

THE LIGHTED CHALICE



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

West Lafayette, Indiana



April 2008

*Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.
Childcare provided*

April 6

“Redemption is Not a Four-Letter Word”

Speaker: Rev. Carolyn Brown
UU Church of Evansville, IN
Worship Associate: Kat Braz
Pianist: Peg Black
Sound Operator: Dan Lybrook

April 13

“The Problem with Creeds”

Speaker: Rev. Dennis McCarty
UU Congregation of Columbus, IN
Worship Associate: Martha Gipson
Pianist: Peg Black
Sound Operator: Mike Marsh

April 20

“The Real Poop: An Animal Blessing”*

Speaker: Rev. Hilary Landau Krivchenia
Worship Associates: All Members of the Music
and Worship Committee
Pianist: Peg Black
Sound Operator: Sharon McKnight

April 27

“Ego, Echo, and Honor”

Speaker: Rev. Hilary Landau Krivchenia
Worship Associate: Janice Thiel
Pianist: TBA
Sound Operator: Carl Seese

**Bring your pets – leashed, caged, or crated.
Since we are celebrating sacrament, not excrement, we
ask that you practice right relations and scoop your
own (pet’s) poop. In case of rain, we will have our
service in the Fellowship Hall.*

Covenant of Right Relations Workshop

The entire congregation is invited and encouraged to participate in an upcoming Covenant of Right Relations Workshop on **Saturday, May 3** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

A Covenant of Right Relations is a document that we will create together for the purpose of outlining basic guidelines for mutually respectful interactions within our community, in the spirit of promoting the inherent worth and dignity of all persons.

The workshop will be led by Cheri Cody, who is a trained lay consultant for congregations wishing to enter into a covenant of right relations. The goal will be to create the covenant during this full-day workshop.

Enclosed in the newsletter is a one-page summary of the benefits of behavioral covenant, which is described as a “written document developed by leaders, agreed to and owned by its creators, and practiced on a daily basis as a spiritual discipline.”

Please join us as we move forward with this important covenant-writing process.

*Kelly Earnst, Gary Fowler, Gale Kuam, and
Malcolm Easter, Committee on Ministry*

**Next newsletter deadline:
Sunday, April 27 at Noon
Covering May 2008**

Place items in newsletter mailbox or email
lightedchalice@yahoo.com.

*This issue was prepared and printed by
Celia Hartley.*

Minister's Musings

April showers, they say, bring May flowers. This is a time of showers and transitions here – for this congregation.

Transition is the process by which change happens, with grace or grasping, with optimism or opportunism.

The space, this new building, it turns out, is only a space – it is the quality of care, mindfulness, mutual respect, decent honesty, and shared hope that will determine whether the congregation will emerge as a growing, thriving, visionary, lovingly-covenanted community of seekers, or a collection of self-interested parties holding their own agendas against all resistance.

This is a young congregation, but the challenges that you face call for collective maturity – for giving up the “me” for the “we.” This takes time. But fortunately, you have taken some important steps already to use the time well.

The Covenant of Right Relations will enable this beloved community to set the tone for further dialogue. You will shape together the way in which you hope to be together, and then to hold one another to that way. You will come together as a more intentional community and this will make the way for a stronger and more loving congregation than ever. I hope that you bring your best selves to it, and ask the best of one another.

I hope that you don't attend expecting that someone Else needs to change – but not you – because every person will have the chance to learn and grow, and the strength of the congregation in the future will completely depend upon how firmly you hold yourselves and one another to the very best model of Right Relations that you can shape.

The Board and Committee on Ministry have been reading a book called *Behavioral Covenants in Congregations* by Gil Rendle – admittedly not a title with great cachet. But it's a good book and if you ask a Board member, they will lend you their copy. Although the book does not give a cookie-cutter answer and it's written for mainstream Protestant congregations,

the truth is that human groups act very much the same. You may even recognize yourself in there. I celebrate that this workshop will come and bring healing and new ways of being. It is a tremendous opportunity.

