



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: 5 JANUARY 2014

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

*Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes begin at 10:30 am Nursery Childcare Available.*

In worship and religious exploration during the month of January, we will explore Unitarian Universalism's fourth principle, the "free and responsible search for meaning."



### DECEMBER 29 "SPIRITUAL HOUSE CLEANING"

**Worship Leader:** Janice Thiel  
**Worship Associate:** Bill Welge  
**Sound:** Noemi Ybarra  
**Pianist:** Yue Jiang

### **Sound:** Gary Fowler **Children begin in Service**

There are many in this nation and world who are not free. They are modern day slaves. How can we increase our awareness and take responsible actions to stop it?

What is most important in your life?  
What do you want to not bring into the New Year?

### JANUARY 5 "FREE & RESPONSIBLE"

**Worship Leader:**  
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis  
**Worship Associate:**  
Michael Lewis  
**Accompanist:** Rev. Davis  
**Sound:** Chap Flack  
**Sharing of Joys & Sorrows**  
**Children begin in Service**  
**Potluck Sunday**

### JANUARY 19 "BAYARD RUSTIN & CIVIL RIGHTS"

**Worship Leader:**  
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis  
**Worship Associate:**  
Kris Taylor  
**Pianist:** Richard Maddux  
**Sound:** Jerry Hunley  
**Children begin in Service**

When Martin Luther King, Jr planned the 1963 March on Washington, Bayard Rustin was his Chief Strategist. This openly gay man has largely been forgotten in the civil rights struggle. What is his legacy to day?

In our search for meaning what does it mean to be free. What are we free from? What does it mean to be responsible? Who are we responsible to?

### JANUARY 12 "HUMAN TRAFFICKING"

**Worship Leader:**  
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis  
**Worship Associate:**  
Dianna Poindexter  
**Pianist:** Richard Maddux

### JANUARY 26 LAY LED SERVICE "MUSIC AND RELIGION"

**Worship Leader:**  
Michael Lewis  
**Rev. Daniel Charles Davis**  
**Worship Associate:**  
**Pianist:** Richard Maddux  
**Sound:** Dan Lybrook  
**Children begin in RE**

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

In the past few months, much time and energy from the congregation has gone into planning our budget for the upcoming year. This culminated in the congregational meeting on December 15th, where we considered a \$280,757 budget proposal. Because we have our stewardship drive near the end of the year, there is always a difficulty in accurately projecting pledge revenues. This year, our 2014 pledges fell significantly short of what was anticipated in the proposed budget. Because this shortfall would leave us with the potential for a \$22,000 budget deficit, the congregation voted to defer approval of the budget until January 26th.

In the interim, the Board, Stewardship, and Finance committees will be working with the congregation to identify ways to reduce this deficit.

The primary focus of this effort will be to identify additional sources of revenue that can help ease our dependence on pledge income. A roundtable discussion on these efforts is tentatively scheduled for January 12th. Stay tuned for additional details.

Of course, the simplest way to help reduce the deficit is by making a pledge. If you have not yet made a 2014 pledge, now would be a great time to do so. If you have already pledged, but feel able to help out a bit more, any additional contribution would be most welcome. You can make your pledge or additional gift in any of the following ways.

- Email Mark VanMeeter at [mvanmeeter@comcast.net](mailto:mvanmeeter@comcast.net) or Laura Geiger at [laura.lbg@gmail.com](mailto:laura.lbg@gmail.com)
- Stop by the church office and fill out a pledge card
- Write a check to UUC with "2014 pledge" (for new pledges) or "2014 special gift" (for additional gifts) in the notes section

Together, we can work through these budgeting issues and move on to what promises to be a wonderful year ahead at the UUC.

*Best Wishes,  
Mark VanMeeter  
Board President*

## SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

*Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 am in 101/103. Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided.*

*Forum co-chairs are Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, and Bill Welge.*

**JANUARY 5** Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, Bill Welge, Forum Co-Chairs: *Looking Forward, Looking Back*

**JANUARY 12** Sara Proffitt: *Facing LGBT Issues*

**JANUARY 19** Jim & Marilyn Anderson: *Papua, New Guinea*

**JANUARY 26** Bert Rockman, Purdue Professor of Political Science: *Implementing the Affordable Care Act*

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Newsletter articles are due on the 3rd  
Thursday of the month. No exceptions will be  
made. Thank you.

