



THE LIGHTED CHALICE



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: 26 JANUARY 2014

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

In worship and religious exploration during the month of February, we will explore Unitarian Universalism's fifth principle, "Conscience and Democratic Process."



JANUARY 26

"WHEN TO THROW OUT OLD SHOES (AND OTHER THINGS WE'VE OUTGROWN)"

Worship Leader: Denise Wilson

Worship Associate:

Dianna Poindexter

Sharing: Suzan Windnagel

Pianist: Richard Maddux

Sound: Dan Noland

**Special Music by Sharon McKnight,
Chance Heasty, Michael Lewis and
Denise Wilson.**

**R.E. SPIRIT CIRCLE
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FOLLOWS SERVICE**

FEBRUARY 2

"THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE"

Worship Leader:

Rev. Daniel Charles Davis

Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Pianist: Richard Maddux

Sound: Mike Marsh

**SHARING OF JOYS & SORROWS
POTLUCK SUNDAY
RE SPIRIT CIRCLE**

Minority opinion must be allowed to be expressed. Allowing dissent is critical to a successful democracy. It helps us avoid the tyranny of the majority.

FEBRUARY 9

"PLAYING ABOVE WHAT WE KNOW"

Worship Leader: Ellen Germann

Worship Associate: Janice Thiel

Pianist: Richard Maddux

Sound: Gary Mueller

Miles Davis told his band to play what they know and then play above that. It is easy for all of us to play what we know. When we play above what we know, great things can happen. We will hear about people and congregations that have played above - and be challenged to think about what "playing above" might mean for each of us and for our congregation.

FEBRUARY 16

"PRESIDENT'S DAY"

Worship Leader:

Rev. Daniel Charles Davis

Worship Associate: tbd

Pianist: Richard Maddux

Sound: Dan Noland

The Voting Rights Act was not renewed. The Supreme Court has declared it unnecessary. In the last presidential election many states tried to restrict voting rights. Since the Supreme Court decision many states have passed restrictive laws. What are the spiritual aspects of democracy? What are we called to do?

FEBRUARY 23

"YOUTH LED SERVICE"

Worship Leaders: UU Youth

Worship Associate: Kat Braz

Pianist: Richard Maddux

Sound: Mary Finley

Much of the work of the church is accomplished through the dedicated service of its members. We start this year with some new faces in leadership positions - Ellen Germann (Personnel committee chair), Sallie Cooke (Membership committee chair), and Amanda Estes (Nominating committee). Many thanks to Ellen, Sallie, and Amanda for volunteering to serve in these important roles.

Following the worship service on January 26th there will be a congregational meeting to approve a revised 2014 UUC budget. Since the December congregational meeting, where a vote on the original budget was deferred, the Board and Finance committee have worked on a budget that better reflects our expected pledge revenues and overall expenses. We have also been able to take advantage of very strong end of the year revenue collection, which allowed us to finish 2013 without using any of the \$41,000 left in our capital reserves. Please bring your questions and concerns to the January 26th meeting.

*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.

FEBRUARY 2 Randy Myer: *Consider the Conversation: A Video.* <http://www.considertheconversation.org/about>.

FEBRUARY 9 Rev. Charlie Davis: *End of Life Issues*

FEBRUARY 16 Doug Paprocki: *A Lake Michigan Coastal Environment: Its Scenery and Ecology*

FEBRUARY 23 Beena Sebastian: *Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds*

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Newsletter articles are due on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. E-mail articles to

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS: INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

Imagine viewing the Earth from the Moon.

The oneness of the planet is apparent.

All barriers are invisible.

Earthlings are one.

All creatures great and small

Are part of one ecosystem.

All with an equal right to exist.

Everyone inside the atmosphere is included.

No one is an outsider.

When we move in closer barriers appear.

Separating us into insiders and outsiders.

Consider the categories we belong to:

Our species, our genders, our races,

Our religions, our nationalities, our social classes.

