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## What Happens Next? By Andrea Burniske

Dear Fellow UUCTC Congregants,

I, and I am sure many of you, have kept up with Reverend Charlie and Gail's sabbatical adventures in Winston-Salem and elsewhere via Facebook. It looks to me like they have had a lot of festivals, walks, reunions, and in general have been drinking deeply from the loving cup during this time.



It feels like yesterday that members of the Committee on Ministry were working with Charlie to plan for his sabbatical. At that time neither he nor we knew what that

would look like: whether he would be tasked with a special assignment meant to enrich his ministry when he returned, or whether it would be – as it is often meant to be, a recharge for him, expected also to benefit the congregation with a newly inspired minister. Now he is nearing the completion of his sabbatical, and minister and congregation will reunite. The Committee on Ministry wants to make sure we do this in an intentional way, in which we create something to guide us toward our desired future from the reflections of our time apart.

During Charlie's absence we have been blessed with the presence of a sabbatical minister who also happens to have a very different style of ministry. We have appreciated the sacrifice Elizabeth made to minister



to us during this time, which was time away from her husband and family, and her whole parallel UU world in Muncie. Her thoughtful concentration, careful consideration, and wise guidance to us on congregational as well as personal issues, together with the articulate wisdom in her sermons, has been really a joy for us all to experience. We want to thank her for this time, and for what she has left in us.

It seems a big task to combine the

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# SAVE THE DATE

- July 9th** Welcome Back Reception Rev. Davis
- July 15th** Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline
- Sept. 1-3rd** All Church Retreat
- Sept. 30th** UUCTC Fundraiser Corn Booth at Feast of the Hunters' Moon

## Feature<sup>story</sup>

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

#### *"Time For All Sages"*

This summer at UUCTC, we're celebrating our sages. Each Sunday, we'll have a "Time For All Sages," where children can ask questions from our older and wiser congregants on a variety of topics. Then we'll attend a workshop led by those experts. Check out what we've got going on the rest of the summer. Also, please contact me if you're interested in helping out in any of our summer sessions or volunteering in RE for the fall 2017 semester.

Date	Name(s)/Contact Information	Area(s) of Expertise
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dorothy Hughes	QiGong
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Reynolds	Animal Training
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Bauer	Fairy Tale Logic
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Noemi Ybarra	Sailing
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Youth	Science experiments
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Caolan Vane	Writing

## One Minister's Thoughts



*Rev. Daniels (Charlie) Davis returns from Sabbatical this month*

I am refreshed and reinvigorated and I have gained some new perspective. That is what is supposed to happen on a sabbatical. Gail and I began our sabbatical by recording our 5<sup>th</sup> CD entitled *SCARED*. The thrust of the CD is that one does not fear losing one's life when one is giving one's life to one's values.

I also consulted with Midwest ministry development. I had been

sent to them by the Presbyterians in 1982 and by the Unitarian Universalists in 1993. I found them helpful in defining my ministry at its beginning. They have helped me bring focus to what will be the final years of my ministry career. They identified what I already knew. I was burnt out and in need of a sabbatical. The primary source of my burnout has been my tendency to be a conflict avoidant people pleaser. This is the shadow side of one of my great strengths as a minister: I am an easygoing adaptable nonjudgmental listener.

During my time in North Carolina I have read books on church management and conflict

resolution. What I have learned is to be more proactive and less reactive. I need to lead with my values and strengths rather than wait to see what the congregation will approve of.

I think the relationship between myself and this congregation has been good.

We have been going along and getting along. In order to be great, we need to challenge each other. To lead with our values and find what is the overall ministry of this congregation Plus we need to clarify which tasks are done by the minister and which are done by the congregation. I look forward to starting a renewed ministry with this congregation. Let us be led by our hopes and dreams fearlessly into the future.



# The Path to Policy... Safety, Research, and Communication

Last November, a post on the UUCTC Facebook discussion page posed the question of concealed carry policy at our church. Needless to say, this led to a flurry of pro and con replies regarding the presence of guns on our campus, as well as questioning whether this congregation already had a policy in place.

Rather than reacting in knee jerk fashion, the board assembled a Concealed Carry Task Force with the end goal of creating a well thought out policy based on research and input from the congregation. The task force consisted of the Safety Committee, three board members, a member of the Committee on Ministry, and one other congregant. They communicated via meetings and email over the next several months developing the policy.

The UUA was contacted and it provided advice and guidance. Announcements were made in the Lighted Chalice and Meridian Update. The task force collaborated with several other

UU congregations. The church's insurance carrier was contacted. We learned that we are at high risk of liability law suits if something weapons related happens without a posted policy. The task force solicited feedback through hosting a Sunday form and an evening movie screening followed by the opportunity for discussion.

