



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

APRIL 2015

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

The worship theme for April is Jewish and Christian teachings.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

“Resurrections”

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis  
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter  
Special Music: Chawla Family  
Sound: Mike Marsh  
Fellowship Team Leader: Susanne McConville  
Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

When all hope seems lost, what lifts your spirit? We will consider answers from Christianity and other traditions.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

“Ecological Evangelicals”

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis  
Worship Associate: Michael Lewis  
Sound: Noemi Ybarra  
Fellowship Team Leader: Kat Braz  
Pulpit Preparation: Michael Lewis

Going green traditionally is associated with liberals. Yet in recent years there has been an increase in ecological awareness amongst evangelicals. Are we willing to transcend theological boundaries to work with potential new partners?

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

“When the Student is Ready, the Teacher Will Appear”

Worship Leader: Dorothy Hughes  
Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter  
Pianist: Sarah May  
Sound: Dan Lybrook  
Fellowship Team Leaders: Beth Misner and Barny Dunning  
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

“Wisdom of the Talmud”

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis  
Worship Associate: Bill Welge  
Sound: Gary Mueller  
Fellowship Team Leaders: Julia Colby  
Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Christians share a body of scripture with Judaism. But Jewish writing did not end with what Christians call the Old Testament. Written in the second through sixth centuries, it gave structure to Judaism after Rome destroyed the temple and the people were scattered.

## 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*

### APRIL 5

“Escalating Inequality” Rev. Charlie Davis, Gail Davis, Martha Gibson, Don Gresham and Kirsten Reynolds will talk about the current UUA Congressional Study Action Issue (CSAI) “Escalating Inequality.” This group of our members recently attended a workshop on this issue at the UUC in Evanston, Ill., and will be reporting on the event.

### APRIL 12

“The Changing Face of News Media” Church member Bill Cannon works for the Lafayette Journal and Courier. He will discuss the changes and trends in covering the news.

### APRIL 19

“Oil: Boom and Bust.” Dr. Steve Hallett is an associate professor in Purdue’s Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture. He has given past forums to our group on the issue of peak oil and energy. He is the author of *The Efficiency Trap: Finding a better Way to Achieve a Sustainable Energy Future.*

### APRIL 26

“Morton Community Center” Director Bess Witcosky will discuss current changes, plans and activities at the Morton Center, which offers recreation programs, classes and special events to residents of all ages. Activities include dance, pottery, euchre, bridge and art classes.



**If spring came but once a century instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all the hearts to behold the miraculous change.**

**- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

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## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

And a happy April to all of you! Yes, I know the old saying, "April showers bring May flowers," but I'm hoping the warmth and sunshine help those May flowers, too, in addition to the dreary, rainy days. That we have arrived at this month means we survived the long, cold winter. Flowers are coming up, as are plants of all kinds (have you checked out the "sprouts" for the Plant Sale? off the Fellowship Hall?). We are happily peeling off layer upon layer and finding we don't have to put them back on again just to go outside (unless you're the 2-year-old who maybe should put on more than your underwear to go to the grocery store).

Our grounds have come through the winter too, and I hope you will join me at the All-Church Clean-up on April 11; we need to peel away some of the layers of leaves and grit that the long winter has left behind. Who knows what we will find spouting underneath?

Yes, we've come through the winter, and I don't know about you, but I feel full of ... promise? potential? energy? I come to our church building and I feel it here, too. Our Building Use Committee is tracking down some promising potential uses for our building — when we are not using it. Our Energy Use Committee is busy plugging holes, checking thermostats and promising more efficient energy use and savings in the future. Our Endowment has been energized by the gifts of many; last I heard, our Endowment Fund had increased by one-third (a tremendous feat, which should give us hope for the future). Our Fun(d) Force continues to energize us by find ways for us to have fun and raise some money at the same time — AND the Force promises more fun activities for all of us in the future.

A few weeks ago, I was honored to be asked to do the Time for All Ages. I was amazed at how many kids there were — all eager to share their thoughts with me! I must admit I was also surprised at how tall some of them were getting — I know I will date myself when I say, "I remember when they were just toddlers!" Looking at all of them and listening to their insights I couldn't help but feel great hope — the potential they are gestating is remarkable. I can't wait to see what the RE program contributes to the Plant Sale; I'm sure there will be some colorful pots just waiting to hold those terrific UU-grown plants. Selfishly, I am hoping for a little UU-crafted yard art (don't tell Karen — she thinks we have plenty already!).

So, happy spring everyone! May your season be as colorful and vibrant as all the Unitarian Universalists in your life!

Gale Charlotte, Board President

I do not think the primary task of interfaith work is to circle religiously diverse wagons more tightly around particular political positions or theological viewpoint.

I do not believe it is the primary purpose of interfaith cooperation to widen what are already deep and dangerous divides.

*I believe the central problem interfaith work seeks to solve is this:*

How are all of us, with our beautiful resonances and our deep disagreements, to share a nation and a world together?

- Eboo Patel, 2013 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly



Tell a friend about Unitarian Universalism.

