



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE INDIANA JULY 2011

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

*Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m.*

*Religious Education Classes will not meet in June or July. Childcare Available.*

### JULY 3

#### “INDEPENDENCE?”

**Worship Leader:**

**Rev. Charlie Davis**

**Worship Associate: Kris Taylor**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Carl Seese**

What is the meaning of our freedom? Does it matter what the Founding Fathers thought? Does our understanding of the past determine our future?

### JULY 10

#### “CARRY ON”

**Worship Leader: Gale Charlotte**

**Worship Associate:**

**Dianna Poindexter**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Martha Gipson**

Change happens; sometimes we see it coming, sometimes it happens quite suddenly. “While I'm not an expert, I do have an opinion (as do all of us) on how to deal with the grief that sometimes comes with changes in our lives.”

### JULY 17

#### “TURNING FAITH INTO ACTION”

**Worship Leaders:**

**Kris Taylor and**

**Janice Kritchevsky**

**Worship Associate: Kris Taylor**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Jerry Hunley**

The actions we take are the physical manifestation of the values that underpin

our faith. In this service we will explore various ways your actions can support your faith – now and well into the future. We'll hear from several congregants who have visibly and substantially put their faith into action. Ruth Ann Ferris will share the compelling story of small, yet powerful actions her grandmother took decades ago that have multiplied and will continue to make a difference well into the future. Tom McConville will speak about how he uses his time and talents in ways that are aligned with his faith. Special music by Sharon McKnight will help each of us ponder what we can do to turn our own personal faith into action.

### JULY 24

#### “BOSTON BRAHMANS:

**HOW UNITARIANS CREATED**

**THE MIDDLE CLASS AND**

**WHY IT MATTERS TODAY”**

**Worship Leader: Sunshine Wolfe**

**Worship Associate: Kat Braz**

**Pianist: Kaye McSpadden**

**Sound: Dan Lybrook**

Sunshine Jeremiah Wolfe was an Intern and Summer Minister from 2009-2010 at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River, OH. In August ghe will begin a residency as chaplain at Indiana University Health hospitals in Indianapolis. Ghe discovered the call to ministry while serving the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson as their Spiritual Development Director. Sunshine

brings to gher ministry a love for community, deep care for those who need pastoral support, and a commitment to creating beloved community through healthy communication and resisting oppression. Ghe is originally from Indiana where ghe learned to love the earth, sing, and the importance of family. Sunshine is a member of Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM), Transgender Religious Professional Unitarian Universalists Together (TRUUsT), and Unitarian Universalist Ministers' Association (UUMA). Sunshine was recently published in the anthology *Coming Out In Faith: Voice of LGBTQ Unitarian Universalists*. Sunshine is genderqueer and asks that you use the non-gender pronouns “ghe” and “gher” in reference to gherself. The “gh” is pronounced like the “g” in beige.

### JULY 31

#### “FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: DEEPENING CONNECTIONS WITHIN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY”

**Worship Leader:**

**Linda Prokopy**

**Worship Associate: tba**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Mike Marsh**

Participants in the first year of fellowship groups will share their experiences.

## SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

*Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 a.m. in 101/103. Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided.*

*Forum co-chairs are Jim Anderson, Martin Patchen and Tom McConville.*

- July 3: Jim Anderson, Professor of Medical Sociology and Health Communication, Purdue University. “Health Care Reform, Medicare and Medicaid: Democratic and Republican Approaches.”
- July 10: Kaye McSpadden, founder, Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.; Betty Memmer, Senior Educator, Planned Parenthood of Indiana. “Beyond Pro-Choice and Pro-Life: How about *Pro-Both?*”
- July 17: Suzan Windnagel, member of Alzheimer's Care Coalition; co-founder, Circle of Friends which offers creative programs for people with memory loss as well as respite, education and support for caregivers. “Alzheimer's Disease and Spiritual Community Support.”
- July 24: Ed Eiler, Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent. “Recent School Legislation.”
- July 31: Bruce Hall, Lafayette School Corporation Teacher. “Education in Lafayette.”

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*Newsletter articles are now due on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Thank you.*

### August 2011 Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, July 21, 5:00 pm

Articles received after that time will be included in the September issue.

E-mail to uuc@uulafayette.org with "Newsletter" in subject box or place items in Admin. Assistant mailbox, Room 106.

