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Sunday Forum 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery & Childcare Available.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 16 MARCH 2014

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Thomas Elmer Gaston, Sr., on March 7, 2014 in Owensboro, Kentucky. Tom, his first wife Dorothy, and second wife Nancy, both of whom preceded him in death, were active members of the Unitarian Universalist Church during the 1980s and early 90s. He was a retired Purdue Professor Emeritus of English, and a magician. He often performed magic tricks at church, much to the congregation's delight. Condolences may be offered online at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

SUNDAY MARCH 16

- FORUM, 9 AM Forum Co-chairs James Anderson, Tom McConville, and Bill Welge present "Looking Forward, Looking Back," a review of past forums and looking ahead to future forums.
- SERVICE, 10:30 AM Rev. Daniel Charles Davis presents "Unitarian Universalists in India." Margaret Barr was born in England. She devoted her life to working with the Unitarians in the Khasi Hills in northeast India. Worship Associate, Dianna Poindexter. Pianist, Richard Maddux. Sanctuary Preparation, Robin Poindexter. Fellowship Team Leaders, Alice Pawley and Stephen Hoffmann. Sound Technician, Noemi Ybarra.

SUNDAY MARCH 23

- FORUM, 9 AM The UU Writers' Group will read some of their work, and leave time for questions and comments.
- SERVICE, 10:30 AM Rev. Daniel Charles Davis presents "UU Service Committee." Martha Sharp and her husband, Rev. Waitsell Sharp, went to Czechoslovakia in 1939 to rescue Jewish refugees. Their efforts led to the formation of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, an agency that continues to help marginalized people around the world. Worship Associate, Bill Welge. Pianist, Richard Maddux. Sanctuary Preparation, tba. Fellowship Team Leaders, tba. Sound Technician, Dan Noland.

<u>TALK & TOUR</u> Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday, next April 13, for *Talk and Tour*. 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!

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

- Happy Spring Break!! No R.E. classes today. Child care is offered in the nursery for preschool aged children and under. "Busy hands" kits with coloring sheets and pipe cleaners are available in the narthex for older kids.
- Safety Committee Reminders: *National Severe Weather Preparedness Week*: March 2-8, 2014. Parents, there will be a tornado drill during R.E. classes March 30th. Guides will go over the procedures during class-time on March 23rd.
- *Walkie talkies*: It is <u>crucial</u> that we use them. Teachers/Guides are asked to pick up a walkie talkie from the charging station in the office work room before class starts and please put it back on the charger when R.E. is over. We are on channel one. Safety committee members will now be conducting regular checks on Sundays.

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Newsletter Deadline: March 20 for April Lighted Chalice Weekly Otherwise, 3rd Thursdays, 5:00 pm E-mail articles to uuc@uulafayette.org with "Newsletter" in subject box .

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CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION, Cont'd.

•Our featured UU's/workshop teachers/rotation order this month are

Health and First Aid- Alanna Steffan-Nelson (Notable UU: Clara Barton) March 2nd- 1-2, room 110 March 23rd- 3rd grade, room 112 March 30th- 4th grade, room 114

Community Puzzle- Elizabeth Lincort

(Notable UU: Jane Addams) March 2nd- 3rd grade, room 112 March 23rd- 4th grade, room 114 March 30th- 1st, 2nd grade, room 110

Poetry and Music- Jason Dufair (Notable UU: Julia Ward Howe) Mach 2nd- - 4th grade, room 114 March 23rd- 1st-2nd grade, room 110

March 30th, 3rd grade, room 112

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

• DRUMMING SESSIONS in the West African style are facilitated by Sundeep Rao and Robin Pickett of circAfrique, each 2nd Tuesday of the month. The next session will be held April 8, 2014 from 7:30-9:00 pm in 101/103. Bring your drum, bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments. \$10 donation is requested per session. RSVP & details: http://goo.gl/2gw2I or information email info@circafrique.com or call Suzan Windnagel, 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or CircAfrique!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

• PHOTO DIRECTORIES We will be printing another edition of our UUC picture directory soon, hoping for an April production date. If you would like your picture added or updated, contact Rosemary Leary at 463-4246 or <u>rleary207@aol.com</u>. We will be taking pictures at church on Sunday mornings, or you can send her a jpeg format digital picture that you would like to have us use.

• 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. <u>THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE</u> 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, May 8 at 7:00 pm in Room 101-103. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, contact co-chairs Joan Marshall, jmarshal900@yahoo.com, &Tom McConville, tmcconville1200@comcast.net.

•CHANGE FOR CHANGE: The theme for 2014 is "Helping Our Community." In March and April, all coins in the collection plate will be donated to the YWCA's "Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Program." Domestic violence can take many forms: verbal, emotional, intimidations, threats, isolation, economic, sexual, physical, and the abuse of neglect. The YWCA's 501(c)3 Domestic Violence Program operates with assistance from both public and private funds.

