



# Lighted Chalice

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## A Calming Presence by Neil Myers

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*The following piece describes how the group began 50 years ago. Its author, Neil Meyers, was one of our founding members; he is a poet and retired professor of English at Purdue*

In the fall of 1967-68, Sanford Goldstein, a Purdue English Professor who also taken two year stints teaching English at the University of Niigata, invited a Japanese Zen teacher he had met there to visit the U.S. and stay in his family's home in West Lafayette.

Sekiun Koretsune Sensei, who taught courses at Niigata in Education & Psychology, though his basic subject was Zen, arrived. He did an undergraduate degree in Philosophy at a Japanese university, then entered Eigen-ji, a Rinzaï monastery, in Kyoto. He was a follower of Hoseki Hisamatsu, a legendary Zen teacher, and a founder of the

'Kyoto School.' This Rinzaï-oriented group was attempting to 'modernize' Zen by re-interpreting it in western terms, emphasizing philosophical approaches rather than traditional practice.

Sensei spent the fall and early winter of 1968 in West Lafayette, introducing many of us to Zen. His presence was startling. He wore his robes everywhere, his manner and his formal talks were lively, witty, learned, unpredictable and often baffling, both because of his love of paradox and his Japanese accent. He spoke frequently at Purdue and in the area at churches, small community gatherings and weekly discussion groups at the Goldstein's house; he

was invited to Wabash, IU, in Chicago, and to MIT in Boston. We found him warm, accessible, enormously intelligent, and fascinating. By the end of his visit, we had been introduced to Zen in an unforgettable way.

In 1970, we invited Sensei back more formally for a year's stay in Lafayette. We had a basic position for him as a visiting lecturer in Fine Arts at Purdue, with courses possible in other departments, wherever there was interest. The Vice-President for Student Services offered a small grant. We were on the way.

When Sensei arrived, he settled in at the Goldstein's, and eventually had

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Uncertainty is possibility.  
 The freedom to grow and to adapt.  
 Life does not always fit the plan  
 When you cling to the plan.  
 The river of life flows past.  
 Live life accept its misfortunes.  
 Let go of hate. It is too heavy a burden.  
 Regrets about what might have been  
 Cloud the visions of what may be.

We delude ourselves with certainty.  
 We define God hoping to make life  
 predictable.  
 But all theologies end in mystery  
 When our prophecies do not conform  
 with reality.  
 Why did this happen?  
 Fate? Damnation? Karma? Luck?  
 Blessing? Coincidence?  
 Unforeseen consequences seem obvious in  
 retrospect.  
 Shame and blame are tempting ribbons  
 to grasp at  
 As we try to put the past in a box and tie  
 it up neatly.  
 But we cannot change the past  
 no matter how many times we edit our  
 memories.  
 We can only change our future.  
 By making the most of the opportunities  
 that lie before us.

Peace and Unrest  
 Rev. D. Charles Davis



We are looking for volunteers for the 2018 fall RE semester. This upcoming year, we will be using our banner to celebrate all of the things that we, as Unitarian Universalists, represent. Please see below and contact DRE, Nicole McCabe, if you are interested in helping to develop workshops on the following topics:

**August**—Welcome and Community

**September**— “Love is Love”

**October**— “Climate Change is Real”

**November/December**— “No Human Being is Illegal”



**RE/Nursery Volunteer Training:** Choose from one of the following dates and times. *Childcare will be provided. Please let [dre@uuctc.org](mailto:dre@uuctc.org) know if that's something you will need.*

**Sunday, August 12th**

9:30-10:15

12:00-12:45

**Sunday, August 19th**

9:30-10:15

12:00-12:45

*Religious Education (RE) Director, Nicole McCabe*

**Feature** Story



# A Calming Presence

*Cont. from Cover*

an office at Purdue where he could do zazen, study, answer mail, interview students, etc. He spoke widely on Zen, handled study groups, and taught a formal undergraduate course in Philosophy on Nishida, a major Japanese thinker who had reinterpreted Zen as a philosophical system. That spring Sensei co-taught an English course, 'Zen & Literature' which was enormously lively as it brought out essential points. When Sandy Goldstein's wife, a Professor of Sociology, fell seriously ill, Sensei took over her course for two months, calling it 'Zen and Sociology' as well as teaching courses in calligraphy, Tea Ceremony and flower arranging. He was impressed by American students and commented often how Zen was moving west. During the last week of his Zen & Literature course, he spent time exploring the intricacies of transferring a great spiritual tradition from one cultural context to another.