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Wonder has surfaced more than a few times about serving a three year term with the Board of Trustees which includes this year as President. Was it weakness when plied with dinner and a beer at Nine Irish Brothers by that crafty nominating committee headed up by Cheryl Fowler? Or just a lust for power? Turns out it wasn't either...well for disclosure, I do enjoy both 9IB and a bit of control! Ok, full disclosure, a lot of control.

The reason for serving solidified in my mind at a retreat in June where the retreat site was owned by a diocese of the Catholic church. Beautiful grounds, great food, amazing company of women with the common experience as travelers to India with Cultural Connections: Women Weaving Worlds...and nuns. The nuns reminded me of my limited religious education as a child and cultural connections brought images of my adult experiences...about other faith traditions and how knowledge can help us live together in peace and understanding.

I grew up going to a small Catholic parish with my mother and siblings and would periodically get permission to attend the United Methodist church with a friend. My father quietly proclaimed himself an agnostic but declined to discuss his personal belief journey. I read a little about religion; however, without open and balanced discussion with adults the journey tended to be aimless and then stopped...not to be picked up again until years later.

When I learned of the rich curriculum that can be available to children with the Religious Education program of our Unitarian Universalist Church, it filled my heart with hope for their spiritual journeys and their connection to peoples of the world. *And there are adults as guides!* Over this past year, we've witnessed our RE Committee and other volunteers display heroic measures in keeping our program alive and as vibrant as possible **without paid staff**. There probably aren't enough ways to thank them but we can try...a thank you in person, a card, email, an invitation to a child to RE classes, an offer to volunteer and enthusiastic help when a new Director of Religious Education comes on board. You decide!

So along with all the other amazing & good things that can "make a difference in our lives and our world" through our UUC community, the *opportunity* to help protect and encourage individual freedom of belief (and the belief journey) **especially for our children** is the primary reason I'm serving on the Board of Trustees. I can stop wondering.

*Suzan Windnagel  
President, Board of Trustees*

*"We are resolved to protect individual freedom of belief. This freedom must include the child as well as the parent. The freedom for which we stand is not freedom of belief as we please,... not freedom to evade responsibility, ...but freedom to be honest in speech and action, freedom to respect one's own integrity of thought and feeling, freedom to question, to investigate, to try, to understand life and the universe in which life abounds, freedom to search anywhere and everywhere to find the meaning of Being, freedom to experiment with new ways of living that seem better than the old."*

*Sophia Lyon Fahs, editor, author, teacher, and religious activist who led a revolution in Unitarian religious education.*

As I reflect upon my first year at the Unitarian Universalist Church in West Lafayette, I am struck by a paradox. I feel like I have been here for long time and that I am brand new. Neither is true. I am amazed at the depth of relationships that have begun. Yet I know am just scratching the surface. Your welcoming nature enveloped Gail and me. It speaks well of this congregation. In the upcoming year let us expand that sense of welcome to the wider community.

One of the ways we can do this is by exploring the Unitarian Universalist Association's initiative called "Standing on the Side of Love." "Standing on the Side of Love" is a public advocacy campaign that seeks to harness love's power to stop oppression. In public debates over immigration, LGBT rights, and more, we can stand on the side of love and call for respect, inclusion, and compassion. The message, "standing on the side of love," emerged as a rallying point for people of faith in Massachusetts during their early efforts for fully inclusive marriage, and later during the fight against Proposition 8 in California. The Standing on the Side of Love Campaign was inspired by the 2008 shooting at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, which was targeted because they are welcoming to LGBT people and have a liberal stance on many issues (<http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/about/>).

When hundreds of UUs went to Arizona at the end of May 2010 to stand against anti-immigrant measure SB 1070, they became known as "the love people," because they could be easily seen in their bright yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts (<http://www.uuworld.org/news/articles/169663.shtml>).

Rev. Marlene Walker gave a "Standing on the Side of Love" banner to this church. We have hung it on our front door. We have made a declaration of love. Now it is up to us to put love into action and make it real. Can you imagine if during the next year we become known around the area as the "Love Church?"

What self reflection is needed to make that true? What social action would make that apparent? How do we invite the wider community to let go of fear and stand on the side of love?

*With Gratitude & Hope,  
Rev. Charlie*

UU YOUTH FILL THE ARK CAMPAIGN: We have begun a two-year campaign to raise \$5000 for Heifer International. "Fill the Ark" kits, passed out to every family in May, were collected earlier this month. *Additional donations are welcome! and may be submitted to the church—please write "Heifer International in the memo line of your check.* The youth have more fundraisers and activities planned to meet our goal of raising \$5000 by May 2013. Thanks for your support!



