

# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

JANUARY 2017

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes  
10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare available.

## SUNDAY FORUM

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

### Sunday, Jan. 1

Potluck Breakfast: Hopes for the New Year  
Fellowship Hall, 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday, Jan. 8

Speaker: Rev Elizabeth Carrier Ladd  
Associate: Dianna Poindexter  
Hymns: Janice Thiel  
Pulpit prep: Robin Poindexter  
"Meet and Greet" after service

### Sunday, Jan. 15

Speaker: Gale Charlotte  
Topic: Empathy "In the Event of..."  
Associate: Janice Thiel  
Hymns: Janice Thiel  
Pulpit prep: Robin Poindexter

### Sunday, Jan. 22

Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Carrier Ladd  
Associate: Bill Welge  
Music: Janine Cochran

### Sunday, Jan. 29

Speaker: Bill Welge  
Topic: The Wisdom of Wendell Berry  
Associate: Kris Taylor  
Music: Janine Cochran

### Sunday, Feb. 5

Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Carrier Ladd  
Associate: Don Gresham  
Music: Janine Cochran  
Joys and Sorrows

01/01/17 No Forum

01/08/17

#### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Rewards and Challenges

Martina Sternberg –Director, Community Mobilization, Military Family Research Institute at Purdue.

Martina and her husband are raising their grandson, Gabriel. She noticed a need to provide resources and support for the many grandparents raising their grandchildren. She started an online facebook page for grandparents and had the first "meet and greet" support group in December. Martina will discuss why so many grandparents are raising grandchildren, the impact on the grandchildren, and why resources are so important.

01/15/17

#### Drinking Water Contaminates in the U.S.

Maryam Ghadiri, Mysha & Kimberly Saviers, *Emerging Leaders In Science & Society (ELISS is a leadership development program that prepares graduate students to collaborate across boundaries for the benefit of society).*

Kimberly Saviers is a doctoral student at the Birck Nanotechnology Center. Her research is focused on manufacturing of nanomaterials.

Mysha is a Jamaican native pursuing her PhD in Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue. Her doctoral study specializes in Natural Resources Social Sciences and the human dimensions of natural resource management.

MaryAm Ghadiri is a fourth year PhD student at Purdue. Her background is on environmental science and wildlife conservation. The focus of her current research is on informal learning and environmental education.

01/22/17

#### Bauer Family Resources, Pam Biggs Reed, CEO

01/29/17

#### Climate Change

Manjana Milkoreit, Liam Fitzgerald

Manjana Milkoreit joins Purdue as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. Her research integrates international relations scholarship and cognitive theory to study actor motivations and policy design in global climate change politics and diplomacy.

Liam Fitzgerald studied Biology and English at University of Washington in Seattle. He has been involved with the Citizens' Climate Lobby for several years and has participated in over a dozen congressional meetings both in-district and in Washington D.C.

02/05/17

#### Movie: "Living for 32"

A screening of the documentary "Living for 32," a 40-minute film featuring Colin Goddard, a survivor of the Virginia Tech shooting who is now an advocate with the Brady Center. <http://livingfor32.com/>

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, Sabbatical Minister

The Board and Sabbatical Task Force are eager to introduce you to Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd, who will be our Minister while Rev. Charlie is on sabbatical from January - June.

A brochure has been produced that introduces Rev. Elizabeth and describes how the sabbatical will work, but here are some basic details.

She is a fourth generation UU whose immediate family includes five other ministers. She graduated from Meadville Lombard in 2011 and has served as a consulting minister, an intern minister and a medical center chaplain. Rev. Elizabeth lives in Muncie with her husband - the minister of the UU church there - and two children. She will commute to the Lafayette area and live part-time up here, part-time with her family. Rev. Elizabeth will work for us about 20 hours per week, including preaching twice a month. The Worship Committee is responsible for providing the remaining Sunday services. Rev. Elizabeth will be available for conducting ceremonies (e.g., weddings, memorial services) for members and nonmembers alike. She will attend Board and Program Council meetings, provide pastoral care, and as needed will continue our tradition of representing liberal religious values in the community.

Other church functions are expected to continue with the guidance of our committees and congregational leaders. The brochure gives more details on all of these points, including a calendar for the weeks of January and February (so you can see when she will be doing Sunday services. The brochure will also be sent via email to all congregants who are on our email distribution list. If you want to request a copy to be sent to you in the mail, please contact the church office.

### "Meet and Greet" reception

Rev. Elizabeth's first service with us will be on Jan. 8. We invite all members and friends of the church to attend that service and stay for a short "meet and greet" reception after the service, during the regular coffee hour.

Barney Dunning, Sabbatical Task Force

### Hope for the New Year

Rev. Charlie Davis led his last pre-sabbatical service on Christmas Eve. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd will be joining us for her first Sunday service on Jan. 8. Please plan to join us in fellowship hall after the service for a brief 'meet and greet.' More details about Elizabeth and her role here can be found in the article from the sabbatical task force.

The church will be making numerous adjustments during the six month sabbatical time. Undoubtedly some will go well, and some not so much. While I like to dream there will be no difficulties with having a part-time minister, I also know that 'life happens' and hope that we all will be flexible and understanding.

Thanks to all those who attended the congregational meeting and asked questions. Those of us deeply involved in church leadership are privy to information other do not have because we have been involved in the development process. It is always so refreshing to be able to provide the information needed to help provide the whole picture. Secondly, if pledges reach the targeted goal, we can look into hiring a choir director.

