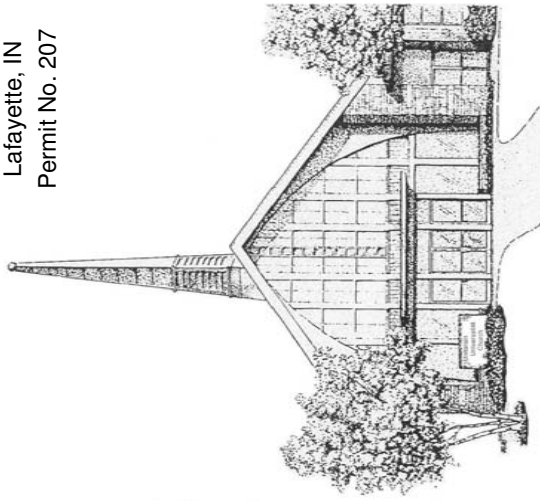


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TO DWELL TOGETHER
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TO SEEK THE TRUTH
IN LOVE,
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Our Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Church
is a nurturing religious community
that celebrates diverse beliefs and
encourages spiritual growth
through lifelong learning.
Guided by our Unitarian Universalist
Principles, we support each other in our
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work toward social justice
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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

JULY 2008

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

JULY 6

Reflection on the Future

Speaker: Fritz Smith
Worship Associate: Janice Thiel
Pianist: Peg Black
Sound: Sharon McNight

JULY 13

Our Green, Green Sanctuary

Speaker: Rae Schnapp
Worship Associate: Martha Gipson
Pianist: Kaye McSpadden
Sound: Carl Seese

JULY 20

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Speaker: Gus Nyberg
Worship Associate: Kat Braz
Pianist: Kaye McSpadden
Sound: Kevin Sondgeroth

JULY 27

Folk Music Service with Jason Dufair and Friends

Worship Associate: Elizabeth Sternke
Pianist: Peg Black
Sound: Eric Thiel

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Covering August 2008

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This issue prepared by Christine Schertz
and printed by Celia Hartley.

DRE Search Committee Formed

This spring, a committee was formed to start the search for a new Director of Religious Education for our congregation. The members of this committee are Kathy Coder, Beth Misner, Kirsten Reynolds, Christine Schertz, and Mark Vanmeeter. They have been working with Hilary and the RE committee to prepare an advertisement and detailed job description for the position. The UUA document "The Search for Religious Education Leadership: Best Practices for UU Congregations" has proven to be an invaluable resource for our task of searching and hiring a new DRE.

The advertisement for the position has been posted on the front page of our website. We have also advertised in the Journal and Courier, several theological schools, and on the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) web site. That being said, in reality our search has just started, and we need **your** help. A questionnaire has been mailed out to the entire congregation asking for input on the DRE position and our RE program. Please take the time to answer the questionnaire and return it to the committee. Not only do we need this information from those congregants with children in the RE program, but from those formerly involved with the program, our church elders, and everyone in between. Please help us to shape our religious education program. If you have any questions, please contact Mark VanMeeter

Christine Schertz
or Kirsten Reynolds

in that order. If you don't hear back,
try the next name in the list, the first person may be on vacation.

Thanks in advance for your input and help with this formidable task.
-DRE Search Committee

Religious Education Fall Registration

If you have not already done so, please register your child(ren) for the 2008-'09 R.E. year. The yellow forms can be found in the hymnal racks in the sanctuary or on the desk near the church office. Thank you.

-R.E. Committee

Minister's Muse

This is my penultimate newsletter article here. Next month I will write a short note to pass the newsletter space on to the Interim Minister.

This past couple of weeks I've been touched by the caring that so many have extended to our family – particularly to Mark after his heart attack. It was amazing. Thank you. In our time here Mark made his mark here. His recent heart event resulted in a fresh outlook on this precious gift of life. I want to take a moment to thank him here – because over time I have thanked so many of you for your work yet his work has gone by quietly.

There is no set of rules of what a minister's spouse ought to do in the church. At times they choose to attend another church altogether so that they can be just themselves and relax. For many years—when ministers were, mostly, men and spouses mostly women, expectations were high and unrealistic. I've been grateful that this congregation didn't have superhuman expectations for Mark. And Mark loved the people of the congregation and found a strong sense of purpose here.

