



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

SEPTEMBER 2015

## 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, SEPT. 6

Anna Bowen, "Mormonism, Inc.: How the Church PR Fights to Protect its Dirty Little Secrets"

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Mark Baitinger, "Sound System for the Sanctuary"

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

Michael Oxenrider, "Mental Health of America"

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

Lowel Kane, "Purdue's LGBTQ Center"

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

#### "Time Out: How Do We Restore Ourselves?"

On this extended Labor Day weekend, let us consider what it means to have a day off. The labor movement gave us the weekend and this extra Monday in September. What should we do with it? How do we do nothing and just be?

Worship Leader: Rev Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Sound: Eric Thiel

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

#### "Chalice Circles: How Can We Become Better Listeners?"

A small group of UU met each month this past year in a small conversation circle. They talked and learned to listen deeply to one another. This technique is used in many congregations to build community. It goes beyond the superficial chat at coffee hour. It is calmer than the task-oriented chatter of committee work. Rev. Charlie and Mark VanMeeter invite people to participate in one of the several Chalice Circles that will form this year.

Worship Leader: Rev Charlie Davis and Mark VanMeeter

Worship Associate: Dorothy Hughes

Sound: Jason Dufair

Pulpit Preparation: Kat Braz

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

#### "Yom Kippur: Can We Undo Our Past Mistakes?"

The Jewish Day of Atonement, the Christian confession of sins, the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and psychotherapy each offers ways to admit our guilt and release our shame. What can we do to make things right?

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Sound: Mary Finely

Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

Children begin in Room 101 for Spirit Circle

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

#### "Animal Blessing: Why Do We Bond With Animals?"

All-Ages Service

The relationship between humans and other species is complex. We make some pets; some run wild and others become food. How do we make those decisions and what do they mean? Pets are welcome at this service.

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Nicole Rice

Sound: Carl Seese

Pulpit Preparation: Gail Davis

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20 immediately following the service. The agenda is to elect two new members to the Committee on Ministry. The board has nominated Kris Taylor and Andrea Burniske.

The Committee on Ministry is charged with evaluating the ministry of the congregation. It involves meeting with the minister and evaluating the relationship with the congregation, seeking ways to improve the effectiveness of the shared ministry. The Committee on Ministry also assists in conflict management wherever they may arise in the church.

Current members are Ed Bowen, Mary Ann Foley and Barny Dunning. Andrea brings the experience of organizing communities all over the world. Kris runs a business management consulting firm. Both bring excellent skills in working with people to build community.

This year the committee has a special function. They will help prepare me and the congregation for my sabbatical, which is tentatively set for July-December 2016. A sabbatical is designed to give ministers time to rest, refocus and reenergize their ministry. Our covenant grants one month sabbatical for each year served. It is amazing that I am beginning my sixth year with this congregation. It seems like I have just begun.

While I am absent, the ministry of the congregation will continue. The Committee on Ministry will coordinate your efforts. They will also manage my reentry in 2017.

When done well, a sabbatical can be beneficial for the congregations and ministers. Sabbaticals break old patterns of behavior and give everyone the chance to restart with renewed purpose and vision.

With Gratitude and Hope, Rev. Charlie Davis

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## BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE: PING PONG COMES TO UU

Some time back at a board meeting, I proposed that we could have a fold-up ping pong table in the Fellowship Hall. A friend of mine, Jim Miller, suggested that our church could sponsor an annual ping pong tournament as a fund raiser.

Mark VanMeeter has now loaned us an excellent (for 99 years old) fold-up ping pong table, and it is now sitting against the wall in the Fellowship Hall. Mark and I played for a while on the day he brought it, giving him a chance to demonstrate his formidable forehand kill shot. Next time I'll wear a bike helmet and safety goggles!

We can't have more than one table in the Fellowship Hall, and it will require several to host a tournament. Jim Miller thinks we could have our tournament at the Purdue Co-Rec and is looking into that possibility.