As time passed the issue grew more urgent as the government continues to make it easier to procure guns and to be licensed to carry a concealed weapon without being trained on the use of firearms.

At the May 2017 board meeting the follow policy was approved: The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County ("The Church") exercises its right under Indiana law to protect the

safety and sacred solemnity of its spaces. The possession, use, or distribution of any explosives, guns, or other deadly or dangerous materials or weapons reasonably deemed capable to cause bodily injury are prohibited on the premises of The Church. Persons discovered to be in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the premises under criminal trespass provisions in Indiana State Law. Adopted May 9, 2017. Signs for the narthex, administrative wing and fellowship hall entrances have been ordered and will be posted as soon as they arrive.

The safety of our beloved community is of utmost importance. The dialogue started by a Facebook post led to improving the safety of our sacred space.



# It's so Hard to Say Good-bye **By Dorothy Hughes**



*Rev. Elizabeth and her family. Seth (Rev.), Mira, and Theo*

How do we say thank you and goodbye to someone who so greatly exceeded the expectations of the congregation?

Sunday, June 18, thanks to the collaboration of the Committee on Ministry, the office assistant, and the Membership Committee, the congregation shared its appreciation for our sabbatical minister, Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd.

The program included two songs from Michael Lewis, one of our resident singer/songwriters welcome words from one of our former board presidents, Bill Welge. Others were encouraged to share in the open mic, many brought to tears as they shared their loving and grateful sentiments.

Elizabeth shared her thanks for her successful 'experiment' to see if she could balance parenthood and ministry. Serving as our sabbatical minister confirmed for her that she has a calling for both and can make

it work for her, her family, and the congregation. She proceeded to receive a standing ovation from the crowd.

Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a collection to purchase her parting gifts. She was given a flaming chalice, with the inscription, 'Thanks for Sharing Your Flame with Us,' and various artwork created

from three artists from our congregation. In honor of her



*Jada (Membership chair, left) & Rev. Elizabeth*

parenthood, her two children also received gifts.

The board took up a separate collection to show their appreciation for her leadership and purchased a quilt created in Fellowship Hall by one of our long-term building use renters, Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild. This included the written sentiment:



“With the hope, that as you use it to keep yourself and your loved ones warm, you will feel the appreciation and love the board members have for all the wisdom, compassion, love, and guidance you shared as you led us through the sabbatical.”

May we continue with the momentum she created as we come together, recognize and act on the eagles inside of us, sharing our gifts and talents to make this beloved community all it can be as we transition leadership in the coming months.



*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd reading to Mira*

*Photos continued on the back page*



## UU Plant Sale By Lisa Pantea and Janice Krichevsky

The 2017 annual plant sale took place on Sat. May 6 and was a successful fundraiser for the UUC. We started planning in March and had a seed planting event on Sunday, April 2 on a potluck Sunday with help from youth and adults. We teach our youth about serving the church



by helping out with this task and the small hands came in handy to put those tiny seeds into the dirt. Many of the seeds planted that day were then transplanted closer to sale time.

This year we decide to follow Jody Tishmack's advice and try something new. After getting approval from the program council we purchased native plants from the Tippecanoe Soil and Water Conservation. They cost us \$2.50 each, and we then then transplanted them into larger containers with wonderful Soilmaker soil and compost. We then sold them at a profit a bit to benefit the church. We purchased

100 native flowers and had a fun transplanting party on a very RAINY day, Sat., April 29.

Jody's new pole barn was the perfect location for this event and with many hands working, we transplanted over 100 plants in a couple hours. Thank you Janice K., Janice T., Linn V., Jody T., and JJ Rode.

This was the first time I'd led a volunteer effort for the UUC and could not be there for the day of the event. I had pre-planned a trip to Wisconsin that weekend to see family and attend a yoga retreat in Kohler. When I told a few people that this was a bit of an experiment for me, i.e. not being there for the actual plant sale, but doing what I could beforehand, Della Willman told me "you are getting very smart Lisa!". Not sure it was smart, stupid, or just my tendency to over-plan my life, but in the usual UU volunteer



spirit, all was good on the day of the sale and we had tons of help in preparing the week before. It is truly amazing how this congregation seems to 'make things happen' with the generosity of many, so thanks to Beth Misner, Janice Krichevsky, JJ Rode and many others who helped pull the event off. Finally, a huge THANK YOU to the many congregants who donated plants. We had a great assortment of sun and shade perennials as well as many interesting varieties of vegetable and herbs.

