



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: 5 SEPTEMBER 2014

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

65TH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

SEPTEMBER 7
"Sixty-Five But
Not Retiring"

Worship Leader:
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate:
Dorothy Hughes
Sound: Mike Marsh
Fellowship: Team Leaders
Pulpit Preparation:
Nina Kirkpatrick

The Unitarian Fellowship was founded in 1949. It evolved to become the Unitarian Universalist Church. Come learn the history of our movement in the Greater Lafayette region. Members who have been with us for more than 25 years will be honored.

SEPTEMBER 14
"Unitarians and Universalists"

Worship Leader:
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate: Jan Thiel
Sound: Mary Finley
Fellowship:
Nina Kirkpatrick
Pulpit Preparation:
Nina Kirkpatrick
Fellowship: Amy French &
Christine Schertz
Sharing of Joys & Sorrows
"Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves." This is

the fourth UU source. Learn the Christians' roots of these two denominations and how they came to merge in 1961.

SEPTEMBER 21
All Ages Service
"The Transforming Power
of Love"

Worship Leader:
Rev. Daniel Charles Davis
Worship Associate:
Ellen Germann
Sound: Carl Seese
Fellowship: Mark VanMeeter
Pulpit Preparation:
Nina Kirkpatrick

In what ways has this congregation drawn from our second source and become a community of people who confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love?

SEPTEMBER 28
"The Importance of Having a
UU Church in the Lafayette
Area"

Worship Leader:
Dianna Poindexter
Sound: Jason Dufair
Fellowship: Kat Braz
Pulpit Preparation:
Robin Poindexter

A few of the 25 year+ members who were honored earlier this month will share their thoughts.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS:

"RENEWAL INSTEAD OF RETIREMENT"

Our congregation turned 65 this year. For Americans that is the age of retirement. Supposedly this is the age when working ceases and one sits around and does nothing. But that is not the experience of successful retirees. Those who stop doing anything productive often stop living at all. Instead of retirement many people experience renewal. Instead of working for a living people start working for what gives life to themselves and others. This can be true of an institution as well. In the beginning a congregation just struggles to be. As it grows it accumulates stuff like staff and a building. Having a minister or a sanctuary become goals in themselves. Once these goals are reached a congregation has two choices. First, they may choose to enter maintenance mode. This usually results in fear-based planning and a slow decline to death. The second choice is renewal. It reflects upon its history and discerns its purpose for being. Then it re-dedicates itself to that higher purpose and becomes willing to express it in new ways. It is conscious of what it is passing on to future generations. It lives by continuing to give gifts of love.

According to the 1999 ministerial search committee packet, in January, 1949, a group of mostly Purdue faculty met in the home of Dorothea and Raymond Girton. The "Unitarian Fellowship of West Lafayette, Indiana" was established.

Through several name changes we have simply become "The Unitarian Universalist Church" This institution has meant a lot to the region. We have attracted members from as far away as Delphi, Lebanon and Williamsport. We have been a beacon for the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We have done this through worship, forum and religious exploration. Our annual art fair has become a regional expression of creativity and wonder. Our musical programs have created community. Our social justice committee has been a voice crying for freedom across the cornfield of Northern Indiana.

This month we will reflect upon our history and rededicate ourselves to renewal.

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, Bill Welge

- SEPTEMBER 7** Lisa Pantea: *My 24 Year Saga as an Engineer at Evonik: From Riches to Rags*
SEPTEMBER 14 Harry Targ, Professor, Purdue University: *United States Foreign Policy, International Crises and Militarism: Context for the Drone Victim Memorial Project*
SEPTEMBER 21 Peter E. Dunn, Professor, Purdue University: *Research Integrity*
SEPTEMBER 28 Jim Anderson, Irene Stephens, Ruth Ann Ferris, John Wilms: *The American Disabilities Act*

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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Last Sunday, I was honored to be allowed to conduct the worship service. I had a lot of help--Sharon McKnight did amazing music, Eric Thiel provided invaluable technical support, Dan Lybrook made me sound good, and Bill Welge was my "wing man". The title of the sermon was "Kittens and Puppies," and I spoke about the way kittens and puppies not only seem to catch our eye, but how perfectly they are used in advertising. Our youth, during the Time for All Ages, completely illustrated my premise--they knew the names and fact about the baby animals that were shown to them, but struggled to know even one thing about the people behind the photos (and for the record, I don't think Barney Dunning was named after Barney, the big purple dinosaur!).

