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Talent Search at UUCTC, Revealed

Fellowship Hall was rocking with music, laughter and great food for the third annual UUCTC Talent Show. The tradition started three years ago while

Sherry Tripodi and Kim Smith were co-chairing the Stewardship Campaign. The Talent Show is a celebration our community.

The one and only Kat Braz returned at her comedic best as emcee. She did double duty as she made her world premier as a musical accompanist for the youth who performed "Stand By Me." Like father like son, Mike and Frankie Tripodi provided the rhythm for the RE group's song. In addition to the song, the Youth-led program in the sanctuary had a variety of other acts. Ella Coultier-Justice and Annabel Prokopy performed a flute duet;

Isabella Burniske danced to Dynamite; David Prokopy directed his sisters Annabel and Margaret in a violin Duet; and Frankie Tripodi continued his tradition of telling jokes.

A dinner consisting of soup-tasting, side dishes and dessert provided a break in the action and nourishment. This year there were ten soups in the competition. Former winners Cindy Krulitz and Dorothy Hughes each had entries but there was a new winner this year. Elizabeth Lincourt took the honors with her recipe for Harira soup. For her efforts she received a gift basket donated by Jean Herr. Elizabeth shared "It was a fun evening, and my kids were pretty happy to see candy come into the house".

Song, dance, comedy and music

filled the adult performance portion of the evening. Marty and Nancy Patchen continued their tradition as the opening act, performing the Gershwin tune "They All Laughed". Dorothy Hughes used her ruby red slippers to transport a dance partner from Indy to dance with her. Neelu Chalwa had the crowd cheering as her minions performing a Bollywood dance.

The evening wrapped up with several songs by the UUCTC house band, Spontaneous Hopeful Monster. They performed several numbers including "You Don't Own Me", introduced by Julia Colby as a song performed in support of Planned Parenthood.

Some observations from attendees:

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Good News!

Last month's financial report was unduly pessimistic. The 2017 financial outlook for the church brightened considerably in October. A large influx of pledge payments included some who were not recorded as having made a 2017 pledge. As a result of this and the anticipated revenue from our Corn Booth at the Feast, we have revised up our year-end revenue projections and now expect total revenues to be about 12,000 below budget. This assumes that most of the outstanding pledges will be paid and the Art Fair does about as well as it has in recent

years.

On the expenditures side, a careful line-by line analysis reveals some fortuitous cost savings and prudent spending by committees. Even with a modest set-aside to start a new sabbatical/search fund, it looks as if total expenditures are likely to be at least as much below budget as revenues. If these projections hold up, we may not have a budget deficit for the year.

Respectfully submitted by,
John A. Carlson



"This September and October, Change for Change raised \$289.68 for Greater Lafayette Immigrant Allies. GLIA promotes fellowship between all immigrants and allies, educates the community on immigrant issues, and advocates for immigrant rights to create a safe and welcoming Greater Lafayette community. You can learn more about GLIA at standingforgood.com, or at the Greater Lafayette Immigrant Allies community page on Facebook."

WELCOME

Jada Haughey, Chair of the Membership Committee, along with board members Joan Marshall and Dorothy Hughes and DRE Nicole Rice, held a membership class on November 11. Four congregants, through get-acquainted activities and information about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, transitioned into being UUCTC's four newest members:

Alexa Konowal relocated from Ohio for her job as a music therapist. She attended a UU church before. She was raised Catholic and grew up with UU friends. What drew her to UU was like-minded curious people who are also exploring. She has

already volunteered to play music at the Holiday Art Fair.

Sarah Lucas attended a United Church as a child. She describes herself as part Buddhist, Taoist, and skeptic. She found our church through another new member, Julie Alexander, whom she knew when they both lived in Michigan. She is a first year Ph.D. student studying philosophy at Purdue. She shared an idea for teaching ethics RE children K-12 using Aesop's fables; she will meet with Nicole to further develop the idea.

Cheryl Dixon grew up in Lafayette, "walking to the Presbyterian church alone." Cheryl's initial experience with

UUCTC was as a vendor at the Holiday Art Fair. She attended several non-denominational churches before accepting Kirsten Reynolds' invitation to attend services here. She works in the Division of Financial Aid at Purdue and has already joined Jean Herr's canasta group.

