



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA: 30 NOVEMBER 2014

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

•**FORUM, 9 AM** Terry R. Usrey presents “The Potential for Solar Energy in Indiana.” Terry earned a B.S. in Mathematics from IU in 1972 and began teaching middle and high school math and science. An M.A.T. degree in Mathematics from Purdue came in 1978, and an M.S. in Computer Science from IU came in 1983, along with a career change from public school teaching to I.T. professional. Terry worked in I.T. and I.T. management for 21 year before opting to return to the classroom in 2004, this time as a Lecturer at IU’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Terry retired from IU/SPEA in 2011, but continues to teach part-time at SPEA. In 2008 Terry, along with Alex Jarvis of Solar Systems of Indiana, founded the Southern Indiana Renewable Energy Network, an all volunteer nonprofit advocacy group. The original purpose of SIREN was to promote solar technology as an important and practical renewable energy alternative for south-central Indiana. SIREN continues to pursue this goal by conducting a variety of workshops and presentations, and by consulting directly with individuals considering solar for their home or business. Forum is co-chaired by Jim Anderson, Tom McConville and Bill Welge.

•**SERVICE, 10:30 AM** Worship Leader Jody Tishmack presents “When is Enough, Enough?” Americans consume more goods and resources per person than any other country. How can we learn to consume less? When our basic needs are met, living a simple life can offer more happiness than acquiring more things. Worship Associate, Dorothy Hughes. Sound, Jason Dufair. Pulpit Preparation, Nina Kirkpatrick. Fellowship Team Leader, Kat Braz.

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

•**FORUM, 9 AM** Sadie Harper-Scott, District President of the NAACP, will present. More information to follow.

•**SERVICE, 10:30 AM** Rev. Daniel Charles Davis presents “Bodhi Day.” This day celebrates the enlightenment of the Buddha. It is part of this season of light. Amid the hustle and bustle of a greedy world craving for consumer goods, how can we find enlightenment within?

Worship Associate, Dianna Poindexter. Pianist, Sarah May. Sound, Noemi Ybarra. Pulpit Preparation, Robin Poindexter. Fellowship Team: Andrea and Gary Burniske. Sharing of Joys and Concerns.

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Last Sunday, we had our first annual Giving Tree fundraiser and it was a huge success. There were games, stories, cookies, and crafts! There was face painting, drumming, and balloon making! The best part is we raised \$370 to buy gifts for the LUM Christmas Jubilee. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and came out to support the event. Next Sunday, the 9th-12th graders will be leading a spirit circle on Chalica. For more information about Chalica, visit: <http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/174566.shtml>

RE Class Information and Guide Schedule:

- RE Guide Schedule for November 30th: All students will begin in sanctuary and then move to rooms 101/103 for the Chalica Spirit Circle led by the youth. Guides: Lorraine, Amy, Josh, Rae, Lola (shadow)

- RE Guide Schedule for December 7th: Lola (sub), Beth H., Yiseul, Neil, Susannah, Andrea, Rae (sub), Jason, Julie

Important Reminders:

- We are in need of RE guides, shadows, subs, workshop teachers, and other volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall.
- Remember to fill out a permission slip if your 5th-8th grader is attending the shopping trip for the LUM Jubilee. I have copies in my office.
- I am updating the <http://regluu.wordpress.com/> website for RE. Check it out and give me your feedback.
- Materials Needed (can be dropped off in DRE office): reindeer antlers (to fit prek/k class), baby doll to represent baby Jesus, Santa hat, cat stuffed animal, potato, small garden gnome, fake beard, bells, straw basket of fruit (can be fake fruit), straw mat, ear of corn, handmade book or gift, Unity cup
- We are collecting donations of gifts (\$30 suggested value) and stocking stuffers (\$5 suggested value) for the LUM Christmas Jubilee.
- The OWL program will be starting up in January for 7th-9th grade. Please let me know if you’d like more information.
- The “disguise the turkey” projects are hanging in the fellowship hall above the water fountain. Check it out and feel free to add your own.

