



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

JUNE 2015

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The theme for the month is the sixth source of the UU living tradition: Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

“Mother Earth”

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis and Nicole Rice

Worship Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Pianist: Sarah May

Sound: Mike Marsh

Pulpit Preparation: Robin Poindexter

Fellowship Team: Mark Van Meeter/Josh Prokopy

An exploration of the goddess and the feminine spirit. How was it viewed in ancient times? What do modern pagans believe?

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

“Father Sky”

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlie Davis

Worship Associate: Kat Braz

Sound: Noemi Ybarra

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Susanne McConville

For Fathers Day, we explore the masculine traditions of paganism. How did they influence Christianity? What traditions are being revived in the 21st century?

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

7 p.m.

“Summer Solstice”

Summer Solstice service will be held in the gathering circle near the playground.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

“The Gift of Wabi Sabi”

Worship Leader: Denise Wilson

Worship Associate: Michael Lewis

Pianist: Sarah May

Sound: Michael Lewis/Dan Lybrook

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Amy French/Christine Schertz

Wabi Sabi refers to the Japanese art of appreciating the beauty in things imperfect and impermanent. Loosely translated, “wabi” refers to simplicity; “sabi” points to the beauty in things imperfect, misshapen, and transient. Because things wabi sabi reveal “honest” natural processes such as aging, blemishing and deterioration, they mirror our own mortal journeys through life. The philosophy of wabi sabi invites us to see the beauty in what is natural, flaws and all—cracked pottery, assymetric heirloom tomatoes, objects tarnished by rust and wear, and our own scars and imperfections. The natural world provides a wonderful laboratory for exploring wabi sabi beauty and finding peace in an imperfect world.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

“The History of Our Building”

Worship Leader: Gale Charlotte

Worship Associate: Kris Taylor

Sound: Gary Mueller

Pulpit Preparation: Nina Kirkpatrick

Fellowship Team: Barny Dunning/Beth Misner

Hear the history of our UU Church’s current building and how that has an impact on us today.

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

JUNE 7

Bill Welge: “Overkill.” An avalanche of unnecessary medical care is harming patients physically and financially. What can we do about it?

JUNE 14

Mark French: “Purdue: The View from 30,000 Feet.” An overview of what Purdue, as a representative of public research universities, actually does, who its customers are and where the money comes from.

JUNE 21

Jon Neal: “Butterflies”

JUNE 28

Betsy Weber: “Recycling Our Stuff”



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

Come join us for the annual all-church picnic immediately following service on Sunday, June 7 at Shelter No. 1 in Happy Hollow Park (in lieu of the potluck regularly scheduled for first Sunday).

Bring a dish to pass; we will supply drinks, hot dogs, cutlery and plates. Bring friends, family, dogs, Frisbees, balls, bats, croquet, whatever to help us have fun! We have the shelter reserved until 3 p.m. Thanks—hope to see you there!

--Mark VanMeeter

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RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

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

Looking Back:

In May we wrapped up the RE semester with a lot of special events and fun activities. We had several spirit circles on topics such as family and gardening. We celebrated our RE volunteers and bridging seniors with a Flower Communion. We took a field trip to explore Lisa Pantea's gardens and "worm farm."

Looking Forward:

In June and July, RE classes will be taking weekly field trips to "RE"discover Indiana. In June, we'll visit the Purdue gardens, Samara house and the Columbian Park Zoo.

Important Reminders and Upcoming Events:

- You are invited to our monthly birthday party on Sunday, June 28. If you have a June 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.

- The June "fun"draiser will be at the Wabash Landing movie theatre, 4-8 p.m. June 10. UU will receive 50 percent of all concession sales.

- 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.

- Interested in becoming a guide, shadow, sub or volunteer? Have a child in RE and want to find out more about the program? Are you a guide who wants to explore interesting and relevant topics for the RE classroom? If so, this session on children's literature and encouraging reading may be for you. Join us 9:45-10:15 a.m. Sunday, June 21.

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

KIDS' SUMMER CAMP

For more information or to register your child(ren), please contact the director of religious exploration, Nicole Rice, at drenicolerice@gmail.com.

Cost:
\$5 per child, per day (except retreat)

Time:
10:30-12:30 (except retreat)

May 17th to June 7th- registration

June 14th- camp kickoff and local farms

June 21st- Samara house

June 28th- Columbian Park Zoo

July 5th- Battleground Park

July 12th- Wabash River cleanup

July 19th- Clegg Gardens

July 26th- Celery Bog

August 2nd- downtown art tour

August 8th and 9th- Camp Tecumseh retreat

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



MEMBER PROFILE: Herschel and Virginia Lewis

Herschel grew up Southern Baptist but started asking questions in his early teens and was an agnostic by the time he graduated from high school.

Unchurched for several years but still a seeker, he finally connected with the Universalists in Chicago.

Virginia's family was not church-going, but at an early age she felt a spiritual calling and attended a fairly fundamentalist church in her neighborhood. She never quite accepted their teachings but still clings to her Christian heritage, while Herschel calls himself a humanist and has no expectation of heaven when he dies.