Oesten Nelson grew up with "born-again" parents. He experienced a series of "mini-crises" in his late teens and 20's. He describes himself as a skeptic with a scientific mind. He works at Purdue, where he met his wife while they were both students. He enjoys singing and is active in the

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Minister's Meditation

By Rev. D. Charles Davis

A Russian Orthodox priest from the Soviet Union spoke at one of my classes in seminary. He said that where ever there is creativity the holy spirit is present. He also said that this is troublesome for monks who try to live pure lives to seek the holy spirit. It is hard for monks to observe many artists who live such impure lives to be continually blessed by the holy spirit. Yet he reaffirmed that creativity is holy and that God is present even where pious men are unable to see it.

The Art fair is this churches biggest fundraiser. Hardworking volunteers spend weeks preparing and the building is a frenzy of commerce for two days. The art fair is arguable our biggest promotional activity. We are known in the community as the

church that holds the Art Fair. Hundreds possible over a thousand non-UUs come through our door. This is a great opportunity for them to know where we hold our worship. They see our banners and know we are not an ordinary church.

Reflecting upon the message of that Orthodox cleric the Art fair may be our largest Spiritual event. We engage in the spiritual practice of hospitality. Trudi's Cafe is an altar of communion. To make it all come together the congregation engages in the spirit of cooperation. Most of all, we are celebrating human creativity. Fabric, glass paint, paper, clay, copper and wood are common materials until transformed by artistry. Some call it spirit or is may be skill but the artist puts

time and effort into tangible things and create a connection to the intangible. Beauty, awe and wonder are transcendent qualities that people cherish. A musician plays in a corner surrounded by art as people mingle and enjoy the flavors of the season. This richness brings value to life. It is a gift this congregation shares with the community.

Blessings,
Rev Charlie

Feature^{Story}

Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole Rice



The youth attended a "Follow the Star" journey at Conner Prairie

November was an exciting and busy month for RE. Here are some highlights:

- We met at Puccini's to work on the holiday program and Giving Tree carnival.
- The youth attended a "Follow the Star" journey at Conner Prairie (Photo above).
- We traveled to North America to learn about singing and dancing.
- We traveled to Iran to learn about

feasting and fasting.

- We traveled to Pakistan to learn about gratitude.
- We graphed the big and little things that make us happy. Feel free to add to our chart in the fellowship hall.

Stephen David led a series of workshops on Native American culture including nature, music, and games.

NURSERY

Christina Wright

Ways to encourage gratitude in children:

- Thank them for their good behaviors.
- Let them hear you thank others.
- Don't give them everything they want.
- Provide them with opportunities to earn things they want.
- Help them to see others in need.
- Give back to the community together.
- Write thank you notes.
- Teach them about developing countries.



RE's contribution...



Holiday Art Fair

Always Time to Make a New Friend

You are invited to join Host-A-Boiler for Winter Break, a one-time event matching for community hosts and international student guests! Local community members, faculty and staff are asked to play host for a meal, a family gathering or community event during Winter Break to international students who may not have the opportunity to go back home during this times.

Visit www.ippu.purdue.edu/hostaboiler/HostABoiler.pdf to learn what's involved with hosting an international student. At end of the presentation you will be directed on how to sign up. Host will receive an email with your match/es and



instructions about how to contact your student guest/s by December 13-15.

Thanks in advance for reaching out to students at this special holiday time!

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"I am glad I went, it reminded me how much I love our congregation", Jada Haughey. "As we drove away from the festivities tonight, both boys remarked how much fun they had and how good the talent was.

Levi's only specific comment was that he was SO impressed that David Prokopy directed his sisters' music, 'He is so young to be that incredibly

talented!' Yes buddy . . . I agree." Julia Colby.

"I had SO much fun!! Can we do this monthly - at least??" Andrea Burniske.

"What a great church tradition you started 3 years ago!" Linda Prokopy.



Winter Solstice

Dec. 16th

7pm

**Mark your
calendars**



Save the Date

Saturday,

February 24th, 6-9pm

2018 Service Auction

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual service auction, to be held on February 24th.

This always fun event will include a delicious dinner, sumptuous desserts, live auction, silent auction, and a raffle. Please help make the night a success by planning to attend.

Better yet, start the gears turning as you think about what you might donate. Host a party, offer child care, lead a hike or canoe trip, teach a skill, offer your lake front cottage for a weekend getaway!