Upcoming Events:

- December 5-6 (UU Holiday Art Fair)
- December 7 (interested 5th-8th grade students/families meet in the UU cafeteria at 12:30) giving tree shopping field trip
- December 13 (Christmas Jubilee)
- December 21 (holiday program)

Feel free to e-mail me with any comments, questions, or suggestions at drenicolrice@yahoo.com. Nicole Rice, Director of Religious Exploration

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Stewardship Drive a success. Many hands contributed to the Lead Donor Dinner, the Rising Member event, designing and printing pledge materials, etc. I had a fantastic committee with great ideas and dedicated energy. By mid-November, pledges were near \$200,000 with another \$29,000 expected. Thank you to all the church members and friends who have pledged, including several new pledgers. There are still over 30 members who have not returned their cards. Please understand how important it is for financial planning that all members return their pledge cards. Please contact me if you need a card or have any questions about pledging. *Sherry Tripodi, Stewardship Chair.*

November 2014

27, Thursday

Purdue Thanksgiving Break

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)

28, Friday

DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

Purdue Thanksgiving Break

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

29, Saturday

Purdue Thanksgiving Break

RE Giving Tree Collection

8:00 AM Zen M

30, Sunday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):

10:30 AM Worship & RE: Youth Led Spirit Circle for Chalice

December 2014

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:30 PM Writers' Group 101/103

6:00 PM Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (101/103, First & third Mondays)

7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)

7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

2, Tuesday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:00 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)

6:00 PM BOARD MEETING (101/103; this month only, Board and Program Council switch meeting dates)

7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

3, Wednesday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

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)

6:00 PM Meeting (anon.), 101/103

4, Thursday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (101/103)

5:40 PM Dinner @MCL

6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)

7:00 PM Spontaneous Hopeful Monster

7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

5, Friday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR!

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (101/103)

6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

6, Saturday

RE Giving Tree Collection

UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR!

8:00 AM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (101/103)

7, Sunday

LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS Donations accepted thru 12.9.14!

RE Giving Tree Collection

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):

10:30 AM Worship & RE

11:45 AM POTLUCK SUNDAY!

12:00 PM UU Membership Class: UU History (104)

12:30 PM Interested 5th-8th grade students/families meet in UU Fellowship hall for Giving Tree Shopping Field Trip

7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition 101/103

Special Dates to Remember:

- LUM Jubilee Christmas, Saturday, December 13: Donations accepted presently through December 9, Upper Room.
- Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday-Friday, Nov. 27-28
- UU Holiday Art Fair Friday-Saturday, December 5-6 !!!
- CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** Sunday December 14 after service!
- Sunday December 14 Lafayette Chamber Singers Concert 3pm: Set-Up begins 1pm

Please join us for the 2014 Lafayette Urban Ministry Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration **THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV.27, 2014, Noon-2 PM**
Central Presbyterian Church Education Building
31 North 7th Street, Downtown Lafayette

The Waste Land, let us say then, is any world in which (to state the problem pedagogically) force and not love, indoctrination, not education, authority, not experience, prevail in the ordering of lives, and where the myths and rites enforced and received are consequently unrelated to the actual inward realizations, needs, and potentialities of those upon whom they are impressed."

Joseph Campbell, "Creative Mythology"
(Vol. IV of *The Masks of God*), p.388

Meditation practice awakens our trust that the wisdom and compassion that we need are already within us. It helps us to know ourselves: our rough parts and our smooth parts, our passion, aggression, ignorance, and wisdom. The reason that people harm other people, the reason that the planet is polluted and people and animals are not doing so well these days is that individuals don't know or trust or love themselves enough. The technique of sitting meditation called shamatha-vipashyana ("tranquility-insight") is like a golden key that helps us to know ourselves.

Pema Chödrön, from "A Pema Chödrön Primer,"
Shambala Sun Magazine and Shambala Publications