



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

OCTOBER 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

OCT. 4

Beth Will & Sara Delaney

“Gear Up for Success: Fostering Lasting Relationships Between Home and School in West Lafayette”

OCT. 11

Amy French

“Columbus Day”

OCT. 18

Mark Levinthal

“Genealogy and Eugenics”

OCT. 25

Kevin Colby

“Lafayette Scary Stories”

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

“Generosity”

Generosity is regenerating. What we give sometimes comes back to us but often it goes to build the future. We are all indebted to the people who have kept this church alive these past 66 years. Many have died, but their hopes and dreams live on in you. Each year, we give to ourselves to support our community. What we do this year will ripple through many generations.

Worship Leader: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis

Worship Associate: Kat Braz

Sound: Gary Fowler

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Julia Colby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

“Tilling Our Common Ground”

In these polarized times, an opportunity to peel away the layers of “spin industry,” obscuring the commonality of our needs and aspirations. Andrew McKnight presents stories and song rooted in his Appalachian heritage. A concert featuring McKnight will be presented at 1 p.m. (suggested donation \$10).

Worship Leader: Andrew McKnight
Worship Associate: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis

Sound: Mike Marsh

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Andrea & Gary Burniske

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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Worship Leader: Ellen Germann
Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes
Sound: Noemi Ybarra
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team: Josh & Linda Prokopy

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

“Halloween”

Intergenerational Service
Explore the fun, the meaning and the scariness of Halloween. Pretending to be a monster can make monsters less scary; pretending to be a hero may awaken your bravery.

Worship Leader: Rev. Daniel Charles Davis

Worship Associate: Nicole Rice

Sound: Dan Lybrook

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Noemi Ybarra

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

“Halloween/Samhain”

Kathy Willowode will present a special Samhain service at 6 p.m. in Room 210 and the gathering circle outside.

GREETINGS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

October marks the time for our annual Stewardship Campaign. Rev. Charlie Davis will kick off the campaign with a sermon on Oct. 4, and we hope to have all pledge cards collected by the end of the month. A large portion of the church’s annual budget is based on pledge donations, so having an accurate estimate of pledge income allows us to responsibly plan our budget for the upcoming year. Every pledge is appreciated and helps the church fulfill its missions.

The primary format for this year’s campaign is **Shared Hearth Dinners**. These dinners are an opportunity for church members and friends to gather in small groups to share fellowship and learn more about the church’s Stewardship Campaign. These dinners will take place in members’ homes throughout the month of October. Members and friends will receive their pledge card and an invitation to a Shared Hearth Dinner in the mail. The dinners are potluck style and family friendly, so bring a dish to share. Please bring your pledge card to your Shared Hearth Dinner. If you are unable to attend, please mail your completed pledge card to the church.

This year, in lieu of the Leadership Dinner, all church members and friends are invited to **Harvest Our Talent**, a dinner and talent show to celebrate the stewardship campaign and the generosity and talent of our congregation. Start practicing your talent and look for sign-up sheets coming soon.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Stewardship Committee Co-chairs,

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IT SOUNDS LIKE PROGRESS FOR OUR SOUND SYSTEM

Our most recent attempt to obtain a hearing loop for the benefit of the hearing-impaired in our congregation has resulted in a closer examination of our sound system.

Eric Thiel and Michael Lewis have suggested some affordable upgrades that our Board of Trustees thought should be tried before we committed to an \$8,300 hearing loop. For the service of Sept. 6, Eric Thiel experimented with some of his speakers and used our best standing microphone for Joys and Sorrows, which produced a big improvement. He is also recommending a different microphone for the pulpit. Noemi Ybarra says that we need to coach our lay speakers on voice projection and proper microphone use.

In our previous Sunday Forum, Mark Baitinger of Sound Lab talked with us about the problems of poor acoustics and aging sound systems in church sanctuaries and how to prioritize options for improvement to get the most for our investment.

As a person who copes with hearing impairment, I'm aware of how much can be missed from not hearing everything that is said in our worship service and how much it can compromise the experience. It stands to reason that congregants with normal hearing are missing things as well. I will stay with this project until satisfactory improvement is made.

Bill Welge, President of the Board of Trustees
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A-REC FOCUSES ON SPIRITUAL WILLS

The Adult Religious Exploration Council (A-REC) is hosting a program on "Preparing your Spiritual Will" on Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m., Room 101/103.

- The spiritual will states our wishes for spiritual care as we are dying. Using "The Five Love Languages," Rev. Nancy Eberhard will help us identify what comforts and nurtures our spiritual and daily lives, especially approaching end of life. Who and what would you like near? It calls on us to reflect and consider our current spiritual practices — and also how family and friends who may not be familiar with them might be affected.

- Rev. Daniel Charles Davis will teach us "How to Give People Tools to Remember Us and Carry Forth Our Ideals" after our death. This includes requests, instructions and suggestions for those who share our faith and for family and friends who may be of a different faith. It gives us the opportunity to arrange for things to be readily available rather than having someone scrambling to put something together for remembering us.

Register by calling Karin Bergman at (765) 743-8812 or e-mail office@uuctc.org.

Dorothy Hughes, A-REC

UU HALLOWEEN PARTY

The UU annual All Church Halloween Party will be Friday, Oct. 30, from 5-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Children of all ages are encouraged to come in costume.

Please bring finger food to share (please, no actual fingers ...). There will be crafts, scary music and other frightening festivities!

Christine Schertz <cdschertz@gmail.com>

2016 RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to have fun and build community with your fellow UUs of all ages! 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, let me know.

