

# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday Forum 9 a.m.; Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes 10:30 a.m. Nursery and childcare available.

# A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service & Religious Exploration Classes begin at 10:30 a.m Nursery and childcare available

February Worship and Religious Exploration will focus on the second source of the UU living tradition:

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.

#### Sunday, February 1

"Selfies and their relationship to Spirituality"

Worship Leader: Kris Taylor Worship Associate: Michael Lewis

Pianist: Sarah May Sound: Gary Fowler

Fellowship Team Leader: Kat Braz Pulpit Preparation: Michael Lewis

We live in a society increasingly obsessed with the need to be somebody special – to be liked, followed or friended. In this service we'll explore these recent social trends and the implications for spirituality, as framed by Lama Marut in his recent book Be Nobody. Using a backdrop of the teachings of the world's major religions, it may be that being nobody is the path we should choose.

## Sunday, February 8

"Lydia Marie Child"

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Janice Thiel

Sound: Mike Marsh

Fellowship Team Leader: Susanne McConville

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Lydia Marie Child had a profound impact on 19th century Unitarianism. Early in the century she was a nanny for the children of William Ellery Channing and influenced him to write against slavery. Toward the end of the century she wrote books and articles on comparative religion.

## Sunday, February 15

"Susan B. Anthony"

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Sound: Dan Lybrook

Fellowship Team Leader: Kathy Willowoode Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

Susan B. Anthony was an abolitionist and advocate for women. She was undaunted

fighting for justice, believing that failure is impossible.

## Sunday, February 22

"Reflection on Footprints"
Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis
Worship Associate: Bill Welge

Pianist: Sarah May Sound: Gary Mueller

Fellowship Leaders: Josh & Linda Prokopy Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Bert Clever, son of UU member Ingrid Clever, wrote a poem called "Footprints." It begins: "River, come river come wash my burning feet, come river wash my toes, please come river, I need your cool length, your long song now as never before." What footprints will we leave beside the river of life?

## **SUNDAY FORUM**

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

# Feb. 1: Al Schlueter, PhD. Racism: The View of a Former Resident of Ferguson. MO.

A retired chemistry professor who grew up in the Ferguson area about a mile from the area in questions, Schlueter will talk about the shooting. Dr. Schlueter is a member of the UUC and is still very active in the Yellow Springs community.

## Feb. 8: Wally Tyner. Capital in the 21st Century.

Tyner, a Purdue professor, will review Thomas Piketty's book *Capital in the 21st Century*. The book explains why income and wealth inequality have varied over time and across countries. Tyner will offer ideas to deal with the increasing inequality we see today.

Feb. 15 Amy French, Denise Laussade, and Eric Thiel. UU Endowment. Long-time members of the UU Church will discuss the UU Church Endowment fund.

**Feb. 22** Jay Melosh. Comets and the Solar System: Old Ideas and New Exploration. Melosh studies impact cratering and planetary tectonics. His research focuses on numerical modeling of the physics and chemistry of impacts.

## **MINISTER'S MUSINGS**

## **Famous Unitarian Universalists**

The second source of Unitarian Universalism is: "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." For such a small religious movement, we have many influential people in History.

Some of these people are listed at http://www.famousuus.com/

In politics: Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, William Howard Taft.

In arts and literature: Charles Dickens, Herman Melville, Louisa May Alcott, Henry David Thoreau, Beatrix Potter, N. C. Wyeth, Pete Seeger, Christopher Reeve.

Unitarians have been leaders of many progressive social movements:

- Susan B Anthony, women's rights
- Dorothy Dix, advocate for the mentally ill.
- Henry Bergh, founder of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Clara Barton, founder of The American Red Cross
- Mary White Ovington, co founder of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
- Roger Baldwin, founder of The American Civil Liberties Union
- Jane Addams, founder of Hull House in Chicago, mother of social work.

We look to famous people in our history because we believe actions speak louder than words. When we look at our history, we see we have been advocates of compassion and freedom. But we cannot merely admire our past. What will we do to become prophetic women and men who confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love?

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## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

About a month ago, I came to church, but it was a struggle. No, I didn't have to wrestle kids into the car, nor did I have RE supplies to gather; I didn't have any physical excuse. I just felt depressed. Wisely, I knew that getting dressed and getting out of the house would help, so I did just that.

I walked into the foyer and immediately was warmly greeted. I sat down and felt myself relax as the music began. Words were spoken, and by the time the Time for All Ages ended, I remember thinking to myself, "I feel better." It wasn't by magic, but I DID feel different — so much so that I noticed the difference; my mind acknowledged the change.

