



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: 15 DECEMBER 2013

Following the worship service on December 15th, there will be an important Congregational Meeting where members will be asked to approve the 2014 UUC budget. In an all-church e-mail recently sent to the congregation and posted on the web page, a file was attached comparing the proposed 2014 budget to the 2013 budget plan that we have been using this fiscal year. Copies of this budget proposal are also available in the church office.

- The 2014 budget plans for \$236,250 in pledge income, an increase of 5%
- There are planned increases in building rental income, and revenues from our Kroger and Amazon programs
- Staff salaries have been increased 1.5%
- Staff medical expenses are not expected to increase significantly
- Choir Director expenses are decreased since the position is not likely to be filled prior to midyear

The resulting budget includes a planned transfer of \$6257 from the Capital fund to balance the 2014 budget. As of November, the Capital fund has -\$41,000 remaining.

Planning the 2014 budget depends largely on a successful completion to this year's pledge drive. Thank you to those who have already pledged. If you have not yet returned a pledge card, I urge you to do so as soon as possible so that we can plan for the future with a clear picture of our expected income. Blank pledge cards are available in the church office. Please bring any questions or concerns you have about the proposed budget to the December 15th Congregational Meeting.

Best Wishes, Mark VanMeeter, President, Board of Trustees

DECEMBER 15 SUNDAY MORNING FORUM Petronio Bendito, Purdue Assoc. Prof. of Art & Design at Rueff School of Visual and Performing Arts, Purdue University, presents *Technology Mediated Art & Design Expressions*. Petronio is a Brazilian new media artist (b. 1971) and scholar based in the United States. He has served as a contributing editor for the *Media-N: Journal of the New Media Caucus* and on the board of directors of the International Visual Literacy Association. "I work in a variety of media and have ongoing collaborations with dancers and musicians. My major interests are in the areas of computational color design methods, computer vision, performance, visual music, and visual literacy. Currently I am devoting most of my time to develop and exhibit works for three art series projects: Natural Disaster Color, Color Code, and Body & Motion. I am also interested in live performances, visual music and teaching effectiveness." Forum Co-chairs are Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, and Bill Welge.

DECEMBER 22 SUNDAY MORNING FORUM UU Church member Denise Laussade will present "Tour the Town on the Trolley!" CityBus runs the Tour the Town on the Trolley from May to October, coincident with the Farmer's Market. The tour starts at the corner of 5th and Main, crosses over to West Lafayette through a portion of Purdue, comes back through the Levee and then into Lafayette back to Main Street. The guided tour is narrated by volunteers, most of whom do not work for CityBus but enjoy the history and culture of our community. Whether you have lived in the community for a short or long time, the stories of the area's founding and development will entertain—and maybe surprise—you! Come test yourself on just how much you know about the area we call "home." Forum Co-chairs are Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, and Bill Welge.

DECEMBER 15 SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE Worship Leader Rev. Daniel Charles Davis and Worship Associate Sheila Garrett, DRE along with children from the RE program present "The Light Of Life," a December holiday pageant written by Rev. Randolph Becker of Williamsburg, VA. The pageant explores various festivals of light celebrated in late fall and early winter. Choir Director & Pianist is Shellie Johnson. Fellowship Team Leader is Mark VanMeeter. Sanctuary Preparation is by Dianna Poindexter. Sound Technician is Mary Finley.

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DECEMBER 22 SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE Rev. Daniel Charles Davis presents “HumanLight.” HumanLight is a festival created by the New Jersey Humanist Network in 2001. It was celebrated at over 20 locations last year including 5 UU congregations. Worship Associate is Dianna Poindexter. Choir Director & Pianist is Shellie Johnson. Fellowship Team Leader is Susanne McConville. Sanctuary Preparation is by Robin Poindexter . Sound Technician is Carl Seese.

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

While DRE Sheila Garrett is recovering from knee surgery, RE council members Cheryl Fowler (cherylafowler@gmail.com), Kathy Coder, Rae Schnapp, Frank Arnold, Kirsten Reynolds are working together with Rev Charlie in coordinating the holiday pageant. If you have a question, contact any one of them for help.