What privileges are accepted?

What oppressions are resisted?

In what ways are we insiders with others at our mercy?

When are we outsiders 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 you should overcome?

Is it possible to live as one?

Blessings,

Rev. Charlie

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, JANUARY 26, 2014

Please join us in the sanctuary immediately following service today. 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Board Meetings take place each 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 101/103, next on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Church members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to speak with members of the Board of Trustees regarding congregational questions and concerns.

This semester, members of our middle and high school youth groups have the opportunity to volunteer to work with the children being served by Family Promise (helping with homework, engaging in physical play, quiet games, arts/crafts, etc). For now, we are committed from 6:30-8:00 the first and third Mondays of each month, February through June. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to the host church site. We could still use extra adult volunteers to chaperon. Please contact Sheila (dresheila@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in helping out.

As you are all fully aware, the weather this month has been especially challenging. The meeting for parents of preschoolers originally scheduled for January 12 was re-scheduled for the 19th. If for some reason you missed the meeting and want more information about Spirit Play, or are interested in observing the class in action, please speak to one of the preschool guides, Beth Misner, Beth Garretson, or Lorraine Myer.

Sunday, Jan 26th- Preschool will meet in their room for Spirit Play as usual. The 5th-8th grade class will begin this morning in the youth room to briefly go over information for volunteering at Family Promise. Afterwards, they will be dismissed to join the 1-4th grades in the forum rooms for Spirit Circle. Reverend Charlie will be our special guest as we wind up our interviews today- if you've got something you always wanted to ask him, this is your time to do it!

Our theme for the month of February is Democracy. Because it is a shorter month with only two Sundays for workshop rotation (**February 9 & 16**), the 3rd and 4th graders will meet together in room 214. Our notable UU's this month are Olympia Brown and Theodore Parker. One workshop, led by Lola Straub, focuses on making our voices heard through letter writing as we petition the American Girl company to make a doll representing disability. In our second workshop, led by Lisa Pantea, we will play Apples to Apples 7+ and talk about concepts such as influence and judgment.

•**Sunday, Feb 2nd-** Spirit Circle and Valentine making party for preschool- 8th grade in the forum. Extra adult hands needed today. Please let Kathy or Sheila know if you can help out.

•**Feb 9th & 16th-** The theme this month is democracy. Because it's a shorter month, 3rd and 4th grades will meet together and there will only be two workshops. See the newsletter for more detailed information

•**February 23rd:** All Ages Youth-lead service

*See you in church,
Sheila Garrett
Director of Religious Exploration*

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.

WELCOME TO OUR PIANIST, RICHARD MADDUX

Richard Maddux is a local independent artist originally from the Lafayette area. He was the UU pianist numerous years ago before relocating to Bloomington, Indiana to attend Indiana University. At IU, he refined his musical skills under the tutelage of concert pianist Tina Chong. Richard has since decided to pursue a career in the emerging field of performance science. He will return to IU in August to continue his studies through the Department of Kinesiology at the School of Public Health. In the meantime, he is delighted to be sharing his music with Lafayette's UU community once again.

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.

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 will 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. Thank you.

UNDER OUR ROOF

We are happy to announce that **Rachel Smith** is back from China for a visit, and to celebrate her wedding! Our best wishes and joy will accompany Rachel and her husband back to China.



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Long time congregant **Mary Ellen Freel** passed away in January. While she had been in failing health and unable to attend church the past few years, she will be missed.

Our sympathy goes out to many congregants this month:

Rae Schnapp's nephew and his wife, **T.J. & Brandi Shields Overman**, of Lafayette, lost their 3-month old baby, **William Keith Overman**, unexpectedly.
Denise Laussade lost her mother
Jenny Higginbottom & Colvin Mann lost their father
Laura Helms lost her father
Gary Fowler lost his mother
Karin Bergman lost her father

Let us all remember to take the time to support each other through both the struggles and the good times.

