



# Lighted Chalice

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## Growing a Beloved Community

Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister

This is the second installment in a series of reflections on the book by Tom Owen-Towle called: *Growing a Beloved Community: twelve hallmarks of a healthy congregation*. You may recall this book is this year's Board read, therefore a little time is set aside during Board meetings to discuss the ideas in the book. In the first reflection I talked about how we gather and concepts of hospitality. If you wish to re-read that reflection it is in the September Lighted Chalice. You can access it here: <https://uuctc.org/category-news/newsletter/lc-monthly/>

The third chapter in this little book is called, 'Care for Your Own.' The ideas of hospitality and caring for one another are explored. There were two main ideas that struck a chord with me. One is that, "Both outreach and in reach are obligatory for the full-fledged religious [sic] community: Service to the larger world and care of our own membership." (page 15) In most Unitarian Universalist communities, outreach is often where a lot of the congregational energy is expended. Owen-Towle suggests that UU

Communities need to balance that outreach with caring for our own. If we wish to generate compassion and desire to go out and tackle injustices in the neighbourhood and around the globe, we must first care for one another.

should be thought about and carried out. It is believed that in a congregation with more than about 60 members, the minister must relinquish most of the pastoral care duties to parishioners. There's simply too many for the minister to



At UUCTC there is a wonderful Pastoral Care committee established with Kathy Willowode at the helm. As the congregation goes through this interim period, it is a good time to be exploring and asking questions pertaining to how pastoral care

solely look after without congregational support

The second thing that got me thinking was how this is a matter of stewardship. Stewardship doesn't just mean giving of our financial resources to support the church.

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# BOARD NEWS

Submitted by Stephen Hoffmann, Trustee



The Board of Trustees continues its work in service of the congregation. One of the items high on the agenda is the review of the church bylaws, and the initiation of the work of the Bylaw Task Force.

The purpose and place of bylaws is not always clear to all members of the congregation. The UUA states that “Bylaws hold the highest level of authority of congregational guiding documents.” They are not the day-to-day policies and procedures, or the details of operations of the church. Instead, they are the higher-level guidelines that determine *how* we will make the decisions about the details: who is involved, how much notice is given to the congregation, when does the congregation as a whole need to approve, how do we responsibly manage our financial resources, how do we define membership, how are contested decisions made, how do we choose

individuals for leadership positions, and how do we make sure that all interests and perspectives are heard?

In the Fifth Principle of Unitarian-Universalism, we affirm and promote (among other things) the “use of the democratic process within our congregations.” In many ways, the bylaws are the roadmap for our congregational democratic process.

The bylaws also stand as an important legal document that clearly states to the world what we believe and how we operate, both democratically and financially.

A review of the bylaws is recommended by UUA as one of the early steps in the new minister search process. Potential new ministers will be looking at our bylaws to see how we self-govern, and to see if we have a healthy and collaborative spirit as we all collectively make

decisions for the congregation. Our current bylaws are available at <https://uuctc.org/about-us/our-governance/the-church-and-by-laws>.

Updating the bylaws may sound like a tedious task of bookkeeping and wordsmithing, but it really can have significant impacts on the way that we all make collective decisions over the years. If we have the bylaws right, we can make sure that all sorts of other decisions over the years are made in the spirit of community, transparency, and democracy.

The Board is grateful for the leadership of Christine Schertz on the Bylaw Review Task Force. The other members of the group working on the task force include Gary Burniske, Joan Marshall, Brent Jesiek, Gary Fowler, and Stephen Hoffmann. If you would like to help on the task force, please let us know.

As always, the Board seeks input on all issues from all members and friends of the congregation, and our meetings (on the second Tuesday of every month in rooms 101/103 at 6:30pm) are open to all and welcoming.



# Feature Story

## Religious Exploration (RE) Director, Nicole McCabe

This month our theme is memory. Check out some of our questions that we'll be pondering.



