THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

NOVEMBER 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

11/06/16 Bauer Family Resources Pam Biggs Reed, CEO of Bauer Family Resources

11/13/16

Bugs Out of the Ashes: A Tree Hugger's Road to Humility Cliff Sadof, The Bug Guy from Purdue

11/20/16

Silent Skies: North America Lost 1.5 Billion Birds Since 1970s

Barney Dunning, Purdue Professor of Wildlife Ecology, will discuss the most comprehensive survey of North American land birds to date finds stunning and dramatic population decline.

11/27/16 *"The Nine Months that Made You*"

This is the third segment of the PBS program continued from 9/24. The DVD will go to the UU Church library after this forum in case you missed either of the first two episodes. The story of how, from a fertilized egg, you took on human form in the womb.

12/04/16

Your Health Care May Kill You: Medical Errors

Jim Anderson is Professor of Medical Sociology, Purdue.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 Speaker: Rev. Charlie Davis

Topic: **UU & Activism** Who are the prophetic women and men of UU where would we be without them? We have been on the cutting edge of the expansion of human rights and part of the history of the United States. Associate: Dorothy Hughes Special Music: Blue Moon Rising Music: Janine Cochran Joys & Sorrows Sound: Don Gresham Children begin in sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Speaker: Rev. Charlie Davis Topic: **UU & World Religions** As a creedless religion we are open to the writings and truths from other religions. We will explore our history and current interfaith interactions. Associate: Dianna Poindexter Music: Janine Cochran Pulpit prep: Robin Poindexter Sound: Eric Thiel Children begin in sanctuary

UU Membership Class

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 am - 2 pm

Interested in becoming a member? Please join us for an afternoon of learning about the UU's: who we are, where we came from, and where we are headed. Lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Jada Haughey, ladyjada@hotmail.com or 765-430-3214.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20

Speaker: Rev. Charlie Davis Topic: Our Jewish and Christian Heritage

The roots of Unitarianism and Universalism can be found in Hebrew and Christian Scripture. Know your Bible before visiting relatives this Thanksgiving.

Worship Associate: Kris Taylor Music: Janine Cochran Pulpit prep: Nina Kirkpatrick Sound: Gary Mueller Children begin in sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

Speaker: Rev. Charlie Davis Topic: **Our Humanist Heritage** Can we be good without God? Can the concept of God be harmful to humanity? Why should church and state be separated. Can science and religion coexist? Associate: Don Gresham Music: Janine Cochran Rev. Davis vacation Nov. 28-Dec. 3 Pulpit prep: Don Gresham Sound: Carl Seese Children begin and stay in sanctuary

Chalice Circle News

A new round of Chalice Circles has begun. There is still space in the Wednesday morning group (2nd Wed. of the month) which meets at 10am. If you would like to join, contact Susanne McConville suemcconville1200@gmail.com or Bill Welge oxygenphilosophy@gmail.com.

MINISTER'S MUSE

As my sabbatical approaches I am reflecting upon my ministry. It seems like I have just arrived here in Indiana. I am amazed that I have served six full years and am entering into my seventh. In the Spirit of Thanksgiving I reflect upon my many blessings serving this congregation.

I am grateful for your Covenant for a Healthy Community. When I arrived many congregants and neighboring ministers talked of a history of conflict in this congregation. But I saw that this congregation faced this issue fearlessly during the interim period and continued to address it after my arrival. For the most part we have been successful in being intentionally kind and respectful to one another. When we have not, we have been able to address things compassionately and directly.

I am grateful to music. I particularly remember the program we did in honor of UU folk singer Pete Seeger. It was a night that showed a variety of talent and was a thoughtful reflection of justice issues. In worship we have had a variety of music classical, jazz, folk and rock & roll. The musical diversity matches our theological diversity.

I am grateful for volunteers. Without you this place could not exist. The art fair, football parking, worship, fellowship teams social justice and so much more. When we work together we build friendships and strengthen community.

It is a privilege to serve such grateful people. You have supported me and my family through good times and bad. I have come to recognize your strengths, compassion, and skills. These will serve you well while I am on sabbatical from January through June 2017.

With Gratitude and Hope, Rev Charlie

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We have a new logo/brand!

Thanks to the five individuals who took time to submit their original logo designs to represent our church. The board reviewed and selected the one we felt most represents our congregation. Thanks to our office assistant, Va'Linda McBride for sharing her expertise providing guidance for a process to evaluate the submissions. This logo/brand will be used on all our church communications: website, brochures, flyers, handouts, Lighted Chalice, and Meridian Update. The design is in refinement and will be made public soon.

