



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 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

NOV. 1

Brian Primeau
"Realities of Inpatient Treatment"

NOV. 8

Dana Vann
"Honor Flight"

NOV. 15

Jennifer Shook
"Meals on Wheels"

NOV. 22

Eric Van Cleave
"The Long Center"

NOV. 29

Martha Gipson, Kirsten Reynolds and Rev. Charlie Davis
"Escalating Inequality"

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

Sunday, November 1 "Reformation Sunday"

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses of Reformation on the door of a church in Wittenberg, Germany. How is Unitarian Universalism related to that event?

Worship Leader: Rev. Daniel Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter
Pianist: Janice Thiel
Special Music: Larry Guentert
Sound: Gary Mueller
Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter
Fellowship Team: Kat Braz and Kim Smith

Sunday, November 8 "Diwali"

This Hindu festival of lights celebrates autumn. The feminine aspects of the divine are especially honored.

Worship Leader: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Janice Thiel
Pianist: Janice Thiel
Special Music: Neelu Chawla
Sound: Eric Thiel
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team: Barny Dunning and Beth Misner

Sunday, November 15 "Transgender Day of Remembrance"

People who do not fit into the traditional binary categories of gender are often treated with hostility. We honor those who have died and work toward making a more inclusive world.

Worship Leader: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Janice Thiel
Pianist: Janice Thiel
Sound: Jason Dufair
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team: Christine Schertz

Sunday, November 22 "Stone Soup"

An intergenerational service where we explore the meaning of this classic children's tale.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis and DRE Nicole Rice
Pianist: Janice Thiel
Sound: Eric Thiel
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team: Kathy Willowoode

Sunday, November 29 "Music"

Worship Leader: Don Gresham
Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Carl Seese
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team: Mark VanMeeter

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

I am thankful for what I have but not how it came to me.

I am grateful for my country but not how it came to be.

I have inherited the spoils of slavery and genocide.

Wampanoag grew cranberries in the bogs of Massachusetts. The Inca grew potatoes in Peru. All corn is Indian corn native to America. The three sisters — Maize, beans and squash — grew together in harmony. Native pumpkins are now processed into pie. The Passamaquoddy called the wild turkey nem. The English settlers misnamed them, thinking they resembled birds they mistakenly thought were from Turkey. Less than 20 years passed from Plymouth to the Pequot war, where Native prisoners of war were taken to the West Indies. They were traded for African slaves. Slaves from West Africa brought rice with them and taught their owners how to grow it in the Carolina swamps.

Abraham Lincoln made the first national Thanksgiving proclamation in 1864 and referred to the emancipation he had proclaimed two years earlier. In 1862, Lincoln ordered the mass execution of 38 Sioux in Minnesota. After the Civil War freed blacks were gathered in to units of the U.S. Cavalry and tasked with killing Indians who nicknamed them Buffalo soldiers. The natives that survived were not allowed to become U.S. citizens until 1924. Buffalo soldiers helped clear the west for whites but were seldom welcomed as neighbors. There most successful African American settlement was established in Tulsa, Okla., (formerly known as Indian territory). Whites burned the black section of town to the ground in 1921.

This century, I sit at the Thanksgiving table with a family heritage that is a mixture of African, European and Native American. I am thankful to be here. I mourn all who have been lost. I try to make sure that history is not whitewashed. I hope that equality becomes real. On that day, I will be truly thankful.

With gratitude and hope,
Rev. Charlie

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UU ANNUAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR 2015-2016

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, grburniske@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

JUBILEE CHRISTMAS SEEKS HELP

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 for their children. Families also receive food for a holiday meal and household staples. This year, The Church of the Brethren will be our host site.

Jubilee will be on Saturday, Dec. 12. We are asking for your help purchasing toys for children 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.

If you are able to help, e-mail Jada Haughey at ladyjada@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER UU FUNDRAISER AT MIKE AULBY'S ARROWHEAD BOWL

Saturday, Nov. 7, 1-4 p.m. and Sunday,
Nov. 8, 7-10 p.m.

On Nov. 7 and 8, Arrowhead Bowl will donate a portion of the proceeds to the UU Church. Come bowl and mention you are with the UU Church event.

Adults (\$12) and children (\$10) admission includes shoe rental and two games of bowling. An optional purchase of food is available for \$3 (\$4 voucher for any food or beverage purchase).