He worked on the Church Retreat every year. He helped with canoe trips and sometimes canoe walks when the water level was low. He made something for every potluck. He conducted a Forum, when asked. He was willing every year to set up tables for the Pass-over Seder, to help set up on Christmas Eve, with worship services when there weren't enough volunteers or work was heavy. He co-led the Retreat Worship for four years. He baked pies for folks homebound, for people who loved rhubarb, and for anyone who asked. He taught in RE and served as a shadow when asked. He helped with the move in countless ways. He worked with Caroline Barnhart to help prepare the Union Street property for sale, to watch over it, and to follow through when things needed care. More than once he came with me in the night so that I could take pastoral care, and more often, he simply kept the home fire burning so that I could get out and visit people while our daughter Chava was small. For about three years he shared with Virginia and Herschel Lewis the set up and clean up of the coffee and he'd bring cookies and snacks. And every Sunday that he was in town and not helping with RE, he sat faithfully and listened to

my sermons – even after hearing them – for the most part – the night before.

I have thanked this congregation many times for your hard work, and have suggested 'church mice' for years. With this I suggest Mark – for every trip to pick up a cake or a veggie platter for the congregation, for the garbage he carried out, the furniture he moved, the walks shoveled and for all the things I have already mentioned and for all I have forgotten to mention. More than all that I nominate him for the love he bore and showed to this congregation, even while being unable to be, truly, a part of it. Above all, I nominate him for providing me with a balanced and listening ear, with warmth and support in a challenging job with strange hours, and for steadfast love – in which he is more lion than mouse.

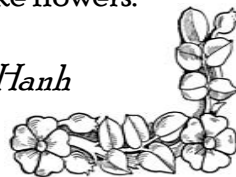
I write this so that we appreciate the people who share our lives with us – while we have them. I write this so that you might have a sense of what a minister's partner may experience – someone who has a full time job, a life, many other demands, and still follows their partner to a new place and makes it work. Every partner has their own level of interest in church community and participation, has their own time and priorities and should be free to honor those things. There should be no expectations of the minister's partner – and you were gracious in this way. I write this in gratitude to him but also to every person who gives to this congregation without expectation of recognition or of getting leverage to have things their way – but simply out of love. May it all be done in love.

Rev. Hilary



*“The most precious gift
we can offer
others is our presence.
When mindfulness embraces
those we love,
they will bloom like flowers.”*

Thich Nhat Hanh



SUNDAY MORNING FORUM—JULY

The Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9 a. m. in Room 101/103. We are using the back entrance to the building, nearest the offices. From the front of the church, drive to the right until you reach the parking places on the south side of the building. We will meet you at the door and show you to the Forum room . Everyone is welcome!

July 6: Kathy Trout: “Art Smart Indiana”

This is the second program in a two-part Forum series on cultural opportunities for young people in the community. Kathy Trout, an art teacher in West Lafayette for many years, will talk about an exciting statewide program that brings examples of art into Indiana classrooms.

July 13: Robin Poindexter and John Wilms: “Categories, Pigeonholes and Pits: Choosing the Right Person for the Job.”

In this rescheduled program, two people with considerable experience will examine the art of selecting individual who will succeed at their jobs. Robin plays a major role in selecting people who will be good drug cops and John has helped select candidates for the Peace Corp.

July 20: Cliff Sadof: “The Emerald Ash Borer”

Tiny, stingless wasps imported from China could help control the emerald ash borers that are killing Indiana ash trees. Cliff Sadof, Purdue Entomologist involved in this work, will tell us that it will take a long time to find out if this will work as expected.

July 27: Jane Kirkpatrick: “A Close Look at Nursing Education”

There is a nationwide shortage of nurses now and in the future these shortages will become critical. Still, many qualified applicants are being turned away from nursing schools for lack of space. Jane Kirkpatrick is the Interim Head of the Department of Nursing and the Interim Associate Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Health Sciences at Purdue.

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Fair Trade Coffee Orders

We are preparing a coffee order for dairly traded coffee organized by the UUSC. Joan Marshall will be handling the order. If you would like to purchase fair trade coffee, please contact Joan with your order (jmarshall900@yahoo.com). Information about types of coffee and tea is available in the Congregational sign up book in the narthex, or check the web at <http://interfaith.equalexchange.com>



The **Writers Group** meets the first and third Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in Room 106, next on July 7th and 21st.