Linda Prokopy <lprokopy@gmail.com>

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Autumn is a season of Harvest
Autumn is a season of death.
What is life but giving all you have away.
What you give, lives.
When death is imminent (as it is for all
of us)
Scatter seeds of hope.
The earth which gave you birth
Is receptive to your ideas
Cooperative with your actions
Harmed by your neglect.
Blessed by whatever good you are able
to give.

Leafy trees go out in a blaze of glory
Showing the true colors within.
Evergreen trees stand like frozen
sentinels
Grieving all that has been lost.
Yet hopeful of life returning

The seasons of our lives bring many
temporary deaths before the final one.

But the final death need not be final.
If we have planted seeds throughout our
lives,
Our lives continue.
Even the rotting log, long dead, is a
habitat for life.
What do you give you life's energy to?
What will live beyond you?

With Gratitude and Hope,
Rev Charlie

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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

LOOKING BACK

In September, we learned all about Unitarian Universalism and displayed our work in the UU Museum. We also had a fun "Blessing of the Animals" service and held our first meeting to discuss the RE yearbook.

LOOKING FORWARD

In October, the theme is "Interconnectedness." We'll be examining the similarities and differences between all people and reinforcing the connections we have with plants, animals and the earth.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Room 104.
- RE field trip to the Indianapolis Children's Museum on Sunday, Oct. 11. E-mail drenicolerice@gmail.com for more details.
- RE newspaper meeting for interested students on Sunday, Oct. 18, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in Room 101/103.
- The October fundraiser will be held at Puccini's on Thursday, Oct. 22. UU will receive 20 percent of the proceeds. Please see the flyer or contact Nicole Rice for more details.
- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, Oct. 25. If you have an October birthday, please 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 RE Halloween party will be held Friday, Oct. 30, 5-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please contact Christine Schertz if you're interested in helping out.
- 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>

MEDITATION: CONCENTRATION AND THE FOCUSED MIND

Highly regarded meditation teacher and author Shaila Catherine will offer a day-long meditation program for both new and experienced meditation practitioners on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 101/103.

Shaila teaches meditation internationally. She founded Insight Meditation South Bay, a Buddhist meditation center in Silicon Valley (www.imsb.org), and Bodhi Courses (bodhicourses.org), an online Dharma classroom.

Shaila will teach participants to cultivate and deepen concentration by using the breath as the primary meditation object. Both seated and walking meditation will be practiced as relaxed, skilled and calm attention is encouraged. The teachings will nurture tranquility, introduce the blissful absorption states called jhana, and explore the vital role that concentration plays in the development of the mind.

To register, please send your check for any amount between \$40 and \$70* made payable to "Bodhi Retreats" to: Janice Schuster, 109 East Navajo Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Include your full name, postal address and email address. When your registration fee is received by Oct. 8, a catered vegetarian meal from our local Chipotle Mexican Grill will be included. Registration is also possible at the door but will not include lunch.

*The fee is on a sliding scale. Please determine what you feel comfortable paying (anywhere in the \$70 to \$40 range). If additional scholarship assistance is needed, please contact us. There will be a "dana" basket for voluntary donations to the teacher at the event.

Sponsored by the UUCTC Adult Religious Exploration Council and The West Lafayette Buddhism Study Group <http://www.meetup.com/west-lafayette-buddhist-study/>
Janice Schuster/Adult Religious Exploration Council <JRSCHUST@gmail.com>

UU FUNDRAISER AT PUCCINI'S

Eat at Puccini's on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 4-10 p.m. and support the UU at the same time when you come out for the October FUNdraiser.

Dine-in and carryout starting at 4 p.m. or delivery after 5 p.m. Bring or mention the flyer when you pay & the UUCTC will receive 20 percent of the total amount you spend! Flyers are located at UUCTC.

For more information, visit <http://www.puccinissmilingteeth.com/locations?search=West+Lafayette%2CIN>

Nicole Rice <drenicolerice@gmail.com>

OCTOBER 2015 CALENDAR

1 THURSDAY

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

2 FRIDAY

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

3 SATURDAY

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

4 SUNDAY

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

5 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)

6 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)

7 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)

8 THURSDAY

4:15 pm Girl Scout Troop
5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

9 FRIDAY

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

10 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M
9:30 am Buddhist Retreat/Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

11 SUNDAY

9 am Forum
10:30 am Worship
10:30 am RE Field Trip to Indianapolis Children's Museum
11:30 am UU Membership Class
11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service
1 pm Andrew McKnight concert

12 MONDAY

Columbus Day: Office Closed
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)
7:30 pm Drumming Lesson (S)

13 TUESDAY

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

14 WEDNESDAY

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

15 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7 pm "Preparing Spiritual Wills" (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

16 FRIDAY

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

17 SATURDAY

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

18 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE
Noon Chalice Circle Forum (101/103)
1 pm Lafayette Youth Symphony Competition
4 p.m. UU Photo Group (101/103)
5 pm Lafayette Independent Fifth Annual Fundraiser (FH)

19 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)

20 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)

21 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)

22 THURSDAY

4:15 pm Girl Scout Troop
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5-8 pm Puccini's Night
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

23 FRIDAY

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

24 SATURDAY

All Day Durga Puja Event
8 am Zen Meditation
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

25 SUNDAY

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

26 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)

27 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)

28 WEDNESDAY

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

29 THURSDAY

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

30 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
5 pm Halloween Party
6 pm Samhain (210)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

31 SATURDAY

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