E-mail articles to uuc@uulafayette.org with  
“Newsletter” in subject box or place items  
in Office Admin. mailbox, Office  
Workroom.

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MINISTER’S MUSINGS: C.A.L.M.

I strive to be calm. Over the years I have developed a special emotional meaning for that word. C.A.L.M. Is an Acronym standing for Conected, Aware, Liberal and Moral? Below is my chart of emotional well being.

1. Asleep/ Bored	2. Calm	3. Slight	4. Emotional	5. Intense	6. Out of Control
Apathetic	Connected	Disappointed	SAD	Grieving	Depressed
Unconscious	Aware	Anxious	SCARED	Panic	Paranoia
Selfish	Liberal	Pleased	GLAD	Ecstasy	Manic
Antisocial	Moral	Irritated	MAD	Rage	Manic

The first column is asleep or bored. All of us need sleep to be healthy. We sleep for 1/3 of our days. Some days we spend the other 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of our lives emotionally asleep.

The fourth column lists the four emotions which I define as:  
Sad is having lost someone, something, or some ideal that one had in the past.  
Scared is believing you will lose someone, something, or some ideal in the future.  
Glad is having a need or a want satisfied.  
Mad is wanting a need or want to be satisfied.

Things happen in our life that disturb our calm. Emotions can be unsettling But they are also the source of much of the richness and meaning in our life. One strategy is to shut off our emotions and live in the numbness of column 1. This strategy avoids pain but it also robs us of pleasure. When we are experiencing pain or pleasure we can remember our inner calm.

Connection is important. We cannot feel sadness unless we feel connected to what has been lost. To recover from sadness one should reconnect. The grieving spouse reconnects both to memories of the departed and to the new possibilities that the world holds.

Awareness is important. Be aware of all the negative and positive in life. We get scared when we are overwhelmed by the negative. By being aware of all that we have and will have in the future, it is easier to cope with what might be lost as our life constantly changes.

Liberal generosity is important. If we are prepared to give or share, then anything we receive is an unexpected joy. Conversely if we want everything for ourselves, then nothing is ever enough. Sharing is a natural response to happiness. Sharing a good dinner or a good joke makes it even more enjoyable.

When we are out of control we need the help of others. The violent, depressed, paranoid, and manic need treatment. We can tell when we are out of control. It is when we react the same way emotionally regardless of the input.

If someone says to us, “I like you:”  
When we are depressed we will say, “you don't really like me. I am unlikeable.”  
When we are manic we will say, “how exciting! Let's get physical.”  
When we are paranoid we wonder, “what is the hidden agenda?”  
When we are violent, we push them away.

If someone says to us ,“I do not like you:”  
When we are depressed we say, “of course, I am unlikeable.”  
When we are manic we say, “how exciting! Let's get physical!”  
When we are paranoid we say, “I always suspected that.”  
When we are violent, we push them away.

When we are C.A.L.M., we do not have to go into a tailspin if someone says they not like us. We are still *connected* to them. We just need to determine how close that connection will be. Being *aware* of your actions and the possible source of their feelings may improve future interactions.

A *liberal* spirit will give them the right to their own opinion.  
A *moral* compass will help you recognize their right to co-exist with you on this planet.

Life is not always calm, but we may find peace if we seek to be connected, aware, liberal, and moral.

Hopefully CALM,  
Rev. Charlie  
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*Darkness is cheap, and Scrooge liked it.*  
~Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

By now, most of you are probably aware that I’ve been recuperating from knee surgery for the past several weeks. As someone who has always had a major role in putting on the whole holiday show, it’s been frustrating and somewhat strange to pretty much be relegated to the sidelines. One of the pluses of being forced out of the middle of the fray though, is that I’ve been in the right time and spot (in the recliner by the fire) to catch some of my favorite movies- something I don’t allow a lot of time for most Decembers.

Last week, with laptop on my lap and the TV on for company, trying to plan and shop for family and coordinate last minute details of the church holiday pageant through emails, text messages, and phone calls, I watched National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation. In case you’re unfamiliar, the story centers around Clark Griswold, played by actor Chevy Chase, who endeavors to put together a sentimental and perhaps somewhat unrealistically perfect vision of “an old fashioned family Christmas.” Even if you haven’t seen the movie, you can probably guess that in spite of Clark’s best efforts, things don’t go quite as planned. There are mishaps and catastrophes- the holiday lights won’t work, quirky family members arrive on the scene, each with something unique to add the storyline, and Clark faithfully readjusts his sites to “plan b.”

