

The Lighted Chalice is a UUCTC Publication

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# **Lighted Chalice**

## UUCTCSJ >> The Dream, Still Needs Work and Us By Kirsten Reynolds

Recently, I found myself in need of recharging. Doing social justice work can be emotionally draining and leave one with the feeling lost and questioning, why? It soothes the soul to hear words of affirmation and inspiration occasionally, and the Greater Lafayette Diversity Summit did just that. The topic was "Is Tippecanoe a Welcoming Community." It featured two authors Dr. Will Miller and Mr. Bryant K. Smith.

Dr. Will Miller is a licensed therapist with five graduate degrees; he has authored five books, and consults for - and frequently speaks to - corporate and not-for-profit organizations seeking insight on relationship building and stress management. Dr. Miller spoke about the erosion of intimate relationships of family and close friends. He posed the question, "who you would allow into your refrigerator?" Miller continued by explaining how our answers reflected upon the intimacies of those relationships.

Bryant K. Smith is a founding board member of the Palmetto Team Youth Association, founder and creator of "Life Station" male development seminar and "The Remix Hip Hop Leadership Institute". He is a distinguished faculty member for the "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" annual conference and is recognized across the country as a leader in leadership and diversity training, student success and male development and empowerment.

Smith discussed, "what diversity mean and how our definition of diversity influences our establishing and building relationships." He encouraged us to remain consistent in fighting all negative labels including labels we give ourselves. For example, when a white person refers to another group within our ethnicity as "rednecks."

We need to change how we think and communicate. For the first time, we have five generations actively participating in the workplace. This is challenging for worker and employers; so it is imperative as

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### **Reflections on Eight Years in Service**

While I have been on the board since 2009 serving as trustee and secretary for three years each, it is in my time as president elect and as president that have been the most rewarding for me. After all, it is the challenges that make us who we are, and meeting these challenges have made me a better person in numerous ways.

Those of you who know me are aware of my passion for personal, professional and spiritual development. Being president of the board has been fraught with challenges, joys and development I had not anticipated. While sometimes exhaustive, it was nonetheless a life giving experience.

Driven by my passion for continuous improvement, I run myself ragged sometimes. I do, however, take time daily to renew myself through meditation and exercise. I also take advantage of professional and leadership development opportunities, as well as spiritual retreats, as often as I can afford and fit into my hectic schedule. And I go dancing every chance I get!

I have been in various kinds of leadership most of my life. This often depended on the cooperation of many others to make endeavors come to fruition. I learned that sometimes others cannot, for whatever reason, complete their commitment, and to be compassionate and understanding of them. As I struggled with some extended family issues during this past year, I deepened my patience and compassion with others, knowing we all are pretty much struggling with something at any given time. It is better to be patient and understanding then impatient and demanding. Very often others exceeded my expectations; what a joy those experiences were! I learned to see and focus on the strengths of others and adjust my expectations to their strengths.

I appreciate all those who mentored me through the process, those who were there to answer my questions and concerns, and those who took on committee chair positions, projects, programs, fundraisers, fellowship, facility management, conflict management and everything else it takes to keep this church and congregation functioning. I may have been the metaphorical captain of the ship, but it

was the metaphorical crew, all of you, who actually kept the ship afloat.

Being involved in the day-to-day, week-to-week, month-to-month and seasonal operations of the church have enriched not only my congregational life. Many of the things I learned during my leadership here has extended to other areas of my life. My hope for the future of this church is that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to serve in leadership capacities at this church, sharing your unique gifts and talents, so you too can experience the rewards leadership provides. "ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH." - Helen Keller

#### Sincerely,

Dorothy Hughes, Board President (soon to be past president)

## Take a Look >>> Faith



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I love to hold my babies. It brings me such joy. In the beginning when they are tiny and fragile and so in need of love and tender touches, I just relish all of it. When my toddlers come in for a hug before running back to explore their world I cherish each sweet moment. But this isn't just based on how wonderful it is to be loved by these sweet innocent little humans. This love I have of holding my babies is based, at least in part, on research that shows that how much I hold them and respond to them now will directly affect how much faith they have in the world later.

I first learned about attachment theory in seminary, in a pastoral care class. Studies have shown that the more tiny babies are shown that their caregivers love them and respond to their cries and their needs, the more they will come to believe that the world is there for them. How we feel about our attachment to our primary caregivers determines how we view the world, in terms of whether we have faith that our needs will be met or that our needs matter.