Amy French & Mary Ann Foley
Interim Pastoral Care Co-Chairs

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS...

Your online purchases at Amazon.com can now benefit the church. If you open the UUC website at 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.

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 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



UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, FIRST SUNDAYS, 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 one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

•**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.

•**UU HISTORY April 6** 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.

TALK AND TOUR ON SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday for "Talk and Tour," next on February 9. 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!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

While “Lighted Chalice” newsletter articles are usually due the 3rd Thursday of each month, the upcoming March edition’s deadline is Tuesday, February 18. 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.

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!

MONTHLY AT UUC: A-REC PRESENTS...

Monthly Drumming Session (2nd Tuesdays) 7:30 pm-9:00 pm, February 11, 2014

Structured drumming sessions! Learn about drumming in the West African style, facilitated by **Sundee 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 or call Suzan at 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or CircAfrique!

Building Your Own Theology (9 Week Series-Sundays) has been cancelled until Fall of 2014.

ONGOING AT UUC!

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

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
Suzan_windnagel@yahoo.com
765-714-6173



UU CHURCH OUTDOOR GROUP WINTER ACTIVITIES!

Eagle Viewing Trip CANCELLED—look for future activities coming soon—

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

February Calendar Highlights



Weekly

- Saturday, February 1, 8, 15, 22
8:00am, Zen, Meditation Room
- Sunday, February 2, 9, 16, 23
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, February 3, 10, 17, 24
7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)
7:00pm, *Monday Meditation*, 101/103
- Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
7:00pm, *Lafayette Chamber Singers* (S)
- Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26
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, February 6, 13, 20, 27
5:40pm, *Dinner @MCL*
5:30pm, *Zazen; Zen Chanting & Reading; sitting*; M
- Friday, February
7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)

Bi-Weekly

- Monday, February 3, 17, 1:30pm, *Writers' Group*, 106
- Thursday, February, 6, 20, 7:30pm, *SHM/UU House Band*, S
- Friday, February 7, 21, 6:30pm, *PRYSM*, 102

By Date

- 1 Saturday, Imbolc/Saint Brigid's Day
- 2 Sunday, (Candlemas)
POTLUCK held following service!
11:45 *Membership Class: Exploring Membership*
3:00pm American Winter DVD, Soc. Justice, 101/103
7:30pm, *Lafayette Area Peace Coalition*, 101/103
- 4 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Program Council*, 101/103
- 8 Saturday, 6:00pm *IRNRN Conversation Circle of the Abrahamic Faith Dinner*, 101/103
- 9 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
7:30pm, *Drumming Circle with cirqueAfrique's Sundeep Rao and Robin Pickett*, 101/103

By Date, cont'd.

- 16 Sunday, 3:00pm "Hard Work Deserves Fair Pay: Raise the Minimum Wage" Panel Discussion, 101/103
4:00pm *UU Photo Group*, room tbd
- 18 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Board Meeting*, 3rd Tuesdays, 101/103
- 22 All day *Private rental, Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds* (101/103)
- 25 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Committee on Ministry*, 104



Candlemas Bells, or Snowdrops, a symbol of hope and purification in some religions.

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP TEAM LEADERS, SANCTUARY PREPARATION

DECEMBER 26:

Fellowship Team Leaders:
Jason & Julie Rubsam
Sanctuary Preparation:
Michael Lewis

Mark VanMeeter

Sanctuary Preparation:
tbd

FEBRUARY 2

Fellowship Team Leaders:
Alice Pawley, Steve Hoffmann, Randy & Loraine Myers
Sanctuary Preparation:
Robin Poindexter

FEBRUARY 16

Fellowship Team Leaders:
Josh & Linda Prokopy
Sanctuary Preparation:
tbd

FEBRUARY 23

Fellowship Team Leaders:
Beth Misner & Barny Dunning
Sanctuary Preparation:
Kat Braz

