



THE LIGHTED CHALICE NEWSLETTER



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: 29 JUNE 2014

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

*Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes begin at 10:30 am;
Nursery & Childcare Available.*

JUNE 29

"KNITTING COMMUNITY, WEAVING PROTECTION"

Worship Leader:
Kirsten Reynolds

Worship Associate: Janice Thiel
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Gary Mueller
Fellowship: Cheryl Fowler
Pulpit Preparation:
Dianna Poindexter

JULY 6

"STORYTELLING"

Worship Leader:
Damon Lincourt

Worship Associate: Bill Welge
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Dan Noland
Pulpit Preparation:
Nina Kirkpatrick
Sharing of Joys & Sorrows
POTLUCK SUNDAY
Fellowship:
Randy & Lorraine Myers team,
led by Noemi Ybarra;
Alice Pawley & Stephen
Hoffmann

JULY 13

"FREEWILL: AN ILLUSION?"

Worship Leader: Bill Welge
Worship Associate:
Dianna Poindexter
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Noemi Ybarra
Fellowship: Mark VanMeeter
Pulpit Preparation:
Robin Poindexter

JULY 20

"MAN ON THE MOON"

Worship Leader:
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate: tbd
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Carl Seese

Fellowship:
Beth Misner & Barny Dunning
Pulpit Preparation: tbd

It has been 45 years since Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. Was it really a giant leap for mankind? What have been the actual results of this endeavor?

JULY 27

"LEGACY OF PLANTS"

Worship Leader: tbd
Worship Associate: tbd
Pianist: Richard Maddux
Sound: Jason Dufair
Fellowship:
Julie & Jason Rubsam
Pulpit Preparation:
tbd

MINISTER'S MUSINGS:

"THE SIX SOURCES"

Most UUs are familiar with the 7 Principles of the UUA. Fewer are aware of the 6 Sources.

Section C 2.1 of the UUA bylaws begins with the 7 Principles then continues with the following:

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
 - 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;
 - Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
 - Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
 - Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

During 2013-14 Worship and RE focused on the 7 Principles. For 2014-15 we will focus on The 6 Sources. We will explore different world philosophies and religions. The goal is that UU children and adults will be able to talk about the various influence on their spirituality. In order to choose one's own path one has to be aware of the choices.

*With Gratitude and Hope,
Rev. Charlie*

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 am in 101/103. Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided. Co-chairs: Jim Anderson, Tom McConville, and Bill Welge

JUNE 29

Dan McCain, Director, Delphi Canal Park Association: *Canal Days Festival, Delphi, Indiana*

JULY 6

Video: Elizabeth Warren and Thomas Piketty Discuss *Nature, Causes Of Economic Inequality*

JULY 13

Tetia Lee, Executive Director of TAF: *Tippicanoe Arts Federation*

JULY 20

Cheryl Fowler, Coordinator of the International Student Program & Beth Tucker, International Friendship Program Coordinator/Coordinator of Programs and Engagement, Office of International Programs at Purdue University: *Area International Student Housing Programs*

JULY 27

Jody Tishmack, founder and owner of *The Soilmaker* in West Lafayette: *Biodiversity*

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

At the end of June, we say good-bye to Sheila Garrett, our D.R.E. Being the Director of Religious Exploration is an important job in any church, for you are tasked with educating the children and youth of the congregation about their religion, and planning activities and class time to achieve just that. In any religion with a creed and one volume of beliefs that can be discussed but not debated, the job might be slightly easier. But for a Director of Religious Exploration in a Unitarian Universalist Church, the task of teaching our children must be daunting. There is no one "right" book, there are no sets of decrees to be memorized, and the list of religious traditions we draw from are enormous: Christianity, Judaism, Paganism, Muslim, Buddhism, Humanism, and on. We encourage our children to explore and decide for themselves, and I don't know about your kids, but mine did a WHOLE LOT of exploring and questioning (and like me, they still are questioning and exploring). Add to all of this the need to keep things fresh in our rapidly changing world PLUS the request that we also guide our teens through a human sexuality curriculum, and I'm amazed that we hire only one person to do all of it.

And yet Sheila has done it, and I thank her.