And then it occurred to me: Whether we’re planning Sunday mornings for the preschool, or a youth group trip, or the holiday pageant, those of us in r.e. experience something a lot like Clark’s as he tries to create his idea of the perfect “old fashioned family Christmas.” Sometimes in our starry-eyed visions we try to do things too big and have to make adjustments or we don’t all agree on the details and have to compromise. But we’re all committed to r.e. and the kids and families of this church, we’re in it together, and in that, there is transcendence. We make good things happen! The lights DO come on! Maybe not 100% like the picture in my head, but things really do work out in the end and we're all glad we came. Just like in the movies.

A great big shout out to all of our r.e. volunteers who made all of our holiday offerings happen!! If you want to learn how you, too, can help, please speak with Sheila ([dresheila@gmail.com](mailto:dresheila@gmail.com)) or a member of the r.e. council about current r.e. volunteer opportunities.

***Coming up January 2014:***

**Theme: Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning**

Preschool/Kindergarten- Spirit Play

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Workshop Rotation

(Teachers: Photography-Della Willmann, Cartooning-Tony Pawli, Reporting-Cindy Gerlach)

5th-8<sup>th</sup> Grades- Questing Year

High School- Youth Group

*Stay Warm and See you in Church,*

*Sheila*

Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church  
and service is its law.  
This is our covenant:  
to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

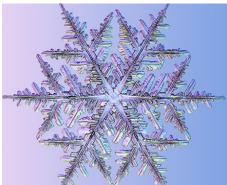
Our Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Church  
is a nurturing religious community  
that celebrates diverse beliefs  
and encourages spiritual growth  
through lifelong learning.  
Guided by our  
Unitarian Universalist Principles,  
we support each other  
in our life journeys and  
work toward social justice  
in the local and world communities.

The Seven Principles  
Which Unitarian Universalist  
Congregations  
Affirm and Promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

# January Calendar Highlights



## Weekly

Wednesday, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)  
12:00pm, *The Principled Group*, 101/103  
7:00pm Choir (S)  
Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
5:40pm, *Dinner @MCL*  
5:30pm, *Zazen; Zen Chanting & Reading; sitting; M*  
Friday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)  
Saturday, January 4, 11, 18, 25  
8:00am, Zen, Meditation Room  
Sunday, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
9:00am, *Forum*, 101/103  
10:30am, *Worship & RE Magazine Exchange, & Potluck*, December 1 (1st Sunday of month)  
*Membership Class*, 1st Sundays, December 1  
*Talk and Tour*, 2nd Sundays, December 8  
Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27  
7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)  
7:00pm, *Monday Meditation*, 101/103  
Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28  
7:00pm, *Lafayette Chamber Singers* (S)

## Bi-Weekly

Monday, January 6, 20, 1:30pm, *Writers' Group*, 106  
Thursday, January 2, 16, 7:30pm, *SHM/UU House Band*, S  
Friday, January ,3, 17, 6:30pm, *PRYSM*, 102

## By Date

December 31, Tuesday, *NEW YEAR'S EVE*  
1 JANUARY 2014, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** (Office Closed)  
4 Saturday, Zen  
5 Sunday, **POTLUCK** held following service!  
11:45 *Membership Class: UU History*  
7:30pm, *Lafayette Area Peace Coalition* (101/103)  
7 Tuesday, 6:00pm Finance Committee (104)  
6:30pm, *Program Council* 101/103  
9 Thursday, 7:00pm *Social Justice* (101/103)  
10 Friday, 7pm, **Joe Peters CD Release Concert: "Last Gasp" by the joedai zombies (S, FH)**  
12 Sunday, 11:30am, *UU Talk & Tour*  
12:00pm, *UU Fiberarts Quilting Bee* (Youth Room)  
14 Tuesday, 1:00pm *Buddhist Study Group* (101/103)  
5:30pm *Pastoral Care (106)*  
6:00pm *RE Council* (Youth Room)  
7:00pm *ACLU-IN Board* (212)