Interested persons may contact Caroline Barnhart at caroline@uucw.org. The Writers Group has put together another booklet entitled "Poetry, Prose, Memoirs, Musings, and More." It includes samples of our individual styles, and is available on the shelf in the library. Feel free to pick one up. Enjoy!

Get Ready for Some Football!

Our congregation has the potential to raise money again this autumn by selling parking spaces during Purdue Football games. We can easily raise more than \$3,000 doing this. However, we need 3-6 volunteers for approximately 3 hours before game time to help direct cars until all the spaces are taken

Unlike last year, we have some time to plan ahead. This year, any group can sign up to work on a specific Saturday, and the group can then designate where the proceeds raised can be used. There is also an opportunity to plan additional ways of generating revenue such as selling food or drinks.

Finally, all members of the congregation are asked to avoid scheduling activities at the church that require parking during football Saturdays. This year there will be seven home football games: September 6th, 13th, and 20th, October 4th and 25th, and November 1st and 22nd. Anyone interested in helping with parking or providing input is encouraged to contact Janice Kritchevsky at janice@uucw.org



Interested in joining a nonprofit board, but larger nonprofit organizations seem daunting?

The **Greater Lafayette Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition** is looking for some driven, caring, and compassionate individuals as board members and/or volunteers. For more information please see <http://www.glsapc.org> or contact Michelle M. Miller at director@glapc.org.



Ice Cream Social

Potluck and Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 27th

The Connections Committee is organizing an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with our monthly potluck in July. On Sunday, July 27th, please bring a dish to share and stay after the service for an afternoon of good food, laughs, games and ice cream! Meet people in your neighborhood network!

Summer mUUSIC Camp Fun Continues

Our Summer mUUSIC Camp got off to a great start in June. We had fun singing and playing chimes and recorders. Coming soon: drumming and other fun musical activities!

The program is held during the regular R.E. hour in the Forum Room, and it is for children in 1st-6th grade (including kids who are entering 1st grade this fall.)

July schedule:

July 6--Jason Dufair (helper: Chris Garmon)

July 13--Jason Dufair (helper: Jean Tyner)

July 20--Jason Dufair (helper: Chris Garmon)

July 27--Martha Gipson (helper: Larry Guentert)

For more information contact Amy French at amy@uucw.org or Kaye McSpaden

Neighborhood Networks Regroup

The Pastoral Care Group has reorganized the Neighborhood Networks to help UU congregants get to know each other. If there is a round sticker on your church nametag, you have been located on our Neighborhood Network Map, which is located on the bulletin board across from the Dish Return window in the Fellowship Hall.

Unitarian Universalist Church *Neighborhood Networks* are made up of congregant homes located in six geographic areas, each designated by a color. They exist to help people connect with one another and to give or receive assistance beyond the Pastoral Care Group.

If you have not been located on our map and would like to be, please sign up on the sheet attached to the bulletin board with the map. If you want to be removed from the network, please indicate that as well. For more information, please call Cheryl Fowler

All Church Retreat October 3rd

Mark your calendars for October 3-5. The A-frame at Ross camp is not available in August, so we will have a fall retreat this year. The annual retreat is a wonderful time to leave your house, get outside, and enjoy being with UUs. More details to follow as we get closer to the date—hope to see you all there!
-Lisa Pantea

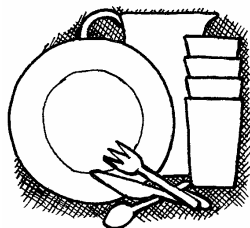


COMMITTEE NEWS ROUND-UP

Exteriors Committee: Interested in helping with the beautification of our new building and grounds? Please come and help make our new home lovely, safe, and green! Meetings are always the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 106. Our next meeting is July 16th. For more information, contact Michael Lewis

Fiber Arts: Dear UUers, Kirsten and I have entertained ourselves alone on the last Tuesday of each month as no others have been attending Fiber arts. Therefore, we're canceling further meetings until there is more interest. We do plan to bring sewing machines to the October camp retreat in hopes of getting some help making quilted receiving blankets and knitted caps for the babies born at St E's-east when it opens next year.
-Patty Wood