In adults, this shows up in a variety of ways, including how well we are able to form healthy relationships with others and how much we believe that the world is out to get us or there to support us. If we learn as young children that our cries will be unanswered, we tend to believe as adults that our needs will not be met by those around us. In many cases, we therefore learn not to express our needs and to try to power through



ourselves. This can be selfperpetuating of course – when we don't ask for the help we need and we don't receive it, so we continue to believe that no one cares about us or wants to help us. If we learn as young children that someone will come and try to help when we reach out, we tend to reach out for help when we need it and receive it when it is offered.

While the early years of our lives are extremely formative around how much faith we have that the world is for us rather than against us, our lives experiences also influence these beliefs in many ways. Each time we are let down or betrayed our faith in humanity is challenged. Each time we are lifted up or been given an opportunity our faith in humanity is fed. The thing is, though, how much faith we have in the universe and in each other can have an impact on how much things work out for us. The more we believe that everything will be ok. the more it will be. Not all of the time Not 100% But overall I'm not saying nothing bad will come along, but we will be able to bounce back and handle things best when we believe that we are not alone and that we are capable of overcoming whatever obstacle has crossed our path.

As we enter into this glorious month in springtime, when blossoms and sunlight lift our spirits, let us also find our faith strengthened. Let us remember all of the times that people have come through for us. Or the times when things have happened for a reason that was valuable (even if we couldn't see it until much later). Let us focus on the ways in which all is well and all will be well. Let us strengthen our faith.



Blessings, Rev. Elizabeth



The board is looking for delegates to represent UUCTC at General Assembly this June. General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process.

The annual General Assembly 2017 will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900

## Faith in Our Faith



I wrote to you last month in a special all church email to inform you of some of what has been

happening nationally in the UUA. Much has happened since then at headquarters. Two more senior staff people, both white men, resigned following the resignation of President Peter Morales. And the man whose hiring began this most recent look at hiring practiced within the UUA turned down the job offer.

At the same time, the UUA Board sprang into action in a way that was quite remarkable. They held special meetings, opened them to the public via web technology, and took this Convention Center Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70130. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, and Africa, it is one of America's most culturally and historically-rich destinations. It is a city known for its music, food, architecture, and festivals. The average high temperature in June is 89 degrees and the average low is 71.

New Orleans is also known as a place of re-birth following the devastation of Katrina in 2005. Many Unitarian Universalists have contributed time and funds in the effort to rebuild both the

opportunity to dive even more deeply into eradicating white supremacy within our institution. They appointed three interim co-presidents and charged them with specific and sweeping change in regards to how our organization handles race and systems of



oppression. Overwhelming positive responses have echoed throughout national UU leadership, as the three people chosen have been proven leaders and change agents for some time within our association and city and the congregations in the area. By going to New Orleans, we can both celebrate our successes and recommit to the relationships that have been forged with this community.

More information available on the UUA website: http:// www.uua.org/ga. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please contact Dorothy Hughes, Board President so you can be certified by the board to represent UUCTC.



they are all people of color. The actions of the UUA Board have taken are hopeful and full of possibility for me and many others.

Since I first heard about the hiring controversy I have been hopeful that the UUA would see this moment as an opportunity to be bold and prophetic, to take huge risks and make sweeping change. We have struggled with our desires to become a truly anti -racist institution for so, so long. This could be our chance to really turn the tide in a major way. I believe that is exactly what could be happening. My faith in my faith tradition is incredibly strong at this moment. I am looking forward to seeing what we will do together!

Blessings, Rev. Elizabeth

# Feature

Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole Rice "Exploring the Theme of Transformation"

"Let us celebrate together this morning, the one who never gives up even in the darkest night of winter, our blue green planet earth, resurrected anew each spring." – Samuel Trumbore

**Transformation** The RE classes explored how people, plants, animals, and seasons grow and change over time. We learned about transforming into our best selves by learning from our mistakes.

**Earth Day Recycling Fair** The students learned about transforming trash into treasure by creating goods and art out of everyday materials. The money made from the fair will go toward purchasing a bench made completely out of recycled plastic bottle caps and lids.