So much of the time we spend at church requires sitting down. I thought that mixing in some vigorous activity would be a good thing. I have asked around and discovered several of our members enjoy playing table tennis. Still, we must consider this an experiment. If we can't manage playing in the Fellowship Hall without it becoming a distraction to our normal activities, it will need to go. I'm sure game to try to make it work!

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## SEEKING CHURCH PIANIST

Our diverse church is looking for someone to play piano for our Sunday services. We are willing to consider a retired music lover or a talented student as well as seasoned professionals. There is potential for this position to grow to one for a music director for the right candidate. If you know of anyone who might be willing and able to play for us, we would appreciate your assistance in passing along this information.

Julia Colby juliacolby@gmail.com

## MEDITATION: CONCENTRATION AND THE FOCUSED MIND

Highly regarded meditation teacher and author Shaila Catherine will offer a day-long meditation program for both new and experienced meditation practitioners on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 pm in Room 101/103.

Shaila teaches meditation internationally. She founded Insight Meditation South Bay, a Buddhist meditation center ([www.imsb.org](http://www.imsb.org)), and Bodhi Courses ([bodhicourses.org](http://bodhicourses.org)), an online Dharma classroom.

During this program, Shaila will teach participants to cultivate and deepen concentration by using the breath as the primary meditation object. Both seated and walking meditation will be practiced. The teachings will nurture tranquility, introduce the absorption states called jhana, and explore the role that concentration plays in the development of the mind.

To register, please send your check for any amount between \$40 and \$70\* made payable to "Bodhi Retreats" to: Janice Schuster, 109 East Navajo Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Include your full name, postal address and e-mail address. When your registration fee is received by Oct. 8, a catered vegetarian meal from our local Chipotle Mexican Grill will be included. Registration is also possible at the door but will not include lunch.

\*The fee is on a sliding scale. Please consider offering generously within your means. Your generosity supports the teacher and her ongoing efforts to share the Buddha's teachings. Please determine what you feel comfortable paying (anywhere in the \$70 to \$40 range). If additional scholarship assistance is needed, please contact us.

There will be a "dana" basket for voluntary donations to the teacher at the event. Dana offering is an ancient and customary practice in many Buddhist traditions. Contributing to the dana basket is optional. Many people find that offering dana to their teachers is a meaningful part of their personal practice.

Sponsored by the UUCTC Adult Religious Exploration Council and The West Lafayette Buddhism Study Group <http://www.meetup.com/west-lafayette-buddhist-study/>

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## CHANGE FOR CHANGE BENEFICIARY: GEAR UP FOR SUCCESS

Our team was formed in May 2014 after hearing the results of the climate audit at Cumberland Elementary School. The consultants from Administrator Assistance shared feedback detailing that we needed to engage in professional development with regard to children and families living in poverty. Sara Delaney was given the opportunity by principal Kim Bowers to move forward with the idea of Gearing Up for Success. The idea behind the team was to provide low-income families with direct connections to staff members in their own communities, supplies necessary for school success, and an avenue for connecting with the school. The secondary goal was to provide professional development for working with families living with limited resources.

## THANK YOU

The Social Justice Committee has received thank you notes for a Change for Change donation of \$395.55 to Petsafe at Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine. And yearly donations to Cary Home for Children and Family Promise of Greater Lafayette. The thank you cards are on the bulletin board in the hallway near the narthex.

Tom McConville, Social Justice Committee  
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## BLUE MOON RISING: CREATING HARMONY AND COMMUNITY THROUGH SINGING!

Are you someone who loves to sing but rarely sings outside of the shower? Or are you an experienced singer who is looking for an opportunity to sing in a relaxed, fun environment? Consider becoming part of Blue Moon Rising, a non-audition community choir. We welcome everyone who enjoys singing — no experience or ability to read music is needed! Led by UU member Denise Wilson, the group will meet weekly from 7-8:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church. Our second session began August 19 and runs through Nov. 18. The fee for the 14-week session is \$140, with a sliding scale and scholarships available for anyone with a limited income.