If it helps you; if it helps you to get to know all about the rest of us in this congregation, think of us as kittens and puppies. In this shelter, this church building, we are the ones who need your support. We need each other for nourishment--both physically and spiritually. We need each other to do good works in the community. We need each other to not only dream big dreams, but to make those dreams come true.

If we carry the "kittens and puppies" analogy further, I encourage us to "adopt" one another. Why? Well, because (and this is how I closed my sermon): "But here's the thing. We're it. The only UU church for miles around. And, this church is here because of you. It is here because you have committed your time, talent, and money toward its existence. This church is here because you want it to be here; you BELIEVE it's important to have this Unitarian Universalist Church in this community. We are here because we believe in this church, in its mission; we come through these doors, we commit ourselves to the Covenant every Sunday, because we believe it. If we didn't believe it was important, the Unitarian Universalist Church on Meridian Street would be gone. Look around you. There is no other place, anywhere, where you will see us all gathered together. There is no other place, anywhere, where you can enjoy the things you enjoy here. Because you contribute, you pledge, our church exists. We don't get funding from anywhere else but here. And our hopes, our dreams for our church depend upon you, and your hopes and dreams. Just as your hopes and dreams for the church depend upon the rest of us. We're all taking a leap of faith together, and as I look around this room, the future is bright.

So thank you. Thank you for being here. Thank you for being here together." Amen

Best wishes,

Gale Charlotte
President, Board of Trustees

NEXT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 9 September 2014

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

WELCOME SEPTEMBER!

We are looking forward to our visit from the Tibetan Monks this Sunday! The kids will have some Buddhist activities to enjoy. We are still in need of two more RE Guides if anyone would like to help out in a classroom one Sunday a month.

Officially, our OWL program, for 7th through 9th graders, has been postponed until Spring.

We will soon be holding a "reorganizing and purging" the RE office party. In hopes of making the transition to a new permanent DRE soon, we would like to have all information and references up to date and easy to find! Please consider helping out when the time is announced.

Thanks again to all guides and subs for making our RE academic school year start off smoothly!

Michelle Miller
Interim Director of Religious Education



SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP: "WHY I GIVE TO UUC"

KAT BRAZ



"I recently came across a card I sent to my grandparents at age 13 that read, "I am still attending mass with the family (even though I am an atheist)." I was shocked at the boldness of this statement and had no memory of writing or sending it. But I do recall questioning the church of my childhood at a young age. My commitment to atheism has wavered over the years. And I still don't have all the answers. But I value contributing my time to sustain a faith community that encourages me to ask questions." ~ Kat Braz

Why do you give?

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. Many thanks to Rosemary Leary, who has donated countless hours of her time to photograph individuals and families and to compile the print copies.

Under Our Roof



New Email Address for Karin Bergman, Office Administrator

As part of our communications overhaul, we have got a new email address for the church office administrator, Karin Bergman. The new address is office@uuctc.org. The old email will still work for now, but the new address allows Karin to check email from places other than her work computer. Please update your address books!

Adding Events and Announcements to this Newsletter

To submit information for inclusion on the church's [Facebook Page](#), [Google + page](#), [newsletter](#), [blog](#), or to have an announcement made before service, [please complete this form](#) (this is an updated form, so it might look a little different if you had used the old Google form). If you need space at the church or want to add your event to the My Church events listing, contact Karin first at uuc@uulafayette.org. [Send feedback to Alice or Karin](#). Thanks!

Communications Survey!