One of the most annoying things about religion is proselytizing. Many of us have felt uncomfortable when some person corners us and explains why their faith journey is superior to ours. In fact, they do not even ask about your beliefs; they just assume you are in desperate need of what they are selling. Many people come to this fellowship precisely because we have a different way of doing things. It is good that we do not bully people into becoming Unitarian Universalist. It is almost an oxymoron. How do you coerce people to think for themselves? Thus many UUs are silent about their faith.

This silence makes the loud minority of religious zealots seem like a majority. But only half of our nation attends church, and only half of them attend fundamentalist churches. Fundamentalism defines the day not because they are a majority but because they shout the loudest. Our silence is taken for agreement. If we do not break the silence, these ideas go unchallenged.

Let us take every chance to affirm that there is more than one way to be a moral person, more than one way to understand ultimate reality, by politely disagreeing with the politically pious. We show that it is possible to be religious and polite. Continue to ask where is the compassion in their dogmatic religion. Let them know it is possible to love those who love differently. Let them know that there is a tradition that seeks to unite people rather than divide them into the saved and unsaved.

When we meet on Sunday morning we affirm the seven principles. But the words say that we affirm and PROMOTE. By silencing ourselves we make it seem like our fellowship is a dirty little secret. We know that in reality this is a community where people attempt to practice unconditional love. Let us promote our ideals. The more we respect ourselves, the more we will be respected in the world.

## YOUNG ADULTS SPRING CONFERENCE

June 12-14, 2015

The MidAmerica Region Young Adults steering committee invites UU young adults (ages 18-35) from across North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan to join us for a weekend of creative, spiritually engaging community building.

We will enjoy contemporary worship, play, learn, eat and enjoy fellowship together, interspersed with engaging workshops and social justice activities. Registration details on Facebook event page.

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## MEMBERSHIP CLASSES OPEN

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of our church? You are invited to attend a workshop on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. lead by Rev. Charlie Davis.

- 10 a.m. - Introductions and Spiritual Journeys
- 11 a.m. - UU History
- Noon - Pizza Lunch
- 12:30-2 p.m. - Board and committees encouraging involvement

Childcare will be available.  
Please RSVP to minister@uuctc.org.



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## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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### LOOKING BACK

In March, we explored world religions, traditions and holidays such as Bahai, Purim and Maha Shavaratri. We learned about water conservation with Bill Welge and had a youth-led service on gender equality.

### LOOKING FORWARD

In April, the RE classes will focus on the fourth source, Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS AND COMING EVENTS

- Sunday, April 26 Birthday party. If you have an April 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.

- I am beginning to plan RE programming for the summer. Anyone interested in teaching a workshop or helping out, please let me know.

- Please see the RE bulletin board in the fellowship hall and <http://regluu.wordpress.com/> for important RE information and announcements. You can also e-mail me at [drenicolerice@gmail.com](mailto:drenicolerice@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT

**Sunday, April 26, 9:45-10:15 a.m.** Responsive classroom as it relates to the RE classroom (strategies for community building, holding classroom meetings, social curriculum).

**Sunday, May 24, 9:45-10:15 a.m.** Cultivating mindfulness in students.



### CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION LIBRARY

The RE class now has a wish list located on the RE website. Feel free to donate a book to the DRE library. There will be bookplates for donors to fill out. Thanks for helping us build a comprehensive RE library.



April is national child abuse prevention month, and we will be joining the Tippecanoe Child Abuse Prevention Council in painting the town blue with our blue pinwheel garden. The blue pinwheel, which is the national symbol for child abuse prevention, represents the carefree childhood we want for every child. "We all play a role when it comes to the healthy development of our nation's children."

Please contact DRE Nicole Rice for more information on how you can help us plant a pinwheel garden. [drenicolerice@gmail.com](mailto:drenicolerice@gmail.com)

### APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

5 Kate French (Alyssa Dufair)  
12 Amelia Rode (Ben Lincourt)  
19 Alyssa Dufair (Rachel Smith)  
26 Kalina Harden (Kate French)



The Religious Exploration program is currently in the process of recruiting volunteers. Are you willing to be a guide, sub, shadow and/or workshop teacher to support the RE program? Do you have ideas about the things you would like to see taught in the program? Do you want to know more about why others have chosen to volunteer?

There are two RE committees to help DRE Nicole Rice gather information and provide feedback on the activities of the RE program. The committees will generally meet once a month. The current topic of focus is volunteering. If you want to get involved, please consider attending a committee meeting or contact any of the committee members with questions, suggestions or feedback. Nicole Rice [drenicolerice@gmail.com](mailto:drenicolerice@gmail.com)

### RE SUPPORT TEAM

The purpose of the support team is to gather feedback from the DRE, congregation, guides and other interested parties to enhance the quality of the RE program. This group will also facilitate conversations between the DRE and congregation and serve as a sounding board in the event of a conflict.

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### RE TASK FORCE

The purpose of the task force is to help the DRE coordinate volunteers and guides for the RE program, as well as give suggestions and input on RE curriculum and other important information.