## By Date, cont'd.

14 Tuesday (cont'd.) 7:30pm **UU Drumming Circle with cirqueAfrique's Sundeeep Rao and Robin Pickett** (101/103)  
16 Thursday, newsletter articles due  
18 Saturday, 5:30pm, **Traveler's Dream Coffee House Concert!**  
19 Sunday, 10:30am, BYOT, **Building Your Own Theology**, Series of 9 classes begins  
4:00pm *UU Photo Group*, 101/103  
21 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Board Meeting*, 3rd Tuesdays, 101/103  
22 Wednesday, **"Journey to Mecca,"** 45 minute movie about Ibn Battutah, 14th c. Muslim Explorer. Discussion to follow with Dr. Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Director of Purdue's Arabic Program (101/103). Sponsored by A-REC, Adult RE Council  
25 Saturday, 4:00pm, *Ugadi Telugu Private Rental Event*  
26 Sunday, 11:30am **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve revised budget** (S)  
28 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Committee on Ministry*

## JANUARY FELLOWSHIP TEAM LEADERS, SANCTUARY PREPARATION

### DECEMBER 29

*Fellowship Team Leaders:*  
Josh & Linda Prokopy  
*Sanctuary Preparation:* *tba*

### JANUARY 5, POTLUCK!

*Fellowship Team Leaders:*  
Susanne McConville &  
Christine Schertz  
*Sanctuary Preparation:*  
Michael Lewis

### JANUARY 12:

*Fellowship Team Leaders:*  
Beth Misner &  
Barney Dunning  
*Sanctuary Preparation:*  
Robin Poindexter

### JANUARY 19:

*Fellowship Team Leader:*  
Cheryl Fowler  
*Sanctuary Preparation:*  
Michael Lewis

### JANUARY 26:

*Fellowship Team Leader:*  
Jason & Julie Rubsam  
*Sanctuary Preparation:*  
Robin Poindexter

### FEBRUARY 1:

*Fellowship Team Leaders:*  
Alice Pawley & Stephen Hoffmann; Loraine &  
Randy Myer  
*Sanctuary Preparation:*  
Michael Lewis



**STEWARDSHIP 2014: ABUNDANT HEARTS,  
ABUNDANT LIVING**

As December 15, we are \$22,000 short of our \$280,757 proposed budget. Please take the time now to look into your hearts to determine the abundance you can share. Think about all that is important to you in our church community. What do you want to continue to support? What would make your heart broken if we could no longer provide it? Please cpledge today—cards are available at the office.

**PLANNED GIVING AT UUC**

It is often difficult to think about planning for death, but it is one of those things that makes life easier for friends and family dealing with an emotional time. If you would like to include UUC in your will or living trust, please use our full legal name, Unitarian Universalist Church. Your attorney may find the following language helpful:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ (a dollar amount, percentage,  
remainder) of my estate to the Unitarian Universalist  
Church. Now or formerly at 333 Meridian, West  
Lafayette, Indiana, for its general purposes.

The IRS recognizes the Unitarian Universalist Church  
as a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. Our federal  
tax ID number is 35-6023509.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014**

*Please join us in the sanctuary immediately  
following service January 26. We will vote on the  
proposed budget which was previously deferred at  
the December 15 congregational meeting due to  
pledge shortfall. Quorum of 25% total  
membership is necessary to pass vote.*

**BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

*Board Meetings take place each 3rd Tuesday at  
6:30 pm in Conference Room 101/103, next on  
Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014. Church members are  
welcome to attend and are encouraged to speak  
with members of the Board of Trustees regarding  
congregational questions and concerns.*

**UNDER  
OUR  
ROOF**



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Congratulations to **Mark and Amy French**. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve!

**Chris Garretson** has a new job with Purdue and no longer need to commute to Indy everyday. Yippee! Congratulations, Chris!

More congratulations are in order for **Joe and Dai Peters** who recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this.

We wish **Dianna and Robin Poindexter** a wonderful 25th wedding anniversary—congratulations to you!

Healing thoughts to **Chuck Reynolds** who is recovering at home after a car knocked him down at a filling station. After a few stitches, bumps, bruises and a night in the hospital he is recovering nicely at home.

More healing thoughts to **Sheila Garrett** who is recovering from surgery on her knee. We hope you are back with us again soon Sheila!

*Linda LeMar, Chair  
Pastoral Care Group*

**ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS...**

Your online purchases at Amazon.com can now benefit the church. If you open the UUC website at [uulafayette.wordpress.com](http://uulafayette.wordpress.com) and select Links from the menu you'll see an Amazon.com logo. Clicking on this will take you to Amazon.com, where your online shopping experience will be the same as usual - with one key difference. Amazon will pay the UUC a 6% commission on all purchases made in the session. You pay the same Amazon prices and use your normal Amazon account information when checking out.

