

THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

MAY 2016

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

May 1: **Development of Drugs**

Lynne Taylor

The general process of drug development, why new drugs cost so much, brand name versus generics, and different types of tablets.

May 8: **Good Government Shouldn't Be an Oxymoron**

Julia Vaughn

Policy director for Common Cause Indiana will speak on a variety of issues that Common Cause Indiana works on--campaign finance, ethics, ALEC, open door and public records, and redistricting

May 15: **One Health**

Amy Bauer

One Health is the collaborative effort of multiple disciplines--working locally, nationally, and globally -- to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment.

May 22: **Gerrymandering**

Sue Scholer

The League of Woman Voters is working to make the public aware of a legislative study committee charged with looking at other ways to draw districts with more citizen input.

May 29: **Climate Change**

Liam Fitzgerald

Climate change, the carbon-fee-and-dividend solution, and the work being done by the Citizens' Climate Lobby to build support and communicate with Congress.

There will be a Congregational meeting on May 22 at 11:45, for the purpose of approving nominees for Board, Finance and Endowment Committee positions.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m.

Nursery and childcare available.

May 1: **Summer Spirituality**

[a meditative service]

During those hazy crazy days of summer people find it harder to make it to church. However Unitarian Universalist spirituality is not confined to a sanctuary of wood beams and stone. Nature offers green cathedrals, deserts of meditation, healing waters, and mountains of glory. Joys & Sorrows.

Preacher: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Pulpit preparation: Robin Poindexter

Musician: Janine Cochran

Sound: Gary Fowler

Potluck Sunday!

May 8: **Motherhood in the White House**

The role of First Lady has changed over the centuries. It gets more complicated when the First Lady is also a mother. The evolution of the role reflects the growing status of women.

Preacher: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Don Gresham

Pulpit preparation: Gail Davis

Musician: Janine Cochran

Sound: Carl Seese

May 15 : **Swimming Towards Love**

Preacher: Gail Charlotte

Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Musician: Janine Cochran

Special Music: Sharon McKnight

Pulpit preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Sound: Mary Finley

Office Getting Temp Staffer

We have a temp office person starting May 2. Her name is Sylvia Woodard. It would be great if each of you could stop in the office to meet her.

May 22 : **The New Jim Crow**

Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow*, has opened the eyes of many people to the racist oppression of our justice system. What are the facts in Indiana? What does our spirituality call us to do?

Preacher: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Janice Thiel

Musician: Janine Cochran

Pulpit preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Sound: Dan Lybrook

May 29: **Memorial Day**

[a meditative service]

Veterans and others affected by war will speak on this solemn occasion. If you wish to speak contact Dianna Poindexter diannalynn@outlook.com

Preacher: Various

Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Pulpit preparation: Robin Poindexter

Musician: Janine Cochran

Sound: Jason Dufair

Calling Veterans – Thoughts and Reflections on Your Military Service?

The Worship Committee is planning a special veterans' service Sunday, May 29. During this service, it would be meaningful to hear brief reflections of those who served.

If your life was touched by war, would you be willing to share a few words? How did your service change you? Did it help you to connect to an inner strength, or a higher power? Did it create barriers?

If you think you might be willing to share, please contact Dianna Poindexter: diannalynn@outlook.com or 765-427-4015.

UU CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Start cleaning out your closets! The UU Church Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 7am-3pm. Donations for the rummage sale will be accepted until Thursday, May 12 in Room 212.

Popular items at sales are tools, sporting goods, furniture, high quality clothing (like leather jackets), baby clothes, furniture, small appliances, toys, and records.

We will need helpers to sort donations and price items, floaters and cashiers, and donations of snacks and food for volunteers. Questions? Keep an eye out on the church Facebook page or contact Dorothy Hughes at djhugheslmhc@gmail.com or 765-237-7652 or Christine Schertz at cdschertz@gmail.com.

GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our annual Goodwill Clothing Drive will be Saturday, May 14 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For every 13-gallon bag of clothing we collect, Goodwill will give us a \$5 voucher. We distribute the vouchers to LUM, the YWCA Woman's Shelter, Cary Home for Children, and Family Promise.

Please don't put shoes, belts, or household items in the clothing bags. Someone will be there to help carry your bags in if needed.

Susanne McConville, 765-477-0344

UU BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION

As part of the Black Lives Matter movement at church, the UU Book Group will discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates on Sunday, May 22 at 7 pm, Room 101/103. Light refreshments will be served.