Wow. Thank you.

Thanks to each and every one of you, for giving me a place to come, for providing music that soothes and words that uplift. Thank you for your smiles and your words of support and care. Thank you for the nourishment you provide and the other gifts you so readily give.

The month of February is a time for warmth in a cold, cold winter. It's National Heart Month, and the color associated with that is red. Yes, red — warm, vibrant, red. Valentine's Day is in February, and schoolchildren are encouraged to reach out to classmates with little cards, to let others know they care. Valentine's Day is also a commercial extravaganza — if you listen to that message, you can buy your way into someone's heart ("Every kiss begins with Kay [Jewelers]").

It's easy to be cynical about the way our feelings about love are manipulated by businesses in the lead-up to Valentine's Day. But I challenge you to think differently. Because, sometimes I feel like every month in our church calendar is February and nearly every day is Valentine's Day. I feel it whenever I walk into the building; not only for Sunday service, but for committee meetings and special events (I know I will feel it on the evening of February 28, when we have our Service Auction). I feel it at potlucks, when it's not just the food that is warming me. I feel it when we all respond to the All Church Call-Out and we're pulling weeds and taking care of OUR building. I feel it when we look at the 2015 Stewardship Campaign numbers and see all that all of you have pledged. I feel it in conversations and in e-mails; the goodness, the warmth is there.

This year, our Endowment Board is going to be educating all of us about the importance of endowments, monetary legacies you leave for our church, to help ensure its continued existence after you're gone. An endowment is a way for you to confirm your love for our congregation will continue into perpetuity.

As I've been writing this, the slogan: "Love. It's what makes a Subaru, a Subaru" has been running through my head. And I keep thinking, "No! It should be: 'Love. It's what makes a UU, a UU!" Because that slogan speaks to me far more than any car advertisement. Unitarian Universalists are worth investing in. The return you get is priceless.

Gale Charlotte

galekchar@gmail.com

# Imbloc Service Celebrates Return of Light

The Winter Solstice Service is such a beloved service that Rev. Charlie challenged a group of earth-centered folk to expand these services year round.

Our first service will be 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6. This date honors the return of the light and the coming of spring. Imbloc marks new beginnings. This is an intergenerational service in which we will meditate on the returning of the light and new beginnings in our personal lives. Light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

## **RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION**

Director of Religious Exploration
Nicole Rice, drenicolerice@gmail.com

## Looking Back:

In January, we explored the themes of resolutions, uniqueness and spreading your light to others around you. We discussed light as a symbol for what guides and inspires you.

## Looking Forward:

In February, the RE classes will focus on the second source, words and deeds of prophetic men and women.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events:

- The February UU fundraiser will be held at Scotty's Brewhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 24. Bring in a flyer and UU will receive 10 percent of the proceeds when you eat at Scotty's. Hope to see you there!
- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, Feb. 22. If you have a February birthday, please take the time to fill out a birthday information sheet (located on the RE bulletin board) and return it to the DRE mailbox. Please let me know if you'd like to volunteer to bring treats to share.
- We are in need of RE guides, subs, workshop teachers, shadows and other volunteers. Please let me know if you are interested. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.
- Please see http://regluu.wordpress.com/ for RE information and updates.
- I have a new e-mail address! Feel free to e-mail me with any comments, questions or suggestions at drenicolerice@gmail. com.

## **February Nursery Schedule**

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# Payless/Kroger Community Reward Program Changes



The Payless Gift Card Program is going away and is being replaced by the Kroger Community Reward Program. Kroger has simplified the program. No more gift cards to reload; instead you simply register your Payless/Kroger loyalty card online. You continue to present your loyalty card for food and out-of-pocket pharmacy purchases. Quarterly we will receive a Community Reward check from Kroger based on the percentage of our spending as it relates to the total spending of all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

The Finance Committee is working to get our application submitted, but our church is already in the list of approved organizations based on our gift card participation. Congregants can go online now to register their loyalty cards. The Finance Committee will also be setting up times during fellowship time following service to assist the less tech savvy members.

To register your Kroger/Payless Loyalty cards:

- Create a Kroger Account at www.kroger.com/ communityrewards
  - 2. If you already have an account choose Sign In
- 3. Enroll your Payless loyalty card. You will complete your Account Summary (profile). Currently the Lafayette/West Lafayette stores do not appear in the Find a Store drop down. This issue has been reported and we were advised to just pick a store.
- 4. Choose our church it is toward the end of the list our account # is 10694.
  - 5. Submit. It is that simple!