In the meantime, I have a few more months here. I will be here for all but the first week of April. Then I will be here for all but May 19-23, when I will be attending a Homiletics Festival in

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Minneapolis. And then I will be here for all of June, except for a portion of General Assembly. I don't plan to attend the entire thing this year, but it is a great year for members here to go and learn together. I will be on call, as usual, through the month of July.

My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 1. We will have Flower Communion that day. It's always been one of my favorite Sundays as I give flowers to so many people as they come forward. It's a way that you honor one another by bringing flowers to each other. But it becomes a way that I am also able to give you each a blossom – one that reflects how you blossom in my heart.

The remainder of my time will be reserved for connecting, for lunch, for breakfast, for pastoral care and administrative loose ends. There will be time for visiting and saying the important things.

It's hard. I'm grateful to be here a little while longer – to ease the transitions for us all and to remind you of the strength, vision, and wisdom you can find in one another. To remind us all that after the torrent of spring rain comes the flowering. Each year, it is a season of faith. This year, more than ever.

Rev. Hilary

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will return to its regular schedule and hold its **April meeting on Thursday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in Room 101/103. Everyone is invited to join us and share your vision for social justice projects at the UU.

In addition, the congregation and community are invited to attend a showing of *Sicko*, Michael Moore's film about the health care industry. This will take place on **Sunday, April 6, in Room 101/103 at 4:00 p.m.**, followed by pizza and a **physician-led discussion (6:30 p.m.)**. The film is two hours long. If you have already seen the movie, you can choose to come for the discussion only.

Everyone is welcome!

Jean Tynner

Service Auction Information

Apologies. In cleaning up and cashing out the auction, I inadvertently lost the list of silent auction winners. While I would normally have sent out thank-you notes to everyone who had an item in the silent auction, letting them know who purchased their offering and the price, I was unable to do this. I really do appreciate everyone's generous donations!

If you purchased a "service" in the silent auction, you will need to let the donor know that you are the purchaser. This is for such items as computer help, CPR classes, massages, etc.

Thank you to everyone who made the auction a success this year! I can only offer my apologies for my mistake in tracking purchases. I am sorry.

Amy French

Vision and Mission and Naming Initiative

Last spring, we spent time together as a congregation examining our mission statement to see if it fully reflected who we are and what we value as a religious community. We also considered the possibility of changing our name, and many of us suggested names for our new church on Meridian Street.

You may wonder what has transpired since we engaged in this activity. The committee overseeing this process (John Carlson, Charles Coley, Barny Dunning, Gary Fowler, Rev. Hilary Krivchenia, and Joan Marshall) planned to re-visit the task once we had settled into our new location, which would be about now.

In the meantime, the Board of Trustees has decided to invite a facilitator to assist us in forming a Covenant of Right Relations.

This is a significant step for us as a congregation and will provide important insight into what we value as a religious community. So, our committee has decided to wait until this process is completed before revisiting our vision and mission and naming project.

We look forward to participating in the formation of the covenant along with the rest of the congregation, and will return to our vision and mission project after we have completed our Covenant of Right Relations.

Committee on Vision and Mission

Thinking Scripture Group

The Thinking Scripture Group will start reading and exploring the Jewish scriptures (Christian New Testament). At the same time, they will also read and explore feminist Midrash to spice up the discussions. "Thinking Scriptures" meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education rooms (101-103).

Participants are welcome to bring their dinner or a snack.

Kirsten Reynolds

FEBRUARY FORUM

The Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9 a.m. in Room 101/103. We are using the back entrance to the building. Drive around the church to the right until you reach the parking places at the rear. We will meet you at the door and show you to the Forum room. Everyone is welcome!

A special note to young adults with children: Childcare is always provided.

April 6. Eugene Davis, “Thomas Hardy’s Poetry”

Thomas Hardy became famous for his novels but considered himself primarily a poet. In his youth, Hardy played the accordion and the violin at country dances and parties well into his apprenticeship to a Dorset architect. He then spoke of his life as being “twisted of three strands:” architecture, private study of the classics, and playing at dances.

We will see his wizardry with words and his employment of “ecstatic sound” in some wonderful and hope-charged poems.

Eugene Davis was formerly a Professor of English at Purdue.