Linda Prokopy, lprokopy@gmail.com and Gale Charlotte, gale-char@gmail.com

CHORUS HOSTS SPRING SING

Lafayette's non-audition community choir, Blue Moon Rising, will present its "Spring Sing" on Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church, 333 Meridian St. All are invited to stay afterwards for a reception with refreshments. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to help with scholarship fund, and children are free.

THREE PRESIDENTS BOARD PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I am devoting this month's President's Column to a facet of our church leadership that I call the "Three Presidents."

Board of Trustees leadership is a three-year commitment that includes spending one year as President-elect, in charge of building use; one year as Board President; and one year as Past President, serving also as head of Program Council.

Each month the three presidents have a "presidents" meeting with the minister in his office to discuss church affairs and to help form the agenda for the next Board meeting. This arrangement helps to integrate the President-elect into a leadership role, provides counseling and support for the President, and continuity for Board leadership.

Our immediate past president, Gale Charlotte, has a long history with our church and brings the insight from this experience to the table. As the leader of Program Council, Gale tracks our event calendar and meets monthly with the volunteers who chair the various fundraisers and events of our church. She is still a member of the Board of Trustees and is present in those meetings.

Dorothy Hughes has been our president-elect this year, and will become Board president in June. Dorothy has not been content to manage building use, but has additionally engaged with others to make a much needed revision and update to our building use guidelines. In preparing to assume the position of Board President, she has become very engaged in the leadership process, including attendance to Finance and Program Council meetings. She has also provided valuable assistance to me, as I've served as this year's President.

Being your Board President this year has been a very interesting and challenging experience. The "Three Presidents" model has proven to be an important part of making this a successful year.

Bill Welge, President of the Board of Trustees, oxygenphilosophy@gmail.com

MINISTERS MUSE

Music and Silence in Worship

I have submitted my sabbatical grant to the Lilly Foundation. If approved, I will be developing curricula on the spirituality of emotions and the congregation will be exploring the role of music in our congregation.

I have enjoyed the wide variety of music at this Unitarian Universalist Church. Classical, folk, and rock music create different emotions in a service. Music transports people into joy, enthusiasm and wonder.

Applause is appropriate response to joyful and enthusiastic music. But more pensive pieces are enhanced by silence. Hand clapping can be jarring to your friends who have settled into a meditative mood. For me to scold the clappers would be disrespectful to those showing appreciation and would not restore the meditative mood of those who need silence. What should we do?

The worship committee and I have created a brief moment of silence after the prelude on most Sundays. This seems to be working well. We also want to try an experiment during the summer. Certain services will be designated as meditative services. We request that throughout those services people remain silent; no applause, no cheering. We have theological diverse services. Some weeks we mention God and other weeks God is far from our lips and minds.

In a similar manner, we are trying to create a diversity of tone. We ask that our boisterous members experiment with the spirit of silence. We hope that our solemn members can occasionally enter into the spirit of celebration. Let us make room for each other. We may even learn more about ourselves as we try on someone else's spiritual style.

With hope and gratitude, Rev. Charlie

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back:

In April, the theme was loving the earth. We examined the elements (earth, air, and water) and helped prepare for the plant sale. We also held an all ages' service where we had a flower communion and RE volunteer recognition ceremony.

Looking Forward:

In May the theme is creativity. We'll be exploring our own creativity through examining some creative UU's over time in areas such as art, music, and dance.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events:

- There will be a RE volunteer meeting on Sunday, May 8 from 9:45-10:15 in the DRE office. This meeting is open to any RE guides, shadows, subs, and anyone else interested in volunteering to help out with RE. This will be the final meeting of the semester.
- There will be a RE newspaper meeting on Sunday, May 8 from 11:45-12:15 in room 101. This will be the final meeting of the semester.
- May FUNdraiser: Couponing class on May 22 in room 101 (more information TBA).
- Please 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 me at drenicolerice@gmail.com.
- 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/pgspscb>

SUMMER RE WORKSHOPS

June 5 - Summer Reading

When/Where: 10:30-11:30 in room 101

We will have a guest from the library discussing the summer reading program. Bring your favorite books to share.

June 12 - Hula Hoop Making

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 in room 101 and outside

Rae Schnapp will help us create hula hoops to keep and then we will practice some tricks.

June 19 - Flower Power

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 outside

Lisa Pantea will lead us in an exploration of flowers and other plants.

June 26- Bollywood

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 in room 101

Neelu Chawla will teach us some Bollywood moves.

July 3 - Improv

When/Where: 10:30-11:30 in room 101

Kat Braz will teach us improvisational skills.

July 10 - Drumming

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 in room 101

Adam Rice, and other members of CircAfrique, will lead us in a drumming circle.

