
Campaign Kick-off

**\*\* New Date for Family Movie**