A member of the Religious Education team contacted me this week, and gave me a list of some of Sheila's accomplishments. I'm sharing it with you now. During her time with us, Sheila has:

- Encouraged our youth to be involved in "Cons"--both attending and hosting.
- Sheila has begun a Spirit Play curriculum for our pre-school and kindergarten kids.
- We now have a Workshop Rotation style of R.E. for our first-through-fourth grade children, thus accomplishing more multi-generational involvement in our R.E. program.
- Sheila has put lot of time, effort, and energy into facilitating the involvement of some of our kids with special needs.
- She has devoted time to discover what our congregation wants from the R.E. program.

I know there are more things we could add, and I hope if you think of something that's missing from this brief list, you will take time to thank Sheila for it.

Yes, thank Sheila for what she has given to us.

And then, begin to think about the future of our Religious Exploration program. In the past, our congregation has devoted many of our monetary and volunteer resources to ensure our children had a fine religious exploration experience; that was important to us. For many of us, the religious exploration program was what drew us to this church, and what kept us coming back, kids in tow, year after year. Ask yourself if quality religious education for all our kids is still important to you? If the answer is "yes", I encourage you to stay informed and involved as we search for a new Director of Religious Exploration. I also hope you will continue to pledge, both time and money, to keep our religious exploration programs thriving. We not only owe it to our children, we can, as a congregation, gift that to our children.

*Best wishes,
Gale Charlotte
President, Board of Trustees*

A-REC PRESENTS...

Monthly Drumming Session
Monday, July 14, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Please note DATE CHANGE!

Structured drumming sessions! Learn about drumming in the West African style, facilitated by **Sundee Rao and Robin Pickett** of the local West African percussion ensemble **circAfrique**. Bring your drum, or ask if a drum is available for use (there are about 6-8) for a small, extra donation. Your drum will need to make at least two distinct sounds. Bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments are welcome! \$10 requested donation per session. Some scholarships available so let us know of your needs. RSVP & details: <http://goo.gl/2gw2l> or information email info@circafrique.com or call Suzan at 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or circAfrique!

**THE TWENTY MINUTE TUNE-UP TAOIST IMMORTAL
INTERNAL EXERCISE WITH MASTER JASON ARGOS
SIX WEEK CLASS, 11:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M., 101/103
BEGINS JULY 3; REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 2!**

This class actually began June 26; we will have another “first day of class” on Thursday, July 3! During the first 20 minutes of class Master Argos will guide you through the 16 exercises from the book, “Xing Yi Nei Gong” by Tim Cartnell. The book is recommended but not required. During the last 10 minutes of each session he will share a powerful form of a technique known as bone marrow washing, performed while standing still. This is thought to be a deterrent to arthritis. Exercise level set for seniors—all ages welcome. Call Karin at 743-8812 to register.

A-REC ONGOING...

Monday Evening Meditation:
7-8:15 pm, Room 101/103
with Larry Hicks & Jody Tishmack;
other facilitators to be arranged

Taiji Qi Gong:
Monday/Wednesday/ Friday
7:30 am with Lisa Petersen

Zen Meditation:
Thursday 5:30 pm,
sitting, chanting & reading
Saturday 8:00 am,
with Russ Flynn



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, July 10 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.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE: The theme for 2014 is “Helping Our Community.” The July/August C4C recipient is Family Promise® of Greater Lafayette, Inc. (FPGL). Family Promise is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and non-denominational organization for families in transition. Part of a national network, FPGL is one of over 136 Networks across the United States. There are over 4500 congregations and 110,000 volunteers making up these Networks. Based on the support of volunteers and host congregations, Family Promise® (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)) programs are funded by donations, grants, and fundraising opportunities. Family Promise® builds programs from existing resources so they can be implemented quickly, and without major start-up costs. All the Family Promise® Networks are successful. Our statistics show that 89% of the families who complete our program are successful in finding and maintaining permanent housing along with employment or supportive financial assistance. Others even enroll in school. FPGL has begun to touch many volunteers within our Network as they prepare to care for families in need in a loving and caring way.

