

THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

DECEMBER 2016

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare available.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Speakers: Joe and Dai Peters

After 38 years of marriage, nearly 20 years living and working overseas and now a decade in the Lafayette area, Joe & Dai reflect on their connections with people and places in this vast Multiverse. Joe shares part of this journey through original songs. As Joe & Dai prepare to take their leave of Indiana and move to California in the new year, they are grateful for this opportunity to share.

Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Music: Janine Cochran

JOYS & SORROWS

Sound: Gary Fowler

Pulpit Prep: Robin Poindexter

Children begin in RE

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Topic: UU & Paganism

Our Sixth source is Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Speaker: Rev Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes

Music: Janine Cochran

Spontaneous Hopeful Monster

Sound: Gary Mueller

Pulpit Prep: Janice Thiel

Children begin in RE

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

Winter Solstice

A Yule celebration in cooperation with the Purdue Pagan group.

Gather in Fellowship Hall starting at 6:30 p.m. for the traditional Winter Solstice evergreen candle spiral beginning at 7p.m.

Around 9 pm, transition into a Yule Ball with music, wine, and food. Everyone is encouraged to dress for fun and dancing.

Around 11:30, call to silence for a meditation time while cleaning up.

Sing final songs and close

at midnight. Family friendly!

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

Topic: Children's Program

Speaker: Nicole Rice

Worship Associate: Rev. Charlie Davis

Music: Janine Cochran

Sound: Dan Lybrook

Pulpit Prep: Nina Kirkpatrick

Children begin and stay in Sanctuary

Our holiday program, "A Holiday Carol," is based on the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol."

Come check out Charlie as Scrooge,

Margaret as Charles Dickens, and

Don Gresham as Santa Claus in an

original concept developed by the 6th-12th graders. This service will be followed by a dessert auction in Fellowship Hall.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 7 pm

Topic: "Light in the Night"

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service featuring songs by Gail and Charlie Davis In their last service before leaving on Sab-batical.

Speaker: Rev. Charlie Davis

Music: Gail & Charlie Davis

Pulpit Prep: Nina Kirkpatrick

Children begin and stay in Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Christmas Brunch

Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee and bring some food to share. Each person will have an opportunity to share a Christmas memory.

SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 2017

New Year's Brunch

Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee and bring some food to share. Each person will have an opportunity to share a hope for the new year.

SUNDAY FORUM

Forum meets at 9 am in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome. Childcare is provided.

Co-chairs: Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, Bill Welge

12/04/16

YOUR HEALTH CARE MAY KILL YOU: MEDICAL ERRORS

James G. Anderson, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Sociology and Health Communication, Purdue. Jim has been attending Sunday Forums for many years and currently is a co-chair of the committee.

12/11/16

Video first half of "Before the Flood" about 50 minutes long

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90CkXVF-Q8M>

Join Leonardo DiCaprio as he explores the topic of climate change, and discovers what must be done today to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet. From The National Geographic channel. It is very educational which will help in responding with a Citizens Climate Lobby form letter to the US Congress. The letter asks the writer how they feel about

climate change and what their particular concerns are. The video provides a multitude of responses. The letter will be available to complete at forum.

12/18/16

Video second half of "Before the Flood" about 50 minutes long

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12/25/16 NO FORUM

MINISTER'S MUSE

Where does the summer go in December.
It is not on Sabbatical
It is fully employed in Australia.
In January I begin My sabbatical with music.
Exploring fear and uncertainty that has become the spirit
of our time.
Looking for a way to run with confidence and stand for
justice.

I am stuck between poetry and prose.
I need inspiration and an explanation.
Ministry has been my calling for 40 years
and my job title since 1996.
I am eligible to retire in 2022
Or will I have energy to work until 2030
And retire at 70

As for now, I need to retread.
To keep from slipping.
I want to reinvigorate my ministry.
I am weary of ministrivia
20 years of day-to-day necessary stop and go traffic.
I need to hit the highway and de-gunk my carburetor.
Or I may need to remove it and clean it by hand.

While I am unavailable
This congregation will find other ways to get around.
When I return you may find I am not needed for some of
the little road trips you use me for now.
You may discover new directions for your ministry and
minister.
In July, let us return to each other, renewed and optimistic.
Ready to face the road before us.