Kirsten Reynolds kdreynol@purdue.edu



# 2014 Holiday Art Fair Financial Summary

The 2014 Holiday Art Fair was a big success! The total income from the event was \$9,300. Trudi's Cafe brought in \$3,400, with art sales contributing the remaining \$5,900. The board budgets for \$7,000 in income from this annual event, thus this year's results went well beyond what was anticipated. Results over the previous three years range from \$6,600 to \$8,500.

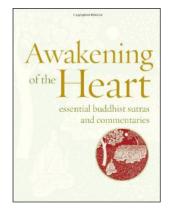
Thanks to all the volunteers, artists and cooks for helping make this year's Art Fair a resounding success. Art Fair turnout is very subject to weather, so this year's success was due in great part to a favorable forecast over the weekend. Mark your calendars for the 2015 Art Fair, Dec. 4 and 5 — fingers crossed for no snow again this year!

Art Fair committee Lisa Pantea, lisapantea@gmail.com

## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

# Old Path White Clouds Buddhist Study Group

Old Path White Clouds
Buddhist study group will
begin a new book selection
for 2015: Thich Nhat Hanh's
Awakening of the Heart:
Essential Buddhist Sutras and
Commentaries. You are invited
to join our discussion group
Tuesdays, 1:30-3 p.m., starting
Feb. 3, in Room 101/103.
Group members are asked to
commit to regular attendance



and will need access to a copy of the book. This group is sponsored by A-REC.

Janice Schuster, jrschust@gmail.com www.meetup.com/west-lafayette-buddhist-study/

#### ONGOING A-REC PROGRAMS

Monday Meditation – 7 p.m. Mondays Buddhism Discussion Group – 6 p.m. first & third Mondays Taiji Qigong – 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading – 5:30 p.m. Thursdays Zen Meditation – 8 a.m. Saturdays Drumming Group Lesson – 7:30 p.m. second Mondays

## **Under Our Roof**

Congratulations to Frank and Heather Arnold on the birth of their daughter, Kiersten Louise, on Jan. 8. Kiersten will join big brother, Devshaan, at home.

It is with sorrow that we share the death of Dave Shelton, husband of Rae Brandt, Jan. 18. Dave honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and worked as a meter reader for Indiana Gas for 38 years. A very kind and patient man who loved to dance, especially line dancing, he had played drums in high school and loved classical, country and big band music. Also surviving are two children; David "Scott" Shelton (wife, Juli) of Plainfield, and Cathy Joann Shelton of Lafayette; three grandchildren, Stephanie Nichole Shelton Wiley (husband, Andrew) of Ft. Wayne, Kevin Scott Shelton of Chicago, and Anthony David "Tony" Shelton (wife, Harley Rene) of Crawfordsville. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis Joann Painter, in September 1978, and eight brothers and sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Mark French lost a sister, age 49. She had been institutionalized for nearly 10 years. She had twin sons, age 16. Mark, Amy and family, we are very sorry for your loss and send our compassion.

Linda LeMar, Pastoral Care Group terramano@comcast.net 743-0665

## Donate services and items to our 2015 service auction!

2015 Service Auction Saturday, Feb. 28, 6-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10, Dinner and childcare provided

This year's Live and Silent Auction is fast approaching. Join us Saturday, Feb. 28, as Amy French will be using Lil' Abner and the hollers of Tennessee as inspiration for this year's menu of black eyed peas, stewed greens, fried apples, corn bread and more.

Make cookies, a meal, babysit, till a garden, make a quilt, donate a week at a condo someplace wonderful, offer up a special skill, or anything else you can contribute. Please donate items for the auction, volunteer to help with the event, or just plan to attend.

And continuing with the Lil' Abner theme, inspiration for the evening is coming from Sadie Hawkins in planning the festivities. Things might get a little "backwards" — hope to see you there!

Julie Rubsam, Julie@rubsam.net, (765) 412-2967



## **UUC Endowment Drive**

The Endowment Committee is undertaking a \$250,000 fundraising campaign. We are looking to build the future of this church through giving today. Endowments provide a great vehicle for this by investing capital and using income from investments.

UUC currently has four endowment funds: The Jean Carlson General Endowment, a building endowment, the Kay Asher Religious Education Fund and the Harvey-Ferris Social Justice Fund. These funds generated almost \$5,000 for 2015. We are hoping that building these endowments will allow the future congregations to build on the work we are currently doing.

If you are interested in contributing to this drive, please contact a member of the committee. And thank you in advance for your support.