Herschel and Virginia have been UUs since 1957. They came to our fellowship on Chauncey Hill in 1970 when Herschel took a job at Eli Lilly's Tippecanoe Laboratories. They have been very active in the church for many years. At our Seventh Street location, Herschel served as chair of the Pledge Drive, Stewardship and "Minister Evaluation" committees.

Herschel has been retired for 24 years, and the two of them now live in Lebanon. But they remain faithful to our church and continue to attend as often as time allows.

Herschel and Virginia have three daughters, all of whom became grandmothers in the same year. This included one set of twins. Since then the granddaughters have produced three children of their own for a total of seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

STUDENT FARM OFFERS ORGANIC PRODUCE

The Purdue University Student Farm is currently signing up members the their first online Farmer's Market.

If we sign up for 15 or more memberships we will get our weekly shares delivered to us at church each Sunday.

We can purchase locally grown organic produce online. Farm Share members get to choose from seasonally available, campus-grown vegetables, herbs, and cut flowers. Members can pick the items in their share each week by logging in to an online shopping cart. Order as much or as little as you'd like until the end of the ten week session.

Session I : June 15 to August 20.

Session II: August 24 to October 29.

Cost is \$250 per ten-week session.

<https://www2.ag.purdue.edu/programs/studentfarm/Pages/Farm-Shares.aspx>

MINISTER'S MUSINGS BY REV. CHARLIE DAVIS

WATER

Be aware of water this summer. On August 16 we will be having our water service.

During the summer think about the water you will share with the congregation,

Where did it come from? How clean is it? Can you drink it? Can you swim in it? Can you kayak in it? Can you fish in it?

We encounter many forms of water in our lives. It is the source of Life.

But it is growing scarce. California is suffering a drought. We have been irrigating a desert for years and the desert may be returning. When we buy locally grown food we are less dependent upon food grown in drought stricken areas. What we choose to eat affects our water supply.

Foodstuff	Quantity	Water consumption, litres
Chocolate	1 kg	17,196
Beef	1 kg	15,415
Pork	1 kg	5,988
Butter	1 kg	5,553
Chicken meat	1 kg	4,325
Cheese	1 kg	3,178

Some food with a lower water footprint.

Potatoes	1 kg	287
Milk	250ml	255
Cabbage	1 kg	237
Tomato	1 kg	214
Egg	1	196
Wine	250ml	109
Beer	250ml	74
Tea	250 ml	27

Remember you are what you eat and drink. It makes a difference to the world.

Source: <http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2013/jan/10/how-much-water-food-production-waste>

Please remember to send all church office inquiries to office@uuctc.org.

Messages for Rev. Charlie should now be sent to minister@uuctc.org.

Other e-mail addresses no longer work. People may well still be using the previous email addresses (uuc@uulafayette.org and minister@aol.com), as the e-mail coming into the office has decreased by at least 50%. Thank you!

JUNE 2015 CALENDAR

1 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Writers Group (101/103)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

2 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)

3 WEDNESDAY

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

4 THURSDAY

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

5 FRIDAY

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

6 SATURDAY

8 am Zen Meditation
 10 am Goodwill Collection
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)

7 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 11:45 am Picnic, Happy Hollow Park

8 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)

9 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 5:30 pm Pastoral Care (102)
 6:30 pm Board Meeting (101/103)

10 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon The Principled Group
 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH)
 6:30 pm Blue Moon Rising Chorus (S)

11 THURSDAY

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

12 FRIDAY

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

13 SATURDAY

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

14 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 11:30 am UU Talk & Tour
 Noon Small Group Ministry Committee (102)

15 MONDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Writers' Group (101/103)
 6 pm Safety Committee (104)
 7 pm Meeting (anon) (FH)
 7 pm Monday Meditation (101/103)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

16 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)

17 WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 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)
 7 pm Chalice Circle (102)

18 THURSDAY

11:30 am SARPHE/Planned Parenthood Lunch
 and Learn (101/103)
 5:30 pm Zazen Sitting, Chanting & Reading
 5:40 pm Dinner @MCL
 7 pm Spontaneous Hopeful Monster
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)

19 FRIDAY

7:30 am Taiji Qigong with Lisa Peterson
 Noon Meeting (FH)
 6:30 pm PRYSM (102)
 7 pm Strolling Singers (S)
 7 pm Summer Solstice Celebration (212 &
 Gathering Circle)

20 SATURDAY

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

21 SUNDAY

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

22 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)

23 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)
 6:30 pm Committee on Ministry (102)

24 WEDNESDAY

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

25 THURSDAY

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

26 FRIDAY

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

27 SATURDAY

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

28 SUNDAY

9 am Forum (101/103)
 9:45 am Children's Literature (102, Youth Rm)
 10:30 am Worship & RE
 11:45 am Birthday Celebration

29 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)

30 TUESDAY

Noon Meeting (FH)
 1:30 pm Old Path White Clouds (101/103)