- Attention Holiday Pageant Participants:** Please arrive at church early Sunday, Dec. 15. There will be a final run-through of the *Celebrate the Light* all ages holiday pageant with Rev. Charlie in the sanctuary at 9:30 am.
- December 22nd** Holiday Crafts in the Fellowship Hall- please join me in giving a HUGE thanks to Elizabeth Lincort for organizing!
- December 29th** Holiday Break for Volunteers- no RE today!
- Our Theme in January: Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning**
- New!** Youth will have the opportunity to volunteer at Family Promise- *watch for details coming soon!*
- Preschool: Spirit Play**
 - 1-4th Grades: Workshop Rotation
 - Tony Pawli- cartooning
 - Cindy Gerlach- reporting
 - Della Willmann- photography (perspective taking)
 - 5th-8th Grade: Quest for Meaning
 - Youth Group: self-selected topics/projects

SOLSTICE SERVICE Please join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30 pm on Saturday, December 21 for our annual Winter Solstice Service. Kirsten Reynolds, Rae Schnapp, Rachel Smith, Kalina Harden, Janice Thiel, and friends will lead us in an intimate, family-friendly evening with singing and short readings honoring the return of light. Come join us in this pagan-style service representative of a variety of sacred traditions--candles signifying living light; evergreens—pine, holly & ivy—symbolizing the timeless spiral of life; leafless branches, reminding us of winter's power; fruit of the earth—apples, pomegranates—in observation of Persephone and her return from the underworld with the approach of spring and life's renewal. Fellowship, sharing of light refreshments, and a bonfire will follow!



DECEMBER CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly

- Sunday, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
 9:00am, *Forum*, 101/103
 10:30am, *Worship & RE Magazine Exchange, & Potluck*, December 1 (1st Sunday of month)
Membership Class, 1st Sundays, December 1
Talk and Tour, 2nd Sundays, December 8
- Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)
 7:00pm, *Monday Meditation*, 101/103
- Tuesday, December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 7:00pm, *Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)*
- Wednesday, December 4, 11, 18, 25
 7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)
 12:00pm, *The Principled Group*, 101/103
 7:00pm Choir (S)
- Thursday, December 5, 12, 19, 26
 5:40pm, *Dinner @MCL*
 5:30pm, *Zazen; Zen Chanting & Reading; sitting; M*
- Friday, December 6, 13, 20, 27
 7:30am, Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (anyone may join at any time; FH)
- Saturday, December 7, 14, 21, 28
 8:00am, *Zen, Meditation Room*

Bi-Weekly

- Monday, December 2, 16, 1:30pm, *Writers' Group*, 106
 Thursday, December 5, 19 7:30pm, *SHM/UU House Band*, S
 Friday, December 6, 20, 6:30pm, *PRYSM*, 102

By Date

- 1 Sunday, **POTLUCK** held following service!
 11:45am *Membership Class: Discovering Your Spiritual Path*
 7:30pm, *Lafayette Area Peace Coalition* (101/103)
- 3 Tuesday, 6:00 pm, *Program Council* 101/103
- 5 Thursday, 6:30pm *A-REC* (101/103)
- 6 Friday, 4pm *WEDDING REHEARSAL (S)*
- 7 Saturday, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
WEDDING, Ruhl-Westerman (S)
- 8 Sunday, 11:30am, *UU Talk & Tour*
 12:00pm, *UU Fiberarts Quilting Bee* (Youth Room)
- 9-10 **ART FAIR SET UP MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY!**
- 10 Tuesday, 1:00pm *Buddhist Study Group* (101/103)
 5:30pm *Pastoral Care* (106)
 6:00pm *RE Council* (Youth Room)
 7:00pm *ACLU-IN Board* (212)
 7:30pm *UU Drumming Circle with cirqueAfrique's Sundeep Rao and Robin Pickett* (101/103)

By Date, cont'd.

- 11 Wednesday, *ART FAIR BOOTH SET UP!*
 Minister at HUUMA Meeting, Indianapolis
- 12 Thursday, *ART FAIR BOOTH SET UP!*
- 13 Friday, *ART FAIR FINAL SET UP IN A.M.*
UU ART SHOW OPENS 5-9pm
- 14 Saturday, **UU ART SHOW 10am-4pm**
 10:00am *Quarterly Meditation Workshop, Jason Kniola*, 101/103
LUM JUBILEE CHRISTMAS, CHURCH OF BRETHREN
 5PM *ART SHOW DECONSTRUCTION & ARTIST PICKUP*
- 15 Sunday, 10:30am **HOLIDAY PAGEANT**
 11:30am **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (S)**
 4:00pm *UU Photo Group*, 101/103
- 17 Tuesday, 6:30pm, *Board Meeting*, 3rd Tuesdays, 101/103
- 19 Thursday, *Newsletter Deadline*
- 21 6pm **WINTER SOLSTICE SERVICE (FH)**
- 24 Tuesday, 6pm, **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
- 25 Wednesday, **CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED**
- 31 Tuesday, **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
 1 JANUARY 2014, **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** (Office Closed)



2013 Holiday Art Fair

Affordable fine art by area artists.

5-9 p.m. Friday, December 13

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, December 14

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Live music and gourmet food, delicious soup, pastries and more!

