



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 2015

SUNDAY FORUM

Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9 am in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome. Childcare is provided. Co-chairs: Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, Bill Welge

12/6
SABRINA LASTMAN

The Feldenkrais approach to human movement, learning, and change

12/13
LINDA PROKOPY

Purdue scientists contribute to climate change debate in recently released paper

12.20
MARK LEVINTHAL

Genealogy and Eugenics, part 2

12/27
UU Holiday Art Fair Forum

2016 RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!

We have reserved the A-Frame at Ross Camp (Tippecanoe County Parks) for August 5-7, 2016! If you'd like to help plan the retreat or have ideas about workshops, food or activities, contact Linda Prokopy <lprokopy@gmail.com>

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Forum 9 a.m. Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare available.

SUNDAY, DEC 6
HUMAN RIGHT SUNDAY
Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. What will this congregation do to support human rights in the coming year?

SUNDAY, DEC 13
RUMI
Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Davis

Rumi was a 13th-century Persian poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic. What influence does he have in current day Islam? Is it a possible pathway to interfaith understanding?

FRIDAY, DEC. 18
WINTER SOLSTICE
7p.m. Fellowship Hall

The Wheel of Time Committee is hosting a Winter Solstice family-friendly event with singing and poetry reading. We will have a candle spiral that attendees can do a walking meditation. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

SUNDAY, DEC 20
ALL AGES CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

There are many holidays celebrated this season. Come watch the children as they share what they have learned. Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Nicole Rice

THURSDAY, DEC 24
ALL AGES CHRISTMAS EVE 7 PM

Join us in this candlelight service as we explore the hope for peace on earth good will to all. Special music: Richard Maddux
Worship Leader: Rev. Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Don Gresham

SUNDAY, DEC 27
ALL AGES LAY LED SERVICE
Worship Associate: Kat Braz

HOLIDAY ART FAIR & SALE

The Unitarian Universalist Holiday Art Fair and Sale, featuring affordable fine art by area artists, will take place

Friday Dec. 4 from 5 to 9 pm.
Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 am-4 pm.

At the church, 333 Meridian Street, WL.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

BLACK LIVES MATTER

"To display the sign, Black Lives Matter, is an act of cultural resistance, of public witness. This action is a symbol of something larger, and a spiritual practice as well—focus, attention, and steadiness. The aim and desire is to keep the spotlight on the complex set of issues affecting Black people in this country, dating from slavery through to 2015. Not since the Civil Rights Era has there been such a sustained commitment to make broad change. Black Lives Matter is a statement about that renewed commitment, a vow to keep looking, watching, and struggling." -- Rev. Louise Green, Minister for Congregational Life, River Road UU Church, Bethesda MD

The Board and Social Justice Committee want to post a "Black Lives Matter" banner on our building from January to June 2016. I welcome this decision. However I want us to be aware of what this means and I want the congregation to engage in conversation advocacy and action.

People often counter this movement by asking "Don't all lives matter?" I answer, yes all lives matter. All lives should matter to everyone. But recent violence against black indicates a specific need to declare black lives matter. When the criminal justice system dehumanizes a specific group of people it is up to the rest of humanity to embrace the humanity of the victims.

Many UU churches have displayed black lives matter banners over the past year. Several of the banners have been vandalized. Why should a simple phrase like this enrage people? This indicates that we do not live in a post racial society. The dominant culture hopes to whitewash history and current issues by pretending racism is not a problem. Our silence means compliance with a dysfunctional system.

By displaying this banner we are displaying our willingness to enter the difficult conversations and take the needed action to dismantle racism. This is the beginning of a conversation I welcome your concerns and your ideas about how we should proceed as a congregation.

With gratitude and hope,
Rev. Charlie

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

MAKING THE 2016 BUDGET

It's that time of the year when the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees attempt to match our financial obligations and discretionary spending with anticipated pledge income and fundraising revenue. There's a fair amount of uncertainty in this calculation, as many of us wait until the last minute to turn our pledges in to Stewardship.

Because we are required to present this budget for congregational approval by the second or third Sunday of December, the uncertainty about our income for the next year causes a fair amount of anxiety, since an approved budget commits our church to the spending described therein.

We have done so well at controlling costs and discretionary spending, that the items remaining constitute things we consider fundamental to the operation of our church and its activities. This includes things like staff salaries and benefits, utilities, and vital committee budget needs.

If you have yet to turn in your 2016 pledge, please consider doing so, sooner, rather than later. The Board of Trustees takes no pleasure in presenting an unbalanced budget, and those attending the all congregation meetings have understandable resistance to approving one. We would all like to look forward to a smoothly running, fully funded church in this coming year. We can surely achieve this with all of our members pitching in.

