

LIGHTED CHALICE

January 2016

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Forum 9 a.m. Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare available.

Sunday, January 3

Absolutions and Resolution

Every day has the potential of starting over. But we especially feel these possibilities at the new year. For this all-ages service we will do rituals to help us let go of our past and build towards our future.

*Worship Leaders: Charlie Davis & Nicole Rice
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter
Musician: Janine Cochran*

Sunday, January 10

The Bible for Unitarian Universalists

The Bible is a mixed bag—there are good parts and bad parts. How do we keep from throwing out the baby with the bathwater? How do we choose and interpret passages from this book?

*Worship Leader: Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Kat Braz*

Sunday, January 17

Black Lives Matter

How have Unitarian Universalist congregations responded to the Black Lives Matter movement? How will we as a congregation respond?

*Worship Leader: Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Jan Thiel*

Sunday, January 24

UUtopia

In the 19 several failed attempts at building Utopian communities. Co-housing might be a way to adapt these ideas for the 21

*Worship Leader: Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Bill Welge
Musician: Janine Cochran*

Sunday, January 31

Music in our Congregation

Music is an important way we build community. It also creates a spiritual sense of awe and passion. What type of music moves you? What is the benefit of experiencing music you are not used to?

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Worship Associate: Kris Taylor
Musician: Janine Cochran*

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SUNDAY FORUM

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

Sunday, Jan. 3

Looking Backward
Looking Forward

Sunday, Jan. 10

Nancy Van Doren
Tai Chi

Sunday, Jan. 17

State Rep. Sheila Klinker

Sunday, Jan 24

Bryan Bullock, Attorney
Black Lives Matter Movement
Co-sponsored by the Lafayette ACLU & NAACP

Sunday, Jan. 31

Harry Targ, Professor, Coordinator Committee on Peace Studies, Purdue University
U.S./Cuban Relations Today: Can the Revolution Survive?

Sunday, Feb. 7

John Metzinger
Manager of Administration, Lafayette CityBus
CityBus Environmental and Community Benefits

Lost and Found!

Forget something at church? Lost and Found items are stored in a small filing cabinet across from Room 106 (near the office), on top of the microwave in the kitchen, and sometimes on a table labeled with a sign in the Fellowship Hall. If items are not claimed by March 15, we will donate them to a local charity.

Newsletter articles are due the 15th of the month. Submit articles via the online form <http://bit.ly/uuctceventform2> or e-mail lightedchalice@gmail.com

Ministers Musing

Sabbatical for all!

I had planned to start my sabbatical in June 2016. It will now begin in January 2017. This allows the congregation to apply for a grant from the Lilly Foundation. That will help the congregation cover the costs while I am gone and will help me fund my activities during sabbatical.

Lilly Foundation Grant Proposals

The grants are granted to congregations and ministers who collaborate on a project.

In light of that I am making three proposals. Whichever generates the greatest enthusiasm and participation from the Congregation will be the focus.

1. Music in Congregations.

I will focus on recording music around the theme of spirituality and emotions. A curriculum and a worship will be developed for each CD.

Congregational possibilities:

- * Survey congregation about how music affects the congregations.
- * Invite a variety of UU musicians to do concerts, workshops and Sunday services.
- * Work on hymn singing.
- * Create a songbook featuring songs by local musicians and songs in the public domain.
- * Explore music programs with children.

2. UU Ecological Co-Housing.

I will live at a variety of UU and other co-housing sites. I will focus on small ecological homes. I may also take classes in alternative energy systems. The community ultimately would invite seniors who are downsizing, working people who are seeking to simplify, and young families who are seeking to own their first home. The goal would be to foster a community diverse in age, ethnicity, and income. I may also take classes in alternative energy systems.

Congregational possibilities:

- * Explore the educational governmental and private companies that might be interested in a collaborative project.
- * Develop covenants that could hold a diverse community together and foster interaction.

3. Translating Christianity for Unitarian Universalists

This project would help Unitarian Universalist connect with their Judeo-Christian heritage and create a bridge to foster work with liberal congregations in the area. I would compile a group of Bible selections using three translations; the King James Version, and two paraphrases of my own development. The primary contrast between the versions would be how God is named.

President's Column

The church budget was submitted to membership at the all-church meeting on December 13 and was approved for the first quarter of 2016.

This is pending review by the Board and Congregation in March of 2016. The full minutes of this meeting will soon be sent by email to the church membership.

The main reason for the first quarter review relates to the uncertainty in the outcome of our stewardship campaign.

If all the pledges that are still out, pledge at the same rate as last year, we will reach the \$233,000 shown in the budget. At that point we will still show a deficit of about \$11,000. However, there will be more in the beginning balance than the projected deficit for 2016.

Committees have been careful in spending church money and savings have also been realized by generous donations in kind and from many volunteer services. The money to fully fund the 2017 Sabbatical has been taken from surplus funds and placed in the Sabbatical Fund.

When all pledges have been received, we will tailor our church budget to the funds available, and seek consensus from the membership about the changes that might imply.

Bill Welge

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Change for Change

The January/February **Change for Change** beneficiary will be the Long Center for the Performing Arts/All Star Show Choir.

The All Star Show Choir will bring together high school aged performers from several area schools to attend music and choreography rehearsals for four hours a day, June 27 to July 4, 2016 at the Long Center.

The program asks teachers to identify students whom they believe would benefit from participating in the program, but may not be in a position to pay the registration fee. High school aged performers from several area schools come together to form one All Star show choir.

Members attend music and choreography rehearsals from 1-5 PM, June 27 to July 4, 2016 at the Long Center for the Performing Arts.