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (A-REC) PROGRAMS

- **Quarterly Meditation Workshops, 10:00 am-Noon, December 14.** Jason Kniola, Hakomi Body-Centered Psychotherapist, MS, NCC, LMHC, LCAC, LMT, will present the fourth in a series of dynamic workshops teaching various daily meditation techniques Saturday, December 14 from 10am-12 Noon, UU Church Room 101/103. Come join us as we work with breath meditation, chanting, vibrational healing meditation and other techniques to aid in stress relief, relaxation, and helping to maintain a calm and centered mind. Beginners are welcome; \$10 requested donation. To register contact jckniola@hotmail.com. *Child care available if requested by at least 2 participants one week in advance.*
- **Monthly Structured West African Drumming Sessions (2nd Tuesdays), 7:30-9:00 pm, January 14.** Learn about drumming in the West African style, facilitated by **Sundee Rao and Robin Pickett** of the local West African percussion ensemble *circAfrique*. Bring your drum, or ask if a drum is available for use (there are about 6-8) for a small, extra donation. Your drum will need to make at least two distinct sounds. Bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments are welcome! \$10 requested donation per session. Some scholarships available so let us know of your needs. RSVP & details: <http://goo.gl/2gw2I>. For information email info@circafrique.com, call Suzan at 765-714-6173 or see Facebook pages for UUC or *CircAfrique*!
- **Journey to Mecca Film & Discussion About Islam, 6-8 pm, January 22, 2014.** A-REC will sponsor a showing of "Journey to Mecca," a 45-minute movie about young Ibn Battutah, the 14th century Muslim explorer. The movie will be followed by a discussion about Islam, lead by Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Director of Purdue's Arabic Program. For more on the film, please see http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1235836/?ref=ttexrv_exrv_tt. The movie and discussion will take place on January 22, 2014, from 6-8 pm, in room 101/103. For questions, see Beth Hoffmann (elizabethhoffmann1@mac.com).

ONGOING AT UUC!

- **Monday Meditation** Mondays, 7:00 p.m. with Larry Hicks
- **Zen Meditation:** Thursday, 5:30 pm, sitting, chanting & reading
- Saturday, 8:00 am, with Russ Flynn
- **Taiji Qi Gong:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 7:30 am with Lisa Petersen

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UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, FIRST SUNDAYS IN 2014 UU Membership Classes now meet each 1st Sunday on a rotating basis after service, presented by Rev. Charlie Davis and the Membership Committee. Sessions will be held in rm. 101/103; please select your meal from the potluck and bring your food to class. Child care will be available if requested one week in advance. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rev. Charlie Davis, uurevcharlie@aol.com, one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

• **UU HISTORY January 5.** This class will cover topics such as: How did this denomination get to where it is today, and how did Unitarian Christianity and Universalist Christianity evolve into the free religion we have today? By reviewing some of the controversies of the past we see how they shape our present. Intended for everyone new and old to UU congregations.

• **EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP: PARTICIPATING AT UUC, WEST LAFAYETTE February 2.** Learn more about the history of our UU church and what it means to be a member. This course is intended for visitors who are interested in learning more about membership.

• **DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH March 2.** What gifts have you kept from your religious heritage? What have you discarded? How do you wish to improve yourself and the world? Come explore and share your stories with others. By speaking our truth and listening to others, we can deepen the meaning of community. Intended for everyone.

TALK AND TOUR, SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday for "Talk and Tour," next on January 12. This 15 minute guided walk through the building is designed to familiarize newcomers with our congregation and facilities. Participants do not need to sign up in advance—simply gather at the Newcomers Table outside the Fellowship Hall at 11:45. Thanks!

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS... Your online purchases at Amazon.com can now benefit the church. If you open the UUC website at uulafayette.wordpress.com and select Links from the menu you'll see an Amazon.com logo. Clicking on this will take you to Amazon.com, where your online shopping experience will be the same as usual - with one key difference. Amazon will pay the UUC a 6% commission on all purchases made in the session. You pay the same Amazon prices and use your normal Amazon account information when checking out. This program has the potential to be a significant revenue source for the church. All you need to do is remember to use the link on the UUC website. Once you've navigated to Amazon from the UUC website, you may also bookmark the page in your browser for later use. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mark VanMeeter, President, Board of Trustees - mvanmeeter@comcast.net.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE There is much to be done in the social justice arena; if you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, please join us at our next meeting--Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 pm in room 101-103. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, contact co-chairs Joan Marshall, jmarshal900@yahoo.com, & Tom McConville, tmconville1200@comcast.net or .