CAR WASH FOR HEIFER UU Jr. & Sr. High Youth Car Wash for Heifer previously postponed due to rain *will be on hold through the beginning of July.* More information to follow after July 3.

SERVICE NOTES Sunday, July 3, UU Youth are encouraged to attend service with their families, or to help watch younger children in the play area, with parental permission.

RE HOLIDAY ART FAIR PROJECTS Starting July 10 we'll be working on projects to sell at the Holiday Art Fair. If there is a parent who wants to volunteer to supervise youth and keep things going over the next few weeks, contact Kat Braz with questions and she will be happy to help coordinate schedules!

SUMMER CHILD CARE SCHEDULE Child care will be held on certain Sundays only, for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (ages as of this fall). Sessions begin at the start of service, 10:30 a.m., and are over when service ends at 11:30. Parents, please meet the helper in the K-2 Room (Room 210). *Updated information will be posted outside Room 210—be sure to check the listing each week.* Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help! *Christine Schertz, Religious Education Committee*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Parent Helper</u>
July 10	Linda Prokopy
(July 17)	Helper needed)
(July 24)	Helper needed)
July 31	Kirsten Reynolds
August 7	Kirsten Reynolds

*Kat Braz  
Religious Education Committee*

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
VISION 2011**

The Membership Committee's vision for 2011 is *to nurture and support members through all stages of their membership journey*. As a part of this vision we would like to encourage the entire church to participate in growing and sustaining our congregation.

**MEMBER  
BIOGRAPHIES**

*The Membership Committee is composing biographies of every church member, placed each month on the Membership bulletin board and then published in the newsletter. As new biographies are added to the membership board, old biographies will be "archived" in a scrapbook in the library.*

New members will be a priority for biographies so we can get to know our newest congregants quickly. Concurrent with publishing biographies of new members, we'll also be publishing biographies of "old" members.

*We feature the biography of member Amanda Estes in this issue of the newsletter. Many thanks to Josh Prokopy for writing these biographies.*

*Linda Prokopy  
Membership Chairperson*



**AMANDA ESTES**

Amanda attended a Methodist church as a child and a non-denominational church as a teenager, but stopped going after her parents were divorced. While in college she visited the UU church in Muncie and really enjoyed their focus on social justice issues. So when she moved to Lafayette to teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the New Community School she decided to give our church a try. She's thrilled to have found a place where she can be a part of an open-minded community of world-changers.

Amanda was born in Muncie and received her BA in education from Ball State with a minor in French. While there, she spent a year abroad studying in Liverpool. She now lives in Lafayette along with her cat, Lord Byron, a dog named Maddie, and her boyfriend, Audie Whitaker, who is studying for his Masters degree at IUPUI while working as a social worker at Wabash Valley.



Amanda has been a vegetarian for the last five years. She finds fulfillment in doing good deeds and loves to help others. In her free time, Amanda likes to ride her bike, hike, travel, laugh, go bowling, and read. She especially enjoys camping, and will always choose sleeping in a tent over staying in a hotel. Some of her favorite places to camp are Denali National Park, Dinosaur National Monument in Colorado, and Kiawah Island in South Carolina. She's also an avid insect collector, and plans to mount her collection so she can bring it to school for her students to enjoy.

Since coming to our church last September, Amanda has volunteered at the Holiday Art Fair and participated in the book club for *The Death of Josseline*. She also joined the UU Flames softball team this spring.

**MEMBERSHIP: SECOND SATURDAY SESSIONS**

The Membership Committee and Rev. Charlie Davis continue to offer a series of *Second Saturday Sessions* intended to help everyone learn more about our Unitarian Universalist Church! Courses will be offered throughout the 2011 church year from 10 am-1 pm with a light brunch served in each class.

The following three sessions will be offered on a rotating basis. *Classes will not be held the month of July, and will resume in August:*

**UU HISTORY 101:** This class will cover topics such as: How did this denomination get to where it is today and how did Unitarian Christianity and Universalist Christianity evolve into the free religion we have today? By reviewing some of the controversies of the past we see how they shape our present. Intended for everyone new and old to UU congregations!

**EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP:** Learn more about the history of our UU church and what it means to be a member. This course is intended for visitors who are interested in learning more about membership.

