



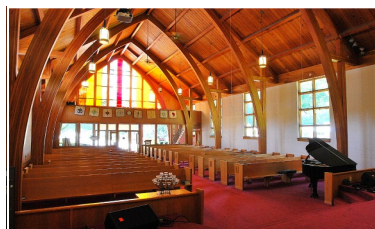
SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP: "WHY I GIVE TO UUC"



DENISE WILSON

"There are lots of things that call for my time, energy, and financial resources, but serving the UU community is a priority in my life. Giving my time and sharing my musical talents are ways to express deep thanks for all of the ways this spiritual community enriches my life. I feel incredibly lucky and grateful to have found a spiritual home shared by so many amazing people. It is here that I've learned what it is like to be part of a loving community—one that shares work, responsibilities, celebrations, personal joys and sorrows, opportunities for spiritual growth, and a determination to make positive change in our local community and our world. I know how much effort and money it takes to sustain a healthy, vibrant church and it can only happen with all of us working together."

Why do you give?



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, September 11 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.

DRONE QUILT PROJECT CO-SPONSORS: LAPC, UU CHURCH, LAFAYETTE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (LAPC), Unitarian Universalist Church & Lafayette Church of the Brethren are co-sponsoring the Drone Quilt Project. Quilts from the Drone Quilt Project will be on exhibit with an opening reception held at the West Lafayette Public Library on **Friday, September 5**. The exhibit will continue through Friday, September 12.

The Drone Quilt Project was created to acknowledge the deaths caused by U.S. drone strikes and to memorialize the victims. As many as 948 civilian deaths in Pakistan alone, including nearly 200 children, have been reported, according to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism. Unidentified victims are remembered through words such as "Unnamed Woman" or "Beloved Grandfather." Others are identified by name. Together, these fabric squares are sewn together by volunteers to create the quilts.

There are four quilts measuring 66 in. X 66 in. that have been created by Veterans for Peace. The Drone Quilt Project is complemented by informational panels, which share information about U.S. drone policy and those it directly affects. It was first shown in Madison, WI in August 2013, and has since traveled to locations in Iowa, Maine, Ohio, Virginia, Washington DC as well as Bloomington, Martinsville and Plainfield, Indiana. "The important thing to remember is that each victim was a human being, with hopes, dreams, plans, friends and family. We hope that the Drones Quilt Project will help us remember that we are all the same—we are not worth more, and they are not worth less. We all have value," said one of the volunteers.

SPONSORS: Lafayette Area Peace Coalition, the Social Justice and Fiber Arts Committees of the Unitarian Universalist Church in West Lafayette, and the Lafayette Church of the Brethren Witness Commission. *For more information contact Amanda Estes: (765) 749-1039, amandamestes@gmail.com. For more information about the quilts, visit www.dronesquiltproject.wordpress.com.*

FAMILY PROMISE

Our week to support Family Promise of Greater Lafayette is from **Sept 7 to 14**. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide service to our community. We are in need of people to cook a dinner, supervise evening activities (called hosting) or spend an overnight in case emergencies arise. Our partner church is Our Savior Lutheran Church at 300 W. Fowler, West Lafayette. Please contact Mike Tripodi at (574) 870-6379 or mtripodi@girtz.com. Thank you.

HONORING OF LONG TIME MEMBERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Be sure to join us Sunday, September 7 for our 65th Anniversary sermon, "65 But Not Retiring." The Unitarian Fellowship was founded in 1949, and evolved to become the Unitarian Universalist Church. Rev. Davis, the Membership and Worship Committees, and congregation at large will honor, express thanks and gratitude to individuals who have been members of this church for twenty-five or more years. Also taking place 9.7.14 will be Potluck Sunday; Membership Class on UU History; and Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery will be constructing a Green Tara Sand Mandala in the sanctuary beginning at 1pm.

DRUMMING & DANCE WORKSHOPS WITH YAYA KABO AND THE ALMA DANCE EXPERIENCE DIRECTED BY ALLISON KODEIH!

circAfrique & ALMA Dance Experience,
featuring West African Djembefola Yaya Kabo.

Workshops- All levels welcome

Sunday, August 31

1- 2:30pm dance workshop

3:30-5:00pm djembe workshop

Unitarian Universalist Church

333 Meridian St.

West Lafayette

Cost is \$15 per workshop, or \$25 for both

Register at circAfrique.com

DRUMMING & DANCE WORKSHOPS

DRUMMING SESSIONS in the West African style facilitated by Sundee Rao and Robin Pickett of circAfrique! Beginning in September, Drumming will meet on each 2nd Monday at 7:30. **The next regular A-REC Drumming Session: Monday, September 8, 7:30 pm in 101/103**—Bring your drum, bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments. **\$10 donation is requested per session.** RSVP & details: <http://goo.gl/2gw2l> or information email info@circAfrique.com or call Suzan Windnagel, 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or CircAfrique!

BUDDHISM DISCUSSION GROUP



If you are interested in exploring Buddhist topics with a newly forming group led by someone who has studied Tibetan Buddhism for 25 years, now is your chance!

Monica Ward will be offering a Buddhism discussion group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month. The meetings will be from 6 pm to 6:55 pm in Room 101/103 (before Monday Meditation begins at 7 pm). The first session was held on Monday, August 18th; **our next session is on Labor Day, September 1.** As Monica states: "The intention for this study group is for a coming together of individuals who want to explore Buddhist topics and learn from one another through readings, videos and discussions. Brief experiential practices such as chanting, guided imagery, music, etc. may also be shared with one another. The topics, materials and practices will be decided upon by group consensus. Participants are free to drop in at any time and should not feel the need to prepare or have read ahead of time. Everyone is welcome to bring materials to share or ideas and questions to explore." If you think this sounds interesting, please join us next on Monday, September 1 at 6 pm for our second meeting. For more information, contact Monica at: strongflower13@yahoo.com. This free discussion group is sponsored by the Adult Religious Exploration Council.