Help Water Our Garden and Plant Seeds of Kindness We transformed our fellowship hall into a flower garden where congregants were encouraged to plant seeds and "water" the garden with compliments about others. The display will be up through May so feel free to fill out a compliment raindrop or plant a seed to add to our kindness garden.



Easter We celebrated the coming of spring with an annual Easter egg hunt. RE students got to hunt eggs and trade them for fun prizes such as bubbles and other goodies. Six lucky winners found the carrots and were rewarded with stuffed animals.

HuHot FUNdraiser UUCTC earned \$202.70 during our April HuHot FUNdraiser. What a delicious way to earn money. Thanks to those who came out to support our fundraising efforts. Our next FUNdraiser will be on May 16th at Puccini's. Hope to see you there!

#### GlobalCON

Over 40 youth and chaperones from around the Heartland district joined us for the middle school election CON. Students led workshops, played games, participated in worship, and ate delicious food. Special thanks to Ian Dufair for planning the CON and all of our chaperones, workshop leaders, chefs, and other volunteers. The event was a lot of fun!

**Blessing of the Animals** The youth led an amazing intergenerational service to bless the animals and stuffed animals from our congregation. It was a beautiful service to show appreciation for our furry, and not so furry, friends.

**OWL Wrap Up** The 7th-9th graders wrapped up their "Our Whole Lives" sex education class with a pizza dinner and a condom obstacle course for parents. Special thanks to Kat Braz and Barny Dunning for facilitating and guiding our youth through this process.

> UUCTC Social Justice May 13, 2017

CLOTHING

"Help others by cleaning out your closet "

Bring your Donations to the Administrative entrance of UUCTC 333 Meridian, West Lafayette Indiana

# An Awakening... A Preview of Forum and Worship

#### May 7th at 9:00AM

Topic:

#### Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd

This morning, along with over 400 UU congregations across the continent, we will participate in the UU White Supremacy Teach In. This event was requested by Black Lives UU, a UU organization working towards the goals of Black Lives Matter within and beyond the UUA, following a hiring controversy at the UUA. Rev. Elizabeth will share resources on how we can deepen our commitment to becoming a truly anti-racist and antioppressive institution as a congregation and as a faith tradition.

#### May 14th at 9:00AM

Speaker: Beverly Shaw Topic: Public Art in West Lafayette

The West Lafayette Public Arts Team (PAT) is responsible for managing the affairs of West Lafayette's public art program. Members include art advocates, art professionals, artists and dedicated citizens. The PAT strives for diversity in its membership.

#### May 21st at 9:00AM

Speaker: Nick Palmer

#### Topic: Lafayette Symphony

Seeks to engage audiences and inspire a love of music through exciting live symphony performances, innovative programming, and educational outreach.

#### May 28th at 9:00AM

#### Speaker: **Roberta Keirce** Topic: **Purdue Theater**

Communication. Collaboration. Creativity. These essential skills are the hallmark of the training programs at Purdue Theatre. Students develop close, cooperative relationships with their mentors in a nurturing and challenging artistic environment.

#### May 7th at 10:30AM Topic: Building A New Way

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#### May 14th at 10:30AM

Speaker: Barny Dunning

#### Topic: In the Shadow of Kent State

Barny attended Kent State University during the civil unrest of the 1970s. He will talk about how this experience affects his attitudes and his teaching to this day.

#### May 21st at 10:30AM

# Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd Topic: Faithful

In this intergenerational service we will explore what being a person of faith really means within Unitarian Universalism. We will look at the strong theological themes that tie us together through songs, stories and reflections. We will have the gifts of music from our own Michael Lewis and from Richard Maddux.

## May 28th at 10:30AM

#### Speaker: Johanna Wu Topic: Baha'i

"In the midst of social and political turmoil, the Baha'i Faith offers one potential spiritual path for considering the unity and purpose of all religions, living a spiritual life, the independent investigation of truth, life after death, race unity and justice, and world peace.

# **UUCTC Monthly Calendar**

#### MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE	1 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH) 11:00 AM President's Meeting (Minister's Office) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 5:30 PM Worship Committee (102) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	2 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 6:30 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)	4 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 4218 (FH) 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:40 PM Dinner (@MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	5 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 8:30 AM Zumba Class (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH)	6 UUCTC Annual Plant Sell 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M) 9:00 AM Caring Paws/Pet partners(101/103) (High School Rm) 5:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)(F)
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## **Blue Moon Rising**

You've heard some of the members from Blue Moon Rising sing at recent worship services, and soon you'll have the opportunity to hear the entire group at the May 6 "Spring Sing." This musical event will be held at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary and guests are encouraged to stay afterwards for a reception with refreshments in Fellowship Hall. The "Spring Sing" is a culmination of the choir's 15-week session, which started in mid-January. According to director (and UU member) Denise Wilson, "We are excited to share some of the new songs we've learned, but we also look forward to singing with guests on some familiar and easy-to-learn songs."