This program has the potential to be a significant revenue source for the church. All you need to do is remember to use the link on the UUC website. Once you've navigated to Amazon from the UUC website, you may also bookmark the page in your browser for later use. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mark VanMeeter -

[mvanmeeter@comcast.net](mailto:mvanmeeter@comcast.net).

*Mark VanMeeter,  
President, Board of Trustees*

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VISION 2013-2014

The Membership Committee's vision is *to nurture and support members through all stages of their membership journey*. As a part of this vision we would like to encourage the entire church to participate in growing and sustaining our congregation.

## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

The Membership Committee is composing biographies of every church member, placed each month on the Membership bulletin board and then published in the newsletter. As new biographies are added to the membership board, old biographies will be "archived" in a scrapbook in the library.

New members will be a priority for biographies so we can get to know our newest congregants quickly. Concurrent with publishing biographies of new members, we'll also be publishing biographies of "old" members.

If you have not yet completed a biography or are a new member/friend of the church, notify Joshua Prokopy, [josh@prokopyfamily.com](mailto:josh@prokopyfamily.com) and he will contact you regarding how to contribute your information for publication in the *Lighted Chalice* Newsletter. Many thanks to Joshua for writing these biographies!

*Sarah Cooke*  
*Membership Chairperson*  
[sallie@frontier.com](mailto:sallie@frontier.com)



## UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, FIRST SUNDAYS, 2013-2014

UU Membership Classes now meet each 1st Sunday on a rotating basis after service, presented by Rev. Charlie Davis and the Membership Committee. Sessions will be held in Rm. 101/103; please select your meal from the potluck and bring your food to the class. Child care will be available if requested one week in advance. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sherry Tripodi, [sherrytripodi@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrytripodi@yahoo.com) one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

•**UU HISTORY January 5.** This class will cover topics such as: How did this denomination get to where it is today and how did Unitarian Christianity and Universalist Christianity evolve into the free religion we have today? By reviewing some of the controversies of the past we see how they shape our present. Intended for everyone new and old to UU congregations.

•**EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP: PARTICIPATING AT UUC, WEST LAFAYETTE February 2.** Learn more about the history of our UU church and what it means to be a member. This course is intended for visitors who are interested in learning more about membership.

•**DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH March 2** What gifts have you kept from your religious heritage? What have you discarded? How do you wish to improve yourself and the world? Come explore and share your stories with others. By speaking our truth and listening to others, we can deepen the meaning of community. Intended for everyone.

## TALK AND TOUR ON SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday for "Talk and Tour," next on January 12. This 15 minute guided walk through the building is designed to familiarize newcomers with our congregation and facilities. Participants do not need to sign up in advance—simply gather at the Newcomers Table outside the Fellowship Hall at 11:45. Thanks!