Bill Welge UUCTC Board President
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LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS

LUM Jubilee Christmas is fast approaching and we are now signing people up to purchase toys for children in our host families and volunteering on the day of Jubilee as hosts, gift wrappers, and kitchen helpers. We are working with the RE program so that our youngest UUs get to play a part in Jubilee.



LUM Jubilee is our community's largest Christmas assistance program. Each December, LUM member churches become Jubilee Toy Shops where low-income parents select new toys and gift certificates for their children. Families also receive food for the holiday meal and various household staples. This year, The Church of the Brethren will be our host site with support from the UU and The Society of Friends. Jubilee will be on Saturday, Dec. 12.

Please volunteer generously to help us make Jubilee Christmas a happy and memorable experience for all involved. If you are able to help, please contact Jada Haughey or Gracie Gould (ladyjada@hotmail.com or graciegould@mindspring.com) Thank you!

The Jubilee committee would like to thank Jean Tyner and Mary Finley for their hard work and dedication to this event for many years.

CHALICE CIRCLE REGISTRATION

Chalice Circles, a small group ministry focused on fellowship and spiritual growth through deep listening, began meeting in October. An important part of the Chalice Circle philosophy is an 'open chair' policy that allows new members to join a Circle anytime a vacancy develops in an active group.

Would you like to be included in one of the Circles? Our congregation has three active Chalice Circles. The Chalice Circles meet once a month, typically in the home of one of the members. If you would like to be added to the waitlist for a group, please click on the link associated with the day/time that works best for you:

- The **second Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon**; <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-wednesday.eventbrite.com>
- The **third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**: <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-thursday.eventbrite.com>
- The **second Sunday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-sunday.eventbrite.com>

If you encounter any difficulties with the registration process, or have any questions, please contact Dorothy Hughes, Chalice Circle Coordinator at djhughesLMHC@gmail.com or 765-237-7652.

UNDER OUR ROOF

Mike Tripodi's father Louis G. Tripodi died at home in Huntington, New York on November 2 at the age of 92.

UU ANNUAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2016

Members and visitors are encouraged to join at least one group. It's a fun way to get to know other people in our church community! To join, please contact the person in the group listing.

BOOK GROUP. This group reads a variety of different types of books and usually meets on Sunday evenings. Gale Charlotte, galekchar@gmail.com

FAMILIES WITH KIDS. This group meets in family-friendly locations throughout the year. Beth Hoffmann, ehoffman@purdue.edu

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

GROUNDS AND GARDENS GROUP. Join us on the first Sunday just after potluck. We will work together to make our building and grounds more beautiful, sustainable, and useful. We also help with the UU Spring Plant Sale. Rae Schnapp, raeschnapp@gmail.com

GUYS' NIGHT OUT. Get together with other men to relax and make new friends. Josh Prokopy, josh@prokopyfamily.com and Gary Burniske, gburniske@hotmail.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 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in room 101/103. Come work on your unfinished project and enjoy fellowship with other fiber artists. Kirsten Reynolds, kdreynol@purdue.edu

SOFTBALL TEAM. The UU Flames Team plays together during the spring and summer season and meets periodically during the off-season. Mark VanMeeter, mvanmeeter@comcast.net

UU BREW CREW. Group gets together two to three times a year to spend a Saturday afternoon brewing beer and sharing samples of both our home brew and great micro-brewed commercial beers. You don't have to be a brewer to join; you just need an interest in learning more about the brewing process and spending an afternoon sharing good beer with friends. Josh Prokopy, josh@prokopyfamily.com

UU MOVIE GROUP. This group watches movies together at church and local movie theaters and gathers afterwards to discuss the movies. Joan Marshall, joanmarshall3@gmail.com or Verna Ritz, vmritz@msn.com

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT. Spend time with other women to chat and get to know each other better. Christine Schertz, cdschertz@gmail.com

WRITERS GROUP. This group meets first and third Mondays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 104 to share and support each other in writing endeavors. Caroline Barnhart, carolinebarnhart76@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Director of Religious Exploration Nicole Rice, drenicolerice@gmail.com

In November, we explored the theme of gratitude, celebrated Diwali, and shared a Stone Soup potluck meal.