April 13. Bill Keirce, “The Nature of Tragedy in Human Life: Aristotle, Tolstoy and Dreiser”

After a splendid lecture on happiness last month, it requires some courage to offer a discussion of grief. The history of literature, however, is heavily devoted to tragedy, including Shakespeare’s five greatest plays.

This talk includes an explanation of Aristotle’s theory of tragedy and its usefulness in human life. Specific examples of tragedy will be drawn from Tolstoy and Dreiser. Bill will also present a real murder in a college dorm.

Bill Keirce is a retired Professor of English at Purdue.

April 20. Ginny Nead, “The Jesus Mystery”

Was the original Jesus a Pagan God? Timothy Freke and Peter Gandy, authors of *The Jesus Mysteries*, start with this question. They point out the many similarities between Jesus and the Greek and Roman deities. Given the manipulation of the biblical texts by the Church, much will remain uncertain, but Ginny Nead will

try to untangle some of the threads tying modern conceptions of Jesus to ancient myths and beliefs.

Ginny Nead is ordained in both the Presbyterian and Christian Church and has led a number of civic and service organizations.

April 27. Keith Brown, “God and Globalization”

According to a new book from the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, Christian thought has been a major influence driving globalization. Globalization may be a new form of missions, inviting all the peoples of the world to become participants in a global civil society, subject to continuous theological and ethical critique and guidance.

This talk will not be a diatribe for or against globalization, but will recognize it as a process that, much as it seems secular, has been influenced by Christian and ethical visions.

Keith Brown is a retired economist from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue.

Recent Forum attendance:

March 2	52
March 9	36
March 16	36
March 23	22
March 30	26

Good News, Bad News

We have had an active month in dealing with our properties that are for sale. In February, we announced that we had signed a purchase offer on the Union Street property, with closing scheduled for early March. Unfortunately, that closing did not occur.

The buyers are still very interested in the property and we have agreed on the price and all other details. But the bank that the buyers are working with did not approve the loan, citing the condition of the house. We are still working with the buyers, hoping to finish the original deal. In the meantime, the property is back on the market and is being shown about once a week.

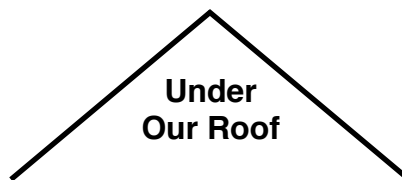
There is better news on the Seventh Street church. We have signed a one-year lease with the Greater Macedonia Church of God in Christ, a local African-American congregation that has been in Lafayette for about thirteen years.

They began having services in the building this month, and will pay all the utilities and \$1200 monthly in rent. This will reduce costs to our operating budget, and pay most of the monthly interest on our bridge loan.

The members of the Greater Macedonia Church intend to buy the building, but given the current national market crisis, it is likely that it will take them several months at least to arrange the financing. The one-year lease gives them this time. When the congregation gets the financing arranged, the lease arrangement will convert immediately to a purchase offer, and they will buy the building. If they cannot do that in a year, then the Seventh Street church will go back on the market. But in the meantime, we will have the costs to our operating budget reduced, and the building will be more secure with a regular occupant.

The members of the Greater Macedonia Church are extremely excited about being at Seventh Street, and eager to buy it when possible.

Barry Dunning



**Under
Our Roof**



Blessing of the Animals Service

For Earth Day, our service on **April 20** will celebrate our interdependent relationships with the animals in our lives. Please feel free to bring your beloved creatures to this special service. If the weather is good we should have the service outside.

Please make sure that you have a leash, restraint, container, water, and pooper scooper for your animal companion.

This will be an intergenerational service with songs and stories celebrating our kin in the animal kingdom. One slogan that has come up for this service has been sacrament – not excrement – take care of your own (pet's) poop.

There will opportunities to share pictures of beloved pets who have died as well, so bring pictures. Our animals bless us every day; let us take one day to bless them.

Rev. Hilary

“SCHOOLS OF PEACE” FOR DARFUR: UNDOING THE DAMAGE – CHANGING LIVES

We all know how vital education is to our children’s future. The future for children in Darfur is bleak because their education has been interrupted for years. The Social Justice Committees of the UU, Temple Israel, and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church have been working together to help undo this damage and build a future once again for the children of Darfur.

