



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

Sunday Forum 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery & Childcare Available.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: AUGUST 2015

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes begin at 10:30 am;
Nursery & Childcare Available.

AUGUST 2

"Spirit of Anxiety"

Worship Leader: Rev Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Kat Braz
Music: Gail & Charlie Davis
Sound: Gary Fowler
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team:
Kathy Willowoode

The world tells us to be afraid and then offers to save us. We want a quick fix. A pill to cure our ills. Jesus saves us from death. Muhammad saves us from hell. Buddha saves us from craving. Hinduism saves us from rebirth. Humanism saves us from superstition. What if instead of looking for saviors we found a way to face life and death with courage?

AUGUST 9

"Skin"

Worship Leader: Rev Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes
Music: Gail & Charlie Davis
Sound: Mike Marsh
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship Team:
Gary & Andrea Burniske

With the murders in Charleston and the Supreme Court decision on supporting marriage equality, the nation stands at an intersection of race and gender. Gail and Charlie Davis explore these issues with a series of songs about skin.

AUGUST 16

"Water Communion" –

Intergenerational Service

Worship Leader: Cindy Gerlach
Worship Associate: Kat Braz

Music: Gail & Charlie Davis

Sound: Noemi Ybarra

Pulpit Preparation:

Robin Poindexter

Fellowship Team: TBA

Bring a small vial of water to represent how you interacted with water during the past year. How did water affect your spirituality? And how does the mission of this church help you live your faith? Water will be provided for those who did not collect water over the summer.

AUGUST 23

Local UU History

Worship Leader: Gale Charlotte

Worship Associate: Janice Thiel

Sound: Dan Lybrook

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: TBA

Did you know there were Unitarians and Universalists in Tippecanoe County as far back as the 19th century? Learn about the legacy we inherited when our congregation was founded 66 years ago

AUGUST 30

Economic Justice.

Worship Leader: Rev Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Sound: Gary Mueller

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: TBA

At General Assembly in Portland this summer, Unitarians considered how we have been shaped by classism.

Who have we excluded from our free and responsible search for meaning? How can we be more welcoming in the future?

MINISTER'S MUSINGS:

"PEACE AND LOVE"

When I was born in August of 1960, interracial marriage was illegal in 22 states, including Indiana. The law changed in this state in 1965. In 1967, the Supreme Court made interracial marriage legal in the 16 states that still resisted equality. People argued from the Bible that intermarriage was forbidden. They felt that the court had changed the definition of marriage.

But marriage has always been redefined. In ancient Israel and in 19th century Utah Territory, polygamy was common. Until 1993, some states did not require a husband to get consent from his wife before intercourse. Until recently the law treated women like property or slaves. We are moving slowly toward racial and gender equality. I think of how much we have progressed in the 55 years I have been alive.

Yet the news reminds us that racial violence and sexual violence is still too common.

Those who want a society based on authority resist change. Freedom feels like chaos to them. Those who use God to instill fear in others are themselves caught up in fear. They believe their God tells them to bully others as they have been bullied. They believe the threat of punishment and threaten others. Let us love those whose fears cause them to oppose freedom. Tell them that they too can be free from fear from an angry God.

Love feels weak compared to violence. But it is like the water that washes the mountain to the sea. Let us be ambassadors of love, diplomats in a world at war.

Be the peace you want to see in the world. Love the hell out of the world. Let this summer be a reminder that we shall overcome.

*With Gratitude and Hope,
Rev. Charlie*

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 am in 101/103. Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided. Co-chairs: Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, Bill Welge



AUGUST 2

Amy Wood: *Read to Succeed at United Way*

AUGUST 9

Dave Sattler: *Editorial Cartoons*

AUGUST 16

Angie Klink: *The Deans' Bible*

AUGUST 23

Barbara Kerkhoff: *Indiana Voices of Women*

AUGUST 30

Anna Bowen: *A Widening View of the Mormon Faith*



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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

We have so much going for us here in our UU Church community. A lot of very friendly, very interesting people are coming and going through our doors. We are working together for the maintenance and betterment of our little community. We have an awesome covenant, minister and church building. So, what caused me not long ago to remark that I felt like we were still struggling to be a community? Past Board President Mark VanMeeter offered that we are more like a collection of small communities.

Anthropologists talk about a proposed ideal size for a community that is known as the "Dunbar Number." It is a suggested upper limit to the number of people in a group with whom one can maintain social, stable relationships. These are relationships in which an individual knows who each is and how each person relates to every other person. Our congregation falls around the upper limit of this "Dunbar Number." Proponents of this idea assert that numbers larger than this require more restrictive rules and enforced norms to maintain a cohesive group.

This may sound like anathema to us! Even at this optimum number, cohesion is thought to require devoting around 40 percent of the time to "social grooming." This may indicate a need for us to strive to become more widely and intimately acquainted within our group in order to blur the lines among our collection of small communities and to find more unity within our diversity.