FEBRUARY 9

POTLUCK!
Fellowship Team Leader:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: INTEREST GROUPS

Annual Interest Groups 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.
- **Digital Photography.** This group generally meets on Sunday afternoons and members share tips and techniques. Caroline Barnhart, carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com.
- **Families with Kids.** This group meets in family-friendly locations throughout the year. Josh Prokopy, 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.
- **Fiber Arts.** Join us each 2nd Sunday after church 101/103, 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 for further information. Bring a friend! See you soon—
- **Herbs Group.** This group focuses on medicinal herbs. Lisa Pantea, lisapantea@gmail.com or JJ Rode, jj-home@fpnmail.com.
- **Looking for Laughs.** This group will go to funny movies, live shows, etc. Dorothy Hughes, djhugheslmhc@gmail.com.
- **Men's Night Out.** Get together with other men to relax and make new friends. Mike Tripodi, mtripodi@girtz.com.
- **Outdoor Group.** Join in fun group outdoor outings. Activities may include hiking, canoeing, bird watching, etc. Rae Schnapp, 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.
- **Softball Team.** This team plays together during the season and meets periodically during the off-season. Mike Tripodi, 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, Chuck Reynolds vmritz@msn.com, or Verna Ritz 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.
- **Women's Night Out.** Spend time with other women to chat and get to know each other better. Christine Schertz, cdschertz@gmail.com. Request to join Facebook page 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.

~ 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**



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The UU Social Justice Committee continues to be extremely busy engaging in activities with other community groups to oppose HJR-6, subsequently HJR-3, a bill 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, February 13 at 7:00 pm in Room 101-103.

Joan Marshall, Co Chair, Social Justice Committee

MINIMUM WAGE CAMPAIGN

UU Social Justice will be co-sponsoring the following programs related to the Minimum Wage Campaign along with: Rebuild the Dream Coalition—Greater Lafayette Chapter; Lafayette/West Lafayette Branch 3056 of the NAACP; the Northwest Central Labor Council; Tippecanoe Building Trades and the UAW-CAP Council:

- February 2, a screening of the DVD *American Winter*, which follows the personal stories of 8 families caught in the daily struggle to survive.
- February 16, a panel discussion on the plight of Hoosiers. Derek Thomas, Senior Policy Analyst at the Indiana Institute for Working Families, and Joe Micon, Director of LUM, will lead discussion.
- March 2, a screening of the DVD *Inequality for All*, Robert Reich's recently released video

All events are at 3:00 - 5:00 pm, co-sponsored by UU Church Social Justice Committee and will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette, Room 101/103. Enter building thru double glass doors off Smiley Street. See poster on pg. 10 for further information.

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 or office area entrance in the boxes labeled thusly. Thank you.

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.



“Hard Work Deserves Fair Pay: Raise the Minimum Wage” Sunday February 16, 2014

SPEAKERS:

Derek Thomas of the Indiana Institute of Working Families, &
Joe Micon, Director of the Lafayette Urban Ministry

LOCATION AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS:

Unitarian Universalist Church

333 Meridian Street in West Lafayette, Room 101/103
(Enter the Church through the glass doors off of Smiley Street)
3:00-5:00PM

RELATED EVENTS:

***Sunday, February 2, 2014: Documentary film, “*American Winter*,”** which follows the personal stories of 8 families in their daily struggle to survive.

***Sunday, March 2, 2014: R. Reich’s documentary film, “*Inequality for All*.”** The film endeavors to show through a non-partisan perspective why extreme income inequality is such an important topic for our citizens today and for the future of America. **More info at: www.inequalityforall.com**

NOTE: These events are part of the work being done by the participating groups along with other partner organizations in mobilizing to get the state of Indiana and the US Congress to raise the minimum wage. Our activities are part of labor, civil rights, women's rights, and human rights groups around the country who believe "Hard Work Deserves Fair Pay.”

All events are free and open to the public

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