PLEASE SUPPORT SCHOOLS OF PEACE

- WHAT:** A unique initiative of the Darfur Peace and Development Organization to establish 1-8, co-ed schools with grass-roots support.
(In its fourth year, the project has expanded from three to twelve sponsored schools with over 6,000 students.)
- WHY:** To bring schools to displaced and neglected children who have lost years of education.
To promote peace and reconciliation.
- WHERE:** In remote regions of Northern Darfur not accessible to most international organizations.
- HOW:** By providing an area administrator, principals, teachers, support staff, tents, supplies, blackboards and teaching materials.
- COSTS:** \$18 funds one student for six months. \$110 funds one teacher for one month.
\$36 funds one student for one year. Approximately 500 students per school.
- BY:** Darfur Peace and Development Organization, founded by Darfurians in Fort Wayne (President - Suliman Guiddo).
More information at www.darfurpeace.org.

PLEASE SUPPORT SCHOOLS OF PEACE. Donations in any amount are welcome and are tax-deductible. Checks should be written to Darfur Peace and Development Organization. Put “Schools Project” on the memo line. Please send checks to the UU (to the attention of Social Justice Committee) by the end of April.

Thank You!

The Social Justice Committee

Welcome to Our March Visitors!

Kathy Atwell, Amylynn Barton, Todd Barton, Carly Brock, Caitlin Bunch, Lisa Bunch, Matthew Bunch, Mattue Calkins, Edward Cornell, Shana Ebert, Rob Eddy, Nancy Garland, Larry Guentert, Stephen Hoffman, Phyllis Irvine, Natalya Kaganovich, David Kemmerer, Kathy Kroll, Robin Lee, Leslie Linderleaf, Edna Loehman, Margaret Marchand, Blake Meadows, Charles Michler, Karen Michler, Sue Miller, Marcella Mills, Matt Murray, Alice Pawley, Audrey Smith, Roger Turrell, Don Voglund, Hunt Wiley, Tim Woudenberg.

Please forgive us if we have misread your handwriting!

Volunteer Pianists Needed

Did you know that the Staff Pianist position (paid) is just part-time? Our Staff Pianist, Peg Black, plays an average of three out of four Sundays during the “school year” and two out of four Sundays in the summer months. On other Sundays, volunteers fill in.

If you are interested in being a volunteer pianist, please contact Kaye McSpadden at kaye7m@aol.com or 743-3634.



2008 Faith & Freedom Dinner

Sponsored by the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

Saturday May 3 at the Radisson North in Indianapolis

5:45 p.m. Reception with silent auction, cash bar, live music

6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program featuring:

- ▶ Guest speaker Rev. Carlton W. Veazey, President and CEO of the (national) Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, “Pro Choice from an African American Perspective”
- ▶ Music by “Sapponia,” ensemble of the Indianapolis Women’s Chorus

\$40 individual, \$295 table of eight, scholarships available

Online reservations at www.ircrc.org or call 877-441-5797

Deadline for reservations – April 28

Note from the Social Justice Committee: Our congregation is a member of IRCRC. Let’s get together a group to attend the dinner, reserve a whole table, and show our support!

If you’re interested, contact Kaye McSpadden

Heartline Goes Online

The Heartland District quarterly newsletter, *Heartline*, has been discontinued. District news has gone high-tech and is now shared via email with the new bi-weekly e-newsletter, *Heartline Online*. This is a quick and easy read for those who want to keep up on what’s happening in the district.

To subscribe to *Heartline Online*, email the District office at office@heartlanduu.org with your name, email address, and congregation name.

Barbara Hamilton

District Administrator
Heartland District of the UUA

Caregiver’s Support Group Meets Monthly

If you are caring for a partner, spouse, child, parent, family member, or friend facing a chronic or terminal health issue, you need support, too.

This small, confidential group provides a safe place to share the challenge of ongoing caregiving and receive insight and support from others whose challenges are not exactly the same, but whose insights may prove useful.

Each month, group members remark on how helpful it is to share the puzzles, lessons, joys, and the struggles of caregiving.