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: INTEREST GROUPS

### Annual Interest Groups 2013-2014

**Everyone – from first-time visitors to lifetime members – is encouraged to join at least one group!**

*This is a great way to get to know other church friends and members!*

- **Book Group.** This group reads a variety of different types of books and usually meets on Sundays. Gale Charlotte [galekchar@gmail.com](mailto:galekchar@gmail.com).
- **Digital Photography.** This group generally meets on Sunday afternoons and members share tips and techniques. Caroline Barnhart, [carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com).
- **Families with Kids.** This group meets in family-friendly locations throughout the year. Josh Prokopy, [josh@prokopyfamily.com](mailto:josh@prokopyfamily.com).
- **Feminist Book Group.** This group reads books (mostly fiction) written by women authors about strong female characters. Men are welcome! Usually meets on Friday evenings. Linda Prokopy, [lprokopy@gmail.com](mailto:lprokopy@gmail.com).
- **Herbs Group.** This group focuses on medicinal herbs. Lisa Pantea, [lisapantea@gmail.com](mailto:lisapantea@gmail.com) or JJ Rode, [jj-home@fpnmail.com](mailto:jj-home@fpnmail.com).
- **Looking for Laughs.** This group will go to funny movies, live shows, etc. Dorothy Hughes, [djhugheslmhc@gmail.com](mailto:djhugheslmhc@gmail.com).
- **Men's Night Out.** Get together with other men to relax and make new friends. Mike Tripodi, [mtripodi@girtz.com](mailto:mtripodi@girtz.com).
- **Outdoor Group.** Join in fun group outdoor outings. Activities may include hiking, canoeing, bird watching, etc. Rae Schnapp, [raeschnapp@gmail.com](mailto:raeschnapp@gmail.com).
- **Quilting Bee/Fiber Arts.** This group meets in room 101/103 immediately following service each second Sunday of the month. Amanda Estes, [amandaestes@gmail.com](mailto:amandaestes@gmail.com).
- **Softball Team.** This team plays together during the season and meets periodically during the off-season. Mike Tripodi, [mtripodi@girtz.com](mailto:mtripodi@girtz.com).
- **UU Movie Group.** This group watches movies together at church and at local movie theaters and gathers afterwards to discuss the movies. Joan Marshall [jmarshall@purdue.edu](mailto:jmarshall@purdue.edu), Chuck Reynolds [vmritz@msn.com](mailto:vmritz@msn.com), or Verna Ritz [vmritz@msn.com](mailto:vmritz@msn.com).
- **Walking Group.** Join us after church and coffee, noonish, to walk around the West Lafayette High School track for chatting and exercising. Walkers, runners, everyone is welcome. Noemi Ybarra, [ensenadasailor@gmail.com](mailto:ensenadasailor@gmail.com).
- **Women's Night Out.** Spend time with other women to chat and get to know each other better. Christine Schertz, [cdschertz@gmail.com](mailto:cdschertz@gmail.com). Request to join Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/502474896468152/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/502474896468152/).
- **Writers' Group.** This group meets first and third Mondays at 1:30 in Room 106 to share and support each other in writing endeavors. Caroline Barnhart, [carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com](mailto:carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com).

**~ To join a group, please contact the person listed.**

**If you need a phone number, please contact Karin Bergman in the church office,  
743-8812, [uuc@uulafayette.org](mailto:uuc@uulafayette.org)**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

The UU Social Justice Committee continues to be extremely busy engaging in activities with other community groups to oppose HJR-6, a bill coming before the Indiana legislature in January that would amend the Indiana constitution to state that marriage in our state must be between a man and a woman. There is much to be done in the social justice arena; if you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, please join us at our next meeting--Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in Room 101-103.

*Joan Marshall, Co Chair,  
Social Justice Committee*

### CONGREGATIONAL FOOD DRIVE LUM/ST.JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

During the month of February, the Social Justice Committee will sponsor a food drive in coordination with Lafayette Urban Ministry. Please drop food items off in Fellowship Hall in the boxes labeled thusly. Thank you.

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY CHRISTMAS JUBILEE!

On Saturday December 14th. our church in partnership with the Lafayette Friends Meeting and the Church of the Brethren played host to thirteen families as part of the Lafayette Urban Ministry's annual Jubilee Christmas event. An event that helps parents and guardians provide a holiday meal and toys for their children.

Without the generous contributions of toys, money and time by hundreds of volunteers these families would not be able to afford the cost of all the things needed during the holidays to make the season a happy time for their children; therefore on behalf of myself and my co-coordinators Jean Tyner, of the UU Church, Liz O'Neil of the Lafayette Friends Meeting, and Kristy Frier, of the Church of the Brethren, I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's LUM Jubilee Christmas a success.

To Reverend Charlie, who took time out of his busy schedule to welcome our guest families with his thoughtful words; to everyone who purchased a toy for a child, played host to a family; wrapped gifts; or helped out in the Church of the Brethren kitchen; you folks made it possible for our guest families to enjoy the holidays without the burden of wondering how they were going to provide for their families during what can be a very stressful time of year; and to this congregation for supporting the Lafayette Urban Ministry in all it does to help people in our community. Thank you to all, and to all a Happy Holiday Season!

*Mary Finley,  
Co-coordinator LUM Jubilee Christmas*

### FAMILY PROMISE

We wish to welcome Gabriella Weaver and Mike Tripodi as our new UU. Family Promise Coordinators. Many thanks to Joshua Prokopy for his dedicated service.

### WOMEN'S SHELTER COLLECTION

The local Women's Shelter is running low on personal products as well as blankets and towels. If you have new bottles of shampoo for adults and children, rinses, soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, new socks, personal products including feminine items, be sure to leave your donations in the labeled plastic bins in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving generously to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

## FREEDOM INDIANA

With only a few short weeks to the start of the legislative session (January 6th), we need to show our local legislators just how much we are willing to stand up for LGBT families and oppose HJR-6. Join us for a rally January 4th at 2:00 pm at Sylvia's Brick Oven (625 Columbia Street, Lafayette). The Mayor of West Lafayette will be speaking, among others. We need all of our supporters there so that together we can defeat this harmful amendment once and for all!

