



# Lighted Chalice

## A Financial Overview By John Carlson

There are mixed messages in the church financial data for 2017.

Pledge payments and donations are down for the second straight year to the lowest level since 2011. Other revenues climbed primarily because of amazing volunteer fund-raising efforts.

About 9 percent of 2017 pledges have not been paid as of the end of the year. Based on prior experience, some of that will be received in early 2018. In addition, there were notable donations by households that did not turn in a 2017 pledge card, so total



“pledge payments” exceeded the total pledged.

The good news is that there was a small budget surplus for the year. This was made possible in part by not hiring a choir director, by good weather that kept utility expenses well below budget, and by many volunteered services to the church. With savings in several other

accounts, we were able to set aside the \$6,100 budgeted contribution to the Sabbatical/Search Fund.

As a result of the surplus, the church enters 2018 with a General Fund balance of slightly over \$50,000, so there is no reason at this early point in the year to be terribly concerned about the 2018 budget.

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# Securing Childcare

Having childcare for church related events just got easier. The UUCTC has recently approved policy developed by RE Director, Nicole Rice, Nursery coordinator, Christina Wright and several others, making it easier to request childcare for events.

Congregants may complete a paper form or visit the UUCTC's website, [www.uuctc.org](http://www.uuctc.org), go to Policies and then click on "Request Childcare."

Submit requests two weeks before the event. The person completing the form will need to provide details on:

- Event Date, Time, and Duration
- Estimated number of expected children and age ranges
- Type of event
- Contact information for event chair



# Imbolc Service February 2nd @ 7pm

The Wheel of the Year Services celebrate Pagan solstices and quarter holidays. We do not follow any one particular teaching but rather the traditions associated with the holidays. Imbolc is a family friendly event. Bring your favorite (Mid-Winter, St. Brigid's Day) songs, poems, and readings to

share. In this service we think about our New Years Resolutions. If you are able, a small plate of food to share is welcomed but not required.



## Service Auction Save the Date



## Saturday, Feb. 24th

Join us for a night of Caribbean infused food and fun as we celebrate the night away while raising money for our church at the annual Service Auction.

Contact Mark VanMeeter ([mvanmeeter@comcast.net](mailto:mvanmeeter@comcast.net)) or Josh Prokopy ([joshuaprokopy@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaprokopy@gmail.com)).

# It's Carnival!

## *Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole Rice*

### **A Blessing for Risk-Takers and Failures**

By Robin Tanner

Blessed are they who fall in the mud, who jump with gusto and rip the pants, who skin the elbows, and bruise the ego, for they shall know the sweetness of risk.

Blessed are they who make giant mistakes, whose intentions are good but impact has injured, who know the hot sense of regret and ask for mercy, for their hearts will know the gift of forgiveness.

Blessed are they who have seen a D or an F or C or any letter less than perfect, who are painfully familiar with the red pen and the labels as "less than," for they know the wisdom in the imperfect.

Blessed are they who try again, who dust off, who wash up, who extend the wish for peace, who return to sites of failure, who are dogged in their pursuit, for they will discover the secret to dreams.

Blessed are they who refuse to listen to the naysayers, for their hearts will be houses for hope.

Blessed are they who see beyond the surface of another, for they will be able to delight in the gift of compassion.

Blessed are they who stop running the race to help a fellow traveler, who pick up the fallen, who stop for injured life, for they shall know the kindness of strangers.

Blessed are they who wildly, boldly abandon winning, for they shall know the path of justice.



I always be sure to have time for reading material that I choose. However, in motherhood and my profession I spend a considerable time with my nose in children's books. They can be uplifting, encouraging, and at times bring about emotional responses you wouldn't expect. Here are a few quotes from books we've been flipping through:

"If you have good thoughts they shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely." Roald Dahl from Matilda "How can we be so different and feel so much alike? And how can we feel so different and be so much alike?" Janell Cannon from Stellaluna "Honey is sweet and so is knowledge, but knowledge is like the bee who made the honey it has to be chased through the pages of a book." Patricia Polacco from Thank You Mr. Falker.