Dear Fellow UU Church Goers,

As many of you know, we've made some changes to our communication practices this last year. We'd like to know if they've made a difference to you. We've set up an online survey to capture your thoughts, if you are willing to share them. (Some of you have seen this survey through Program Council already.) We will also bring computers to church starting Sept 7 so people after Forum and after Service can fill out the survey there if that is more convenient.

Please complete the survey here:
https://purdue.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_b1vZBIk2LN0aXch.

Your responses will be anonymous, unless you reveal yourself to us in your text answers. :-)

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to contact me. Thanks for your help in improving our communications!

Best,

Alice Pawley

friendly UU Webspinner, alicepawley@gmail.com

*Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist
Church
Tippecanoe County*

We are a vibrant and growing
religious people building toward the
future,
yet mindful of the richness of the
past.

We welcome diversity—race,
gender, sexual orientation,
vocation, class, religious origin,
theology, political views, age—and
we affirm that diversity enriches
our community.

Therefore, we welcome you.
We believe that every person
brings gifts into this community
and that we create and sustain
Its living spirit together—

We invite you to join us
in membership— to develop
and offer your gifts,
to grow along with us,
to bring your best visions
and dreams into this place.

To contribute your strengths,
to share your struggles,
to share your path with us.



UU MEMBERSHIP CLASSES, FIRST SUNDAYS, FALL 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 **September 14**. 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!

LONG TIME MEMBERS HONORED 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.

COMMITTEE AND GROUP NEWS: SOCIAL JUSTICE

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.

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

*The theme for Change for Change 2014 is "Helping Our Community." All loose coins in the 2014 Sunday Offering will go to organizations striving to address social justice issues in this area. Our **September/October C4C recipient is Food Finders Food Bank**, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Food Finders is raising funds to build a Food Resource and Education Center which will include a pantry that is open evenings and weekends. In addition to the pantry a curriculum including classes on meal planning, cooking on a budget, and wise shopping will be offered. Healthy eating will be emphasized. In addition to the Food Resource and Education Center, Food Finders must expand their warehouse space so that they are able accept and process more food.*

*The Change for Change recipient for **November/ December is Health Hut**. The Health Hut provides toiletries and laundry detergent to low income families and homeless in Tippecanoe County. The Health Hut is open on the 2nd and 5th Thursday of each month from 11:30-1:00 at First Baptist Church, 411 North 7th Street in Lafayette. The Health Hut provides the following items:*

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, razors, deodorant, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. Sometimes we have feminine hygiene products and diapers.

If you are interested in donating items to the Health Hut, please take them to First Baptist Church on the 2nd Thursday of the month between 9:00am and 1:00pm. If you would like to make a donation, please make out your check to **University Church/Health Hut** and mail to First Baptist Church, 411 North 7th St, Lafayette, 47901. If you have questions, please email healthhuttipp@gmail.com.

LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY (LUM)

SAVE the DATE(S) for HUNGER HIKE!! This year's 2 mile Hunger Hike is **Sunday, September 21st**. There will also be a 5K Run on Saturday, September 20th. Funds raised will benefit LUM's food pantry, Food Finders Food Bank, and St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti ministry. **WILL YOU be on the UU Team?** Look for details below!

Cheryl Fowler

LUM Board Member

Hunger Hike 2014

Registration NOW Open!

Hikers, Walker & Runners NEEDED!

Registration is NOW open for **Hunger Hike 2014**: traditional Hunger Hike 3K Walk on Sunday, September 21 & HH5K Run on Saturday, September 20.

Ways to Participate—Go to www.hungerhike.org to:

- **Donate** directly to Hunger Hike 2014
- Become a **HH5K Run** participant
- Create a personal **Online Fundraising Page**
- Join or start a **Hunger Hike Team**
- Become a **Hunger Hike 3K Walk** participant

Hunger Hike details are as follows:

HH5K Run

Saturday, September 20

9 a.m. – Cumberland Park, West Lafayette

Check-in starting at 8 a.m.