With Gratitude and Hope, Rev Charlie

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Post-Election Turmoil – Let's Live Our Seven Principles

As I was preparing this month's column, one week following the presidential election, I also wanted to have something wise to share to help overcome the fear that has come to life after the election results. I decided to rely on the words of wisdom from others:

"It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear."
Marilyn Ferguson

"I believe that every single event in life happens as an opportunity to choose love over fear." Oprah Winfrey

"Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom."
Bertrand Russell

As I was endeavoring to express a 'happy holiday' to all religions affiliations, I found a Unitarian Universalism holiday, Chalica. With the post-election turmoil in our country, maybe this year is a good time to start celebrating it.

Chalica starts the first Monday in December and lasts seven days. Created in 2005, it is a week-long celebration of our principles. It first emerged out of a wish to have a holiday organized around UU values.

On each of the seven nights, a different principle of Unitarian Universalism is celebrated by reflecting on the principle's meaning and doing a good deed that honors that day's principle; a chalice is lit and gifts may be exchanged. More information can be found on its Facebook page, blog, and many Chalica-themed videos on YouTube.

More than ever, may we continue to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love and to help one another.

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in room 101/103. All are welcome.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 11 AFTER SERVICE

Our annual budget review congregational meeting will be held at 11:45 on Sunday, Dec. 11 in the sanctuary.

The board will be presenting the 2017 budget. The church has a surplus for 2016 due to reduced expenditures for office staff and cleaning, as well as building use more than doubling its budgeted income. We are in a position to have a 'rainy day reserve' and are cautiously optimistic about making plans for a surplus budget. Child-care will be provided during the meeting.

We will also elect one person to nominating committee and a new assistant treasurer. Please plan to attend so we have a quorum.

LUM JUBILEE

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10 , 9:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

LUM Jubilee is our community's largest Christmas assistance program. LUM member churches become Jubilee Toy Shops where low-income parents select new toys and gift certificates for their children. Families also receive food and various household staples. This year, Jubilee is back at our church with support from the Church of the Brethren and The Society of Friends.

We are now asking people to purchase toys for children and in volunteering on the day of Jubilee as hosts, gift wrappers, and kitchen helpers. We are working with the RE program so that our youngest UUs get to play a part in Jubilee. Please volunteer generously. If you are able to help, e-mail Jada Haughey, ladyjada@hotmail.com or Gracie Gould, graciegould@mindspring.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back: In November, we focused on the following UU sources:

Source 2--Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love

Source 3--Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life

Source 4-- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Looking Forward: In December, we'll explore world religion holiday traditions in preparation for our December 18 holiday program.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events:

December 4--Giving Tree Fundraiser- Please join us in the fellowship hall from 11:30-1:00 for our annual carnival to raise money to buy toys for the LUM Jubilee. We'll have baked goods, hot chocolate, popcorn, games, prizes, fun hairstyles, fake tattoos, crafts, beading, calligraphy, graham cracker house making, and more. All tickets are \$1.00 and this event will be in lieu of the December potluck.

December 5--Anybody interested in helping to pick out toys for the LUM Jubilee should meet at Toys 'R Us at 5:45pm.

December 18~Please join us for our holiday program, "A Holiday Carol," based on Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol."

December FUNdraiser- There will be a dessert auction on December 18th in the fellowship hall following the holiday program. See Jada Haughey for more information.

Feel free to donate a book to the RE library. You can find the link here: <http://tinyurl.com/pt329cy>. Donations are much appreciated to help us build our RE library. We are now collecting any books in the Harry Potter series to use in the 6 to 12 grade classroom.

RE Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/pgspcsb>

Holiday Shopping Made Easy

Simplify your holiday shopping and save \$\$ on shipping by purchasing gift cards through our gift card fundraiser. Added bonus: your loved ones get just what they wanted because they pick it out themselves! Order forms are available on the desk outside the office and in the narthex. Cards ordered by November 20 are ready for pickup December 4. Questions, contact Dorothy

Hughes djhugheslmhc@gmail.com or Julie Rubsam.