- What are some of your best memories?
- What do you do to remember things?
- Are there any songs that bring back special memories?
- Are there any scents, sights, tastes, or sounds that bring back special memories?
- Does your family have any traditions or special rituals?



## Jubilee Christmas

LUM Jubilee is fast approaching and we are now asking people to purchase toys for children in our host families and to volunteer on the day of Jubilee as hosts, gift wrappers, and kitchen helpers. We are working with the RE program so that our youngest UUs get to play a part in Jubilee.

Please volunteer generously to help us make Jubilee Christmas a happy and memorable experience for all involved. LUM Jubilee is our community's largest Christmas assistance program. Each December, LUM member churches become Jubilee Toy Shops where low-income parents select new toys

and gift certificates for their children. Families also receive food for the holiday meal and various household staples.

This year Jubilee will be at the Church of the Brethren, with help from The Society of Friends. Jubilee will be on Saturday, December 14th.

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Stewardship means ownership, working together toward common goals, and understanding that everything about the congregation belongs to everyone. I have noticed in my time here that there is a narrative running through many of the different aspects of the community. What I hear sometimes is a dis-owning of parts of the whole that make up the congregation. For example, so and so looks after that so I don't need to worry about it. I would like to challenge that thinking and suggest that all parts of congregational life belong to each and everyone who is a member or friend. That doesn't mean everyone needs to volunteer for everything; however, noticing and wondering, asking questions, and getting involved if there is a deficit is everyone's responsibility. This is also true of pastoral care. You may



be the only one that notices a tear in someone's eye during a

service. It's up to you to support and comfort them. In this age of isolation and rugged individualism, let's practice turning toward one another. Let's look toward the centre of the wheel that holds the community, and take responsibility for what we can. It's up to all of us to build a 'Beloved Community.'



# FUN!

**F**riendships    **U**niting for Good    **N**urturing Spiritual Growth

## UU Annual Talent Show & Soup Cook-Off November 16th

- Do you have Souper Skills?
- Can you sing, dance, or act?
- Are you waiting to be discovered?

If you answered **YES**, then bring your talents to the UU Annual Talent Show.

Spend the evening laughing and fellowshiping with the BEST entertainment UUCTC has to offer.

Contact Sherry Tripodi via email at [sherrytripodi@yahoo.com](mailto:sherrytripodi@yahoo.com)

## Chalice Circles

Submitted by Susanne McConville

Chalice Circles provide opportunities for people to learn and grow through honest personal reflection and open-hearted listening. Small groups come together to explore various topics. A trained facilitator upholds the Chalice Circle Covenant, assures safe space for conversation and exploration, and keeps the discussion of the session topic on track.

Life itself is both grand and miniscule. So, too, chalice circle is both intimate and ultimate. Intimate in that it is about our relationship with ourselves and the others in the group, and ultimate in that it is about the relation we have with everything larger than ourselves; our church, community, and world. Exploring the dichotomy of living life with both intimacy and ultimacy in a small group leads to fellowship and spiritual growth. This is our purpose.

Our Chalice Circle program runs October through May of each year. This year we've adopted the format of an open group rather than a closed group. There will be two times to participate: **the 2nd Wednesday, and the 3rd Tuesday of the month, both at 7pm and both in room 102** at the UU Church in West



Lafayette. There is no longer a need to sign up ahead of time, and no obligation to come each month. Come when you are moved to share your own spiritual path with others.

Each session lasts 1 ½ to 2 hours, depending on how many are there. We begin with a chalice lighting and opening words, followed by a time for personal check-in. There is a theme for each month, and you can share your personal reflections or not.

Our Chalice Circle program is designed for members, newcomers, and friends of the church.