Pastoral Care

My apologies to Linda LaMar for the error I made in last month's column. Linda IS still chair of the Pastoral Care Committee and doing an excellent job. You know the old saying, "Many hands make light work." Linda would appreciate several more sets of hands to fulfill the duties of the committee. Please contact her at PastoralCare@uuctc.org if you are interested in sharing your gifts with the committee.

Membership

Jada Haughey is up and running as the new chair of the membership committee. She is having a call out for new members after service on Nov. 6 at 12:30 in room 101/103. She is also organizing a membership class scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 19. Art Fair

The first weekend in December (the $2^{nd} \& 3^{rd}$) is our largest fundraiser, The Holiday Art Fair. Lisa Pantea will continue her role of coordinating volunteers for this annual event. The week of November 28 we need volunteers to help decorate our church. Artist set up is on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 3 – 7 pm and Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5-9pm.

The two days of the Art Fair many volunteers are need to: cashier at checkout or the café, bag, greet, serve in the café and for cleanup. Lisa will be in Fellowship Hall after service during November asking for volunteers. Please plan to cover a 2.5 hour shift helping in one of the above capacities. It not only helps our congregation, it communicates to our visitors that that we live up to our covenant to help one another.

I look forward to celebrating with you at the Second Annual Talent Show & Soup Cook-Off November 5.

In deep appreciation for all you do to sustain our beloved community,

Dorothy Hughes, Board President djhugheslmhc@gmail.com 765-237-7652

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking Back:

In October, we'll focus on the following UU principles/sources:

Principle 4- free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Principle 5- democratic process

Principle 7- interdependent web

Source 1- transcending mystery and wonder **Looking Forward:**

In November, we'll focus 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.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events:

November 15th- UUCTC will receive 20% of the profits from anyone who dines in or gets delivery/carry out from Puccini's on November 15th from 4pm to close.

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.

Service Project (Hunger Horcrux)- This month the RE classes will be collecting canned goods and warm clothing for all ages (gloves, hats, scarves, coats, etc.). The last day for donations will be on Sunday, **December 4th**. All warm clothing donations will be given to the Christmas Jubilee and all canned goods will be given to Food Finders.

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 6th-12th grade classroom. RE Registration link: http://tinyurl.com/ pgspcsb

Blue Moon Rising Concert & Reception

On Saturday, Nov. 19 the members of Blue Moon Rising will share with the public a program of fun and uplifting music at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and everyone is invited to stay afterwards for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

The music will include a variety of styles (folk, gospel, pop) and during the evening the audience will be invited to join in the singing on a few songs.

A donation will be accepted at the door to help with the choir's scholarship fund. A suggested amount is \$10 but please contribute whatever amount fits your budget. Children are free.

To learn more about Blue Moon Rising visit

the www.denisewilson.net/blue-moon-rising or email Denise Wilson for more information at dm2wilson@gmail.com .

Goodwill Clothing Drive

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10am to 2pm

The Unitarian Church will hold a Goodwill Clothing Drive on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10am to 2pm, at 333 Meridian St. No shoes, belts, or household items, please — just clothing.

Church members interested in dropping off ahead of time can begin to bring in their bags and leave them in the upper room of the fellowship hall.

Helpers will be at the church from 10 to 2 on Nov. 5 to receive your bags. Please use white 13-gallon kitchen bags.

For every bag of clothing we collect, Goodwill will give us a \$5 voucher, good for purchases at local Goodwill stores. We give the vouchers to local agencies such as LUM.

Susanne McConville, (765) 477-

0344, suemcconville1200@gmail.com;

Anna Bowen, (801) 660-9322, annalytic1@gmail.com

Help Needed for Football Parking

We still need parking volunteers for the remaining Purdue football games: Nov.12 (Northwestern) and Nov. 19 (Wisconsin). These games will probably require 2-3 people each game and result in parking 15-20 cars. Groups that volunteer get half of the money collected. Contact Barny Dunning at jdunning@purdue.edu.

Talent Show and Soup Cook-Off !

Saturday, Nov. 5 from 5-9 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church Stewardship Committee brings you our 2nd Annual Talent Show and Soup Cook-Off in Fellowship Hall. We'll kick off the Children's talent show at 5 pm, followed by the Soup Cook-off and dinner at 6 pm, then the Adult talent show from 7-9pm.

This event is free for all church members and friends. Vote with your dollars for the best soup. Childcare will be provided Sherry Tripodi, 765-269-9199 oruuctcstewardship@gmail.com

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