

THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

APRIL 2016

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

Sunday, April 3

"Seeking Spatial Justice:" A Meditation on Place and Race

Christopher Munt will offer thoughts on the pursuit of spatial justice in the context of the #BlackLivesMatter movement. Munt will share personal reflections on life in Lafayette, as well as his own travels and family history. He will end by inviting response and discussion in anticipation of the congregation's upcoming events.

Sunday, April 10

Being Muslim in Greater Lafayette

Haroon Mohammad, Marc Smith

The event will be a panel discussion with members of the Muslim community who reside in Greater Lafayette. Panelists will consist of graduate students from Purdue University. This forum will provide a great opportunity for members of UU Church to dialogue with their Muslim neighbors to help address questions/concerns pertaining to Islam as a religion (religious practices, theology), the impact of recent negative incidents on Muslim communities in the United States, and establishing a stronger relationship between faith communities in the Greater Lafayette community.

Sunday, April 17

Observations Regarding the International Conference on Global Warming

Laura Zanotti is an environmental anthropologist and interdisciplinary social scientist whose research program partners with communities to better understand how local, mostly rural, livelihoods and well-being can be sustained for future generations.

Sunday, April 24

Black Lives Matter in the Midwest and Beyond

Jean Beaman plans to examine the transnational connections of BlackLivesMatter, the resonance for black communities in France and in particular, analyzing the coverage of the events in Ferguson in the French media.

Sunday, May 1

The General Development of Drugs

Lynne Taylor's specialization is phase transformations, physical and chemical stability, water-solid interactions, amorphous systems and solid dispersions. She will cover the general process of making drugs, why new drugs cost so much, brand name versus generics, and different types of tablets (immediate release, controlled release) and how they work to release the drug.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Forum 9 a.m. Sunday Service &

Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m.

Nursery and childcare available.

Theme for April: Earth and Science

Sunday, April 3

The Earth

Rev. Charlie Davis

We live on fertile soil. How should we care for the land? What are the local issues that we face? What is the holy spirit of dirt?

Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Special Music, Hymns: Janine Cochran

Joys & Sorrows

Pulpit preparation: Dianna Poindexter

Sound: John Finley

Children begin in sanctuary

Sunday, April 10

The Air

Rev. Charlie Davis

I can't breathe. In Biblical Hebrew and Greek, the word for breath and spirit are the same. Urban areas are being choked by air pollution. Where are our cars taking us? Our spirits are harmed by the air that we breathe.

Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes

Special Music, Hymns: Janine Cochran

Pulpit preparation: Gail Davis

Sound: Don Gresham

Children begin in sanctuary

Sunday, April 17

Water

Rev. Charlie Davis

Water is a human right. Why is clean drinking water being denied to so many. What are some solutions on the horizon?

Special Music, Hymns: Janine Cochran

Sound Eric Thiel

Children begin in sanctuary

Sunday, April 24

Flower Communion

Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Janice Thiel

Special Music, Hymns: Janine Cochran

Sound: Gary Mueller

Children begin and stay in sanctuary

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Who Owns Our Church Building

In the last meeting of our Board of Trustees, I asked the question, "who owns our church building?" Most of us thought it was something like joint ownership between all of the members, but that answer requires some qualification, as in fact the church building is not really owned by its membership.

Members of a congregation do not own their church building as stockholders own a business. A congregation may not distribute its resources for the personal benefit of anyone. Nor can they sell the church property, pay the debts, and divide the proceeds among themselves. The most fundamental principle of non-profits is that they must use their resources exclusively for the specific purposes for which the state chartered them.

From this standpoint the owner that the board must serve is the congregation's mission, or the covenant that the congregation has set its heart to. Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law. This is our covenant.

As we tend to have very specific and confining notions about ownership in this culture, I thought this would be useful to ponder.

Bill Welge Board President UUCTC , oxygenphilosophy@gmail.com

Black Lives Matter Upcoming Events

Black Lives Matters Community event and Banner Unveiling

April 4, 6-10 pm, UU Church

The purpose of this open house is to educate people about WHAT the movement is, WHY it is desperately needed, and HOW people can help! There will be local organizations with informational booths so people can learn what these groups do and how to help. There will also be live entertainment and food available for purchase from Darryl's Southern BBQ.

Sunday Forum

April 24, 9 am, UU Church,
Professor Jean Beaman will discuss "Black Lives Matter in the Midwest and Beyond."