July 17 - Art

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 in room 101

Elizabeth Lincourt will guide us in creating lovely and artistic masterpieces.

July 24 - Yoga

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 in room 101

Crystal Rose will help us relax with some yoga.

July 31 - Bike Rodeo

When/Where: 10:30-11:45 outside

Bicycle Lafayette will teach us about bicycle safety and we'll complete an obstacle course. Please bring your bikes and helmets.

August 7 - UUCTC Retreat

When/Where: Ross Camp

There will be a variety of kid-friendly activities.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM LEADERS

May 1	Beth Misner and Barney Dunning—Potluck
May 8	Julia Colby—Mother's Day
May 15	Kathy Willowoode
May 22	Andrea and Gary Burniske
May 29	Kat Braz and Kim Smith
June 5	Noemi Ybarra and Larry Guentert—Potluck
June 12	Josh and Linda Prokopy
June 19	Mark Vanmeeter and Cindy Krulitz
June 26	Beth Misner and Barney Dunning
July 3	Kathy Willowoode—Potluck
July 10	Christine Schertz
July 17	Kat Braz
July 24	Noemi and Larry
July 31	Josh and Linda Prokopy

All-Church Retreat

This year's All-Church Retreat will take place August 5-7 at Ross Camp. It's a wonderful time to deepen ties with existing friends at church and forge new friendships with like-minded people. We rent out the A-frame, share meals together, take part in workshops. We share a worship service on Sunday morning, enjoy a bonfire, dance, and have plenty of opportunities to just sit and chat. You can come for the day, stay overnight in the A-frame, or set up your tent and camp., **Registration forms are due by July 25.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:45 AM POTLUCK SUNDAY! 12:45 PM OWL 4-6 grade (102) 3:30 PM "Fruitvale Station" UU Movie Group (101) 7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Writers' Group meets (Westminster C-3 Lounge) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101) 5:00 PM President's Meeting (Rev. Charlie's Office) 6:00 PM Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group (101)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>National Day of Prayer 4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Zen Meditation (M) 10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose! 101/103. 12:00 PM New Member Class (101) Lunch and Learn 5:30 PM reception Preparation. 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101) 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Spring Sing Concert (S & FH)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 4:00 PM Rummage Sale Collections (FH) 7:00 PM Committee on Ministry (108) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101) 4:00 PM Rummage Sale Collections (FH) 5:30 PM Pastoral Care (102) 6:30 PM BOARD MEETING, 2nd Tuesdays, 101 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2:48 P.K. & S. H. J. (FH) 4:00 PM Rummage Sale Collections (FH) 6:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Choral Group Potluck (101)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 PM Rummage Sale Collections (FH) 5:30 PM Worship Committee (101) 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (104) 7:00 PM Social Justice Meeting (101)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rummage Sale Set-Up (FH) 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (101/103)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 AM Rummage Sale (FH) 8:00 AM Zen Meditation (M) 10:00 AM Goodwill Clothing Drive (FH) 10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose! 101/103. 12:00 PM Caring Paws Testing (101/103 and 210) 2:00 PM Rummage Sale Tear-down (FH) 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Goodwill Clothing Drive Storage (FH) Pentecost 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE 12:45 PM OWL 4-6 grade (102) 1:00 PM CONCERT SET-UP: Lafayette Chamber Singers (S) 3:00 PM CONCERT: Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Writers' Group meets (Westminster C-3 Lounge) 6:00 PM Safety Committee (102) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lafayette Independent Deadline: Wednesday before last Tuesday of month 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 9:00 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:15 PM Amy's Girl Scout Troop 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 6:00 PM Wedding rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Zen Meditation (M) 10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose! 101/103. 2:00 PM Wedding Michelle Yates (S) 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Trinity Sunday 9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE 11:45 AM Congregational meeting (Sanctuary) 12:45 PM OWL 4-6 grade (102) 3:00 PM Fundraiser (101) 6:30 PM Book Discussion: "Between the World and Me" (101)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 5:30 PM DRE: RE Task Force (4th Mondays 5:30-6:30pm) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 9:00 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2:48, P.K. & S. H. J. (FH)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Zen Meditation (M) 10:00 AM Yoga with Crystal Rose! 101/103. 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Forum (101) 9:45 AM DRE: Office Hours 10:30 AM Worship & RE</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30 AM Big Book Study Group (AA) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:30 PM Old Path White Clouds (101) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 5:40 PM Dinner @MCL 6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson (FH) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 5:00 PM UU Laugh Fest</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM Zen Meditation (M) 1:00 PM SKIN workshop Room 101 7:00 PM Anonymous Group (101)</p>