



Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County

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

December 29th, 2019



Living With Mystery: Coping in Busy Times

Speakers: Rosemary Morrison

Associate: Kat Braz

Sanctuary Prep: Nina Kirkpatrick

Sound: Gary Mueller

Piano: Janice Brennan

Order of Service for December 29th, 2019

Gathering Music

During gathering music, you are invited to spend time in quiet reflection in the sanctuary.

Welcome

Prelude

Chalice Lighting

Open to Unexpected Answers by Julianne Lepp

We seek our place in the world

and the answers to our hearts' deep questions.

As we seek, may our hearts be open to unexpected answers.

May the light of our chalice remind us that this is a community of warmth, of wisdom, and welcoming of multiple truths.

— Julianne Lepp

Hymn 121 We'll Build a Land

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.

Time for All Ages Kat Braz

Hymn 1003 Where Do We Come From

Reading *Burning the Old Year* by Naomi Shihab Nye
as read by Kat Braz

Sermon Living with Mystery: What Will 2020 Bring?

Speaker Rev. Rosemary Morrison

Hymn 58 Ring Out Wild Bells

Offering

As the collection plate has passed your row, you are welcome to light a silent candle of joy or concern.

Sharing Peace

In the spirit of peace, please greet your neighbor.

Chalice Extinguishing

Eternal Mystery

May we open ourselves ever more fully to that Eternal Mystery which lures us onward toward life and creativity. May we find the courage to live our faith, to speak our truth, and to strive together for a world where freedom abounds, and justice truly does roll down like water.

May we know the fullness of love without fear, and the serenity of peace without turmoil.

May we hold one another in the deep and tender places with compassion, and may we grace one another by sharing our own vulnerabilities, being ever mindful of the divinity within that makes soulmates of us all.

— Carol Meyer

Hymn 100 I've Got Peace Like a River

Benediction

Holy and Generous Love

Go in hope, for the arc of the universe is long and we can bend it towards justice.

go in courage, for together we have the strength to confront injustice in our daily lives and the larger world.

Go in love, because a holy and generous love is both the reason and the means by which we transform our lives.

— Elena Westbrook

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

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 29th, 9:00AM, Forum

No forum today.

Sunday, December 29th, 10:30AM, Service

Speaker: Rosemary Morrison

Topic: **Living With Mystery: Coping in Busy Times**

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 29TH — JANUARY 4TH

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 AM Forum (101)

10:30 AM Worship & RE

Monday, December 30th

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 31st

New Years' Eve

12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)

Wednesday, January 1st

New Years' Day

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K)

Thursday, January 2nd

5:50 PM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)

Friday, January 3rd

7:30 AM Tai Chi Qi Gong (FH & K)

12:00 PM Meridian AA (FH)

2:00 PM Ordination Staging (FH, K, S)

Saturday, January 4th

8:20 AM West Lafayette Zen Group (M)



HOLIDAY CANCELLATIONS

There will be no choir practice until next week. Happy new year!

A LOOK AHEAD...

Tuesday, January 7th

6:00 PM Program Council

Tuesday, January 14th

7:00 PM Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th

Lighted Chalice Submission Deadline for February

Room Legend Key

S—Sanctuary, FH—Fellowship Hall,

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE & FORUM TOPICS

Sunday, January 5th, 9:00AM, Forum

Speakers: **Josh Prokopy**

Topic: **Lafayette Urban Ministry Free Tax Program**

Sunday, January 5th, 10:30 AM, Service

Speakers: **Rosemary Morrison**

Topic: **Gift of New Beginnings**

We celebrate the opportunity to begin anew. What possibility is bubbling up in your life? There will be a Child Dedication Ceremony during this service. Please speak to the Interim Minister if you would like to have your child dedicated during this delightful ceremony.

CHILD AND YOUTH RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

RE Calendar: Nicole McCabe, dre@uuctc.org

Rosemary's ordination will be on January 4th from 2-5pm. Amanda Estes and I will be setting up and could use some assistance from any interested youth. I'm still collecting gift basket items. Contact me to donate.

RE classes will resume on January 5th with a spirit circle celebrating the new year in room 101/103. Volunteers appreciated!

NURSERY

Christina Wright, Nursery@uuctc.org

Genuine compliments can lift someone's spirits. Empty praise is certainly well intentioned and will have a similar effect. Children will learn the value of their character over appearance or belongings if we tend to compliment them more thoughtfully. I found (and appreciate!) this list of suggestions.

- ◇ You light up the room.
 - ◇ Your beautiful laugh is contagious.
 - ◇ You are an incredible friend.
 - ◇ I enjoy your sense of humor.
 - ◇ How creative!
 - ◇ You inspire me.
- Christina Wright,
Nursery Coordinator



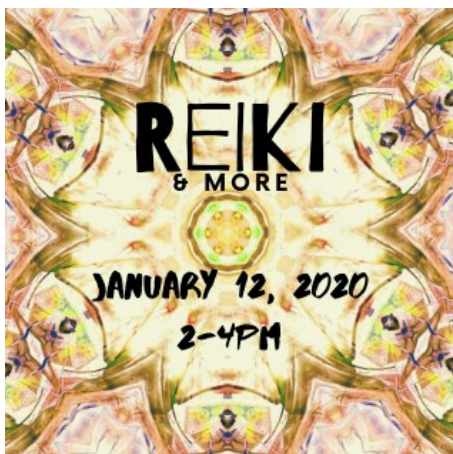

CHILD DEDICATIONS

Sunday, January 5th during service.
Contact Rosemary Morrison, Interim Minister if you are interested!
ministere@uuctc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Reiki is a form of alternative medicine called energy healing. Reiki practitioners use a technique called

palm healing or hands-on healing through which a "universal energy" is said to be transferred through the palms of the practitioner to the patient in order to encourage emotional or physical healing. This will be a group



Join us for coffee and conversation in the fellowship hall after the



Reminder:
there will be no potluck on Sunday, January 5th due to Rosemary's ordination ceremony the