Blue Moon Rising meets weekly at the UU Church, but the group is a community choir open to all. About half of the choir's 65 members are members or friends of the UU Church. Many of the songs in the Blue Moon repertoire resonate with UU values of justice, peace, inclusivity, and the interdependent web of life. But these values are also expressed in songs from other faith traditions and world cultures, so members are sometimes challenged to stretch themselves to learn songs from outside of their cultural, spiritual, or linguistic comfort zone.

Blue Moon Rising is a member of the Ubuntu Choir Network, a growing collective of choirs that welcomes all singers regardless of experience or ability to read music. Ubuntu choirs also value the harmony and unity that comes from bringing diverse people together to sing. While there is a membership fee to attend each choir session, scholarships (partial and full) are available to anyone



with a low income. To help with the scholarship fund, a suggested donation of \$10 will be taken at the May 6 concert. Children (any age) are free.

The choir will not meet in the summer, but plans are being made for several community singing events open to the public. Dates, times and locations to be announced. The next 15-week choir session will begin in mid-August 2017.

Help the UUCTC Annual Plant Sale

Donate Your:

April 30th- May 3rd

Questions/Concerns: Contact Lisa Pantea at lisapantea@gmail.com, 765-532-2935

> Please label all donations & leave them on the playground



# May 13, 2017 7:00AM to 3:00PM

Accepting donations from April 24th to May 7th

Bring donations to the Meditation Room behind the Library

#### UUCTC Congregational Meeting Tentative Agenda May 7, 2017 Minutes from 12/11/16 Meeting

- 1. Approval of December 2016 minutes
- 2. Sabbatical update
- 3. Budget update
- 4. Passive income Amazon and Payless
- 5. Social Justice: UUA Congregational Survey
- 6. Logo release
- 7. Election/Nominees:
  - a. Gary Burniske, president-elect
  - b. Trustees, Joan Marshal & Brent Jesiek
  - c. Endowment, Gary Mueller
  - d. Nominating: Jenny Moss & Frank Arnold
  - e. Committee On Ministry Neelu Chawla and Sam Haughey
- 8. Thanks!

#### Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County (UUCTC) Congregational Meeting, December 11, 2016 [For approval]

With 168 members, a quorum of 25% required 42 members be present. Fifty-six members signed in for the meeting, satisfying the quorum requirement.

The meeting was called to order by President Dorothy Hughes at 11:48 am.

Minutes from the August 21, 2016 Congregational Meeting, the Board-approved proposed 2017 budget, and the nomination of Janice Kritchevsky for Assistant Treasurer were emailed in advance of the meeting and were available at the meeting. June Cohen made a motion to approve the August 21, 2016 Congregational Meeting minutes. Ellen Gruenbaum seconded the motion, which carried.

Dorothy expressed appreciation for Kirsten Reynolds' service as Assistant Treasurer and invited nominations from the floor. With no further nominations, Gale Charlotte moved to approve the Board of Trustees nomination of Janice Kritchevsky for Assistant Treasurer. Janice Thiel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sherry Tripodi, Co-Chair of Stewardship, noted that our by-laws require members to make an annual commitment to contribute time, talent and financial resources to remain a member in good standing. Concerns were raised that those no longer able to contribute due to illness or disability not be dropped as members and that reasonable efforts be made to contact those not returning their pledge cards. Sherry and Randy Myer, President-Elect, provided assurance that the intent is not to drop members in failing health or difficult circumstances, but rather to remind absent members that membership requires some measure of commitment. Only after multiple attempts to contact lapsed members are met with no response may they be removed from the signed member list.