# UUCTC February 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> All Month Canned Food Collection benefiting St. John's Food Pantry <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>6:00 PM</b> Finance Committee (102)	<b>2</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Imbolc Service Rm 210	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) <b>11:45 AM</b> <b>POTLUCK SUNDAY!</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> YoUUnG Adult (102)	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> LIMC 103 <b>7:00 PM</b> Spiritual Exp Group "AA" (FH)	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101)</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Practice (FH)	<b>8</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>5:30 PM</b> Worship and Music Committee (101/3)	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH)	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) <b>12:00 PM</b> Mystery Pals and Interview Project Celebration <b>12:30 PM</b> YoUUnG Adult (102) <b>1:00 PM</b> Indiana Gluten Intolerance Support Team (IGIST) (101/103) <b>1:00 PM</b> UUCTC Freezer Meal Interest Group-- (FH & K)	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> LIMC 103 <b>7:00 PM</b> Spiritual Exp Group "AA" (FH)	<b>13</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>5:30 PM</b> Pastoral Care (102) <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>14</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Practice (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Greater Lafayette ACLU (214)	<b>15</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH)	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>7:30 PM</b> UU Coffee House Concert Feb 17th Featuring Traveler's Dream ( FH)
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) <b>12:30 PM</b> YoUUnG Adult (102) <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC SJ presents a film and discussion that follow-ups to "An Inconvenient Truth)	<b>19</b> UUCTC Office is closed in Observance of President's Day <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>6:00 PM</b> Safety Committee (102) <b>7:00 PM</b> Committee on Ministry (Off-Campus) <b>7:00 PM</b> LIMC 103 <b>7:00 PM</b> Spiritual Exp Group "AA" (FH)	<b>20</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Practice (FH)	<b>22</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)	<b>23</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH)	<b>24</b> ANNUAL CHURCH AUCTION (FH), K, 101/103, 102, M, and sanctuary <b>7:30 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) <b>12:30 PM</b> YoUUnG Adult (102)	<b>26</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> LIMC 103 <b>7:00 PM</b> Spiritual Exp Group "AA" (FH)	<b>27</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> A/A (FH) <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Homework Club <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Practice (FH)			

# An Awakening...

## A Preview of Forum and Worship

**February 4th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Patrick A. Tishmack, Ph.D.**

Topic: **Pharmaceutical Drugs – Wealth or Health?**

**February 11th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Dr. John Finley**

We will show the first half of the video “Hubble Space Telescope & the Universe.” Then Dr. Finley will comment on the PBS video. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/space/invisible-universe.html>

**February 18th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **Dr. John Finley**

We will show the second half of the video “Hubble Space Telescope & the Universe.” Then Dr. Finley will comment on the PBS video. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/space/invisible-universe.html>

**February 25th at 9:00AM**

Speaker: **TBD**

Topic: Discussion on the film, **MAKERS: Women Who Make America**" (<https://www.makers.com/documentary/womenwhomakeamerica>)

**February 4th at 10:30AM**

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

Topic: **Punification**

Since preachers are forbidden to tell dirty jokes and ethnic jokes, we are reduced to punning. Words shape our worship. The words we bray prey playfully upon the praying parade. Come congregate to contemplate my complicated cogitations.

**February 11th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Susan Wilson & Jack Reynolds**

Topic: **TBD**



**February 18th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Neelu Chawla**

Topic: **TBD**

**February 25th at 10:30AM**

Speaker: **Youth**

Topic: **iGen, not who iAm**

Challenging the stereotypes associated with the Millennial generation..

## Help UUCTC Social Justice Fight Hunger

A canned food drive benefiting the St. John's Food Pantry begins February 1st and continues until the end of the month. All nonperishable food is welcome, but particularly needed are the following items:



**Macaroni and cheese**

**Canned Fruit**

**Tomato Soup (small cans)**

**Chicken Noodle Soup (small cans)**

**Cereal**

Collection points are in the narthex and the entrance by the office



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“I imagine one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.”

—James Baldwin

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## Affirmation of Freedom



# Reclaiming OUR Space!



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**“A message of love and support from our congregation to the Unitarian Universalist Church in West Lafayette, IN. Love is stronger than hate!”**

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# SAVE THE DATE

Feb. 1st UUCTS SJ  
Food Drive to benefit  
St. John's Food Pantry

Feb. 2nd Imbolc Service,  
Rm 210@7PM

Feb. 6th Program Council

Feb. 13th UUCTC Board Mtg  
@7PM

Feb. 15th Lighted Chalice  
Submission Deadline

Feb. 17th UUCTC Concert  
Featuring  
Traveler's Dreams

Feb. 18th UUCTC SJ  
Film Discussion @3PM  
Follow-up to

Feb. 24th Service Auction, "It's  
Carnival!"

Feb. 25th RE Safety Meeting  
following Service

Mar. 1st Change 4 Change  
Recipient is Habitat for  
Humanity

May 12th Rummage Sale  
Clothing Drive



## Lighted Chalice...

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

## Change 4 Change

*Pride Lafayette*

Our final Change 4 Change beneficiary of 2017 was our local Lafayette Pride center. Throughout November and December we raised \$176.59 for them. Myrna Funkhouser is the UUCTC's liaison to the Pride office and she is very excited about the coming year for

Pride. They recently held a Board Member meet and greet and it was very well attended by the community. Myrna also mentioned that there are a lot of volunteer opportunities available with Pride if interested, please ask Myrna for further details.

## UU Coffee House Concert Feb 17th Featuring Traveler's Dream

Traveler's Dream will be performing a Coffee House Concert at the UU Fellowship Hall on Saturday evening, Feb 17. A mix of Celtic, traditional and original compositions will be performed by Michael Lewis and Denise Wilson. A suggested donation will be asked at the door. This is an all church event and an outreach event, and is an outreach activity to connect with the local community. Please come, and feel free to invite your friends!

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**Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Music starts at 8:00 p.m.**