The group meets at the church on the fourth Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in this group, you can also call the minister for further information.

Church Sponsorship of WBAA Public Radio

Perhaps you have been proud to hear the name of our church as a sponsor of programs on WBAA. The Publicity Committee arranges this when people give their donations, earmarked for WBAA, directly to the church instead of responding to the radio's pledge drive.

WBAA gets the same amount, but after we have accumulated enough, we are able to put the name of the church before the public.

We have to thank many people for donating to the special WBAA fund: **Ingrid Clever, John Carlson, Keith Brown, Verna Ritz, Jane Schmitt, Nina Kirkpatrick, Don and Ruth Ann Ferris, Mark and Hillary Krivchenia, Mary Ann Foley, and Sharon McKnight.**

If I have missed your name, please tell me. And please let me know whenever you give money to the church for the WBAA fund.

Thanks to people like you!

Martha Lempke, Publicity Committee
WBAA Coordinator, 463-4019,

Questions About Going Green

As part of our church's efforts to become a "Green Sanctuary," we are asking members and friends about their actions and willingness to protect the environment.

We ask that one person from each household take a few minutes to answer some survey questions. Go to www.uulafayette.org and click on the Green Sanctuary Survey link at the bottom of the homepage. If you don't have computer access, you can get a hard copy of the survey at the entrance to the sanctuary

Your cooperation is important and appreciated.

Is There a UU Publicity Committee??

Yes, there is! And it is alive and well and meeting at 6:30 p.m. every fourth Tuesday of the month in Room 106. Current members are: Martha Lempke

Celia Hartley
Vicki Phillips
and Dorothy
Hughes (purdueballroomdancer.com).

The mission of the PUublicity Committee is multifaceted: telling the story of our UU Church to everyone in our area, enticing visitors with announcements of UU Church events, celebrating UU social justice activities, reaching out to possible future members by advertising, creating excitement and pride in our Church, explaining the uniqueness of UUism to anyone who doesn't know about us, and celebrating UU religious education.

The ways in which the mission are accomplished are by sending advertising notices and press releases to print media, including the Journal & Courier and the Exponent, as well as to radio and online media outlets. There are opportunities for both paid and free advertising, so keeping an eye on a tight budget always guides the decision-making process.

If your committee or group is doing something that the public should know about – either to invite participation or just to brag – tell us about it so that we can help publicize it.

And if you'd like to be a part of the committee, we'd be glad to have you! In fact, there are many "perks" to being a member. Here are just a few of them:

1) See the UU church grow; 2) See your ideas or writing in print; 3) Hear your ideas or writing on the radio; 4) Know everything that's going on; and 5) Be on a committee with George Clooney. (Okay, well maybe not that last one, but at least it was a good excuse to include a picture of George!)



The Publicity Committee

Administrative Assistant: Her Responsibilities to Us and Our Responsibility to Her

Karin Bergman is our administrative assistant. If you haven't yet met her, please stop in and introduce yourself the next time you're at the church.

As many of you are aware, Karin is in the office (and at meetings) forty hours each week, and those forty hours are completely consumed by her assigned tasks. She is a hub for church activities, a point of first contact, a scheduler, a resource, and an assistant to the professional staff.

While it may seem a simple thing to ask her to take on an additional task for any one of us, we all need to be aware that Karin's work time is consumed fulfilling the major functions we ask of her. Photocopying is a good example of a task that Karin is often asked to do, but it is not one of her responsibilities.

Congregation members and friends are always allowed and encouraged to make church-related copies by themselves. Instructions for use of the copier, along with the instruction booklet that came with the copier, are on the shelf above the copier. When it comes to inserts for the newsletter and/or the Order of Service, these need to be in accord with newsletter and general announcement policy. For further clarification, contact the newsletter editors or the Administrative Assistant. (For more information, please see next page.)

For a glimpse of how Karin's time is spent, a condensed list from the Administrative Assistant Job Responsibilities document is included in the column to the right. If you need assistance with a task that is on this list, please contact Karin with as much advance notice as possible.