Movie and Discussion

Sunday, May 1, 4 pm, UU Church

Movie "Fruitvale Station," a 2013 American biographical based on the events leading to the death of Oscar Grant, a young man who was killed in 2009 by BART police officer Johannes Mehserle at the Fruitvale station in Oakland, California.

Additional information, events and volunteer opportunities will be posted to the Facebook page: UU Church Discussion Group, Tippecanoe
Linda Prokopy, Black Lives Matter Task Force, lprokopy@gmail.com,
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MINISTERS MUSE

Morning at Mascouten Landing
The sunlight reflects upon the
Wabash River.
The traffic rushes behind my back
Rambling on the river road.
I look to the trees lacing the east
bank.
Brimming with thoughts of trans-
formation
As springtime floodwaters cover
their roots.
A mallard couple swims furtively
Looking for a home on higher
ground

Beyond the veil of branches lies a
treeless country
A landing strip for remote control
planes,
A gravel pit, People's Brewing
Company, railroad tracks
But none of that is visible from
my vantage point
I see a slice of nature within the
workaday world
And I carry it with me
And it lightens the load
As I get back on River Road.
Then turn uphill
To work.

With Gratitude and Hope,
Rev Charlie

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back:

In March, the theme was mindfulness. We learned techniques to promote meditation, relaxation, and centering yourself. We also participated in an all ages' Easter service and egg hunt!

Looking forward:

In April, the theme is earth and science. We will be exploring our impact on the planet earth and discuss ways to love and care for our planet.

We will be offering OWL to grades 4-6 (ages 9-12) starting with a parent orientation on April 3rd from 12:45-2:00pm. Please contact drenicolerice@gmail.com for more information or to register your child. 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. The 4th-6th grade program is designed for learning about and discussing the physical and emotional changes of puberty. Participants will examine topics such as values and sexuality, communication, and decision-making.

UUCTC will be having an open house for the Black Lives Matter movement on Monday, April 4 at 6pm. Contact Jada Haughey at ladyjada@hotmail.com for more information.

April FUNdraiser: UU will receive 10% of the proceeds from anyone who eats at HuHot at 100 S. Creasy from 4-7pm on April 7.

There will be a RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, April 10 from 9:45-10:15 in room 104. This meeting is open to any RE guides, shadows, subs, and anyone else interested in volunteering to help out with RE.

There will be a RE newspaper meeting on Sunday, April 10 at 11:45 am

The "Families with Kids" movie night will be held on Friday, April 29 at 6pm in forum room 101. Popcorn will be available for donations and all proceeds will go towards UUCTC fundraising efforts.

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 drenicolerice@gmail.com.

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

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

First Sunday Potluck Is Also Church Work Day

On the first Sunday of each month we gather for food and fellowship after the worship service. Our Fellowship Teams take responsibility for hosting monthly potlucks on a rotating basis.

In addition to our usual potluck, we are asking all members of the congregation to help with an All Church Workday after potluck, where we will address various building maintenance issues.

If you can wield a broom or screwdriver, we can use your help. Fellowship team members will be cleaning up after the meal, but the rest of us can be addressing other issues in our church building and grounds. Activities will include painting, carpet cleaning, installing toilet paper holders, changing light bulbs and leak detection. Please plan to join us if you can - many hands help to lighten the load!

Rae Schnapp, Bill Welge

Goodwill Clothing Drive

May 14, 2016

10 am to 2 pm

Time to clean out your closets for the annual UU Goodwill Clothing Drive.

Come to the UU Church, 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, side entrance, between 10am and 2pm, and volunteers will help carry in your bags of clothes. Or you can drop off your bagged clothes any time the church is open, in the upper room of the fellowship hall.

Please use 13 gallon kitchen bags rather than 33 gallon lawn bags. All clothes must be bagged. No shoes or belts, only clothing.

For every bag of clothing collected Goodwill provides a voucher which we will distribute to LUM, Carry Home for Children, YWCA, and Family Promise to help local community members purchase needed clothing.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Under Our Roof:

Welcome Jane Hoffmann!

Alice Pawley, and Stephen and Simon Hoffmann are so glad that baby Jane has joined their family on 2/23/16. Jane weighed 9 lbs 6 oz, 21.5 in long, and is doing just fine. We are all getting adjusted to being a family of 4, 5 including the dog. Welcome, Jane!

alicepawley@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE	28 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 2:30 PM Brownie Troop 2:30-4:00 pm (FH) 5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force (4th Mondays 5:30-6:30pm) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	29 10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	30 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (101)	31 7:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL	1 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)	2 8:00 AM Zen M 10:00 AM Membership Meeting (104) 10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose (101) 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101)
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