Hunger Hike 3K Walk

Sunday, September 21

2 p.m. – Levee Plaza Lot, West Lafayette

Check-in starting at noon

Hunger Hike benefits Lafayette Urban Ministry's food programs; Food Finders Food Bank, Inc.; and St. Thomas Aquinas' Haiti Ministry.

hungerhike@lumserve.org | 765.423.2691 |

www.hungerhike.org

Go to HungerHike.org TODAY

— and Fight Hunger NOW!



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.

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.

LAFAYETTE AREA PEACE COALITION (LAPC)

The next meeting of the LAPC (co-sponsored by UU Social Justice) will take place on **Sunday, 7 September, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street in West Lafayette Room 101/103.**



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 set out from Los Angeles, CA, walking 3,000 miles across America to Washington, DC, inspiring action to resolve the climate crisis. This is 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)

"YOU CAN'T PUT GOD IN A BOX: THOUGHTFUL SPIRITUALITY IN A RATIONAL AGE." SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2014 12:30 PM, 101/103

Please join us for this discussion with Kelly Besecke, author of "You Can't Put God in a Box." With the loss of religious certainty which prevailed in pre-modern times, some people embraced religious fundamentalism and others shunned religion altogether.

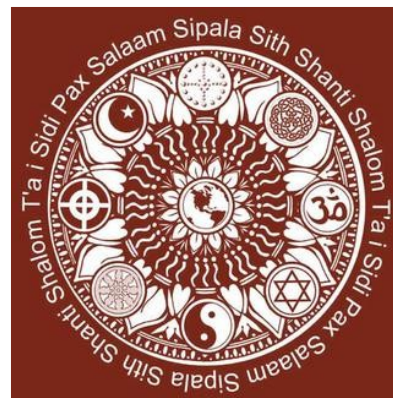
This book focuses on those spiritual seekers who found a "middle way" which draws equally on religious traditions and traditions of reason. They prefer metaphor to literalism and spiritual experience to doctrinal belief.

GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA INTER-RELIGIOUS NETWORK 2014-2015 CONVERSATION CIRCLES

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County will once again host Inter-Religious Network (IRN) Conversation Circles for the 2014-2015 Calendar year on Saturday evenings:

- October 18, 2014, 7pm, 101/103
- January 24, 2015, 6pm, 101/103
- April 11, 2015, 7pm, 101/103

6pm events will include a full meal, typically Turkish cuisine. 7pm events will be less formal on the meal, and we'll have pizza. UU Members and Friends are encouraged to attend and participate. UU will provide the table service; everything else will be brought in. Questions can be directed to Rev. Charlie Davis, uurevcharlie@aol.com. These dinners will also take place at Congress St. UMC; 2010 Congress St.; Lafayette, IN 47905, Rev. Clarinda Crawford. Use west parking lot and doors, go down the stairs.



BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY EIGHT WEEKLY SESSIONS

**Begins September 21, 2014,
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Register with Ellen Germann, ecgermann@earthlink.net
(preferred) or call (520) 245-0182**

Join us for this exciting and thought-provoking course based on the work of Richard Gilbert and facilitated by Ellen Germann. Focused on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this classic Unitarian Universalist adult education program invites participants to develop their personal credos, the fundamental religious beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct the living of their lives. Purchase the BYOT workbook for \$20 or borrow a copy. Location is Room 101/103 at UUC. Limited to 12 participants so register soon!

Building Your Own Theology

Back by Popular Demand

**An Eight - Week Exploration Of Your
Personal Belief System**

BYOT is a program developed by Rev. Richard Gilbert to "provide some tools for building a theology based on materials of individual life experiences". Each person who participates in this exploration will come away with a deeper understanding of what the basis is for her or his beliefs.

Facilitator: Ellen Germann

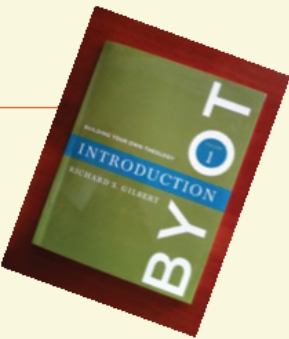
Where: Unitarian Universalist Church
333 Meridian St, West Lafayette
Room 101/103

Times: Sundays from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Starting September 21, 2014

Other: Each participant can purchase (\$20) or borrow a copy of the BYOT book.
Attending is free!