If you have a request that you are uncertain about, please contact the Personnel Committee: Rosemary Leary, Noemi Ybarra, Janice Kritchevsky, Lynn Richardson, and Dianna Poindexter.

The expansion of the Administrative Assistant position to full-time has enhanced the capacity

of this congregation to handle our expanded facility and increased activity. We're glad to have Karin with us!

In closing, we'd like to thank Karin for her steady work during a complicated transition, and express our gratitude for all the heart she puts into her work.

Dianna Poindexter

Major Responsibilities

Receptionist: greets visitors to the church; answers the door and telephone; directs visitors and callers to the appropriate location or staff, and handles routine inquiries.

Office Administration: oversees church files and records, within guidelines of approved budget, arrange for purchase, use and maintenance of office machinery, computers and office furniture; assists with assigning church space and equipment for regular and special needs; prepares Calendar of Events and schedules space utilization for meeting needs; ensures that policies, procedures, and custodial coverage are provided for all church and outside group activities; maintains a notebook of all current policies and procedures; works with Building Maintenance and Exteriors Chairpersons in establishing routine annual maintenance schedules, and emergency repairs; maintains a seasonal calendar of property and building care; keeps current all existing policies on space, keys, custodial time.

Works with Minister on five-year plan for expansion of custodial staff; obtains estimates on competitive contracts; contacts repair reps as appropriate; creates and maintains an inventory of all church property and equipment; coordinates process for Sunday Lock-up; maintains operations manuals, maintains Crisis Center Directory; coordinates volunteer handling of paper and other recycling as needed; orders supplies; insures a paper trail for billing matters.

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Database Management: responsible for data entry and maintenance of the file containing information of members, friends and visitors of the church, includes maintaining an accurate mailing list; updates Church Directory, Neighborhood Network Key Contacts, Newsletter recipients, RE Database, hymn log database as interest exists.

Desktop Publishing: responsible for producing most of the church's publications, including the weekly Order of Service with inserts, large-print Order of Service and text versions for the Minister; assisting with production of Annual Report, Board of Directors Manuals, Staff Handbooks and miscellaneous other projects as assigned by Board of Directors; assisting with coordination of *The Lighted Chalice* newsletter by printing, photo-copying, folding and working with volunteers who help with mailing preparation; and knowledge of bulk-mail procedures.

Staff and Congregational Support: provides administrative and/or clerical support to the Minister and other staff as necessary; maintains computer and hard copy files for Church Board minutes, annual reports, etc.; prepares mailings to members and committees, as requested by staff or by Board of Trustees.

You Can Help!

The office space in our new church is wonderful and much more conducive to getting work done than before. Now we have room for volunteers!

We are in the process of forming a corps of office volunteers to help with office tasks and to support our administrative assistant, Karin Bergman, by answering the phone, greeting visitors, and performing various other duties.

If you would like to support our church in this capacity for a few hours each week, please contact Karin (uuc@uulafayette.org; 743-8812), or Rosemary Leary

Thank you for volunteering!

Photocopies: Newsletter and Order of Service

Anything printed or distributed at church must be an activity of the church or formally sponsored by a committee of the church, unless it is one or two copies posted in our "Community Postings" area. It should be in accordance with Unitarian Universalist Principles and with the affirmed values of this congregation.

Anything printed in the newsletter must be a church activity or directly related to church-sponsored business, as well as in accordance with the Newsletter Policy, which will be published in the September issue of the *Lighted Chalice*. In addition, anything that is to be inserted in the *Lighted Chalice* must be cleared with the editor of that issue for formatting and space limitations.

And in just the same way, anything to be inserted in the Meridian Sunday Bulletin must be cleared with the Office Administrator for formatting and space limitations. "All the news that's fit to print" is a great slogan.

Our policies will be available soon and in the meantime, please consult editors, the Administrator and the Board for further clarification. All of this will save us from publishing *War and Peace* every month or every week!

Rev. Hilary

Church Mouse Award(s)



This month's Church Mouse Award(s) go to those who volunteer to help our administrative assistant in the church office: **Rosemary Leary** (primary assistant), **Virginia Smith**, **Della Willman**, **Sue Render**, and **Chuck Reynolds**. Also, **Sallie Cooke** and **Beth Misner** have helped with congregational mailings.

