

## THE LIGHTED CHALICE WEEKL

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



### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA: 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

### SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

- FORUM, 9 AM Harry Targ, Professor, Coordinator, Committee on Peace Studies, Purdue University: United States Foreign Policy, International Crises and Militarism: Context for the Drone Victim Memorial Project. 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" 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. Forum is chaired by Jim Anderson, Tom McConville and Bill Welge.
- SERVICE, 10:30 AM This Sunday, Worship Leader Rev. Daniel Charles Davis presents "Unitarians and Universalists." "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. Today we will also share Joys and Sorrows. Worship Associate: Jan Thiel. Sound: Mary Finley. Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick. Fellowship Team Leaders: Amy French & Christine Schertz.

### **SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

- FORUM, 9 AM Peter E. Dunn, Professor, Purdue University Department of Entomology: *Research Integrity*. Research integrity is often described as a core value and critical personal responsibility of everyone who engages in research or scholarship. But, what is research integrity, why is it critically important, and is it a common occurrence? We will explore the answers to these questions and the processes used to review allegations of potential research misconduct, and consider current trends in mentoring students in the responsible conduct of research.
- SERVICE, 10:30 AM Please join us for this All Ages Service with Rev. Daniel Charles Davis, "The Transforming
  Power of Love." 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? Worship Associate: Ellen Germann. Sound: Carl Seese. Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick. Fellowship
  Team Leader: Mark VanMeeter.

### CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

This is an exciting week for RE! Interviews are taking place in order to hire a new permanent DRE. We look to the horizon of making the transition into a new chapter in RE here at our UU home. The children made play dough mandalas last week and they are stunning. They also learned some centering techniques from Jody Tishmack. Thank you to Jody and Beth Misner for arranging the Buddhist activities for the kids! We are still in need of RE volunteer classroom guides, one for pre-K through kindergarten and one in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Our curriculum this year follows the sermon focus of the six sources. This week we are focusing on the fourth source, concerning Jewish and Christian teachings that tell us to love all others as we love ourselves. We are also having the children create their own personal history timelines in continued celebration of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If anyone is interested in story telling with our children during our "time for all ages," please email me at mille804@gmail.com. *Michelle Murphy Miller, Interim Director of Religious Education* 

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### SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERSHIP: "WHY I GIVE TO UUC"



"I contribute to the UU Church because I believe it is important to support what feeds me spiritually and socially and provides nurturance to others who have interests that are different than mine. I joined this church in 2004 after completing a 2 year search for a spiritual home that fit who I am, and, more importantly, who I wanted to be. Since joining I have been active on several committees, led a fellowship team for two years, and am in my fifth year on the board. In addition to the weekly service, participating in these activities helped me look at myself and the world in ways that have made me a better person. I look forward to continued spiritual and personal development from giving of my time, talent and treasure to this community." ~Dorothy Hughes

Why do you give?



BOARD RETREAT Saturday, 21 September 2014 11:00 am-4:00 pm Board President Gale Charlotte's Residence

### BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2014

Board Meetings take place each third Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 101/103, next on **Tuesday**, **14 October 2014**. Church members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to speak with members of the Board of Trustees regarding congregational questions and concerns. 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.

### Welcome!



### 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, RSVP to Sallie Cooke, Membership Chair, (<u>sallie@frontier.com</u>) one week prior to class, so we have an accurate count for child care.

•EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP: PARTICIPATING AT UUC, WEST LAFAYETTE **5 October.** 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 2 November . 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.
UU HISTORY 7 December. 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.

### 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!

### **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. The directory may also be viewed online. Many thanks to Rosemary Leary, who has donated countless hours of her time to photograph individuals and families and to compile the print copies.

### 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, October 9 at 7:00 pm in Room 104.I** If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, contact co-chairs Joan Marshall, <u>imarshal900@yahoo.com</u>, &Tom McConville, <u>tmcconville1200@comcast.net</u>.

### 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 AREA PEACE COALITION (LAPC)

The next meeting of the LAPC (co-sponsored by UU Social Justice) will take place on Sunday, 5 October, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street in West Lafayette Room 101/103.

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY HUNGER HIKE!!