*JeanMarie Gossard  
In-District Organizer  
Freedom Indiana  
[765-239-9477](http://765-239-9477)*



### BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE & JUSTICE THROUGH THE UU-UNO.

A Brief History: The Unitarian Universalists have been involved with the United Nations since 1946. Both the Unitarians and the Universalists were active in the League of Nations and later closely monitored the creation of the United Nations. In 1956, the Universalists and Unitarians convened the first annual UN Seminar. In 1961, the two denominations merged to form the Unitarian Universalist Association, and opened an office at the UN the following year.

Since that time, the UU-UNO has made history in promoting religious cooperation for peace, the formation of the International Criminal Court, and promoting equal human rights regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation. In these three critical areas, the UU-UNO can justly say that it changed world history at the United Nations over its first 50 years.

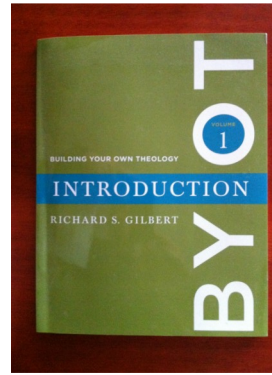
From 1962-1970, the UU-UNO operated as an office of the UUA. From 1971-2011, it operated as an independent office in association with the UUA. Since July 2011, it operates again as an office of the UUA with both United Nations ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) and DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information/Non-Governing Organization) consultative status, which gives the UU-UNO the ability to engage with the UN in powerful and influential ways.

For more information, please see Ned Delaney (UU-UNO Envoy) after service or send an email to [ned.delaney@gmail.com](mailto:ned.delaney@gmail.com).



**BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY:  
A NINE-WEEK EXPLORATION  
OF YOUR PERSONAL BELIEF SYSTEM**

Most of us come from other faiths, or no faith, and have found comfort in this place we call Unitarian Universalism. We easily can tell you what we DON'T believe. Sharing what we do believe is much harder. And no one is up in the pulpit telling us what we MUST believe.



Building Your Own Theology is a program developed by Rev. Richard Gilbert to "provide some tools for building a theology based on materials of individual life experiences" (from Rev. Gilbert's preface). Each person who participates in this 9-week experience will come away with a deeper understanding of what the basis is for her or his beliefs.

Each session will include a short reading to be done before the session, an opportunity to get acquainted or reconnect, a discussion of the reading, small group sessions and a closing. A final outcome of this offering will include each person developing a credo, or short description of their personal theology.

A previous participant in the class had this to say about the experience:

"The Credo Class with Ellen Germann forced me to give serious consideration to issues I have long resisted. The readings, the comments of classmates and our homework introduced me to new thoughts and self understandings. My traditional Catholic heritage still haunts though I am making progress on that front; still a long way from developing my own credo. I do intend to continue the reflection started. I highly recommend the class to others."

Mary Jo Sparrow

If you would like to explore your own theology and share your experience with others in our faith, join us for this exciting and thought-provoking course.

*Ellen Germann  
BYOT Instructor*

**MONTHLY AT UUC: A-REC PRESENTS...****Monthly Drumming Session (2nd Tuesdays)  
7:30 pm-9:00 pm, January 14, 2014**

Structured drumming sessions! Learn about drumming in the West African style, facilitated by **Sundeep Rao and Robin Pickett** of the local West African percussion ensemble circAfrique. Bring your drum, or ask if a drum is available for use (there are about 6-8) for a small, extra donation. Your drum will need to make at least two distinct sounds. Bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments are welcome! \$10 requested donation per session. Some scholarships available so let us know of your needs. RSVP & details: <http://goo.gl/2gw2I> or information email [info@circafrique.com](mailto:info@circafrique.com) or call Suzan at 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or CircAfrique!

**Building Your Own Theology (9 Week Series-Sundays), 4:00-6:00 pm, January 19–March 16**

Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this classic UU adult education program invites participants to develop their own personal credos. 9 sessions to be facilitated by Ellen Germann-Melosh. Please contact Karin at [uuc@uulafayette.org](mailto:uuc@uulafayette.org) or 765-743-8812 if you are interested in signing up for a future BYOT.