LOOKING FORWARD:

In December, the theme is world religions. We'll be busy practicing for our winter holiday program to teach you about the variety of winter holidays and symbols.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The second annual Giving Tree fundraiser will take place on Sunday, December 6th from 11:30-1:00 in the UU fellowship hall. This event will raise money for the LUM Christmas Jubilee.
- Anyone interested in helping to choose toys for the LUM Christmas Jubilee, should meet at Toys R Us on Tuesday, December 8th at 4:30.
- The December fundraiser will be held at Panera (328 State St.) on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4-8pm. Please see the flyer below or contact Nicole Rice for more details.
- There will be a RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, December 13th from 9:15-10:15 in room 104. This meeting is open to any RE guides, shadows, subs, and anyone else interested in volunteering to help out with RE.
- There will be a RE newspaper meeting on Sunday, December 13th from 11:45-12:15 in forum room 101/103.
- The WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM will take place on Dec. 20.
- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, Dec. 27. If you have a December birthday, please take the time to fill out a birthday information sheet (located on the RE bulletin board) and return it to the DRE mailbox. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer to bring treats to share.
- Please see the RE bulletin board in the fellowship hall and <http://regluu.wordpress.com/> for important RE information and announcements. You can also e-mail me at drenicolerice@gmail.com.
- Feel free to donate a book to the RE library. You can find the link here: <http://tinyurl.com/pt329cy>. Donations are much appreciated.
- RE Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/pgspcsb>



Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

Thursday, December 10, 2015
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
328 East State Street

Bring this flyer when you dine with us on Thursday, December 10, 2015, and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County. It's a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!

Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

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DECEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

1 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
 5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force/Support Team (First Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm)
 6:00 PM Program Council (101/103)
 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

2 WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2748, (FH)
 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (FH; Singing Begins At 7pm, Set Up 6:30)
 7:00 PM Movie, "Gerrymandering" Presented By League Of Women Voters And Social Justice. Forum Room 101/103.

3 THURSDAY

4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop
 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting (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)

4 FRIDAY

UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR 5-9PM
 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 6:30 PM PRYSM (102)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

5 SATURDAY

UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR! 10AM-4PM
 8:00 AM Zen M
 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting (101/103)
 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

6 SUNDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off
 9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
 9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
 10:30 AM Worship & RE
 11:45 AM NO POTLUCK TODAY--RE CHRISTMAS JUBILEE FUNDRAISER!

7 MONDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off
 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Writers' Group Meets At Westminster
 7:00 PM Meeting (Anon FH)
 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

8 TUESDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off
 10:30 AM Big Book Study Group
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
 5:30 PM Pastoral Care 104
 6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101/103)
 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

9 WEDNESDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off
 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 5:15 PM Boy Scout Troop 2nd Qand 4th Wednesdays
 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group Directed By Denise Wilson (FH; Singing Begins At 7pm, Set Up 6:30)

10 THURSDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off
 5:30 PM Worship Committee (101/103)
 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting (M)
 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

11 FRIDAY

LUM Jubilee Christmas Gift Drop-Off!
 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

12 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

13 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
 9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
 9:45 AM DRE: Guide Meetings W/Teaching Team Leaders (4th Sunday 9:45-10:15 A.M.)
 Setting The Curriculum And Calendar For The Upcoming RE Year (102, Youth Room)
 10:30 AM Worship & RE
 11:30 AM UU Membership Class, 2nd Sundays: Discovering Your Spiritual Path
 11:30 AM UU Talk And Tour Following Service!

14 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 2:30 PM Brownie Troop 2:30-4:00 Pm (FH)
 7:00 PM Meeting (Anon FH)
 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)
 7:30 PM Drumming Lesson (S), 2nd Mondays Each Month

15 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

16 WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 9:00 AM All Day Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)
 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2748, (FH)
 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group Directed By Denise Wilson (FH; Singing Begins At 7pm, Set Up 6:30)

17 THURSDAY

4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop
 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting (M)
 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
 7:00 PM Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

18 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 6:30 PM PRYSM (102)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)
 7:00 PM Yule: Winter Solstice (FH, Gathering Circle).

19 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

20 SUNDAY

Chalice Circle (3rd Sundays At Noon, 104)
 9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
 9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
 10:30 AM Worship & RE
 4:00 PM UU Photo Group (101/103)

21 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Writers' Group Meets At Westminster
 6:00 PM Safety Committee (104)
 7:00 PM Meeting (Anon FH)
 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

22 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
 6:30 PM Committee On Ministry (102)
 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

23 WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 5:15 PM Boy Scout Troop
 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (FH; Singing Begins At 7pm, Set Up 6:30)

24 THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE
 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting
 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

25 FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS DAY
 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

26 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

27 SUNDAY

9:00 AM DRE: OWL Meetings 4th Sunday As Needed (9-9:45am)
 9:00 AM Forum (101/103):
 9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
 10:30 AM Worship & RE
 11:45 AM Birthday Celebration Event (4th Sunday Of Each Month 11:45am)

28 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 2:30 PM Brownie Troop 2:30-4:00 Pm (FH)
 5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force (4th Mondays 5:30-6:30pm)
 7:00 PM Meeting (Anon FH)
 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

29 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group
 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

30 WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong With Lisa Peterson
 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2748 (FH)

31 THURSDAY

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
 7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)