REWARDS PROGRAM: RAISE MONEY BY SHOPPING AT PAYLESS

Do you shop at Payless? Kroger has a Community Rewards Program where you can help your favorite nonprofit just by shopping.

You can enroll online at <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kroger.com%2Faccount%2FenrollCommunityRewardsNow&token=%2BFlexFby1tVja91mByNy1%2Ba6GIXZBxyc25TM%2FSAr6ew%3D>. If you prefer to use your phone number at checkout, call [800-576-4377](tel:800-576-4377) to get your Kroger Plus card number.

The Kroger Community Rewards Program tracks your spending by your loyalty card. You must enroll in order for your purchases to be counted. The Lafayette Payless stores are not listed in the Kroger website so you have to pick either the one in Crawfordsville or Monticello. Scroll to the section to put in your choice and enter Unitarian Universalist or number 10694 ... we are the first UU choice that comes up. Select ... Save and you are done.

Your preferred nonprofit has to be renewed every year. To renew the just click on the renew link on the Community Rewards Page.

If you have difficulty signing up, email Kirsten Reynolds at kdreynol@purdue.edu and she will make arrangements to meet after a church service and get you signed up.

UNDER OUR ROOF

- The Hoke family welcomed their newest member, James, on Oct. 31. Congratulations Erin and JT!
- Lisa Pantea's uncle died. Please keep her in your thoughts.
- Lorraine and Randy Myer have a grandson in the hospital with a severe infection. Please keep them in your thoughts.

UUC SERVICE AUCTION - SAVE THE DATE!

FEB. 25, 2017, 6-9PM

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual service auction, to be held on Feb. 25, 2017. This always exciting event will include a delicious dinner, live auction, silent auction, and raffle. Also, for those unable to attend or wanting to start the bidding early, we will be making many of our auction items available for online bidding in the weeks prior to the live auction date.

Please help make this event a success by planning to attend. Better yet, consider making a donation for the auction using the online link. Not sure what you could offer as a donation? Host a party, provide childcare services, guide a canoe trip, lead a nature hike, be a dog walker, host a craft beer brewing workshop, make your ski chalet available for a weekend. Be creative!

Link to online donation form: <https://proxy.qualtrics.com/proxy/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgoo.gl%2Fforms%2F54nEMAIjHMM05oBg1&token=K9n%2FUGsz1m4dYkBSJQ2Vp3xJH3L7PSz1jHKD9v9HAMQ%3D>

Mark VanMeeter (765) 448-9807 email: uuctcauction@gmail.com

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Advent 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE	28 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 7:30 AM Qi Gong (101/103) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (101/103) 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 1436 (101/103) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (212) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	29 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (101/103) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	30 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 7:30 AM Qi Gong (101/103) 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising (101)	1 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 4218 (101/103) 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (102)	2 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 7:30 AM Qi Gong (101/103) 8:00 AM Music Practice (212) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (101/1103) 5:00 PM UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR DEC. 2-3!	3 Prep for Art Fair (FH) (S) Rev. Davis Vacation 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (101/103) 10:00 AM UU HOLIDAY ART FAIR DEC. 2-3!
4 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:30 AM Giving Tree Fundraiser for Jubilee 11:45 AM NO POTLUCK SUNDAY! 1:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singer (S) 7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101)	5 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Writers' Group meets (Westminster C-3 Lounge) 7:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)	6 Jubilee Basket Storage and Supplies (210) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 5:00 PM President's Meeting (Rev. Charlie's Office) 6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101) 6:30 PM N.A. (212) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)	7 Jubilee Basket Storage and Supplies (210) 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH)	8 Jubilee Basket Storage and Supplies (210) 5:00 PM Meditation (M) 5:30 PM Worship Committee (102) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL	9 Jubilee Basket Storage and Supplies (210) 7:30 AM Qi Gong (FH) 12:00 PM 12 Step Meeting (FH) 5:30 PM Rachel Black Wedding Rehearsal (S)	10 Jubilee Basket Storage and Supplies (210) 7:30 AM Zen Meditation (M) 9:30 AM Jubilee Christmas (FH) (210) (212) (214) 12:30 PM Rachel Black Wedding(Sanctuary, 212,214)
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