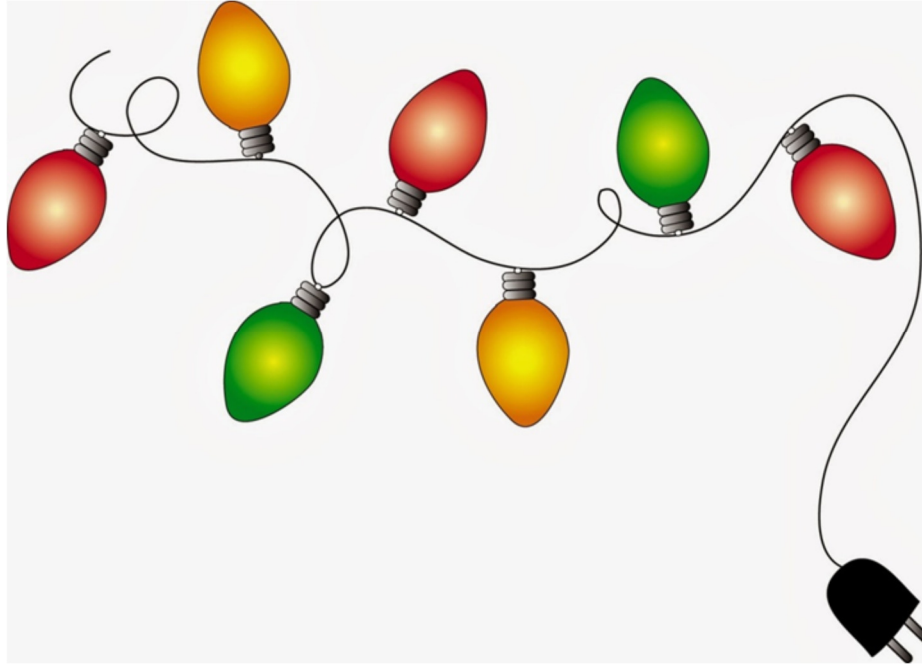




Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County
333 Meridian Street - West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 - uuctc.org

December 9, 2018



Speakers: Gale Charlotte

Associate: Janice Thiel

Music: Janice Brennan

Sound: Jason Dufair

Order of Service for December 9, 2018

Gathering Music

Rejoice and Be Merry Traditional English *arranged by Michael Scott*
Greensleeves ~ Carol of the Bells 16th century English
19th century Ukrainian

Welcome

Prelude Ave Maria Bach-Gounod

Meditation on the 1st Prelude of J S Bach
Violin ~ Kathleen Doolittle

Chalice Lighting from *Beginning Together* by Rev. Libbie Stoddard

Our Covenant

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

Opening Song #360, "Here We Have Gathered"

Sharing Peace (In the spirit of peace, please greet your neighbor.)

Responsive Reading

Meditation on Winter Celebrations By Elizabeth M. Strong

We are in the midst of the season of celebration.
Celebrations: Of the birth of new hope, Of the festival of lights, Of the triumph of freedom.

The darkness of the year is lifting and the time of light grows longer. We have gathered with an anticipation of hope for peace on earth and in our homes.

We have gathered in this season of celebrations seeking comfort to soften the pain and the losses our lives have suffered in the fast retreating year.

We have gathered to worship joyfully within this season of celebrations with the tenderness and love of family and friends around us.

Let us be embraced by the strength and power of this sacred space that we each bring as we create this beloved community.

Let joy and sorrow join in the fullness of our living.

Let the power and strength we embody join us together as we move through the seasons of celebration into a new year with a new vision of hope for peace on earth.

Let us be silent together.

So Be It

Offering

Offertory The Holly and The Ivy Traditional English

Reading *Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem* ' by Dr. Maya Angelou

Sermon "Just Unplug: Holidays are Stressful, But Maybe They Don't Have to Be" Gale Charlotte

Congregational Response

Song #235, "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly"

Chalice Extinguishing from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss: "And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling: "How *could* it be so? It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!" And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore. *Then* the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "*doesn't* come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

Benediction From Rumi: "Come out of the circle of time. And into the circle of love."

Postlude Patapan Burgundian Carol *arranged by Michael Scott*

WELCOME

THE MERIDIAN UPDATE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

Sunday, December 9th, 9:00AM, Forum

Speaker: **Nicole McCabe**

Topic: **Multiculturalism in Education**

Do you love to sing? Or perhaps you play an instrument?

Please come to the sanctuary at **9:45AM** to go learn the hymns and special music for worship.

- Please join our pianist, Janice Brennan, and our invited minister, Rosemary Morrison for some musical fun. —Rosemary

Sunday, December 9th, 10:30AM, Service

Speaker: **Gale Charlotte**

Topic: **Just Unplug: Holidays are Stressful, But
Maybe They Don't Have to Be**

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 9TH-DECEMBER 15TH

Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 AM Forum (101)
10:30 AM Worship & RE
10:30 AM Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders)
12:00 PM UUCTC Congregational Meeting
3:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Concert (S, FH, K)

Monday, December 10

- 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH & K)
7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (F, K)
7:00 PM Lafayette Insight Meditation Community (LIMC) 103

Tuesday, December 11

- 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH & K)
5:00 PM Holiday program practice
5:30 PM Pastoral Care (102)
6:30 PM BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)

7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers (S)

Wednesday, December 12

- 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
7:00 PM Winter Solstice Choir Practice (FH)

Thursday, December 13

- 5:00 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
5:30 PM UUCTC Worship Committee (101/103)

Friday, December 14

- 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH)
12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH & K)

Saturday, December 15

- Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline
8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)

Room Legend Key

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

Sunday, December 16th, 9:00AM, Forum

Speaker: **TBA**

Topic: **TBA**

Sunday, December 16th, 10:30AM, Service

Speaker: **Nicole McCabe and RE**

Topic: **Moving Forward Together: Sharing Protest Stories**

WELCOME



Giving Tree Carnival Fun!



Fun!

Smile



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us For a

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 9th at 12pm

UUCTC Sanctuary

Join Us on

Friday, December 21, 2018

Winter Solstice Service 7PM

No RE

December 23rd, 24th, & 30th

Candlelight Service

Dec. 24th at 7pm

No Forum

Dec. 23rd & 30th

Mark your
calendar!

Join us on Saturday,
February 23, 2019

for a night of food, fellowship and

fun at the annual church Service Auction! Details coming soon.