This year's 2 mile Hunger Hike is **Sunday**, **September 21**. There will also be a 5K Run on Saturday, September 20. Funds raised will benefit LUM's food pantry, Food Finders Food Bank, and St. Thomas Aquinas Haiti ministry. **The goal for our church is to raise \$500 for Hunger Hike 2014**. Please contact Cheryl Fowler **to join the UU Team!** cherylafowler@gmail.com. Look for details below! *Cheryl Fowler, LUM Board Member* 

### Hunger Hike 2014 Hikers, Walker & Runners NEEDED!

Registration is 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 our UU Hunger Hike Team
- Participate in Hunger Hike 3K Walk

Hunger Hike details are as follows:

#### • HH5K Run Saturday, Sept. 20

9 a.m. – Cumberland Park, West Lafayette Check-in starting at 8 a.m.

• Hunger Hike 3K Walk Sunday, Sept. 21 2 p.m. – Riehle Plaza, 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!



### A-REC) & OTHER CHURCH EVENTS

### "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.



### THE GREAT MARCH FOR CLIMATE ACTION WALKS ACROSS NORTHERN INDIANA



The Great March for Climate Action,

organized to promote public dialogue and action concerning climate change issues, began on March 1 in Los Angeles and will end on November 1 in Washington, DC. The epic 3,000-mile Great March for Climate Action came to Indiana on Monday, September 8.

Marchers have been camping in parks, campgrounds, and fields as well as staying in churches, schools, and private homes. They seek to learn at the grassroots level about how people are being affected by the realities of climate change.

The aim of the March is to change hearts and minds concerning climate issues and to encourage local and national policy initiatives based upon the ideas and information gathered during participants' 3,000-mile walk cross-country.

The Great March for Climate Action invites the general public to join the March for one or more Indiana legs. Details of a September 13 Notre Dame program addressing direct action and civil disobedience are pending but can be obtained from <u>cbpeterson@uchicago.edu</u> or 765-586-2686.

Indiana stops include Bourissa Hills Park (New Carlisle), Good Shepherd Montessori School (South Bend), Woodlawn Nature Center (Elkhart), Goshen College, Shipshewana Flea Market and Auction, and the Trading Post Canoe Kayak and Campground (Mongo).

Detailed information about all aspects of the March, including how to join as a Marcher, is available by accessing <u>http://climatemarch.org</u>, by emailing <u>march@climatemarch.org</u>, or by phoning Jared at (515) 306-0835. Climate-related talks by Michael Dowd or Connie Barlow, speaking at locations not visited by the Marchers themselves are at http://www.thegreatstory.org/itinerary.html

Indiana March stops have been organized with much help from Clifford and Lisa Lee Peterson, who will speak to the Fellowship about the Great March for Climate Action sometime after the Marchers leave the state.

The march arrives in our area soon. Rev Davis plans to attend some events and wishes to take 3 people with him each trip to reduce his carbon footprint. Please contact him at 765-414-1815 or <u>uurevcharlie@aol.com</u>. If there is enough interest we can form a caravan.

### WEST LAFAYETTE ZEN GROUP HOSTS DHARMA TALK BY ZEN PRIEST REV. HOSSHIN MICHAEL SHOAF

This Saturday, 8/13, West Lafayette Zen Group will be hosting a dharma talk by Rev. Hosshin Michael Shoaf. Hosshin is a Zen priest and disciple of Shohaku Okumura roshi of Sanshin Zen Community in Bloomington Indiana. The talk will begin immediately after our regularly scheduled period of zazen followed by chanting ending at 9:45 am. It will be held in the meditation room at the UU Church at 333 Meridian St. West Lafayette, IN. Feel free to attend one or two periods of zazen beginning at 8:00 and 8:50 a.m. If you are new to the group, plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the first period for instruction. Please enter through the doors on Smiley Street. If you would like to attend just the dharma talk we will open the doors after chanting as they will be closed during zazen. All are welcome to attend.

### **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, October 13, 7:30 pm in 101/103. Bring your drum, bells, shakers, and other percussive instruments. \$10 donation is requested per session. RSVP & details: <u>http://goo.gl/2gw21</u> or information email <u>info@circafrique.com</u> or call Suzan Windnagel, 765-714-6173 or via Facebook pages for UUC or CircAfrique!