The meditation group began that year. Several campus ministers invited Sensei to lecture. Sensei began giving weekly evening talks at the Wesley Center. Initially, simply lecture discussions around a table, but they evolved as he gradually realized, in contrast to contemporary Japanese, Americans were intensely interested in actual practice, particularly in zazen. In the spring

these discussion groups began to incorporate meditation.

Sensei showed us posture and breathing, then, without saying anything about what to do with our thoughts, he had us sit facing the center, Rinzai style, while he rang a bell, then for forty minutes walked quietly before us holding his formal kyosaku straight up in the air. As the semester went on, more and more people appeared. The unexpected happened regularly. He gave us a koan, 'what is your true self'; told us an anecdote of three monks meditating at a sheer cliff edge, and when one fell off, another simply remarked, "Oh he was very careless." When someone was nodding, he made us jump by screaming, "DON'T SLEEP!" then explained quietly that we weren't dealing with daydreaming but with the human soul. What once sounded like a thunderclap was Sensei using his kyosaku to create, for an instant, the loud indoor sound.

Toward the end of his visit, the core group of Sensei's followers converged for weekly meditation. Before he left, we promised to keep the group going. Five to fifteen of us met at the Wesley foundation for about five years. Many were Sensei's former students; gradually others appeared. Eventually we moved to another religious center, then for at

least ten years met regularly at member's homes. There were no announcements; people simply heard about the group, and when interested, joined in.

People from our group began going to other places to study and learn more about other types of meditation from other teachers. During the two years in the early nineties when Masao Abe taught courses in Zen at Purdue, we reconstituted the original group -- Wednesdays, seven-thirty, 40 minute sitting followed by the chanting, and a short reading. We used a room in the basement of University Church and began putting up posters, bought a bell, Xeroxed copies of the four vows, and that was it. At first only a few people would show up, but they were enough. The dharma had legs. We were once more on our way.

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Edited by Dorothy Hughes



# Who's Who at UUCTC

A brief guide informing you of who is the chair or leader of your favorite event

Elected positions, committee, event, and fundraising chairs keep our church functioning on a day to day basis and are also opportunities for fellowship. Interest Groups are social and fellowship opportunities. Feel free to contact anyone on this list to get involved.

## UUCTC Board of Trustee (Elected governing body of our church):

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### Special Event & Fundraising Chairs:

#### Service Auction – February

Josh & Linda Prokopy  
josh@prokopyfamily.com

Mark VanMeeter  
mvanmeeter@comcast.net and

Cindy Krulitz ckrulitz@gmail.com

#### Plant Sale – Late Spring

Lisa Pantea lisapantea@gmail.com

#### Rummage Sale – Late Spring/Early Summer

Dorothy Hughes  
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#### Feast of the Hunter's Moon – Oct.

Jada Haughey  
ladyjada@hotmail.com

#### Stewardship Soup Contest and

#### Talent Show – November

Kim Smith smithkn@gmail.com

#### Art Fair – First weekend in December

Amanda Estes  
amandamestes@gmail.com

#### Jubilee Christmas – December

Jada Haughey  
ladyjada@hotmail.com

### Interest Groups

**Baha'I Exploration**—Bill Baker  
bill@orangecrayon.com

**Bicycling Group**—The group leaves  
fellowship hall at noon on Sundays.  
Nicole Rice dre@uuctc.org

**Book Group**—This group reads a  
variety of different types of books  
and usually meets Sunday evenings.  
Gale Charlotte,  
galekchar@gmail.com