WOMEN’S SHELTER COLLECTION The UU Church at all times has a bin located in the Fellowship Hall to collect items for the local Women’s Shelter. Please consider donating new underwear for women and children (all sizes), shirts for women (all sizes), pens, hand sanitizer, small pocket memo pads. Thank you.

MEETING OF THE INDIANA MORAL MONDAYS WORKING GROUP IN WEST LAFAYETTE

A meeting of the Indiana Moral Mondays Working Group will take place on **Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street in West Lafayette Room 101/103**. An overview will be presented to attendees regarding the formation of this new effort to bring social justice to Indiana. A group of civil rights, labor, environmental, religious, women and other activists has been meeting since March in Indianapolis inspired by the North Carolina “Moral Mondays” movement. For more information on Indiana Moral Mondays see the Blog by Harry Targ, Purdue Professor; Coordinator, Committee on Peace Studies: <http://heartlandradical.blogspot.com/2014/04/does-indiana-need-moral-mondays-movement.html>.



June-July Calendar

**Rev. Davis on vacation
June 29-July 13, 2014**

June 28 Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M

10:00 AM-2:00 PM West Lafayette "Art in Bloom Garden Tour" map/direction distribution site UU front lawn

June 29 Sunday

Rev. Davis on vacation

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):

10:30 AM Worship & RE

7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition 101/103

June 30 Monday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)

7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

July 1 Tuesday

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:00 PM Ongoing Buddhist Book Discussion (101/103)

1:30 PM Writers' Group 101/103

6:00 PM Program Council (101/103)

July 2 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)

6:00 PM Meeting (anon.), 101/103

6:00 PM Program Council (101/103)

July 3 Thursday

11:15 AM "The Twenty Minute Tune-Up" Taoist Immortal Internal Exercise based on Xing Yi Nei Gong Movements; taught by Master Jason Argos 11:15-11:45 (101/103)

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)

6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)

6:30 PM PFLAG meets at PRIDE Now on First Thursdays

7:30 PM SHM (Spontaneous Hopeful Monster) House Band (S) 1st and 3rd Thursdays

**July 4 Friday INDEPENDENCE DAY:
OFFICE CLOSED**

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

July 5 Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M

July 6 Sunday

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):

10:30 AM Worship & RE

July 7 Monday

Karin out of the office

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)

7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

July 8 Tuesday

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:00 PM Ongoing Buddhist Book Discussion (101/103)

5:30 PM Pastoral Care 102

6:00 PM RE Council (Youth Room)

6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101/103)

7:00 PM ACLU-IN BOARD (American Civil Liberties Union) (212 2nd Tues. ea. month)

7:30 PM Drumming Circle (101/103) will meet

JULY 14 this month!

July 9 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)

2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 2500 (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM Meeting (anon.), 101/103

July 10 Thursday

11:15 AM "The Twenty Minute Tune-Up" Taoist Immortal Internal Exercise based on Xing Yi Nei Gong Movements; taught by Master Jason Argos 11:15-11:45 (101/103)

5:30 PM Worship Committee (106)

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M)

7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (104)

July 11 Friday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

July 12 Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M

*Your work is to discover your work
and then with all your heart to
give yourself to it.*

~Buddha

*If you follow your bliss,
you put yourself on a kind of track
that has been there all the while,
waiting for you, and the life that
you ought to be living is the one
you are living. Wherever you are—
if you are following your bliss,
you are enjoying that refreshment,
that life within you, all the time.*

~Joseph Campbell,
American Mythologist,
Writer, and Lecturer

Our Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church
and service is its law.

This is our covenant:

to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Our Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a
nurturing religious community that
celebrates
diverse beliefs and encourages spiri-
tual growth through
lifelong learning. Guided by our
Unitarian Universalist Principles,
we support each other in our life jour-
neys and work toward
social justice in the local and world
communities.

The Seven Principles Which Unitarian Universalist Congregations Affirm and Promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION; UNDER OUR ROOF

Hello UU members and friends! I'm so excited to begin my service as Interim Director of Religious Exploration. Shelia has worked hard to get me up to date about the ins and outs of our Religious Exploration program.

The best way to get in contact with me is via email, mille804@gmail.com. You can also call or text at 765-337-5193.