•WOMEN'S SHELTER COLLECTION The UU Church at all times has a bin located in the Fellowship Hall to collect items for the local Women's Shelter . Please consider donating new underwear for women and children (all sizes), shirts for women (all sizes), pens, hand sanitizer, small pocket memo pads. Thank you.

<u>LIBRARIAN</u> Many thanks to Linda Prokopy (Josh Prokopy's mother), who recently moved to town and has become a member of the church, for volunteering to be our church librarian.

<u>PETE SEEGER MEMORIAL CONCERT COMING TO UU APRIL 11</u> Several Lafayette area musicians are gathering together Friday, April 11 at 7:30 pm, to pay tribute to legendary folk singer Pete Seeger, who passed away at the age of 94 on January 27, 2014. The concert will be held in the UU Church sanctuary. Doors open at 7pm. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Wabash Riverkeeper non-profit organization. For further information contact Denise Wilson, dm2wilson@gmail.com.

<u>RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON!</u> Mark the calendar for **Saturday, May 10**—the UU Rummage Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall that Saturday, so start planning to bring in your well-loved but no longer needed items. This year the UU Youth will be coordinating the sale as a fund raiser for their planned trip to Cedar Point! Help sponsor their activity, and bring your "nearly new" and other previously treasured items to the UU Sale! More information to follow regarding drop off locations, times, dates...

<u>UU GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE</u> Spring cleaning is the annual ritual of cleaning our homes top to bottom. As Unitarian Universalists, this ritual also means sharing our abundance with those in need. As you sort through your closets and drawers this spring, put your gently used garments aside for the UU Goodwill Clothing Drive, held this year from JUNE 1ST to JUNE 8TH. The vouchers we receive for each bag of clothing go to LUM, Carry Home for Children, the YWCA Woman's Shelter, and Family Promise. For more information contact Susanne McConville, 765-477-0344 or <u>mcconville1200@comcast.net</u>.

<u>ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS...</u> Your online purchases at <u>Amazon.com</u> can now benefit the church. If you open the UUC website at <u>uulafayette.wordpress.com</u> and select Links from the menu you'll see an <u>Amazon.com</u> logo. Clicking on this will take you to <u>Amazon.com</u>, 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, President, Board of Trustees - <u>mvanmeeter@comcast.net</u>.



March 2014 Calendar



March 14, Friday 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

15, Saturday
Purim (begins at sunset)
8:00 AM Zen M
9:00 AM 101/103 Private Rental 9-5
12:00 AM Open House for Kathy Willowoode, UU Room 106

16, Sunday

9:00 AM Forum (101/103): 10:30 AM Worship & RE 4:00 PM UU Photo Group (101/103)

17, Monday
Purdue Spring Break Begins, March 17-22
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
1:30 PM Writers' Group 101/103
5:30 PM Strolling Singers Rehearsal (S)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

18, Tuesday
Purdue Spring Break
1:00 PM Buddhist Study Group (101/103)
6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (3rd Tuesdays, 101/103)
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

19, Wednesday

Purdue Spring Break
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)
7:00 PM Choir (S)

20, Thursday

Purdue Spring Break5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)7:30 PM SHM (Spontaneous Hopeful Monster) House Band (S) 1st and 3rd Thursdays

21, Friday *Purdue Spring Break* VERNAL EQUINOX 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

22. Saturday **Purdue Spring Break Ends, March 22** 8:00 AM Zen M

23, Sunday 9:00 AM Forum (101/103): 10:30 AM Worship & RE

24, Monday

Purdue Spring Semester Resumes 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 5:30 PM Strolling Singers Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

25, Tuesday 1:00 PM Buddhist Study Group (101/103) 6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (101/103) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

26, Wednesday
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)
7:00 PM Choir (S)

27, *Thursday*5:30 PM A-REC5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)

28, Friday7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

29, Saturday
8:00 AM Zen M
9:00 AM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)
6:00 PM IRN (Inter-Religious Network) Conversation Circle of the Abrahamic Faith Traditions: All Church Invitation, 101/103. Double Click for More Information.

30, Sunday RE TORNADO DRILL DAY 9:00 AM Forum (101/103): 10:30 AM Worship & RE

31, Monday
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
5:30 PM Strolling Singers Rehearsal (S)
7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

April 1, Tuesday 1:00 PM Buddhist Study Group (101/103) 6:00 PM Program Council (101/103) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

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7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)
7:00 PM Choir (S)

"Love and service have always come first in my experience. And though my life has been solitary in so far as congenial companionship on an intellectual and spiritual level has often been lacking—always there have been children...children have been my salvation, each an individuality to be respected, developed and loved, each with his and her own special gifts, defects, needs and potentialities..."

-Rev. Margaret Barr, Unitarian Minister from "A Dream Come True: The Story of Kharang"