**Family Movie Night.** This group  
gets together for family movie nights.  
Facebook group: UU Families with  
kids. Alison Marquis  
ajmarquis@gmail.com

**Feminist Book Group.** This group  
reads books (mostly fiction) written  
by women authors about strong  
female characters. Men are welcome!  
Usually meets Friday evenings.  
Linda Prokopy,  
lprokopy@gmail.com

**Men's Night Out.** Get together  
with other men to relax and make  
new friends. Men's Night Out meets  
the second Friday of each month at  
7:30. Josh Prokopy,  
josh@prokopyfamily.com and Gary  
Burniske, grburniske@hotmail.com

**Softball Team.** The UU Flames  
Team plays together during the  
spring and summer season and meet  
periodically during the off-season.  
Mark VanMeeter,  
mvanmeeter@comcast.net

**UU Brew Crew.** We get together  
two or three times a year to spend a  
Saturday afternoon brewing beer and  
sharing samples of both our home  
brew and great micro-brewed  
commercial beers.

Josh Prokopy,  
josh@prokopyfamily.com

**UU Movie Group.** This group  
watches movies together at church  
and local movie theaters and gathers  
afterwards to discuss the movies.  
Joan Marshall,  
joanmarshall3@gmail.com

**Wheel of the Year.** Services  
celebrate the history of Pagan  
solstices, holidays and traditions one  
Friday each month. We do not follow  
any one teaching but rather the  
traditions associated with the  
holidays. The services are family  
friendly, Kirsten Reynolds,  
kdreynol@purdue.edu

**Women's Night Out.** Spend time  
with other women to chat and get to  
know each other better. Facebook  
Group: UU Women's Night Out or  
Gale Charlotte,  
galekchar@gmail.com

**YoUung Adult Fellowship Group.**  
A self-led interest group for anyone  
past high school and still a young  
adult - open to anyone. We discuss  
current events, comment on the  
sermons, talk social justice, and plan  
fun outings or events for the group.  
Maxwell Starkey,  
ekstarkey@gmail.com

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the  
service of others.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

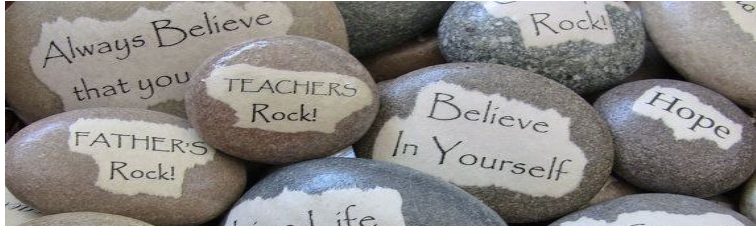


# UUCTC August 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Fall Hours</b> <b>Office Administrator</b> <b>Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Friday 8 AM to 12 PM</b> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM</b> <b>* Effective Aug. 5th to Dec. 18th</b>			<b>1</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)	<b>2</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (101/103) <b>6:00 PM</b> Finance Committee (102)	<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Lammass, Wheel of the Year Outside ( 101/103, Inclement weather)	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> RE Bucket List sUumer Camp <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) <b>11:45 AM</b> <b>POTLUCK SUNDAY!</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Spiritual Experience (F, K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Insight Meditation Community ( LIMC) 103	<b>7</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>6:00 PM</b> Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101)	<b>8</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)	<b>9</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (101/103)	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K)	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>9:30 AM</b> RE and Nursery Volunteer Training <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders)	<b>13</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Spiritual Experience (F, K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Insight Meditation Community ( LIMC) 103	<b>14</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>5:30 PM</b> Pastoral Care (102) <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)</b>	<b>15</b> Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (101/103) <b>9:00 AM</b> Tippecanoe Quilter's Guild(FH, K) <b>6:40 PM</b> Blue Moon Choir Practice (FH)	<b>16</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (101/103)	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:00 AM</b> UUCTC Communication Committee(101/103) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K)	<b>18</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M) <b>12:00 PM</b> Avila Butera Wedding (210, 206, M,S) <b>4:00 PM</b> Avila Butera Wedding (FH,K)
<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>9:30 AM</b> RE and Nursery Volunteer Training <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders)	<b>20</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Spiritual Experience (F, K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Insight Meditation Community ( LIMC) 103	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> UU Safe Congregation Committee (101/103)	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild ( FH, K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Choir Practice ( FH)	<b>23</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (101/103)	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K)	<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Forum (101) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship & RE <b>10:30 AM</b> Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders)	<b>27</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>7:00 PM</b> AA Spiritual Experience (F, K) <b>7:00 PM</b> Lafayette Insight Meditation Community ( LIMC) 103	<b>28</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH)	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>7:00 PM</b> Blue Moon Rising Choir Practice (FH)	<b>30</b> <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Homework Club (FH) <b>5:00 PM</b> West Lafayette Zen Group (101/103)	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH) <b>12:00 PM</b> Meridian AA (FH & K) <b>3:00 PM</b> UUCTC Retreat Set-up (Entire Church) <b>6:00 PM</b> UUCTC Retreat (Entire Church)	<b>1</b> All Day UUCTC Retreat (Entire Church)

