

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org

Today, we'll be celebrating all of the different forms of gifts there are in the world. Gifts can be so much more than just objects. See below for some meaningful and creative gift ideas.

Experiences:

- Classes (cooking, art, yoga)
- Memberships (museum, zoo, national park)
- Concert
- Picnic
- Sporting event
- Movie night
- Dancing
- Go for a walk in the woods
- Traveling

Services:

- Babysitting
- Cleaning
- Walking the dog
- Shoveling the snow
- Cooking a meal
- Baking cookies
- Coupon book



Creativity/Homemade Gifts:

- Paint a picture
- Make a video
- Create a song
- Nature collage
- Sculpt
- Write a poem

Memories:

- Photo calendar
 - Recipes
 - Scrapbook
 - Share a story
- Nicole McCabe, Director of Religious Education

NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

In this materialistic society with access to views of others opulence through the media, let's strive to teach children to appreciate what is readily available.

“Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples, and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.” —William Martin



Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

333 Meridian Street - West Lafayette, Indiana 47906 - uuctc.org

December 15th, 2019



Celebrating the Gifts of the World

Director of RE: Nicole McCabe

Associate: Dianna Poindexter

Music: Denise Wilson and Larry Guentert

Sound: Michael Lewis

Pianist: Richard Maddux

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHANGE FOR CHANGE IS CHANGING

Starting in January for a four month trial period, instead of only the change in the collection plate going to Change for Change, half of all undisclosed cash will be going to our designated charitable organization. This means if you put in a ten dollar bill, five dollars will go to the recipient and five dollars to the general revenue of our church. You can still write a check, just put it in an envelope and mark it Change For Change (or C4C). Please also note C4C on the memo line of your check.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE PEW?

Connection cards, that's what! These cards are for newcomers and long time members alike. Fill it in to express a need, if you're wondering about something, or if you are wanting to get more involved. You can drop the filled-in card into the collection plate or in the basket provided on the Newcomers Table by the stairs to the balcony.



Join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation after the service in the fellowship hall!

CONNECTION

— UPDATING INFO
— PASTORAL CARE REQUEST
— FIRST TIME CONNECTING

DATE _____ HE / SHE / ZHE / THEY _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH & PHONE _____

You are *loved* here

How can we grow together?

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

I am interested in....

___ Serving the congregation

___ Small Groups

Order of Service for December 15th, 2019

Gathering Music “O Christmas Tree”
RE, Richard on piano

Welcome *To be Like a Tree* by Carrie Newcomer
read by Nicole McCabe

Blessing
May we open our ears to the cry of the Earth and the many ways she is suffering.
May we reawaken our deep and sacred connection to the Earth and each other.
May we open our hearts to future generations and take responsibility for the Earth we will leave to them.
May we experience a sense of active hope and joy as we live in harmony with the Earth and each other.
— by Denise Wilson

Prelude “What a Wonderful World” sung by Katharine and Julia, with Richard on piano

Chalice Lighting *Come we Now Out of the Darkness* read by Frankie and David

Our Covenant — Lead by Isabela
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 Hymn #163 “For the Earth Forever Turning”
RE and Richard on Piano

Sharing Peace Michelle, Colin, and Ethan
Celebrating the Gifts of the World — Nicole McCabe and Lisa Pantea invite others to share their stories and light candles.

Song “Ode to Joy” and “Jingle Bells” sung by Larry Guentert and youth with bells.

Reading *The Weight of a Snowflake* by Joseph Jaworski read by Kevin Bump and Maya

Offering Paige and Annabel

Offertory “Holiday Medley” Music by Preston on the piano and Margaret on the violin

Poem *Wild Geese* by Mary Oliver, read by Sherry Tripodi

Song “My Roots Go Down” by Sarah Pirtle
Sung by the PreK-5th grade led by Denise Wilson

Message Going Green this Holiday Season by Annabel

Play The Lorax
Directed and Adapted by Lilli and Frankie

Chalice Extinguishing
A Blessing of Darkness and Light by Rev. Amy Zucker Morgenstern, as read by David

Benediction
Be a Branch of the Tree of Life by Norman V. Naylor, as read by Rosemary Morrison

Postlude # 121 “We’ll Build a Land”

The Lorax
Produced by Lilli, Frankie, and Nicole

Cast
Storyteller 1: Preston
Storyteller 2: Margaret
Storyteller 3: Katherine
Storyteller 4: Annabel
Old Once-ler: Lilli
Young Once-ler: David
Lorax: Mike
Child: Frankie
Fish: Maya, Lila, Paige, Sherry
Bears: Desmond, Mike, Kevin Bump
Trees: Alissa, Nicole, Rosemary, Amanda, Natalie, Isabella, Denise
Swans: Ivy, Lilli, Lonna

Props and Costumes: Christine McKee

UU CHURCH STAFF

Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister
Nicole McCabe, Director of Religious Exploration
Janice Brennan, Musician
Maxwell Starkey, Temporary Office Administrator
Christina Wright, Nursery Coordinator

Sunday, December 15th, 9:00AM, Forum

Speaker: **Jim Anderson**

Topic: **Medicare for All: Promises and Pitfalls**

Sunday, December 15th, 10:30AM, Service

Speaker: **Nicole McCabe & the RE Youth**

Topic: **Holiday Program**

CALENDAR

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15TH — 21ST

Sunday, December 15th

9:00 AM Forum, 101
9:00 AM Holiday Program Practice, S
10:30 AM Holiday program, S
12:00 PM Congregational Budgetary Meeting

Monday, December 16th

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

Tuesday, December 17th

12:00 PM Meridian AA, FH
5:30 PM UUCTC Pastoral Care, M.O.
7:00 PM Solstice Choir Practice, 214
7:00 PM Lafayette Chamber Singers Rehearsal, S
7:00 PM UU Safe Congregation Committee, 101/102

Wednesday, December 18th

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong, FH & K
9:30AM Old Tippecanoe Quilting Guild, 101/103
6:00 PM UU Choir Practice, S

Friday, December 20th

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong, FH & K
12:00 PM Meridian AA, FH
7:00 PM Winter Solstice Celebration, FH

Join us for a family-friendly evergreen candle spiral and Yuletide ball. Members of the Blue Moon Choir will lend their talented voices to lead all in singing. Everyone is encouraged to dress for dancing and fun. Wine and food will be served at the ball. The celebration will end at midnight.

Saturday, December 21st

8:20AM West Lafayette Zen Group, M

A LOOK AHEAD...

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM Candlelight Service, S

Candles, music, magi, and the magic of the holiday season! This service will warm your heart and the cookies and hot chocolate afterward will warm your tummy. Make sure this service is on your holiday calendar!



Saturday, January 4th

2:00 PM Rosemary’s Ordination Ceremony, S

Please plan to attend this exciting event! There will be a formal reception after the ceremony. Setup begins at 10 AM.

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICE & FORUM TOPICS

There is no forum scheduled for Sunday, December 22nd.

Sunday, December 22nd, 10:30AM, Service

Speakers: **Interim Minister Rosemary Morrison**

Topic: **Living with Awe and Wonder**

Room Legend Key

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