The group is directed by Eric Van Cleave, staff clinician with Show Choir Camps of America, and former choral director at Jefferson High School.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back

In December, we explored various world religions and enjoyed several special events such as the Giving Tree fundraiser, LUM Jubilee, art fair, and holiday program.

Looking Forward

In January, the theme is service and resolutions. We'll be discussing goal setting and how to make the world a better place through service.

Important Reminders and Coming Events

- There will be a RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, January 10 from 9:45-10:15 in room 104. This meeting is open to guides, shadows, subs, and anyone else interested in volunteering to help out with RE.
- There will be a RE newspaper meeting on Sunday, December 10 from 11:45-12:15 in forum room 101/103.
- 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.
- RE Registration link: <http://tinyurl.com/pgspcsb>

OWL (Our Whole Lives) Schedule Spring 2016

Grades prek-1st:

- Jan 3- Parent Orientation
- Jan 10- Our Wonderful Bodies: Parts One and Two
- Jan 17- Healthy Bodies, Safe Bodies
- Jan 24- Families
- Jan 31- Families and Feelings
- Feb 7- Babies and Families
- Feb 14- Birth of a Baby
- Feb 21- Celebration!!!

Grades 4th-6th:

- April 3- Parent Orientation
- April 10- Values and Sexuality, Family

Relationships

- April 17- Puberty: Physical and Emotional Changes
- April 24- Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
- May 1- Lovemaking and Reproduction, Health and

Safety

- May 15- Communication, Decision Making
- May 22- Celebration!!!

Chalice Circle Registration

Chalice Circles, a small group ministry focused on fellowship and spiritual growth through deep listening began meeting in October. An important part of the Chalice Circle philosophy is an 'open chair' policy that allows new members to join a Circle anytime a vacancy develops in an active group.

Would you like to be included in one of the Circles? Our congregation has three active Chalice Circles. The Circles meet once a month, typically in the home of one of the members. If you would like to be added to the waitlist for a group, please click on the link associated with the day/time that works best for you:

(1) The second Wednesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon; <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-wednesday.eventbrite.com>

(2) The third Thursday of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-thursday.eventbrite.com>

(3) The second Sunday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. <https://uuctc-chalicecircle-sunday.eventbrite.com>

If you encounter any difficulties with the registration process, or have any questions, please contact Dorothy Hughes, Chalice Circle Coordinator at djhughesLMHC@gmail.com or 765-237-7652.

Blue Moon Rising Choir Begins New Session in January

If you love to sing, consider joining the growing number of UU's and other people from the local community who are part of Blue Moon Rising, a community choir open to all voices.

There are no auditions or a requirement to read music. All you need is an enthusiasm for singing and a willingness to learn songs from a variety of styles and world traditions.

We will meet at the UU Fellowship Hall on Wednesday evenings starting January 20 from 7 - 8:45 p.m.

The membership fee for the 15-week session (Jan. 20 - April 27) is \$150. For those with a limited income, a sliding scale and scholarships are available. No one misses singing because of money!

If you'd like to receive further information, please email Denise Wilson at dm2wilson@gmail.com. In early January I will send registration forms to those who have expressed an interest. You may also feel free to come on January 20 and give us a whirl before deciding if you'd like to continue.

Church Calendar

January 2016

1 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

2 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose
7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

3 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
10:30 AM Worship & RE
11:45 AM POTLUCK SUNDAY!

4 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Writers' Group meets at Westminster
7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

5 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA)
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force/Support Team
6:00 PM Program Council
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

6 WEDNESDAY

Epiphany
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

7 THURSDAY

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)
7:00 PM Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

8 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

9 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen
10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal A. Rose
1:00 PM Purpose and Destiny Church Service with Pastor Lopez, Sanctuary, talent show
7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

10 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
10:30 AM Worship & RE
11:30 AM UU Membership Class: Exploring Membership: Participating at UUCTC, West Lafayette
11:30 AM UU Talk and Tour following service

11 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
2:30 PM Brownie Troop
2:30-4:00 pm (FH)
7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

12 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA)
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
5:30 PM Pastoral Care 104
6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (101/103)
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

13 WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2748, (FH)
5:15 PM Boy Scout Troop

14 THURSDAY

4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop
5:30 PM Worship Committee (101/103)
5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (104)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

15 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

16 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen
10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal A. Rose
7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

17 SUNDAY

Chalice Circle (Room 104)
9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
10:30 AM Worship & RE
4:00 PM UU Photo Group (101/103)

18 MONDAY

Martin L. King, Jr. Day
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Writers' Group meets at Westminster
6:00 PM Safety Committee (104)
7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

19 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA)
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

20 WEDNESDAY

Blue Moon Rising Choral (FH)
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
9:00 AM All Day Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)

21 THURSDAY

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
7:00 PM Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

22 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

23 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
9:30 AM "Women's Singing Workshop"
10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal A. Rose
7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

24 SUNDAY

9:00 AM DRE: OWL Meetings (9-9:45am)
9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
9:45 AM DRE: Guide Meetings w/Teaching Team Leaders
10:30 AM Worship & RE
11:45 AM Birthday Celebration Event

25 MONDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
2:30 PM Brownie Troop (FH)
5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force
7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

26 TUESDAY

10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA)
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
2:00 PM DRE/Minister Meeting
6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (102)
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

27 WEDNESDAY

Blue Moon Rising Choral (FH)
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2748 (FH)
5:15 PM Boy Scout Troop
7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral (FH)

28 THURSDAY

4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop
5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
5:40 PM Dinner @MCL
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

29 FRIDAY

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM Meeting (FH)
7:00 PM Strolling Singers (S)

30 SATURDAY

8:00 AM Zen M
7:00 PM Anonymous Group (FH)

31 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Forum (101/103)
9:45 AM DRE: RE Guide Office Hours (104)
10:30 AM Worship & RE