Register: Call or email Ellen Germann at (766) 838-2838 or ecgermann@earthlink.net

*Limited to 12 participants.
So register soon!*



DRUMMING & DANCE WORKSHOPS

DRUMMING SESSIONS in the West African style facilitated by Sundeep 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@circafrigue.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 the 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.

MONDAY MEDITATION

Have you wondered what it might be like to meditate with a group? Here's an easy way to test the waters - come and give it a try with the friendly group that gathers on Monday nights at 7 pm in room 101/103. Monday Meditation is sponsored by the Adult Religious Exploration Council. You'll find more information on the Monday Meditation Facebook page and also at <http://www.meetup.com/west-lafayette-Buddhist-study/>. Contact person is jrschust@gmail.com.

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



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September 5, Friday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

Strolling Singers (S)

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

10:00 AM-4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Construction and Viewing (S)

10:00 AM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at Purdue for Meditation Program Sponsored by Purdue Buddhist Society (Purdue Memorial Union Terrace Room 131)

12:00 PM Meeting (101/103)

6:00 PM Drone Quilt Project Opening Reception, West Lafayette Public Library

6:30 PM PRYSM (102)

6, Saturday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

8:00 AM Zen M

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Construction and Viewing (S)

5:30 PM Taste of Tibet (FH) Tibetan Buddhist Monks prepare visual and gastronomic treats in this cultural event.

Tickets available through J. Tishmack, soilmaker@mintel.net

7, Sunday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

9:00 AM Forum (101/103):

10:30 AM Worship & RE **Membership**

Honors Long-Time Members

11:45 AM POTLUCK SUNDAY!

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery Sand Mandala Construction Viewing (S)

5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (104), Sherry Tripodi, Chairperson

7:30 PM Lafayette Area Peace Coalition 101/103

8, Monday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

Strolling Singers (S)

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

10:00 to 4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Viewing (S)

12:00 PM Meeting

(101/103)

6:00 PM Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (101/103)

7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)

7:00 PM Monday Meditation: Teaching, Chanting & Meditation led by Drepung Gomang Monks (S)

7:30 PM Drumming Lesson, 2nd Mondays each month (101/103) today as visiting Tibetan Buddhist monks are in Sanctuary; S otherwise)

9, Tuesday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

Strolling Singers (S)

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Construction and Viewing (S)

12:00 PM Meeting (101/103)

1:00 PM Old Path White Clouds (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)

7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

10, Wednesday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Construction and Viewing (S)

12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)

2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)

6:00 PM **Tibetan Buddhist Monks from Drepung Gomang Monastery at UU Church. Sand Mandala Deconstruction Ceremony (S) Followed by a Walk to the Wabash River for the Dispersal of the Sand**

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

11, Thursday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

5:30 PM Worship Committee (106)

5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading

6:00 PM Finance Committee (104)

7:00 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (102)

12, Friday

Drone Quilt Project at West Lafayette Public Library 9.5-9.12

Strolling Singers (S)

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

13, Saturday

8:00 AM Zen M

14, Sunday

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): CONSTRUCTION OF DRONE VICTIM QUILT PROJECT SQUARES

15, Monday

Strolling Singers (S)

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:30 PM Writers' Group 101/103

6:00 PM Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (101/103)

6:00 PM Safety Committee (104)

7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH)

7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

16, Tuesday

Strolling Singers (S)

12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

1:00 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103)

6:30 PM The Conversation Project: Financial Planning with Rhonda Walsh Schwab, Edward Jones (101/103)

7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

17, Wednesday

7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson

9:00 AM All Day Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)

12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101/103)

2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)

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

18, Thursday

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

6:30 PM IVOW Dream Study Group (102) CANCELLED