Thank you, one and all!

Passover Seder

This year's UU Passover Seder will be held at the church on **Sunday, April 20**. Gathering time will be at 4:30 p.m. with the Seder service starting at 5:00 p.m.

This three-hour event is a blend of the traditional Passover service/meal and UU beliefs. Children of all ages are welcome to this event or, if you choose, childcare will be available for ages five and under. Fun things are provided for the children and they get to participate.

In keeping with the Seder tradition, we will be asking participants to bring specific Passover foods to this potluck-style event. Jill Salem will have a list of items needed to round out the menu and will assign these accordingly. These items can range from items to be made from (simple) recipes to things that can be picked up or easily prepared (e.g., hard boiled eggs).

Also needed are three people to come early at 4:00 p.m. to help as food is brought in. This is a very simple task that only requires a half-hour commitment. If you have never volunteered, this is a good way to get started.

A reservation by Sunday, April 13 is required, as we need to know how much food will be needed. Please RSVP with your name, telephone number, and the number of people who will be attending (including number of children and whether they will require child-care) to the Seder chair, Jill Salem, by e-mail at



News You Can Use . . .

from Caroline Barnhart -

The “**Writing Interest Group**” has changed its name to the “**Writers Group**.” It meets the first and third Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in Room 106. Next meetings on April 7 and April 21.

The **Writers Group** has put together a new booklet “**Poetry, Prose, Memoirs, Musings and More**” which includes samples of our individual styles. Copies of it are available on the counter in the Library. Feel free to pick one up and enjoy!

from Michael Lewis and Caroline Barnhart -

Glow Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 5 when we are having a work day to give our new building a spring cleaning. Plan to come for an hour or all day and help spruce up the building and grounds. We will need leaf rakes, flat rakes, shovels, buckets and rags.

Questions? Call Caroline

from Celia Hartley -

Welcome to our two new additions to the Newsletter Team: **Janice Thiel and Christine Schertz!** The editing schedule for the next three months is: May - Janice; June - Lynn Holland; July - Christine.

from Todd Barton -

The **Atheism Discussion Group** – finding meaning and morality without belief in the supernatural – meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 106. Go to <http://atheists.meetup.com/521/> for more information.

from Tandy Easler -

The **Outdoor Group** will celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22 by picking up trash along the Wabash Heritage Trail. We'll meet in West Lafayette at the small playground in Tapawingo Park (next to the parking lot) at 6:30 p.m. Please bring gloves and trash bags. All ages and dogs welcome.

LUM Report

Homeless Shelter:

The Homeless Shelter is in need of coffee, disposable razors, and athletic type socks.

Office Needs:

Used inkjet cartridges. Any brand except Epson.

Afterschool Program:

The Afterschool Program is in need of snacks and drinks and replacements for worn out games such as Junior Monopoly, Break the Ice, Hungry Hippos, and Trouble.

Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry continues to need canned fruit, cereal and canned tomato products. The pantry does not need canned vegetables at this time.

Tax Program:

As of March 5, volunteers at LUM have done more than 650 tax returns for low-income clients, or over one million dollars in federal tax refunds. Moreover, they have helped renters receive over \$555,000 in Earned Income Tax Credits. LUM hopes to prepare 1,000 tax returns this year.

Mary Finley

Congregational Announcement in the UU World Magazine

The issue of the *UU World Magazine*, which is the national magazine of Unitarian Universalism, will be running a special announcement about the congregational move. These announcements are being phased out, but we slid right under the line and will have a special box in the issue of the World Magazine that will mail out May 15. Look for your congregation there!

Rev. Hilary

Please take note!

If you no longer wish to receive monthly copies of *The Lighted Chalice*, please request that your name be removed from our mailing list by sending an email to the editors at lightedchalice@yahoo.com, or telephone the Administrative Assistant at 743-8812.

An online version of *The Lighted Chalice* is also available at <http://uulafayette.org>.

The Lighted Chalice

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The uncertain glory of an April day,
Which now shows all the beauty of the sun
And by and by a cloud takes all away."*