Julie Jesiek, juliejiesiek@gmail.com

Unitarian Universalist Church
Stewardship Committee brings you

Harvest Our Talent

Talent Show and Soup Cook-Off

November 14, 2015 • UU Fellowship Hall

5-6 p.m. children's talents

6-7 p.m. soup cook-off and dinner

7-9 p.m. adult talents

Sing a song, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, tell jokes, or more

Free for all church members and friends

Childcare will be provided

For more information contact Sherry Tripodi

414-0384 or sherrytripodi@yahoo.com

Please sign up to perform or make soup by November 1



ART FAIR COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that Jennie Higginbottom has accepted the role of art coordinator for the Holiday Art Fair, taking over for Margy Deverall, who has served us well in this role for the last few years. The Art Fair is our biggest fundraiser and a spectacular community event supporting local artists.

Lisa Pantea, Art Fair Volunteer Coordinator

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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

LOOKING BACK:

In October, we explored the connections between humans, animals, plants and nature. We went on a field trip to the Indianapolis Children's Museum to explore the Sacred Journey's exhibit. A special thank you to Annie Moss and Annabel Prokopy for helping out with music during service.

LOOKING FORWARD:

In November, the theme is gratitude. We'll be exploring ways we can show thanks and appreciate our many blessings. I'm looking forward to our intergenerational service on Stone Soup, where we will come together for a special meal.

REMINDERS AND COMING EVENTS:

- The November fundraiser will be held at Arrowhead Bowling, 1-4 p.m. Nov. 7 and 7-10 p.m. Nov. 8. Please see the flyer or contact Nicole Rice for more details.
- There will be a RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, Nov. 8, 9:15-10:15 a.m. 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 support team/task force meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, DRE office. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to brainstorm ideas for the RE program for the spring and summer semester. Please RSVP to Nicole Rice at drenicolerice@gmail.com.
- The "Harvest Our Talent" show will be 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Come celebrate all the talented UU folks!
- There will be a RE newspaper meeting 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, room 101/103.
- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, Nov. 22. If you have a November 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. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer to bring treats to share.
- The Stone Soup meal will be on Sunday, Nov. 22. Please bring soup or a side to share. More information will be sent out soon.
- 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 to help us build our RE library.
- RE Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/pgspcsb>

NOVEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

1 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 11:45 am Potluck
 3 pm Movie Group: "Gett"

2 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Writers Group (101/103)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

3 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 5:30 pm RE Task Force/Support Team (104)
 6 pm Program Council (101/103)
 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

4 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2748 (FH)
 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (FH)

5 THURSDAY

4:15 pm Girl Scout Troop
 5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
 6 pm Finance Committee (104)
 7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

6 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 6:30 pm PRYSM (102)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

7 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

8 SUNDAY

9 am Forum
 10:30 am Worship
 11:30 am UU Membership Class
 11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service

9 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 2:30 pm Brownie Troop (FH)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

10 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 5:30 pm Pastoral Care
 6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103)
 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

11 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 5:15 pm Boy Scout Troop (FH)
 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (FH)

12 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
 5:30 pm Worship Committee (101/103)
 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
 7 pm Social Justice (104)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

13 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

14 SATURDAY

8 am Zen Meditation
 5 pm "Harvest Our Talent" (FH)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

15 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 Noon Chalice Circle (101/103)
 3 pm Chamber Singers Concert (S)
 4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103)

16 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Writers' Group (101/103)
 6 pm Safety Committee (104)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

17 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

18 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)
 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2748 (FH)
 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (FH)

19 THURSDAY

4:15 pm Girl Scout Troop
 5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
 7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

20 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 6:30 pm PRYSM
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

21 SATURDAY

8 am Zen Meditation
 5 pm Blue Moon Rising concert
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

22 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 11:45 Birthday Celebration

23 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 2:30 pm Brownie Troop (FH)
 5:30 pm DRE: RE Task Force
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

24 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 6:30 pm Committee on Ministry (102)
 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

25 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 5:15 pm Boy Scout Troop
 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (FH)

26 THURSDAY

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

27 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

28 SATURDAY

8 am Zen Meditation
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

29 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE

30 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

UNDER OUR ROOF

Elizabeth Lautzenhiser died Oct. 2 in Indianapolis of liver failure. Elizabeth and her husband, Fritz, along with their sons were members of our congregation several years ago.