We sing a wide variety of songs, which include folk songs (old and new), South African freedom songs, old-time gospel and songs that celebrate peace and justice. The songs have rich harmonies and irresistible rhythms that will get your body moving, lift your worries and grow your ability to sing with confidence and passion. You can read more at [www.denisewilson.net/blue-moon-rising](http://www.denisewilson.net/blue-moon-rising). Look also on the Denise Wilson Music Facebook page.

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## MABON: THE AUTUMN EQUINOX

The Wheel of the Year Services

Friday, Sept. 18, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the fire pit, weather permitting

Mabon is the Autumn Equinox celebration. Weather permitting, we will hold the service in the fire pit. This is a family friendly event. Bring your favorite fall song and poems to share. Light refreshments to follow at the end of the service.

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## GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE

A big thank you to all who contributed to our annual Goodwill Clothing Drive. We collected 140 bags of clothing this year, up from last year's 120. We received \$890 worth of Goodwill vouchers, which will be distributed to LUM, YWCA Woman's Shelter, Cary Home for Children and Family Promise. Please continue to save your unwanted garments for the next collection. The Social Justice Committee has decided to do a second collection in the fall. That way we can supply a steady stream of vouchers to these important social agencies.

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## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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### LOOKING BACK:

In August, we concluded summer camp with a field trip to Ellen Germann's to create our own weaving projects using frames, cds, yarn and objects found in nature. We had an amazing retreat at Camp Tecumseh where we had many adventures such as canoeing and ziplining. Bicycle Lafayette hosted a bike rodeo where we participated in an obstacle course and learned about bike safety. We also kicked off our RE year with the theme of classroom community and had a RE open house.

### LOOKING FORWARD:

In September, our theme is UU Superheroes. We will be answering questions about what UU means to us. Keep an eye out for our interactive question board and help us answer questions to learn more about each other and ourselves through making connections. We will also be holding a UU wax museum to learn more about influential UU people over the years.

### REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:

- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, Sept. 27. If you have a September 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 Kona shaved ice/ice cream truck will be paying a visit to the September potluck Sept. 6. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the UU fundraising fund. Contact Julie Rubsam for details.
- The youth group will be participating in two local events to raise money for important causes: Hunger Hike and Box City. Please see these websites for more information:  
Hunger Hike <http://www.firstgiving.com/HungerHike>  
Box City <http://www.fpglinc.org/index.html>
- 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 [drenicolrice@gmail.com](mailto:drenicolrice@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.

## SEPTEMBER 2015 CALENDAR

### 1 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)  
2 pm RE Safe Zone Training  
5:30 pm DRE: RE Task Force/Support Team  
6 pm Program Council (101/103)  
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

### 2 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (FH)

### 3 THURSDAY

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

### 4 FRIDAY

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

### 5 SATURDAY

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

### 6 SUNDAY

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

### 7 MONDAY

Labor Day Holiday: Office Closed  
7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Writers Group (101/103)  
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)  
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 8 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)  
5:30 pm Pastoral Care (102)  
5:30 pm RE Task Force/Support Team (104)  
6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103)  
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

### 9 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2748 (FH)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (FH)

### 10 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)  
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)  
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL  
7 pm Social Justice Committee  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 11 FRIDAY

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

### 12 SATURDAY

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

### 13 SUNDAY

9 am Forum  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
11:30 am UU Membership Class  
11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service  
11:45 am RE Newspaper Meeting  
Noon Spirit Play Training

### 14 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
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)

### 15 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)  
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

### 16 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)  
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (S)

### 17 THURSDAY

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

### 18 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
6:30 pm PRYSM (102)  
7 pm Mabon: The Autumnal Equinox (216, Gathering Circle)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 19 SATURDAY

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

### 20 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
4 p.m. UU Photo Group (101/103)

### 21 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
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)

### 22 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group  
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)

### 23 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (S)

### 24 THURSDAY

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

### 25 FRIDAY

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

### 26 SATURDAY

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

### 27 SUNDAY

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

### 28 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
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)

### 29 TUESDAY

10:30 am Big Book Study Group  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)  
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

### 30 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong  
Noon The Principled Group (101/103)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Community Choir (S)