Coincidentally, a team of our members has been working together over the past several months to learn and prepare to implement a practice called Small Group Ministry. The groups of eight to 10 people we will form for our pilot program will be known as Chalice Circles. Each will include trained facilitators and each will decide certain particulars for themselves, such as frequency of meetings and rules of engagement. Sign-up will be this September and meetings will begin in October. These groups will encourage listening over speech making, discussion more than debate, and sharing of personal stories over critique. Hearing one another's stories over time, people become more accepting.

Many UU churches have reported remarkable success with this practice. I'm hoping we can share that experience and become a community that abides.

Bill Welge, oxygenphilosophy@gmail.com

HELP WANTED: SERVICE AUCTION COMMITTEE

Are you creative? Have a love of decorating? Great at event planning? Share your talents and help plan our next Service Auction! Our next auction is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2016. Let me know if you're interested in getting involved.

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SCRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

What is SCRIP?

SCRIP is Fundraising While You Shop. SCRIP turns everyday shopping into cash for our church when members use retail gift cards to pay for purchases like gasoline and groceries.

How it works:

Church members order retail gift cards through our SCRIP program at face value. The church buys them at 1-13 percent less than face value. The difference is what we earn.

I am looking for volunteers to help with distribution and collection of order forms, ordering of cards, and distribution of order cards. Contact me if interested.

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LAMMAS SERVICE: Friday, August 7, 7 p.m., Playground

Join us for the Lammas Service, the fest day celebrating the wheat harvest. Bring your favorite late summer or harvest poem or song to share to this family friendly event. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

Kirsten Reynolds
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NICOLE RICE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back

In July, we went on several field trips to explore the Greater Lafayette area such as Clegg Gardens and the Celery Bog.

Looking Forward

In August, we'll conclude our RE field trips with a weaving project and the retreat at Camp Tecumseh. We'll begin our RE year with an August focus on building the classroom community.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events

- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, August 23. If you have an August 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 August fundraiser will span the entire month of August at Genevee's Studio. Get your hair cut, colored or styled and UU will receive 20 percent of the proceeds. Remember to mention the fundraiser upon booking your appointment and during checkout. Genevee's Studio is located at 1024 Main St. To schedule an appointment, call 423-4393 or go to the website at www.geneveesstudio.com.
- There will be OWL training in Elkhart on August 21 and 22 at all levels. Please let me know if you're interested in attending.
- 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.
- The RE class now has a wish list located on the RE website. Feel free to donate a book to the DRE library. I will have bookplates for donors to fill out. Thanks for helping us build a comprehensive RE library.

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 percent 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.

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August "Fun"draiser: Genevee's Studio

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, SECOND SUNDAYS IN 2015-16

UU Membership Classes now meet each second Sunday on a rotating basis after service, presented by Rev. Charlie Davis and the Membership Committee. Sessions will be held in Room 101/103. Child care will be available if requested one week in advance. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Rev. Charlie Davis, minister@uuctc.org, one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

- **UU HISTORY August 9, November 8, February 14.** 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.
- **DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH September 13, December 13, March 13.** 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.
- **EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP: PARTICIPATING AT UUC, WEST LAFAYETTE October 11, January 10, April 10.** 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.

TALK AND TOUR, SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

Please join us immediately following service each second Sunday for "Talk and Tour," next on **August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13, 2015; January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, 2016.** 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 a.m. Thanks!



AUGUST 2015 CALENDAR

1 SATURDAY

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

2 SUNDAY

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

3 MONDAY

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

4 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
5:30 pm DRE: RE Support Team
6 pm Program Council (101/103)

5 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

6 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
6 pm Finance Committee
7 pm Chalice Circle Planning Meeting (104)
7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

7 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
Noon Meeting (FH)
7 pm Lammas Celebration (Harvest) (210 & Gathering Circle)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

8 SATURDAY

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

9 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:30 am UU Talk & Tour
Noon Chalice Circle (102)

10 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)
7:30 pm Drumming Lesson (S)

11 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
5:30 pm Pastoral Care (102)
6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103)

12 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

13 THURSDAY

11:30 am SARPHE/Planned Parenthood Lunch and Learn (101/103)
5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

14 FRIDAY

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

15 SATURDAY

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

16 SUNDAY

10:30 am Worship & RE
2 pm Forum (101/103)
4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103)

17 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)

18 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

19 WEDNESDAY

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

20 THURSDAY

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

21 FRIDAY

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

22 SATURDAY

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

23 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
9:45 am "UU Principles and Sources in the RE Classroom" (102)
10:30 am Worship & RE
11:45 am Birthday Celebration

24 MONDAY

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

25 TUESDAY

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)

26 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (S)

27 THURSDAY

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

28 FRIDAY

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

29 SATURDAY

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

30 SUNDAY

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

31 MONDAY

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