Finance Committee: Do You Shop at Payless? Our church can receive five percent of purchases by members and friends at any Payless store. If you shop at Payless and are not using a Kroger gift care acquired for the church, please get a card from Kirsten Reynolds, our stellar Assistant Treasurer. All you need to do is put money on the card and use it for your purchases. For every \$5,000 in total purchases, Kroger will pay the church \$250. Several people have been making purchases this way and so far for 2008 the church has received \$548.68.



three sinks for washing
soap, bleach, water, side by side
pruny hands are nice

Greeting and Membership: Being a Greeter includes everyone every Sunday! Being a Greeter is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new and regular folks to our services. Front door greeters are especially important as first impressions are lasting impressions. Dorothy Hughes has done a Herculean job of scheduling greeters through the rest of this year and deserves a whole cheese for the next Church Mouse award. Thanks also to the following who have signed up: Kirsten Reynolds, Rick Irvin, Amy Frency, Dianna & Robin Poindexter, Margeret Deedon, Sheryl Fowler, Patty Wood, Jackie Sloss, and Dorothy Hughes. Greet them and thank them for this important service.

- Della Willmann

The Greeting and Membership **Brown Bag Luncheons** are cancelled until further notice.

Connections Committee: Connections meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., next on July 9th in Room 106. Please contact Denise Wilson for further information,

The **Unitarian Universalist Symposium (UUS)** meets each Friday at 7:00 p.m. at a different location for food, fellowship, and fun. All ages are welcome, as well as suggestions for future meeting places. Contact Frank Arnold at 1-877-662-9971 for monthly listings. For July: July 4: no meeting. July 11: Akropolis Greek Restaurant, 3311 South St., Lafayette. July 18: Yats Cajun Restaurant, 340 E. State St., West Lafayette. July 25: Little Mexico II, 8 East Earl Ave., Lafayette

The Kitchen Committee would like everyone to remember to help clean up and wash dishes after church events, like our Sunday potlucks.
Many hands make light work!

News from the Heartland



Representing congregations in the Midwest and upper South, the Heartland District of the Unitarian Universalist Association uses its resources to promote and develop strong, growing congregations that interact with other UU congregations, their communities, the District, and the UUA. The Heartland District, one of 20 Unitarian Universalist districts in the nation, serves 8,099 members and 53 congregations in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. (From the Heartland website: <http://www.heartlanduu.org>)

The Heartland web site is a great resource for information about other UU congregations in our area. They send out a bimonthly newsletter via email to keep members informed of the ongoing events in our district. To sign up for the Heartline newsletter, go to this page: http://www.heartlanduu.org/heartline_online_sign-up_form.html to download the form.

The Heartland district, in coordination with the Central Midwest and Prarie Star districts, have joined together to help those in our district devastated by the recent floodings. You can go to their website to make a donation to help via Paypal, or send a check to: Heartland District of the UUA, 445 N. Pennsylvania St., #510 Indianapolis, IN 46204-1893. Make check payable to: Heartland District of the UUA. On the memo line write: Midwest Flooding.

UUs on the Web

As you well know, we UUs are an outspoken bunch, and that includes the World Wide Web. Blogs (web logs) are especially popular.

Philocrites, aka Chris Walton, editor of UU World magazine, has a nice **Guide to UU Blogs**: <http://www.philocrites.com/archives/003616.html>

Want to know what happened at this year's **General Assembly**? Visit the UUA GA blog: <http://www.uuworld.org/news/ga/?p>

Not sure if those strappy pumps are appropriate for the pulpit? Visit Peacebang's blog at <http://beautytipsforministers.com>.

