



THE LIGHTED CHALICE WEEKLY

Sunday Forum 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery & Childcare Available.



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 23 FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

FEBRUARY 23: Beena Sebastian of the Cultural Academy for Peace (CAP), Kochi, India, is visiting the United States at the invitation of Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds, Founder, Deanna Brown. Beena will present *Being the Change: From India to Indiana: Human Rights and Gender Justice*. Through the lens of her own history and the many programs of Cultural Academy, Beena will share ways that she actively works to transform systems of violence and models of domination into ones of peace and justice for all. A number of women from UUC have traveled with Deanna to India over the past 3-4 years. Each trip includes extended time with Beena, the staff, women & children associated with Cultural Academy for Peace.

•**MARCH 2:** Doug Paprocki presents *A Lake Michigan Coastal Environment: Its Scenery and Ecology*. This photo essay from the recent book, *Beside the Inland Sea*, by the late Gretchen Paprocki, will offer insight into the unusual as well as the attractive.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

FEBRUARY 23: Our UU Youth will lead us in service this Sunday—please join us for *Inherent Worth and Dignity: I am a Person*. Through moving personal narratives and performances by the youth house band, this youth-led service for all ages will explore how labeling people can lead to dehumanization through acts of exclusion or oppression. Worship Associate, Kat Braz. Pianist, Richard Maddux. Sanctuary Preparation, Kat Braz.. Fellowship Team Leaders, Beth Misner & Barny Dunning. Sound Technician, Mary Finley.

•**MARCH 2:** The March theme for service and religious exploration will center on the 6th Principle of Unitarian Universalism: World community peace, liberty, justice, and UU Women. Rev. Davis will present a sermon on Clara Barton. Joys and Concerns will be shared, as well as Building Your Own Theology credos.

•**Talk & Tour 2nd Sundays After Service:** Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday, next on March 9 (Daylight Savings Day!) for “Talk and Tour.” This 15 minute guided walk through the building is designed to familiarize newcomers with our congregation and facilities. Participants do not need to sign up in advance—simply gather at the Newcomers’ Table outside the Fellowship Hall at 11:45. Thanks!

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Today is a youth-led, all ages service. Everyone stays together in the sanctuary. Parents are welcome to bring preschoolers to the nursery for care during the service. There will also be extra coloring sheets and crayons available to help keep younger hands busy today.

•**Childcare:** If anyone requires childcare for an event other than regular Sunday forum and services, they must contact Nursery Administrator Liz Cohen by phone or email (631-935-8229 or ecohen928@gmail.com) at least two weeks in advance. Thank you.

•Please contact Sheila (dresheila@gmail.com) or a member of the R.E. council (Kathy Coder, Cheryl Fowler, Frank Arnold, Beth Hoffmann, Kirsten Reynolds, or Rae Schnapp) if you are interested in helping in any of these areas, or if you have something else that you would like to help out in with R.E.

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ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION: A Saturday, Feb. 22nd event at UUC will bring extra visitors to Forum and Sunday service on Sunday, Feb. 23rd. The amazing organization, *Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds*, founded and directed by Deanna Brown, invites you to experience the wisdom of Beena Sebastian, founder and chairperson of *Cultural Academy for Peace*, Kerala India.

Cultural Connections is instrumental in bringing Beena to the United States to share her story and vision for our world. Opportunities open to the public include:

- Feb. 22 *Women Spirit Rising: An evening of storytelling and music*, 6:30-8:30 pm Unitarian Universalist Church, West Lafayette
- Feb. 23 *"Being the Change: from Indian to Indiana"*, 9-10 am, Unitarian Universalist Church Adult Forum, West Lafayette

Several women who have traveled to India and know Beena Sebastian will be at the Saturday retreat and have indicated that they will come on Sunday for Forum when Beena is speaking...some may stay for the service as well. (Thanks Bill Welge, for working closely with Deanna on the arrangements for Forum). Those of us from UUC (Kris Taylor, Lisa Pantea, Denise Wilson, Cheryl Fowler, Nina Kirkpatrick, me) who have been on Cultural Connection trips are all quite excited to see Beena again and for her to share her stories, wisdom and inspiration with so many others in the US. *Thank you for passing this information on to others especially the Fellowship team that is "on duty" that day so they know why there may be more visitors than usual!* Suzan Windnagel.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING The membership committee will be meeting next Thursday, February 27, at 6pm in Room 104. Come meet new membership chairperson Sallie Cooke and help with the many works attended to by this multifaceted committee. If you are interested in joining the membership committee, or are a currently on the membership team, please contact Sallie at salliec@frontier.com to let her know you will be attending the meeting.

HERB INTEREST GROUP Come join the herb interest group and fellow gardeners at Beth Misner's house on **Saturday, March 1st, at 1pm** to plant seeds. Watch them grow and get excited about spring coming! Plants can be for your own garden and also for the annual UU plant sale/fundraiser in May. This will be a potluck too, so please bring dish to pass. Bring seeds from you own gardens or purchased seeds, pots, dirt. Call/email Lisa Pantea or Beth Misner if you have questions. **The Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 17** outdoors, or in the Fellowship Hall if it rains.



*Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer,
but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past.*

Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.

John F. Kennedy

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

There is much to be done in the social justice arena; if you are interested in becoming involved in our activities, please join us at our next meeting--Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in Room 101-103. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, contact co-chairs Joan Marshall, jmarshall900@yahoo.com, & Tom McConville, tmconville1200@comcast.net.