# An Awakening...

## A Preview of Forum and Worship



### August 5th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **David Rodriguez**

Topic: **Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery**

### August 12th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Nadine Dolby**

Topic: **TBD**

### August 19th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Jennifer Bushore-Barry**

Topic: **Hartford House**

### August 26th at 9:00AM

Speaker: **Roberta Schonemann & Tom McConville**

Topic: **Lafayette Independent Newspaper**

### August 5th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Gale Charlotte**

Topic: **Words**

We speak them, we read them, we sometimes have to eat them. Let's go a little deeper and see how our use of words has an impact on how we live.

### August 12th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Linda Prokopy**

Topic: **What this UU means to me?**

Linda Prokopy will discuss her journey to Unitarian Universalism, what the UUCTC means to her and her family, and why she volunteered to take on an important leadership role during this time of change for the church

### August 19th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Traveler's Dream**

Topic: **Voices for the Earth: Prophets, Poets, and Everyday People**

The earth is a living being in distress, and her suffering will increasingly become our own. Our planet needs us to help heal its body and bring it back to wholeness. This service will shine a light on the modern-day prophets, spiritual ecologists, creative souls, and everyday people who are speaking and acting for the Earth. The service will include spoken word, poetry, and music from Traveler's Dream (Denise Wilson and Michael Lewis).

### August 26th at 10:30AM

Speaker: **Sharon, Noemi, Linda**

Topic: **Pete Seeger Music Service**

Pete Seeger died in 2014 at the age of 94 following a 75-year career as musician, promoter of traditional music, and steadfast social activist. Sharon McKnight, Noemi Ybarra and Linda Hicks will intertwine Pete's biographical information with his music. Seeger was a Unitarian Universalist



# SAVE THE DATE

Aug. 3 Lammas, Wheel of the Year @ 6 PM

Aug. 7 Program Council @ 6 PM in 1010/103

Aug. 14 UUCTC Board Mtg. @ 7 PM in 101/103

Aug. 15 Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline

Aug. 18 UUCTC will participate OutFest, contact Jack Reynolds for more information

Aug. 31- UUCTC Church Retreat  
Sept. 2 6 PM (Entire Church)



## Lighted Chalice...

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**Submission Deadline is the  
15th of month**



The Pianist Search Committee is looking to hire a Church Pianist for our church.

- This is a paid position to play for the worship service 3 Sundays per month (flexible scheduling) in Sept.-May, and 2 Sundays per month June-August (33 Sundays per year).
- Compensation is set as \$100 per Sunday. Extra pay for Christmas. Opportunities for other paid special events (weddings, funerals). Supervised and evaluated by the Minister.

Please spread the word! We hope to schedule auditions in August.

For more information, talk to Ellen Gruenbaum, Noemi Ybarra, Dianna Poindexter, or Larry Guentert.

Application letters/resumé may be submitted to  
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Pianist Search Committee.