# An Awakening A Preview of Worship and Forum

**November 3rd at 9:00 AM**

Speaker: **Randy Myer**

Topic: **Ranked Choice Voting: The Salvation of Our Democracy**

**November 10th at 9:00 AM**

Speaker: **Barny Dunning**

Topic: **Bird Population Decline**

**November 17th at 9:00 AM**

Speakers: **Sheila and Frank Rosenthal**

Topic: **Cycling & Solidarity in Puerto Rico: Report of a Recent Adventure**

**November 24th at 9:00 AM**

Speaker: **Cindy Ebertts**

Topic: **Library**

**November 3rd at 10:30 AM**

Speaker: **Kat Braz**

Topic: **The Creative Heart**

**November 10th at 10:30 AM**

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **Wanting Memories**

**November 17th at 10:30 AM**

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **The Music and Theology of Holly Near**

**November 24th at 10:30 AM**

Speaker: **Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister**

Topic: **T is for Transgender**

November 10th

**NEXT STEPS**

12:00pm 101/103

'As a member or friend of our Unitarian Universalist congregation, have you ever wondered what your next step might be?

Would you like to learn more about how you can make the most of being a Unitarian Universalist? Please join our Interim Minister, Rosemary Morrison, to learn about possible 'Next Steps' in your spiritual/personal journey. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

# Get Ready for Rosemary's Ordination on January 4!

Gale Charlotte

Ordination is one of the most important traditions of our faith. A congregation's decision to ordain someone represents the congregation's faith in, and support for, the ordinand's ministry. Our church has had the honor of ordaining four ministers into the Unitarian Universalist ministry, and they became a part of the greater fellowship of ministers of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

As Rev. Joanna Crawford states so eloquently, "[The congregation draws] out from their midst an individual, acknowledge the calling in their life, and because we are a tradition of learned clergy, often recognize the education,

training, and fellowshiping that has been a part of their preparation. And then they set the individual apart, giving them special authority for ministry. It takes away my breath: not just the transformation of the ordinand, but the transformation of the congregation itself, into this priestly role.

"It is incarnation, as the congregation becomes the body of Unitarian Universalism, of our heritage, our traditions. The ordination will happen to me, but it is not about me. It's about the holy mystery in which we understand

ourselves as a Unitarian Universalist congregation. We do not require an intermediary or higher authority, such as a bishop, to acknowledge the workings of Spirit; we are that authority."

Rosemary's ordination will be a once-in-a-lifetime event for her, and we are pleased she has asked our congregation to be THE church of her ordination. At the last Congregational Meeting, we voted to be her ordaining church. So what will happen at the actual Ordination service? Rosemary will receive a custom-made stole from us: a gift in

to imagine that the service is all about [Rosemary]. But actually, the ordination service is also a recognition of tradition and lineage; of connection to colleagues, to the larger community, to a UU movement with its own history.

"Ordination is a recognition of something beyond that beckons and calls us, and to an entire web of relationships."

In other words, this Ordination Service is a reminder, and therefore an opportunity, for our congregation to recommit ourselves to the larger

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commemoration of this important occasion, and all she has done to bring her to this place in her life.

There will be an ordination service, much like any Sunday service in structure, but more elaborate. There will be lots of religious leaders in attendance, including UU Ministers from Canada and around Indiana and local religious leaders. Their presence is a symbol of the covenant shared by clergy, and the covenant between UU clergy. I quote, "In an ordination service, where a congregation recognizes the individual's call to service, it's easy

UUA community of ministers and congregations. We are not alone, Rosemary is not alone.

We are part of an interdependent web. Sound familiar? After the service, there will be a celebration, with food of course. THE MOST IMPORTANT thing you can do to help prepare for this is to RSVP!! Really. Emailed invitations will be sent soon. It's important to RSVP as soon as you can!