THE GREAT MARCH FOR CLIMATE ACTION COMES TO INDIANA

The goal of the Great March for Climate Action is to change the heart and mind of the American people, our elected leaders and people across the world to act now to address the climate crisis.

On March 1, 2014, hundreds of climate patriots will set out from Los Angeles, CA, walking 3,000 miles across America to Washington, DC, inspiring action to resolve the climate crisis. This will be one of the largest coast-to-coast marches in American history. For more information check out the web site, <http://climatemarch.org/>.

The march arrives in our area in September. Rev Davis plans to attend the event on **Monday Sept. 8 in Indianapolis and Monday Sept. 14 in Hobart.** He would prefer to take 3 people with him each trip so as to reduce his carbon footprint. Please contact him at 765-414-1815 or uurevcharlie@aol.com. If there is enough interest we can form a caravan.

- September 7 & 8, Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, IN (MD morn / eve)
- September 9, Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo IN (MD eve)
- September 11, Unitarian Universalist Church of Muncie, IN (MD eve)
- September 13, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, IN (MD 2:00 - 3:30 pm)
- September 14, Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, Palatine IL (MD morn / eve)
- September 14, First Unitarian Church of Hobart, IN (CB morn)
- September 15, First Unitarian Church of Hobart, IN (MD eve)

ADULT RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION (A-REC)

TIBETAN BUDDHIST MONKS SACRED ART TOUR COMES TO UU WEST LAFAYETTE

DREPUNG GOMANG MONASTERY SACRED ART TOUR VISIT

Visiting Tibetan Buddhist Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in South India, sponsored by the Adult Religious Exploration Council and hosted by the church, will construct a Green Tara Sand Mandala on the sanctuary altar stage from Wednesday, September 3 through Wednesday September 10. **The opening ceremony will be at Noon on Wednesday September 3.**

"The goddess of universal compassion, Tara represents virtuous and enlightened action. It is said that her compassion for living beings is stronger than a mother's love for her children. She also brings about longevity, protects earthly travel, and guards her followers on their spiritual journey to enlightenment.

Green Tara (Sanskrit: Syamatara; Tibetan: Sgrol-ljang), filled with youthful vigor, is a goddess of activity. She is the fiercer form of Tara, but is still a savior-goddess of compassion. She is the consort of Avalokiteshvara and considered by some to be the original Tara. Like Avalokiteshvara, the Green Tara is believed to be an emanation of the "self-born" Buddha Amitabha, and an image of Amitabha is sometimes depicted in Tara's headdress."

You are invited to come and observe the Mandala Construction in the sanctuary during the following times:

Wednesday	September 3:	Noon to 4 pm
Thursday	September 4:	10 am to 4 pm
Friday	September 5:	10 am to 4 pm
Saturday	September 6:	1 pm to 4 pm
Sunday	September 7:	1 pm to 4 pm
Monday	September 8:	10 am to 4 pm
Tuesday,	September 9:	10 am to 4 pm
Wednesday	September 10:	10 am to 4 pm

The Deconstruction Ceremony will begin at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 10 in the sanctuary. A walk to the Pedestrian Bridge for Dispersal of the sand will follow.



A TASTE OF TIBET

Enjoy the flavors, sights and sounds from the country on top of the world; Tibet. Although China invaded Tibet in 1959, the Tibetan people still carry on their unique Tibetan traditions. Our church will be host to the visiting 2014 Sacred Art Tour of North America. **On Saturday, September 6, beginning at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall,** Tibetan Buddhist Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in Southern India will prepare a Tibetan meal for visitors. In addition to serving a delicious meal, the monks will present to the audience a TASTE of Tibetan Culture through chant, debate and dance. **Tickets to the meal and presentation are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students.** Tickets are available now. Please see Jody Tishmack: (765) 414-5788 or soilmaker@mintel.net. During the Sacred Art Tour visit, tickets may also be purchased from the Monks at their merchandise table in the narthex. Space is limited so please purchase your tickets early. Sponsored by the Adult Religious Exploration Council

MONDAY MEDITATION PROGRAM WITH TIBETAN BUDDHIST MONKS FROM DREPUNG GOMANG MONASTERY

On September 8th, the Monday Meditation group happily welcomes the visiting monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery. The monks have been invited to share a Buddhist teaching, chanting, and meditation with us. The program will be free of charge, but attendees are invited to donate to help support the monks' monastery which is located in India (in exile from Tibet) and is home to over 2,000 monks. Please contact Janice Schuster at jrschust@gmail if you have questions.

The program will be on Monday, September 8, from 7 pm to 9 pm in the sanctuary.





Tibetan Buddhist Monks from
Drepung Gomang Monastery
create a
Sacred Green Tara Sand Mandala



Hosted by
Unitarian Universalist Church
333 Meridian Street
West Lafayette, Indiana
September 3-10, 2014
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Opening Ceremony: Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 12 noon

Mandala construction open to the public:

Wednesday Sept. 3 from 1 to 4 pm

Weekdays, Sept. 4 thru 10

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6 & 7

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Watch the monks construct the
Sand Mandala or view it upon its completion.**

Deconstruction Ceremony

**Wednesday, September 10 at 6:00 pm
Procession to the Wabash River following**