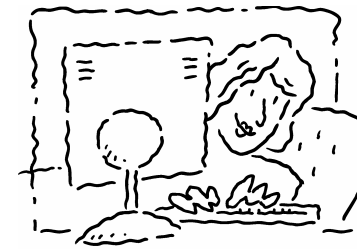
Not sure what your beliefs are? Be sure to visit the **Belief-O-Matic™** (http://www.beliefnet.com/story/76/story_7665_1.html) Twenty questions later and the quiz will tell you what religion you practice, or should consider practicing. It does come with a disclaimer: *Warning: Belief-O-Matic™ assumes no legal liability for the ultimate fate of your soul.*

Did you like Fritz Smith's **chalice T-shirt** that he wore to the Flower Communion? Buy it here! <http://www.cafepress.com/fritzotic.154655739>

From the Newsletter Committee

We would like to know your opinions on our newsletter, the Lighted Chalice, and how the church otherwise communicates with our members. Do you like the format? How often we publish? What do you think of the news in the Meridian Bulletin, be it online or in the Order of Service every Sunday? Would you rather read the newsletter online or as a paper copy? Do you read either the Meridian Weekly or the newsletter? Does the Lighted Chalice serve as good reading material, or good material to line your parrot cage?

We need to hear from you. Send your opinions to lightedchalice@yahoo.com, or put your suggestions in the Newsletter mailbox in Room 106. We are aiming to optimize the way in which information about our congregation is disseminated. Thank you in advance for your information and help.



Lafayette Urban Ministry Report

The **Homeless Shelter** needs volunteers who are willing to stay overnight at the shelter to assist the shelter staff. Please contact Joyce Fasani LUM's shelter director, at 423-2691 if you or someone you know can help this summer. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, and be willing to attend a training session. The next training session will be held on July 10th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm..

LUM Needs: Office: inkjet cartridges, any brand except Epson. Afterschool Program: snacks and drinks, new or gently used games. Food Pantry: canned fruit, (especially low glycemic canned fruit for diabetes management) soups, cereals and canned tomato products.

Employment Opportunity: LUM is in need of a Program Aide for the Afterschool Program from August 15th to June 15th. Hours: 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. Duties: drive 15 passenger van, help with homework, recreational and educational programs for elementary aged children. Salary: \$7500.00 per year, plus cash benefit. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity you may send your resume and cover letter to: Executive Director, 525 N. 4th St., Lafayette, IN 47901. The deadline for application is July 15th.

The **LUM summer camp** program needs counselors. This year's camp will be from August 4th-8th. Counselors need to be 18 years old, should enjoy

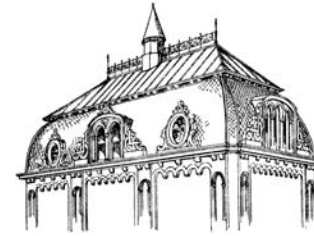
working with children, and be able to spend the entire week at camp which is located at Hanging Rock Camp in Warren County. You may call 423-2691 for additional information or visit www.lafayetteurbanministry.org. I am told that LUM Camp is as much fun for the counselors as it is for the campers. LUM Camp relies on donations from its supporters to help offset the costs of sending a child to camp. Contributions can be sent to: Lafayette Urban Ministry, 525 N. 4th St. Lafayette, IN 47901-1004. Or you can contribute via the internet at: www.lafayetteurbanministry.org using your credit card.

This year's **Hunger Hike** will held on Sunday September 21st at Riehle Plaza. The website is ready to start registering teams. Go to: www.hungerhike.org for more information and to create your own fundraising page.

LUM's Campaign for the Future: In the coming months you will be hearing more about the exciting things happening at LUM. LUM is expanding its current programs and is adding other programs in order to serve our community's underprivileged and homeless populations more effectively. Our church, along with all of LUM's other member churches will be asked to pledge our financial support for these new programs. I encourage our congregation to support LUM's endeavors in this regard. LUM is making great strides toward reducing homelessness and poverty in our community, but they cannot do it alone, they need our help. Thanks!
-Mary Finley

Atheism Discussion Group

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 pm in Room 106. Topics will be “Why do we find celebrities so compelling?” on 7/10 and “Is the soul really just a drug cocktail?” on 7/24. Go to <http://atheists.meetup.com/521/> for more information.
-Todd Barton



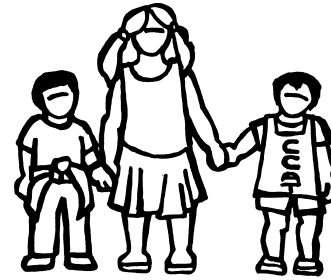
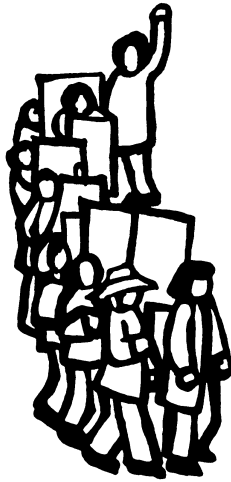
Interested in Learning more about UU?