•**CONGREGATIONAL FOOD DRIVE, LUM/ST JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY** This is the last week of UU's Lafayette Urban Ministry food drive, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. Please drop food items off in Fellowship Hall or office area entrance in the boxes labeled thusly. Office entrance doorway open 9-5, Monday-Thursday, Fridays variable. Thank you.

•**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:** The theme for 2014 is "*Helping Our Community*." In February, as in January, UU Church C-4-C will contribute funds to provide bus tokens for Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM) clients.

•**WOMEN'S SHELTER COLLECTION** The local Women's Shelter is always in need of soaps, toothbrushes and tooth paste, personal items, clean socks, items for small children (baby shampoo, powder, baby lotions, children's socks, diapers). Thank you.

•**MINIMUM WAGE CAMPAIGN** UU Social Justice will be co-sponsoring the following programs related to the Minimum Wage Campaign along with: Rebuild the Dream Coalition—Greater Lafayette Chapter; Lafayette/West Lafayette Branch 3056 of the NAACP; the Northwest Central Labor Council; Tippecanoe Building Trades and the UAW-CAP Council:

- **Sunday, March 2, 2014: R. Reich's documentary film, "*Inequality for All*."** The film endeavors to show through a non-partisan perspective why extreme income inequality is such an important topic for our citizens today and for the future of America. **More info at: www.inequalityforall.com.**
- **All events are free and open to the public, meet from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, are co-sponsored by UU Church Social Justice Committee and will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street, Rms. 101/103.** These events are part of the work being done by the participating groups along with other partner organizations in mobilizing to get the state of Indiana and the US Congress to raise the minimum wage. Our activities are part of labor, civil rights, women's rights, and human rights groups around the country who believe "Hard Work Deserves Fair Pay." For more information: targ@purdue.edu, (765) 743-0416

RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON! Mark the calendar for **Saturday, May 10**—the UU Rummage Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall that Saturday, so start planning to bring in your well-loved but no longer needed items. This year the UU Youth will be coordinating the sale as a fund raiser for their planned trip to Cedar Point! Help sponsor their activity, and bring your "nearly new" and other previously treasured items to the UU Sale! More information to follow regarding drop off locations, times, dates...

LIBRARIAN NEEDED! George Wulff, our trusted and true librarian for several years, last year declined continuing with cataloguing acquisitions/donations in our library. We miss George and are very grateful for all his years of wonderful service both indoors and outside Meridian Street and 7th Street. We are desperately in need of a librarian, and have been in need of someone to fill this important volunteer role for a year or more now. We have several donated titles that are not on the shelves as they are awaiting processing. If someone would step forth to take this important task on, we would be so very appreciative. Please call Karin at the office, 743.8812, if you would like to volunteer for this post.



In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die.

And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

Eleanor Roosevelt

ATTENTION AMAZON SHOPPERS... Your online purchases at Amazon.com can now benefit the church. If you open the UUC website at uulafayette.wordpress.com and select Links from the menu you'll see an Amazon.com logo. Clicking on this will take you to Amazon.com, where your online shopping experience will be the same as usual - with one key difference. Amazon will pay the UUC a 6% commission on all purchases made in the session. You pay the same Amazon prices and use your normal Amazon account information when checking out. This program has the potential to be a significant revenue source for the church. All you need to do is remember to use the link on the UUC website. Once you've navigated to Amazon from the UUC website, you may also bookmark the page in your browser for later use. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mark VanMeeter, President, Board of Trustees - mvanmeeter@comcast.net.



February 2014 Calendar



February 21, Friday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
1:00 PM Set-up for Women Spirit Rising Retreat & Evening Event
6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

February 22, Saturday

8:00 AM **Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds** (101/103 a.m., Sanctuary pm)
8:00 AM Zen Meditation Room

February 23, Sunday

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):
10:30 AM Worship & RE

February 24, Monday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
5:30 PM Strolling Singers Rehearsal (S)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

February 25, Tuesday

6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (101/103)
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

February 26, Wednesday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop. Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Choir (S)

February 27, Thursday

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
6:00 PM Membership Committee (104)
6:30 PM A-REC Meeting (101-103)

February 28, Friday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

March 1, Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M
1:00 PM **Seed Planting Day at Beth Misner's for Plant Sale** (Plant Sale Date 5.17.14)!

March 2, Sunday

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):
10:30 AM Worship & RE

12:00 PM Fundraising Forum (101/103)

12:00 PM UU Membership Class: **Discovering Your Spiritual Path**

3:00 PM "Inequality for All" by Robert Reich, DVD (101/103)
7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition 101/103

March 3, Monday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
1:30 PM Writers' Group 101/103
5:30 PM Strolling Singers Rehearsal (S)
7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

March 4, Tuesday

6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)
6:30 PM Program Council (101/103)
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

March 5, Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY
7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)
2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)
7:00 PM Choir (S)

March 6, Thursday

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)
6:30 PM PFLAG meets at PRIDE Now on First Thursdays
7:30 PM SHM House Band (S) 1st and 3rd Thursdays

March 7, Friday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

March 8, Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M

March 9, Sunday

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2AM; "SPRING AHEAD" ONE HOUR

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):
10:30 AM Worship & RE
11:30 AM UU Talk and Tour following service!
12:00 PM UU Fiberarts Quilting Bee (101/103)