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Speaker Rev. D. Charles Davis  
Associate Bill Welge  
Musician Rev. D. Charles Davis  
Sound Dan Lybrook  
RE Begins in Sanctuary

# Order of Service for January 14, 2018

## Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude** ( followed by a moment of silence )  
Walking Up the Stairway at night (Davis-Davis)

## Chalice Lighting

**I must confess, my friends, the road ahead will not always be smooth.** There will be still rocky places of frustration and meandering points of bewilderment. There will be inevitable setbacks here and there. There will be those moments when the buoyancy of hope will be transformed into the fatigue of despair. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted. We may again with tear-drenched eyes have to stand before the bier of some courageous civil rights worker whose life will be snuffed out by the dastardly acts of bloodthirsty mobs. Difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future. ... When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Let us realize the arc of the **moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.** Martin Luther King Jr. Where do we go from Here

## Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.  
This is our covenant: To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

**Song** 1003 Where Do We Come From?

## Time for all Ages

**Song** 413 Go Now in Peace ( Natalie Sleeth)  
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of  
God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.  
- Christian song of Peace

## Centering

**Sharing peace** (Please turn to your neighbor and say  
peace be with you)

## Offering

**Offertory** Walking up the Stairway at Night (Davis-  
Davis, Instrumental arrangement by Michael Kelsey)

**Responsive Reading** 658 To Risk

**Message** Stepping Through the Darkness

**Song** 210 Wade in the Water

## Extinguish Chalice

This is the way to go through life with a balance, with the proper perspective because you've given yourself to something greater than self. Sometimes it's friends, sometimes it's family, sometimes it's a great cause, it's a great loyalty, but give yourself to that something and life becomes meaningful. -Martin Luther King Jr., Conquering Self-centeredness. 1957

## Unison Benediction

This Service is over. Our Service has just begun. Peace and unrest.

## UU CHURCH STAFF

Rev. D. Charles Davis, Minister  
Nicole Rice, Director of Religious Exploration  
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**UUCTC**  
**Town Hall Meeting**  
**Today, at 12:00 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

# THE MERIDIAN UPDATE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

## **Sunday, January 14th, 9:00AM, Forum**

Speaker: **Steven Starks \* Leo Plomin**

Topic: **Serenity Farm**

There is an immediate need for assistance to those just released from jail or prison. This is even more true for the newly released sex offender. Our purpose is to reduce the rate of recidivism for sex offenders by offering a comprehensive set of services to those who fit our Profile for entry, and choose to stay with us.

## **Sunday, January 14th, 10:30AM, Service**

Speaker: **Rev. D. Charles Davis**

Topic: **Walking Up the Stairway at Night**

Life brings Uncertainty, Sometimes we take risk and we do not know the outcome. Paul of Tarsus wrote that faith is the substance of things hoped for. What helps you step towards your hopes?

## **CALENDAR**

### **JANUARY 14TH-JANUARY 20TH**

#### **Sunday, January 14th**

- 9:00 AM** Forum (101)
- 10:30 AM** Worship & RE
- 12:00 PM** Childcare for Town Hall Meeting (Nursery, 101-103)
- 12:00 PM** UUCTC Town Hall Meeting (S)
- 1:00 PM** Indiana Gluten Intolerance Support Team (IGIST) (101/103)
- 1:00 PM** UUCTC Freezer Meal Interest Group -- (FH & K)

#### **Monday, January 15th**

- UUCTC Office is closed in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Day
- 7:30 AM** Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
  - 12:00 PM** A/A (FH)
  - 6:00 PM** Safety Committee (102)
  - 7:00 PM** Committee on Ministry (Off-Campus)
  - 7:00 PM** Lafayette Insight Meditation Community ( LIMC) 103
  - 7:00 PM** Spiritual Exp Group "AA" (FH)

#### **Tuesday, January 16th**

- 12:00 PM** A/A (FH)

#### **Wednesday, January 17th**

- 7:30 AM** Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
- 9:30 AM** Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (FH)
- 5:00 PM** Lafayette Independent Newspaper (101/103)

#### **Thursday, January 18th**

- 5:00 PM** West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
- 7:00 PM** Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)  
Social Justice Meeting (101)

#### **Friday, January 19th**

- 7:30 AM** Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
- 4:00 PM** Indivisible Greater Lafayette (FH)
- 12:00 PM** A/A (FH)

#### **Saturday, January 20th**

- 7:30 AM** West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
- 12:30 PM** Greater Lafayette Indivisible ( Fh, K, S, 101/103, all Classrooms)

### **Room Legend Key**

S—Sanctuary, FH —Fellowship Hall, M —Meditation Room

#### **Sunday, January 21st, 9:00AM, Forum**

Speaker: **Leigh S. Raymond**

Topic: **Climate Change**

The U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement and what is happening in the United States in terms of policy (and why) that might give reasons for optimism and pessimism about political progress on the issue, including the role of norms and values in those political discussions

#### **Sunday, January 21st, 10:30AM, Service**

Speaker: **Dr. Cornelius Bynum**

Topic: **Black History**



## CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Calendar: Nicole Rice, [dre@uuctc.org](mailto:dre@uuctc.org)

We revisited our goals for strengthening our (RE) community that we developed in August. Check out our ideas below and ways you can help support the RE program in achieving our goals.

### Get to know each other

Mystery Pals- A reminder for all those mystery pals out there: Don't forget to deliver letters on the following dates: 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, and 2/11.

Interview Project- We would love to have more participants in the interview project. If you are interested, stop by room 101/103 from 10:45-11:45 on any of the following dates: 1/14, 1/21/ 2/4 or contact Nicole for more information.

### Have fun

We now have world religion tote bags available for check out. The next check out date is January 21<sup>st</sup>. These totes have fun family activities, stories, games, and resources on the following religions/practices: Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Baha'i, Buddhism, Unitarian Universalism, and Hinduism.

### Support each other

The UUCTC is collecting items for the women's shelter. Please see collection boxes for more details.

More information about February's "Acts of Kindness" project coming soon.

### Show up

RE volunteer training will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. This training is available for current volunteers and people interested in learning more about RE volunteer opportunities.

# NURSERY

Christina Wright

### Life is a Snowflake

Life is a snowflake,  
a free falling star  
A fragile reminder of all  
that we are

A diamond of light,  
a gem in the sun  
A journey of hope  
A new life begun

Born of a raindrop,  
laced by the breeze  
Spinning through space  
dancing through trees

By Charles Ghigna

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UUCTC Town Hall Meeting

January 14, 2018 at Noon

Sanctuary

## UUCTC Social Justice

**Women's Shelter Collection.** ..Some of the items needed are: New towels, New twin size sheet sets, Batteries (AA & AAA), Light Bulbs, Lunch boxes, Plastic Containers with lids and etc. Questions please contact Joan Marshall via email, [joanmarshall3@gmail.com](mailto:joanmarshall3@gmail.com)



- ♦ Have you misplaced a travel cup?
- ♦ Or have a child who can't find their jacket, shoes, or hat?
- ♦ Missing keys?
- ♦ Don't remember where you last had it?

Please Check the Lost and Found area, (closets) located near Forum room.



## Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline

Jan. 15 for the February issue.

## UUCTC Office is closed January 15th



Imbolc Service  
Feb, 2nd at 7PM  
Rm 210

## It's Carnival!



Service Auction  
Saturday, February 24th  
Save the date

Questions please contact Mark VanMeeter ([mvanmeeter@comcast.net](mailto:mvanmeeter@comcast.net)) or Josh Prokopy ([joshuaprokopy@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaprokopy@gmail.com))