The Endowment Committee
Amy French, amy.bolman.french@gmail.com
Denise Laussade, dlaussade@gmail.com
Eric Thiel, eathiel@comcast.net

## **Change for Change**

The Change for Change recipient for January and February is the Tippecanoe Country Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. A child who has been abused or neglected or requires special treatment that can not or will not be provided without court intervention needs someone to advocate for their rights and look out for his or her best interest.

A court-appointed advocate tries to fulfill these needs. The program has grown significantly since 1985, when there were only eight cases in Tippecanoe County in which an attorney guardian ad litem was appointed. By August 1990, the program had 61 cases assigned to a CASA volunteer. Last year CASA represented 340 children with a staff of eight people and 117 volunteers.

Tom McConville, Social Justice

## Food Drive for LUM/St. John's Food Pantry

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a food drive during the month of February in coordination with Lafayette Urban Ministry. Especially needed items are toilet paper, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and canned meats.

Please drop off items in the Fellowship Hall or office area entrance in the boxes labeled "Food Pantry." The building entrance nearest the office is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday but may be closed during lunch, usually 1-2 p.m.

Social Justice Committee
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Joan Marshall joanmarshall3@gmail.com

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



Susan Lopez grew up as an Episcopalian, but she never cared for religions that think they have all the answers. From a young age she thought that any religion that claimed to know precisely why we are here, where we are going and what happens after we die should be avoided at all costs. That's what attracted her to Unitarian Universalism – the fact that most of the UUs she's met don't seem to be overly bothered what you believe in.

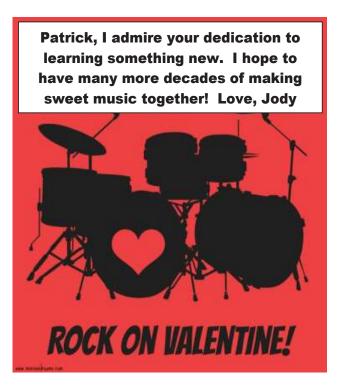
She arrived at our UU church after going through a divorce this past summer. She needed a new community after her old world fell apart, and she knew from past experience that UU churches were generally vibrant places radiating with positive energy – exactly what she was looking for at the time.

Susan is an audiologist at the Lafayette Hearing Center. She moved here with her ex-husband when he took a job at Purdue, and even though she's originally from North Carolina and she and her family have only been here since 2007, this is home for Susan and her children now.

Susan has three children. Sofia, 14, enjoys Japanese anime and manga cartooning as well as ballet. Diego, 11, enjoys Legos, robotics, and machines of all kinds as well as lizards and frogs. Mateo, 8, enjoys Legos and information about deep sea creatures and space travel. They also share their home with an African grey parrot, a bearded dragon lizard, two hermit crabs and two gerbils.

In her free time, Susan enjoys pottery. She has a BFA in ceramics and likes working with her hands. She loves the way the clay feels when she's throwing pots, its malleability and the magic that can transform the surface of a pot in the kiln with the melding of the different glazes.