#### UUCTC Congregational Meeting Tentative Agenda May 7, 2017 Minutes from 12/11/16 Meeting

Kevin Colby, Treasurer, presented the proposed 2017 budget (January 1—December 31, 2017), which the Board of Trustees previously approved for presentation to the congregation. Highlights for line items include:

- 401—No change anticipated in revenue from member pledges, based on Stewardship campaign
- 432—Increased revenue from more Building Use by implementing standard rental contracts and improved fee collection
- 503, 515—Decreased Office Administrator from full time with benefits to half time
- 504—New Choir Director position, back by popular de demand
- 519—New ongoing Sabbatical Fund contributions (for sabbaticals after 2017 sabbatical)
- 524—Decreased Cleaning Service due to successful volunteer cleaning crew initiative
- 521—Increased Building Maintenance (various projects have been discussed; more building use)
- 537—Increased Information Technology (better wireless / possible new POS systems)

Several comments were shared about decreasing funds for a cleaning service, including perception by newcomers of expected roles; concern about volunteer burnout what-ifs; prioritizing the choir director position over cleaning service; a cleaning fee is included in the new rental contract unless groups meet after-use criteria; the Board needs to know when a rental group does not clean adequately, so expectations can be clarified; and the observation that the building is cleaner when volunteers clean.

Concerns about the sound system were raised; sound equipment is included in the Information Technology scope of planning.

To reduce utility costs, solar collectors were suggested for the sanctuary roof.

Janice Kritchevsky commended Kris Taylor for guiding the Endowment Committee to move funds from a money market account to the United Way Community Foundation Fund.

Eric Thiel moved to accept the proposed budget; Ellen Gruenbaum seconded. Motion carried with one opposed.

Barny Dunning announced the Sabbatical Committee will distribute a second brochure this month about services to be provided by the part-time sabbatical minister through February 2017.

Eric Thiel moved to adjourn; Julia Colby seconded and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned approximately 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Harden, Secretary

# Turning the page...



The UU Book Group met for the first time in 2010. We have met monthly since then, usually on a Sunday evening. We've read a wide variety of books, from "The Hunger Games" to "The New Jim Crow". Our discussions are far-ranging; we



- May 6: Annual Plant Sale
- May 7: Congregational Meeting
- May 9: UUCTC Board Meeting
- May 13: UUSJ Clothing Drive & Rummage Sale
- May 15: Deadline for June Lighted Chalice
- May 17: Deadline for June Lafayette Independent
- May 29: UUCTC Office is closed Memorial Day

talk about the book, but we've been known to deviate into movies and the latest Sunday sermon! Yes, we are typical UUs....

We welcome all, even if you haven't read the book (Kitty Campbell!). The following is our potential reading list for the rest of the year:

May: "The Mothers" by Brit Bennett

June: "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder

July: "The Painted Veil" by W. Somerset Maugham August: "Hope in the Dark" by Rebecca Solnit September: "The Sellout" by Paul Beatty October: "Margaret the First" by Danielle Dutton

November: "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson

December: "Buck: A Memoir" by MK

Asante If you would like to join us, or at least be put on our mailing list, please contact Gale Charlotte

(galekchar@gmail.com). We would love to see you at our next gathering!





### The Dream, Continued from Front page

leaders that we are stretching ourselves to create an inclusive society.

We couldn't leave without Smith explaining the impact of social media. While he supported us in actively joining and sharing our viewpoints. He cautioned us to be respectful and mindful that social media audiences are diverse and multi-generational. We should consider these facts before posting graphic videos, pictures, and/or rhetoric.

I just want to thank the event sponsors the Chamber of Commerce, Purdue University, Ivy Tech Community College and area business for facilitating an event that recharged my mind, refueled my soul and reminded me that ... The DREAM still needs work and US.

I highly recommend the following books, excerpts were used during the summit:

- Refrigerator Rights: Creating Connection and Restoring Relationships by Dr Will Miller & Dr. Glenn Sparks
- Black Not Blind & Five, A Story of Human Potential both by Bryant K. Smith



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# Up with Technology>>>

- The UU Church has new entry keypads and software! These were installed (rather swiftly) on Monday, April 3. If you have a code for entering the building, it will still work BUT you need to enter "#" after your number. For instance, if your code is 12345, you must enter 12345# to get in. If you have questions, please contact Noemi Ybarra, Co-Chair of the Safe Congregation Committee at 765-430-4309.
- IT Committee continues to work on improving access to congregants and tenants.





# Family Movie Nights

4th Friday of every month at 6:30pm in 101/103. Please check the Facebook

Discussion page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/uunwci/ for updated listings.