We will be holding **U U & You** classes for those interested in learning about Unitarian Universalism and paths to membership. Class will be held on Sunday, August 10th, 17th and 24th from noon until 2:30. If you are interested, you may sign up in the narthex of the church or by contacting Amy French



SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee will meet on Thursday, July 10th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 101/103. All interested UUs and friends are invited to join this active group. Any questions can be sent to Jean Tyner (jeantynr@comcast.net).



Human Rights Celebration July 13th

Clothing Drive a Great Success

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the 2008 UU Clothing Drive a great success. We collected 247 bags of clothing! As a result, we received \$1235 in vouchers that can be used to purchase clothing at Goodwill. The vouchers have been given to three local agencies to distribute to people in need: Lafayette Urban Ministry, YWCA Women's Shelter, and Cary Home for Children.

Special thanks to our volunteers: Patty Wood, Jackie Sloss, Jean Tyner, J.J. Rode, Ruth Ann Ferris, Zohreh Arnoozgar, Frank Arnold, Mary Ann Foley, Rae Brandt, and Dave Shelton. Also, thanks for special help from the church Publicity Committee and Karin Bergman, our administrative assistant. And finally, thanks to Sallie Cooke and Kaye McSpadden for distributing flyers in the neighborhood.

-Kaye McSpadden

Change for Change

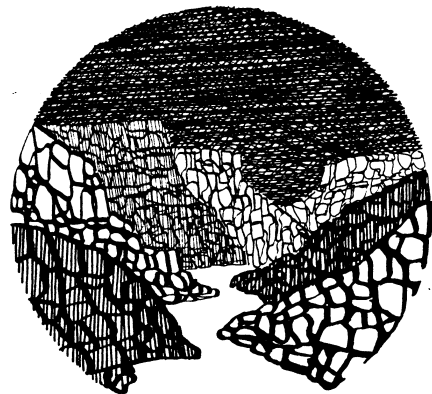
Change for Change, which is focusing on environmental groups this year, has selected the Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance as our July/August recipient.

The Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance is a partnership of concerned citizens dedicated to developing and implementing successful watershed plans to improve and protect the water resources in the Wildcat Creek Watershed. Membership of WCWA includes individual and groups representing local government, industry, agriculture, development, environmental, and concerned citizens.

A watershed-based approach considers an entire drainage area and as a result is the best way to comprehensively address water quality and quantity issues. Since watershed boundaries are formed by topography, they rarely fall neatly inside one political jurisdiction. A watershed-based approach provides an opportunity for multiple jurisdictions to work together to reduce duplication of effort and build on each other's resources and information. The Wildcat Creek basin covers seven Indiana Counties: Tippecanoe, Carroll, Clinton, Howard, Tipton, Madison and Grant.

For more information about Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance, visit their website at <http://www.wildcatalliance.org>

If you have questions regarding the Change for Change program please contact Social Justice Committee member, Bill Kannel,



UUC to host the United Senior Action of Indiana- Lafayette Chapter

Since 1979, United Senior Action of Indiana has been uniting older Hoosiers into a powerful voice to impact policies affecting our lives. Today the organization has grown to include more than 17,000 seniors who, together, work on issues such as nursing home quality and reforms, home and community based care, prescription drug prices, Medicare and privatization of social services, and more. Join this new group meeting in the Fellowship Hall the 3rd Monday of each month, 7-8:30p.m.

-Della Willmann



The peace symbol was originally the symbol of the U.K. Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND).

It was designed by Gerald Holtom in 1958.

The symbol consists of the semaphore letters "N" and "D" (for "nuclear disarmament") inside a circle.

UUC to host Lafayette Peace Coalition

The Lafayette Peace Coalition will begin meeting at the UCC the first Sunday of the month, starting July 6th, in Rooms 101/103 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Please contact Tom McConville for further information