We were lucky that on the day of the plant sale, the weather was wonderful and everything went off without a hitch. The purchased wildflowers were a big hit – we sold out of several varieties quickly. We saw quite a few repeat customers who wait for the sale to purchase their heirloom tomatoes and other fun plants. There were always a few knowledgeable

assistants who could help customers with information about how to best care for the plants they were buying.

Plants left over after the sale closed were sold Saturday evening and Sundays after the service. All told, we earned close to \$2500 for the church.

# An Awakening...

## A Preview of Forum and Worship

### July 2nd at 9:00AM

Topic: **TBD**

Speaker: **TBD**

### July 9th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Roy Patrick**

Topic: **Heifer Project**

### July 16th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Doug Taylor**

Topic: **Habitat for Humanity**

### July 23rd at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Jay McCann**

Topic: **Assessing Frustrations with the White House: Is Our Problem the President or the Presidency?**

James A. McCann conducts research on public opinion, electoral processes, participation, and representation in the United States and cross-nationally. His work has appeared in many leading scholarly journals, including the American Political Science Review, the Journal of Politics, the American Journal of Political Science, and the British Journal of Political Science.

### July 30th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Anne Fliotsos**

Topic: **Purdue Theatre**

"Backstage at Purdue Theatre<sup>2</sup> is an introduction to our Department of Theatre, including our mission, our degree programs, our students and our theatre spaces. You will learn more about how we choose a season of productions and what's on stage next year!

### July 2nd at 10:30AM

Topic: **A Spiritual Convergence: Recent Explorations of a Meaningful and Healthful Way of Living**

Speaker: **Larry Guentert**

### July 9th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. Daniels (Charlie) Davis**

Topic: **Fear and Ministry**

Rev. Charlie reflect upon what he learned during his sabbatical. Featuring Music by Gail and Charlie Davis from their upcoming CD, SCARED

### July 16th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. Daniels (Charlie) Davis**

Topic: **Nelson Mandela International Day**

We will reflect on the life and service of Nelson Mandela. He fought against apartheid in South Africa and Inspired Billions across the world. There will be a call to action to do 67 minute of service on July 18 to Commemorate his 67 years of Public Service. <http://www.un.org/en/events/mandeladay/>

### July 23rd at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. Daniels (Charlie) Davis**

Topic: **What is a Person?**

In his book The Thirteen American Arguments, Howard Fineman identifies issues that have been debated throughout our history. The definition of Personhood impacts how we view abortion, voting rights, immigration, slavery and a host of other economic and spiritual matters.

### July 30th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Rev. Daniels (Charlie) Davis**

Topic: **Beating the Heat**

Now that our policy is being set by climate change deniers what can people of faith do to protect themselves and vulnerable populations

# UUCTC Monthly Calendar

*July 2017*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:45 AM <b>POTLUCK SUNDAY!</b> 7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101)	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	<b>4</b> UUCTC Administrative Office is Closed (Fourth of July) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)	<b>6</b> 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	<b>7</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M)
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expression our gratitude to Elizabeth, *whose last Sunday in our pulpit and good-bye reception was June 18<sup>th</sup>*, and the re-engagement with Charlie on **July 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will be reaching out to you on organizational tasks for Charlie's **reception**.

We assume that Charlie will have a lot to share with the congregation from his sabbatical reflections, including time spent with the congregation at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem. We will encourage Charlie to share these reflections with us during July and

August. We will also want to share reflections of what we have learned during Charlie's absence about how we would like to move our church forward. But we don't have a pulpit, and are perhaps not all of us sure what to make of our reflections.

In order to create something that moves us forward, we have thought to have several visioning sessions (*Backcasting* this is called) in which we imagine a desired future – say 5 or 10 years from now, for our congregation. We will look in on us then, and

we will project what we want to see. Then we will think critically about how we got there, in order to develop a strategy for each of the positive changes that comprise this vision.

We'll have several big 'poster visions' that come from this activity, and these can be merged into a united vision, with paths to reach our desired future. We have yet to finalize the details for this work, and we will be reaching out to you for your support, energy, and participation on this.

If you'd like to discuss these plans with us, please contact me at: [Andrea@hotelLafayette.com](mailto:Andrea@hotelLafayette.com)



### *Lighted Chalice...*

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15th of month;**

Email submissions to  
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## It's so Hard to Say Good-bye *Cont. from Page 4*



*Music for the reception was provided by Michael Lewis*



*Reception thanking Rev. Elizabeth and her family*



*Rev. Elizabeth*