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# Calling All Helping Hands



## UU All-church Work Day

Help Us Beautify our Church Yard & Building

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**9:30 - 2      Saturday, April 11**

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### **A Time of Work, Fun, and Fellowship**

Wear old clothes and gloves. Bring tools if you have them - rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, trimmers

For more info, contact Rae Schnapp, [raeschnapp@gmail.com](mailto:raeschnapp@gmail.com) or 714-4829



### APRIL FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar for this month's FUNdraiser event, 4-9 p.m. Thursday, April 23. We will be gathering to create a work of art at Lala Gallery, 609 Main St. in Lafayette. You will have the choice of making a mug or flowerpot for \$18/person. The church will receive 30 percent of the proceeds. You may bring food and beverages. Please RSVP by April 20.

Julie Rubsam  
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### UU GOODWILL CLOTHING DRIVE

Don't take those old clothes to Goodwill yet. Put them aside and save them for the UU Goodwill Clothing Drive in May.

For each bag of clothes we donate, Goodwill gives us a \$5 voucher, which we then give to LUM, Cary Home for Children, the YWCA Woman's Shelter and Family Promise. They look forward to receiving these vouchers each year. Thank you.

---Susanne McConville, mcconville1200@comcast.net

## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### ONGOING A-REC PROGRAMS

- Monday Meditation – 7 p.m. Mondays
- Buddhism Discussion Group – 6 p.m. first & third Mondays
- Drumming (Group/Lesson) – 7:30 p.m. second Mondays. All levels welcome, reserve a drum at <http://goo.gl/Pzur4>
- MCL Dinner group – every Thursday at 5:40 at MCL Cafeteria in West Lafayette, open to all.
- Old Path White Clouds – Tuesdays at 1:30 pm (101/103). People are invited to join at the beginning of each new section.
- Principled Group – 11:30 am each Wednesday. People are invited to join at the beginning of each new selection.
- Taiji Qigong – 7:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Writing Group – first and third Monday at 1:30 in the Forum room. Open to all.
- Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading – 5:30 p.m. Thursdays
- Zen Meditation – 8 a.m. Saturdays



Thanks to all who came with seeds, soil, pots, compost and an eagerness to start spring and help plant a vast assortment of flowers, veggies, and herbs for our Plant Sale scheduled for May 16.

Thanks JJ and Lilly Rode, Beth Misner, Rae Schnapp, Mark VanMeeter, Bill and Grahm Cannon, Ellen Germain-Melosh, Janice Krivchetsky, Nicole Rice and Martha Gipson. There were hundreds of seeds planted that will be nurtured under grow lights at the UUC. In the words of Chris Smither we will have 'Okra, enough to choke you' if all the seeds do well! Thanks again, Lisa Pantea.

## APRIL 2015 CALENDAR

### 1 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
11:30 am The Principled Group (101/103)  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)  
4:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Potluck  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

### 2 THURSDAY

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

### 3 FRIDAY

Good Friday  
7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
6:30 pm PRYSM (102)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 4 SATURDAY

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

### 5 SUNDAY

Easter Sunday  
9 am Forum (101/103)  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
11:45 am POTLUCK SUNDAY  
4 pm OWL

### 6 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (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)

### 7 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 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)

### 8 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)  
11:30 am The Principled Group (101/103)  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

### 9 THURSDAY

11:30 am SARPHE/Planned Parenthood Lunch and Learn (101/103)  
5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)  
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting, Reading (M)  
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 10 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 11 SATURDAY

All-Church Clean-Up Day  
8 am Zen Meditation  
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)  
7 pm Inter-Religious Network Conversation Circles (101/103)

### 12 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
11:30 am UU Talk and Tour following service  
4 pm OWL  
7 pm Lafayette Area Peace Coalition

### 13 MONDAY

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

### 14 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 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)

### 15 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
9 am Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild (FH)  
11:30 am The Principled Group  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

### 16 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Worship Committee (106)  
5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting, Reading (M)  
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL  
7 pm Social Justice Committee (104)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 17 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
6:30 pm PRYSM (102)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 18 SATURDAY

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

### 19 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
4 pm OWL (102)  
4 pm UU Photo Group (101/103)

### 20 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Writers' Group (101/103)  
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)

### 21 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)  
7 pm Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

### 22 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
11:30 am The Principled Group (101/103)  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

### 23 THURSDAY

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

### 24 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
Noon Meeting (FH)  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

### 25 SATURDAY

8 am Zen M  
9:30 am Membership Class (101/103)  
7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

### 26 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)  
9:45 am "Responsive Classroom as it Relates to the RE Classroom" (102)  
9:45 am DRE/Guide Meetings with Team Leaders  
10:30 am Worship & RE  
11:45 am Birthday Celebration  
4 pm OWL (102)

### 27 MONDAY

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

### 28 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)  
1:30 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)

### 29 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson  
11:30 am The Principled Group (101/103)  
2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)  
6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Choir (S)

### 30 THURSDAY

5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting, Reading (M)  
5:40 pm Dinner @MCL  
7 pm Strolling Singers (S)