**Journey to Mecca Film & Discussion About Islam. 6-8 pm, January 22, 2014**

A-REC will sponsor a showing of "Journey to Mecca," a 45 -minute movie about young Ibn Battutah, the 14th century Muslim explorer. The movie will be followed by a discussion about Islam, lead by Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Director of Purdue's Arabic Program. For more on the film, please see [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1235836/?ref=ttextrv\\_exrv\\_tt](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1235836/?ref=ttextrv_exrv_tt). The movie and discussion will take place on January 22, 2014, from 6-8 pm, in room 101/103. For questions, see Beth Hoffmann ([elizabethhoffmann1@mac.com](mailto:elizabethhoffmann1@mac.com)).

**ONGOING AT UUC!**

**Monday Meditation:** Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
With Larry Hicks

**Zen Meditation:** Thursday 5:30 pm, sitting,  
chanting & reading  
Saturday 8:00 am,  
with Russ Flynn

**Taiji Qi Gong:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday  
7:30 am with Lisa Petersen

*Suzan Windnagel  
A-REC Chair  
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Thursday of each month, next January 16 for the February issue of the “Lighted Chalice.” Even though we have switched to a weekly “Lighted Chalice” newsletter, the last Sunday of the month Bulletin distributed with the Order of Service will still be the largest newsletter of the month, with set deadlines. If you have a major “Big Rock” event coming up, please schedule it on the calendar and announce it in the Bulletin as soon as Program Council approves the event so that the optimal number of people will be aware the schedule.

**FIBER ARTS**

Please be sure to join us each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after church for Fiberarts in room 101/103, next January 12. Bring the fiber of your choice—quilting, knitting, crochet, embroidery, lacework, tatting, quillwork, basketry...and enjoy the fellowship of friends being creative together! Please contact Amanda Estes, [amandamestes@gmail.com](mailto:amandamestes@gmail.com) for further information. Bring a friend! See you soon—

**THE EASY WAY TO EARN MONEY FOR UUC  
AT PAYLESS/KROGER**

- Filling up the gas tank? Stop at Payless and use your UU Payless Gift Card!
- Need to buy a gift certificate? Stop at Payless and use your UU Payless Gift Card!
- Groceries? Yep, stop at Payless and use your UU Payless gift card.
- 3% of the value of your purchases is sent directly to our UU. It’s a great way to support the church while just doing those routine things like filling up the car.
- Need a gift card? Check with Karin Bergman, Office Administrator, during the week. Each card is pre-loaded with \$25 and you can buy the card for \$25 with cash or check.
- Can't I just stop at the service desk at Payless to get a new one? Unfortunately, no; they have to be ordered & paid for by the church in advance. The amount on the card CAN be reloaded, however, for any amount you wish to add, at any time, for continued purchases. Please be sure to re-load your card at the beginning of your shopping trip so the computer can update your information in time for purchases made that day—this

update time usually takes at least 10 minutes. Thank you!

**UU CHURCH OUTDOOR GROUP  
WINTER ACTIVITIES!**

- **Boxing Day Hike** - Every year on the day after Christmas, the Delphi Canal Center hosts a hike/tour from the museum to the spectacular High Bridge (a railroad bridge spanning the gorge over Deer Creek. December 26 at 1pm. Please contact Rae Schnapp at [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829) if you plan to attend.
- **Eagle Viewing Trip** - The hot water discharged by the Duke Energy power plant in Cayuga provides a year-round feeding ground for eagles. On Sunday, January 26 Duke opens its doors to visitors for its annual Eagle Viewing Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will carpool to Cayuga after church that day. Please contact Rae Schnapp at [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829) if you plan to attend.

*Rae Schnapp, Ph.D.,  
Wabash Riverkeeper, [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829)*

**INTER-RELIGIOUS NETWORK (IRN)  
DINNER & CONVERSATION CIRCLES**

Interfaith conversation dinners are sponsored by the Inter-Religious Network Conversation Circles of the Abrahamic Faith Traditions. They occur twice a month at various faith communities in the Lafayette area, and are led by Cem Akatay, a Turkish graduate student at Purdue. People of the Turkish community at Purdue are committed to interfaith dialogue between Muslims and other faiths.

Our Unitarian Universalist Church was host to an IRN Dinner on Oct. 26, and **will again host dinners on February 8, March 29, and April 26 at 6:00 pm. Delicious Turkish food will be provided; suggested donation \$2. For further information, or to register to attend a dinner, please visit [www.facebook.com/interreligiousnetwork](http://www.facebook.com/interreligiousnetwork).** Thank you.