•***CHANGE FOR CHANGE: NICHES*** The theme for Change for Change in 2013 is "Social Justice and Climate Change." All loose coins in the Sunday offering will go to organizations striving to address social justice issues in these areas. Our November and December recipient of C4C is NICHES, "Northern Indiana Citizens Helping Ecosystems Survive." This nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation was formed in 1995 by a diverse group of concerned people acting to protect natural spaces in the face of increasing threat. It recognizes that a strong economy and a continued high quality of life in our area of Indiana is ultimately dependent upon and related to the state of our environment. NICHES protects, restores and sustains Northern Indiana's ecosystems by providing habitat for native species and offering natural places for the education, appreciation and enjoyment of current and future generations. The Northern Indiana landscape is home to ecosystems of native plants and animals that should be protected. Access and connection with natural areas and open space improves the quality of people's lives. People in our region should be able to live among sustainable, healthy, attractive landscapes.

•***FAMILY PROMISE*** Many thanks to the UU volunteers who helped with *Family Promise* this fall: Reverend Charlie Davis, Laura Helms, Tom McConville, Jason Rubsam, and Gabriela Weaver. Our next week to support Our Saviour Lutheran Church as we host homeless families in crisis will be Sunday, December 15 to 22. *Joshua Prokopy, UU Family Service Representative.*

•***WOMEN'S SHELTER COLLECTION*** The local Women's Shelter is running low on personal products as well as blankets and towels. If you have new bottles of shampoo for adults and children, rinses, soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs, new socks, personal products including feminine items, be sure to leave your donations in the labeled plastic bins in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider giving generously to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

INTER-RELIGIOUS NETWORK (IRN) DINNER & CONVERSATION CIRCLES Interfaith conversation dinners are sponsored by the Inter-Religious Network Conversation Circles of the Abrahamic Faith Traditions. They occur twice a month at various faith communities in the Lafayette area, and are led by Cem Akatay, a Turkish graduate student at Purdue. People of the Turkish community at Purdue are committed to interfaith dialogue between Muslims and other faiths. Our Unitarian Universalist Church hosted an IRN Dinner on Oct. 26, and will again host dinners on *February 8, March 29, and April 26 at 6:00 pm*. Delicious Turkish food will be provided; suggested donation \$2. For further information, or to register to attend a dinner, please visit www.facebook.com/interreligiousnetwork. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP 2014: ABUNDANT HEARTS, ABUNDANT LIVING Our 2014 Stewardship Pledge Drive is off to a great start! As of November 19, we have collected 61 pledges, from approximately 30% of our membership, for a total of \$156,649. Please take the time now to look into your hearts to determine the abundance you can share. Think about all that is important to you in our church community. What do you want to continue to support? What would make your heart broken if we could no longer provide it? Below is a suggested giving guide from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

PLANNED GIVING AT UUC It is often difficult to think about planning for death, but it is one of those things that makes life easier for friends and family dealing with an emotional time. If you would like to include UUC in your will or living trust, please use our full legal name, Unitarian Universalist Church. Your attorney may find the following language helpful:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath \$_____ (a dollar amount, percentage, remainder) of my estate to the Unitarian Universalist Church. Now or formerly at 333 Meridian, West Lafayette, Indiana, for its general purposes.

The IRS recognizes the Unitarian Universalist Church as a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. Our federal tax ID number is 35-6023509.

UU CHURCH OUTDOOR GROUP WINTER ACTIVITIES!

- **Boxing Day Hike** - Every year on the day after Christmas, the Delphi Canal Center hosts a hike/tour from the museum to the spectacular High Bridge (a railroad bridge spanning the gorge over Deer Creek. December 26 at 1pm. Please contact Rae Schnapp at [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829) if you plan to attend.
- **Eagle Viewing Trip** - The hot water discharged by the Duke Energy power plant in Cayuga provides a year-round feeding ground for eagles. On Sunday, January 26 Duke opens its doors to visitors for its annual Eagle Viewing Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will carpool to Cayuga after church that day. Please contact Rae Schnapp at [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829) if you plan to attend.

Rae Schnapp, Ph.D., Wabash Riverkeeper, [765-714-4829](tel:765-714-4829)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Thursday of each month, next December 19 for the last week of the month's issue of the "Lighted Chalice." Although we have switched to a weekly "Lighted Chalice" newsletter, the last week's newsletter distributed on Sundays with the Order of Service will still be the largest newsletter of the month, with set deadlines. If you have a major "Big Rock" event coming up, please announce it as soon as possible at Program Council, which approves events so that the optimal number of people will be aware the schedule.

<i>I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on Earth, good will to men.</i>	<i>At Christmas I no more desire a rose, Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled shows; But like of each thing that in season grows.</i>	<i>I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape. Something waits beneath it; the whole story doesn't show.</i>
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	William Shakespeare	Andrew Wyeth