We are continuing this week with our gardening theme, but this Sunday we WILL have a Time for All Ages to celebrate the work Shelia has put into our program and to say our formal goodbye.

Two of our youth will be traveling to Beloit, Wisconsin for Leadership Training! Safe travels!

Reminder: have your children dress for outdoor, gardening activities. I look forward to meeting more of you in person! Please feel free to contact me at any time!

*Michelle Miller,
Interim Director of Religious Exploration*

LIBRARY PROJECT

Since George Wulff retired as church librarian some two years ago, the library has been in need of new energy. We thank George for his diligent and careful work and hope he will be pleased to see a rebirth.

A small Library Committee of Linda (Lou) Prokopy, Sallie Cooke and Christine Schertz are beginning a project to cull, re-shelve and clean up the library. You can continue to use the library and donate books. Please be patient and excuse any inconvenience as this will take some time to complete. Books recently donated will be shelved under a new system.

If you have questions or concerns, or would like to help, please call Linda Lou Prokopy at 746-6926.



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4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AT PURDUE REQUEST FOR HOST FAMILIES

The 4-H International programs at Purdue has 20 Japanese students coming for a homestay this summer; they are still in need of families to host 8 of the young ladies (16-17 years old) arriving. The **hosting time is from July 26-August 16**. Host families do not need to be involved with 4-H. The only requirement is that the family have a female of about the same age in the home. If your family would be willing to host for this Purdue program this summer, more information about the program can be found at www.four-h.purdue.edu/international. Linda Hines, Department of Youth Development and Ag Education at Purdue will be happy to talk to any families with questions or concerns. These young students from Japan will be leaving for the US in only 5 weeks! Anyone is interested in hosting, is encouraged to fill out the application on the website and return it to Linda Hines ASAP. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. Please feel free to pass along this information to other churches or organizations that might have families that would consider hosting for the program.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee has a mission of nurturing and supporting members through all stages of their membership journey. The Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. For questions about the committee, please contact Sallie Cooke, salliec@frontier.com.

The 2014 Member Directory is available in print copy. The printing cost is \$3.00 so donations will be most welcome to help defray the expense to produce the directory. Rosemary Leary continues to donate countless hours to photograph individuals and families and to compile the print copies. The directory may also be viewed online.

Josh Prokopy writes biographies of members for the Membership bulletin board and for publication in the newsletter. All biographies are archived in a notebook in the library. We hope you will use the directory and the member biographies to get to know the people in this wonderful UU community.

Sarah Cooke

Membership Chairperson

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UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, FIRST SUNDAYS, RECONVENING IN THE FALL OF 2014

UU Membership Classes meet each first Sunday on a rotating basis after service, presented by Rev. Charlie Davis and the Membership Committee. Sessions will be held in Rm. 101/103; please select your meal from the potluck and bring your food to the class. Child care will be available if requested one week in advance. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sallie Cooke, Membership Chairperson (sallie@frontier.com) one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

•**UU HISTORY September 7.** This class will cover topics such as: How did this denomination get to where it is today and how did Unitarian Christianity and Universalist Christianity evolve into the free religion we have today? By reviewing some of the controversies of the past we see how they shape our present. Intended for everyone new and old to UU congregations.

•**EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP: PARTICIPATING AT UUC, WEST LAFAYETTE October 5.** Learn more about the history of our UU church and what it means to be a member. This course is intended for visitors who are interested in learning more about membership.

•**DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL PATH November 2.** What gifts have you kept from your religious heritage? What have you discarded? How do you wish to improve yourself and the world? Come explore and share your stories with others. By speaking our truth and listening to others, we can deepen the meaning of community. Intended for everyone.

TALK AND TOUR ON SECOND SUNDAYS AFTER SERVICE

Please join us immediately following service each 2nd Sunday for "Talk and Tour," next on **July 13**. 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!

PHOTO DIRECTORIES

We have recently printed another edition of our UUC picture directory. If you would like your picture added or updated, contact Rosemary Leary at 463-4246 or reary207@aol.com. Look for a copy of the directory at the Newcomers' Table on Sunday—requested donation \$3.00 to cover printing costs.