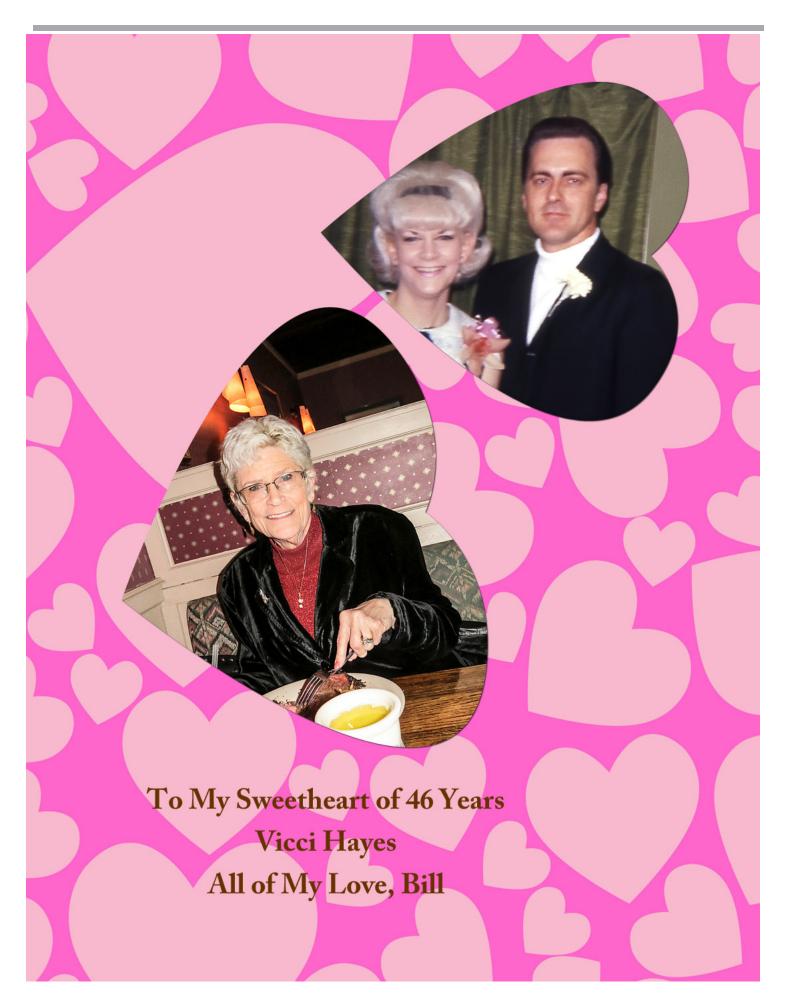


Rob and Emily,
You are my Valentines!
Love always,
Beth / Mama



Members of the Feminist Book Group,

I love reading and discussing books with you all! Best, Beth Hoffmann



## **FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR**

#### 1 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103) 10:30 am Worship & RE 11:45 am POTLUCK SUNDAY Noon UU Membership Class: Discovering Your Spiritual Path (104) 4 pm A-REC: Building Your Own Theology Part 1 (101/103 4 pm OWL (102) 7:30 pm Lafayette Area Peace Coalition (101/103)

#### 2 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH)
1:30 pm Writers Group (101/103)
6 pm Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (102)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

#### **3 TUESDAY**

Noon Meeting (FH) 1 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 5:30 pm DRE: RE Support Team 6 pm Program Council (101/103) 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

## **4 WEDNESDAY**

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (101/103) 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

## **5 THURSDAY**

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting (M) 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL 6 pm Finance Committee (104) 7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

#### **6 FRIDAY**

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 6:30 pm PRYSM (102) 7 pm Brighida Celebration (212) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

## **7 SATURDAY**

8 am Zen Meditation 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

## **8 SUNDAY**

4 pm OWL (102)

9 am Forum (101/103) 10:30 am Worship & RE 11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service 4 pm A-REC: Building Your Own Theology Part 1 (101/103

#### 9 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH)
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)
7:30 pm Drumming Lesson (S)

#### **10 TUESDAY**

Noon Meeting (FH) 1 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 4 pm Girl Scout Troop 1436 5:30 pm Pastoral Care (102) 6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103) 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

#### 11 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

#### 12 THURSDAY

11:30 am SARPHE/Planned Parenthood Lunch and Learn (101/103) 5:30 pm Worship Committee (106) 5:30 pm Zazen Sitting (M) 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL

# 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

13 FRIDAY 7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

#### 14 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

## 15 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103) 10:30 am Worship & RE 4 pm A-REC: Building Your Own Theology Part 1 4 pm OWL (102) 4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103)

## 16 MONDAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY: OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 6 pm Buddhism Discussion Group with Monica Ward (101/103) 6 pm Safety Committee (104) 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH) 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

## **17 TUESDAY**

Noon Meeting (FH) 1 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

#### **Newsletter Deadline Reminder: February 15**

Please submit items for the monthly Lighted Chalice by Sunday, Feb. 15. Items may be submitted by using the online submission form: htp://bit.ly/uuctceventorm2. Please select Article in the Lighted Chalice. You may also submit items by e-mail to lightedchalice@gmail.com. Be sure to include the article title in the subject line, as well as contact information.

#### 18 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong 9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH) Noon The Principled Group (101/103) 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

#### 19 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting (M) 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL 7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

#### 20 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 6:30 pm PRYSM (102) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

#### 21 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M 1 pm Tea Tasting (101/103) 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

#### 22 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103) 10:30 am Worship & RE 11:45 am Birthday Celebration 4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103) 4 pm A-REC: Building Your Own Theology Part 1 (101/103) 4 pm OWL (102)

#### 23 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 5:30 DRE: RE Task Force 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH) 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

## **24 TUESDAY**

Noon Meeting (FH) 1 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103) 4 pm Girl Scout Troop 1436 6:30 pm Committee on Ministry (102) 7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

## 25 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (101/103) 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

#### **26 THURSDAY**

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting (M) 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL 6 pm Membership Committee (104) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

## 27 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong (FH) 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

## **28 SATURDAY**

8 am Zen 6 pm UU Service Auction 7 pm Meeting (anon)