UUCTC December 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Prep for Art Fair (S, FH, 210, 214, M, 101/(103)) UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR DEC. 1-2! 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)	2 UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR DEC. 1-2!
3 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:45 AM No POTLUCK SUNDAY this month 12:00 PM Giving Tree Fundraiser	4 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (214) 7:00 PM LIMC (103) 7:00 PM "AA" (FH)	5 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S) 7:30 PM Baha'i Faith-- Understanding the Baha'i Writings, part 1 (101/(103))	6 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Holiday Party (FH, K)	7 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 5:00 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	8 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH)	9 7:30 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
10 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 1:00 PM UUCTC Freezer Meal Interest Group-- (FH & K)	11 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (214) 7:00 PM LIMC (103) 7:00 PM "AA" (FH)	12 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 5:30 PM Pastoral Care (102) 7:00 PM BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	13 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 7:00 PM Greater Lafayette ACLU (214)	14 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 5:00 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 5:30 PM Worship and Music Committee (101/3)	15 Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH)	16 7:30 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 7:00 PM Winter Solstice (FH), (K)
17 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE	18 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 6:00 PM Safety Committee (102) 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (214) 7:00 PM Committee on Ministry (Off-Campus) 7:00 PM LIMC (103) 7:00 PM "AA" (FH)	19 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S) 7:30 PM Baha'i Faith-- Understanding the Baha'i Writings, part 2 (101/(103))	20 Lafayette Independent Deadline: Wednesday before last Tuesday of month 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 9:30 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH)	21 3:30 PM Youth Homework Club 5:00 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)	22 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM A/A (FH) 6:30 PM Family Movie Night	23 7:30 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
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An Awakening...

A Preview of Forum and Worship

December 3rd at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Sarah Powley**

Topic **Holocaust Remembrance**

Co-chair of the 37th Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference Sarah Powley, a Purdue University graduate, taught for 37 years, most recently English at McCutcheon High School. She is now an instructional coach for Tippecanoe School Corp. She co-chairs the Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Committee, a community organization bringing scholars, educators, residents and visitors together to honor Holocaust victims and to end today's forces of hatred and prejudice.

December 10th at 9:00AM

Speaker: Jodi Tishmack

Topic: Climate Change

This year we've seen many record setting US weather disasters. Several winter and spring superstorms hit the Southern and Midwestern US. Four major hurricanes devastated Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean with record amounts of rainfall and flooding. Jody will discuss how these weather events relate to earth's changing climate and their social and economic impact in the US."

December 17th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Rae Schnapp**

Topic: **How to be a Solutionary**

We are engaged in a battle between paradigms. Join this discussion about how we can unite Indiana's social and environmental justice movements to create change in Indiana and beyond.

December 24th & 31st

Forum is cancelled

December 3rd at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Defense Mechanisms, In celebration of Anna Freud's birthday**

We explore her concept of defense mechanisms, mind games we use to pretend that everything is okay and avoid responsibility for our lives. There is a thin line between being rational and rationalization.

December 10th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Spanish American Wars**

On Dec 10 1901 the Treaty of Paris was signed thus ending of the Spanish American War This Ended Spain's role as a colonial power and Launched America onto the world stage.

December 17th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Nicole McCabe DRE**

Topic: **Youth RE Service**

December 24th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Earthrise**

How the Apollo 8 Mission changed how humanity saw the earth. When we were able to see the earth as one planet in the loneliness of space, we were transformed.

December 24th at 7:00 PM **Candle Light Service**

December 31st at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **The year in review.**

2017 has been full of turmoil. Perhaps the ground needed to be tilled in order to make room for new growth.

SAVE THE DATE

Dec. 1 & 2 Holiday Art Fair

Dec. 3rd RE Giving Tree
Carnival to benefit
LUM Jubilee

Dec. 9th LUM Jubilee

Dec. 10th **Congregational
Meeting After
Service**

Memorial Service
Carter Kiser
Carnahan Hall, 2PM

Dec. 15th *Lighted Chalice*
Submission deadline

Dec. 16th Winter Solstice

Dec. 17th **RE Holiday
Program**

Dec. 24th Candle Light Service

Dec. 25th UUCTC Admin
Office is Closed

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Dec. 10th,
following service**



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**Submission Deadline is the
15th of month;**

Email submissions to
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Tippecanoe Quilters Guild Gift to UUCTC



WELCOME

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local Atheist/Humanist Society. He and his wife are fostering two babies with the hopes of adopting them. Oesten works in IT at Purdue. He was quick to offer his assistance to improve the

delivery of the membership class using PowerPoint.

Alexa, Sarah, Cheryl and Oesten, welcome and thanks for building community with us!