### CONVERSATION PROJECT CONTINUES... RHONDA WALSH SCHWAB: ESTATE PLANNING

The Conversation Project continues with speaker Ronda Walsh Schwab from Edward Jones. She'll address subjects such as Do you need an Estate Plan? How to set the Stage for Planning. The Importance of Using a Team Approach. Key Steps to Financial Success plus will offer 3 Stories of Estate Planning. There will be ample time for Q & A. Come join us for this "no obligation" and "no sales pitch" presentation!

### THE TWENTY MINUTE TUNE-UP CONTINUES!

Please join us for this Taoist Immortal Internal Exercise 6 Week Class taught by Master Jason Argos. The next session **begins Thursday, 2 October 2014, 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**, through Thursday, 13 November, UUC Room 101/103. \$55 for 8 classes, to be paid at first class. Exercise level set for seniors; all ages welcome. During the first 20 minutes Master Argos will guide you through 16 exercises from the book, "Xing Yi Nei Gong" by Tim Cartmell (book is recommended but not required). During the last 10 minutes of each session Jason will share a powerful form of a technique known as bone marrow washing which is performed while standing still; this is thought to deter arthritis. As you become familiar with the 16 movements Jason will share more Nei Gong from his decades of Xing Yi study. Xing Yi and bone marrow washing, brought to China by Bodhidharma, has been passed down from ancient times. Possible benefits of this practice include:

Improved kidney function
Removes toxins and increases bone mineral density
Eases arthritis symptoms
Improved cardiopulmonary fitness

Normalizes blood pressureDeeper, more restorative sleep

Maximizes digestion, reduces appetite, reduces waistline
Improves balance and reduction of falls
Improves immunity
Builds core strength and speeds recovery time
Improves whole body-mind coordination



### **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 is offering a Buddhism discussion group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month. The meetings are from 6 pm to 6:55 pm in Room 101/103 (before Monday Meditation begins at 7 pm). 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." For more information, contact Monica: 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.

### 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 (765) 838-2838 or eogermann@earthlink.net

> Limited to 12 participants. So register soon!

### BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY EIGHT WEEKLY SESSIONS Begins September 21, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Register with Ellen Germann, <u>ecgermann@earthlink.net</u>

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!





#### 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. Tuesdav 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)

19, Friday Strolling Singers (S) 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM PRYSM (102) 7:00 PM Autumnal Equinox Celebration (212/Gathering Circle)

20, Saturday 8:00 AM Zen M

21, Sunday

**AUTUMNAL EQUINOX** 9:00 AM Forum (101/103): 10:30 AM Worship & RE 4:00 PM A-REC: Building Your Own Theology Part I (101/103) 4:00 PM UU Photo Group (101/103)

22, Monday Strolling Singers (S) 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 6:00 PM Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (101/1 6:00 PM Safety Committee (104) 7:00 PM Meeting (anon FH) 7:00 PM Monday Meditation (101/103)

23, Tuesday Strolling Singers (S) 12:00 PM Meeting (FH) 1:00 PM Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 6:30 PM Committee on Ministry (102) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

24, Wednesday Lafayette Independent Deadline Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year (begins sunset) 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM "The Principled Group" Noon Discussion (101 2:30 PM Girl Scout Troop (FH)

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

25, Thursday 5:30 PM Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading (M) 6:00 PM Membership Committee Meeting: Sallie Cooke, Chairperson (104)6:30 PM The Conversation Project Continues..."Palliative Care: Getting Better Medical Care," presented by Dr. Celia May, Franciscan Alliance (101/103)

26, Friday **Rosh Hashana (ends sunset)** Strolling Singers (S) 7:30 AM Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson 12:00 PM Meeting (FH)

27, Saturday 8:00 AM Zen M

> "Far away there in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead." -Louisa May Alcott (author & Unitarian)

"Faith is a commitment to live as if certain things are true, and thereby help to make them so. Faith is a commitment to live as if life is a wondrous mystery, as if life is good, as if love is divine, as if we are responsible for the well-being of those around us... Faith is a leap of the moral imagination that connects the world as it is to the world as it might become." -Galen Guengrich, Senior Minister All Souls Unitarian Church, New York NY