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)	<b>2</b> UUCTC Football Parking Fundraiser Nebraska Game time TBA (parking lot) 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 10:30 AM Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class (101/103, FH) 5:00 PM Democratic Socialists of America (102)	<b>4</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (FH) 7:00 PM LIMC (101/103)	<b>5</b> 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 6:00 PM <b>Program Council (First Tuesdays, 101)</b> 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 4737 (101/103) 6:00 PM <b>UUCTC Choir (S)</b> 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising (FH)	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 6:30 PM UUCTC Membership Committee (101/103 or MO)	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 6:00 PM Guild of The Gods Samhain Event (F, K)
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 10:30 AM Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) 12:00 PM Next Steps Class (101/103) 12:00 PM UUCTC Transition Team (Minister's Office) 1:00 PM IGIST (FH) 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class (101/103, FH)	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (FH) 7:00 PM LIMC (101/103)	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 6:30 PM <b>BOARD MEETING (2nd Tuesdays, 101)</b> 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 5:00 PM <b>UUCTC Worship Committee (101)</b> 6:00 PM <b>UUCTC Choir (S)</b> 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising (FH) 7:00 PM <b>Chalice Circle Wednesday Mtgs(102)</b> 7:30 PM Greater Lafayette ACLU	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 7:00 PM <b>UUCTC Social Justice (101/103)</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 5:00 PM UUCTC Talent Show (FH, S, K, and 101/103)
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 10:30 AM Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) 12:00 PM Congregational Town Hall (101/103) 1:00 PM IGIST (FH,K) 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class (101/103, FH)	<b>18</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (FH) 7:00 PM LIMC (101/103)	<b>19</b> 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 5:30 PM <b>UUCTC Pastoral Care (M.O.)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Chalice Circle Tuesday Mtg (102)</b> 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM <b>UU Safe Congregation Com-</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 9:30 AM Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild (101/103) 6:00 PM <b>UUCTC Choir (S)</b> 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising (FH)	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 7:30 PM Mom Demand Action (101/103)	<b>22</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M) 7:00 PM Blue Moon Rising Concert (F, K, S)
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Forum (101) 10:30 AM Worship & RE 10:30 AM Youth Meeting (6th-12th graders) 5:00 PM 7th-9th grade OWL class (101/103, FH)	<b>25</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 7:00 PM AA Spiritual Experience (FH) 7:00 PM LIMC (101/103)	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH) 7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal (S)	<b>27</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 6:00 PM <b>UUCTC Choir (S)</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 5:30 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)	<b>29</b> 7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K) 12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)	<b>30</b> UUCTC Football Parking Fundraiser Indiana Game time TBA (parking lot) 8:00 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)

# SAVE THE DATES!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type (Rm)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Nov. 17th	Town Hall Mtg.(101/103)	Pastoral Care
Dec. 8th	Town Hall Mtg. (101/103)	2020 Budget
Dec. 15th	Congregational Mtg. (S)	2020 Budget

If you have questions or concerns regarding these meetings, please contact Linda Prokopy, Board President at [boardpresident@uuctc.org](mailto:boardpresident@uuctc.org)

Childcare will be available for all meetings noted above.

**GROWING TOGETHER**



# UUCTC Has Gone Digital!

by the Communication Committee



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or Google Play

<https://bit.ly/2WGhnZO>

We tend to batch our uploads, so it might take us a little while and then we'll upload a bunch at a time.

However, you can always go back and listen to our archive of sermons through your favorite podcast device. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to connect with us in spirit!



# Who's Who at UUCTC

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

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Get  
involved



# Membership Minute

by Kathy Coder

Coffee Hour—Aaahhh . . . It is a great time to check in with friends, maybe reconnect with folks you haven't seen for a while, or maybe it's a convenient time to conduct some quick church committee business. **All good. ALSO good**—Seize an opportunity to take a few minutes to introduce yourself to someone who is unfamiliar to you. That person might be a visitor or someone who is fairly new to the church and would appreciate meeting you or being brought into a conversation with you and others.

Reaching out to someone unfamiliar to us may be a challenge for some of us, but it might be just the personal touch that a newcomer (or relative newcomer) needs in order to start feeling welcome or more “at home” in our midst. And don't hesitate to help widen that person's circle of new acquaintances by introducing that person to someone else, especially if you know someone

who might have some common interests. Let's all help create a welcoming and caring environment at our church. Will you help to “warm up” our coffee hour?



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