In response to a string of posts on the UU Facebook discussion page in early November, and after consulting with the regional UUA, we have developed a concealed carry task force to examine all sides of the issue. Sunday forum will feature the film "Living for 32" on the first Sunday in February. There will be at least one evening screening and discussion, date to be determined. The task force (consisting of members of the board, committee on ministry and safety committee) will write a policy and present it to the board for approval sometime in the next several months.

If you would like to be more involved in church leadership, please know that the nominating committee will be seeking two nominees for board trustee, a president elect, as well as one each for nominating, endowment and committee on ministry in the next few months. If you would like to have more information about any of these elected positions just let me know.

As we face this time of change in our church here are two quotes to ponder:

*Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.*

Pope John XXIII

*Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof.*

John Kenneth Galbraith

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Looking Back:** In December, we explored world religion holidays and held our holiday program based on Charles Dickens' classic novel, A Christmas Carol.

**Looking Forward:** In January we'll be examining the themes of courage and resistance.

### Reminders and Upcoming Events:

• **OWL (Our Whole Lives)** is a values-based curriculum that equips participants with accurate and age-appropriate information about the human body and helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality. Please see <http://www.uua.org/re/owl/297213.shtml> for more information about the 7-9 grade OWL program, including workshop topics.

• UUCTC will be offering OWL for grades 7-9 during the spring 2017 semester. All OWL facilitators are comprehensively trained through the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association). In order for a child to participate in the program, parents must attend a mandatory orientation session. At the orientation session, the teaching team will introduce parents to the curriculum and the philosophy of the program. The orientation is scheduled for Jan. 8 from 5-8 pm. Registration deadline is Jan. 2.

• Jan. 8- RE volunteer training from 9:45-10:15 in DRE office

• Jan. 8- RE newspaper meeting from 11:45-12:15 in room 101/103

• RE classes will be collecting change to donate to St. Jude during the months of January and February.

• Feel free to donate a book to the RE library. You can find the link here: <http://tinyurl.com/pt329cy>. Donations are much appreciated to help us build our RE library.

• RE Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/pgspcsb>

## Imbolc/Candlemas

Friday February 3, 2017 7 - 8:30-ish pm Room 210

The beginning of February is filled with significance, a "cross quarter holiday," a date between a solstice and an equinox. For many Pagans it marks the holiday of Imbolc, seen by some as the start of Spring - and by many others as the height of Winter! In the U.S., early February is most commonly thought of as Groundhog Day, a seasonal ritual to determine how much longer Winter will last. Join us in the Imbolc celebration as we welcome the first small signs of Spring, and prepare the way for new growth by sweeping away that which holds us back.

Kirsten Reynolds [765-414-4691](tel:765-414-4691) Kathy Willowoode [765-430-4406](tel:765-430-4406)

## Change for Change

We have an opportunity to help a unique educational program in Lafayette that directly serves intermediate and junior high students in a cooperative program of Greater Lafayette Area Special Services (GLASS) and Wabash Valley Alliance.

Loose coins will be collected and donated to World Foods & Cultures Programs for the first two months of 2017.

World Foods & Cultures Program is a multimedia, hands-on approach to learning about our planet's huge variety of life experiences, history, and cultures with a special look at cuisines.

Students spend two weeks learning about one part of the world. At the end of each week the students prepare a dish that comes from that region. Students plan, shop and prepare foods while learning kitchen safety, budgets, food preparation and cooperation. Through this program students get real life experiences that will assist them in making progress toward independent living and employment later on.

Funds for this unique program do not come from the school. In addition to planning and teaching the course, teacher Bruce Hall must raise about \$2,500 per year for kitchen supplies and food. Let's get together to help support this fantastic program!

Linn Veen, Social Justice Committee

## UUC SERVICE AUCTION - SAVE THE DATE! FEB. 25, 2017, 6-9PM

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual service auction, to be held on Feb. 25, 2017. This always exciting event will include a delicious dinner, live auction, silent auction, and raffle.

Please help make this event a success by planning to attend. Better yet, consider making a donation for the auction using the online link. Not sure what you could offer as a donation? Host a party, provide childcare services, guide a canoe trip, lead a nature hike, be a dog walker, host a craft beer brewing workshop, make your ski chalet available for a weekend. Be creative!

Link to online donation form: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgoo.gl%2Fforms%2F54nEMAljHHM05oBg1&token=K9n%2FUGsz1m4dYkBSJQ2Vp3xJH3L7PSz1jHKD9v9HAMQ%3D>  
Mark VanMeeter ([765\) 448-9807](tel:765-448-9807) email: [uuctcauction@gmail.com](mailto:uuctcauction@gmail.com)



## JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:30 AM Potluck 7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101)	<b>2</b> UUCTC Administrative Office is Closed 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Writers' Group meets (Westminster C-3 Lounge) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	<b>4</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)	<b>5</b> 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	<b>7</b> 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M) 6:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(F)
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM RE Volunteer Training 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:45 AM RE Newspaper Meeting 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class	<b>9</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (FH) 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (FH) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Committee on Ministry (108) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 5:30 PM Pastoral Care (102) 6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	<b>11</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 7:00 PM ACLU(212) 7:00 PM CC Taskforce Meeting (101/103)	<b>12</b> 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:30 PM Worship Committee (102) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 7:00 PM Social Justice Meeting (101)	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	<b>14</b> 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)
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<b>29</b> Mystery Pals sign up due 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 12:00 PM St. Jude Fundraiser (selling soup mix and herbal bath salts) 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class	<b>30</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	<b>31</b> 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	<b>1</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 6:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir(101/103)	<b>2</b> 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	<b>4</b> 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)