**WRITING YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY:** What gifts have you kept from your religious heritage? What have you discarded? How do you wish to improve yourself and the world? Come explore and share your stories with others. By speaking our truth and listening to others, we can deepen the meaning of community. Intended for everyone!



## UNDER OUR ROOF

On May 19 in the sanctuary of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Francisco, *June Cohen's* daughter, *Shams Dianna Cohen* was granted the degree of Master of Divinity by Starr King School for the Ministry. She has just completed a church-year as Intern of Social Justice at First Unitarian Church of Dallas; and later this summer she will begin serving a year as Resident Chaplain of Harbor View Medical Center in Seattle. Congratulations to the Cohen family on this fine achievement!

*Lynn Richardson's* company, Lafayette Life, has moved its offices to Cincinnati. Lynn will be living 4-5 days a week there and weekends here. She has a new email address: [singforchocolate@yahoo.com](mailto:singforchocolate@yahoo.com). Please keep in touch with her. We wish you all the best as you transition into a new life living between two cities Lynn!



*Ingrid Clever*, family and friends have installed a plaque in Clegg Gardens, Lafayette, in loving memory of *Dagmar Clever Murray*. We invite you to visit the gardens sometime soon to enjoy the gifts of nature.

If you would like to share a personal milestone, joy, sorrow or news of illness in the "Under Our Roof" column, or seek further information regarding an announcement posted in this column, please contact Linda LeMar, Chairperson, Pastoral Care Group at 765-743-0665.

*Linda LeMar, Chair, Pastoral Care Group*

### JULY SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: GREETERS, NEWCOMERS' TABLE, COFFEE MINISTRY

#### JULY 3

- *Greeters*: Linda Prokopy, Jackie Sloss, Suzan Windnagel
- *Newcomers' Table*: Suzan Windnagel
- *Sanctuary Preparation*: Nina Kirkpatrick
- *Coffee Ministry*: Mary Ann Foley

#### JULY 10

- *Greeters*: Don and Ruth Ann Ferris, Nancy Patchen
- *Newcomers' Table*: Nancy Patchen
- *Sanctuary Preparation*: Beverly Seese
- *Coffee Ministry*: Mary Ann Foley

#### JULY 17

- *Greeters*: Beth & Chris Garretson, Kim Harden
- *Newcomers' Table*: Kim Harden
- *Sanctuary Preparation*: Martha Gipson
- *Coffee Ministry*: Mary Ann Foley

#### JULY 24

- *Greeters*: Dorothy Hughes, Denise Laussade, Nancy Whiting
- *Newcomers' Table*: Denise Laussade
- *Sanctuary Preparation*: Martha Gipson
- *Coffee Ministry*: Mary Ann Foley

#### JULY 31

- *Greeters*: Ed and Kathy Bowen, Kirsten Reynolds
- *Newcomers' Table*: Kirsten Reynolds
- *Sanctuary Preparation*: Robin Poindexter
- *Coffee Ministry*: Mary Ann Foley

## July Calendar Highlights

Reverend Davis will be out of the office for the month of July

- 3 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*  
11:45 a.m. ANNUAL UU PICNIC FOLLOWING SERVICE, Happy Hollow Park Shelter 1
- 4 Monday, *Independence Day*  
OFFICE CLOSED FOR REGULAR BUSINESS  
1:30 p.m. *Writers' Group* (106)  
6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation M*
- 5 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. *Program Council* (101/103)
- 6 Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*'(101/103)
- 7 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. *CSA* (FH)  
5:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee* (106)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)  
6:30 p.m. PFLAG (102 High School Room) First Thursdays
- 10 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*
- 12 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. ACLU-IN BOARD (American Civil Liberties Union, 212)
- 13 Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*'(101/103)
- 14 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. *CSA* (FH)  
5:30 p.m. *Worship Committee* (106)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)
- 15 Friday, 6:30 p.m. *PRYSM* (102)
- 17 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*  
3:00 p.m. *UU Christian Fellowship* (FH)
- 18 Monday, 1:30 p.m. *Writers' Group* (106)  
6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation* (M)
- 19 Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. *Pastoral Care* (106)  
6:30 p.m. BOARD MEETING (3rd Tuesdays, 101/103)
- 20 Wednesday, 12:00 PM *The Principled Group*'(101/103)
- 21 Thursday, NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
12:00 p.m. *League of Women Voters Luncheon Meeting* (FH)  
5:00 p.m. *CSA* (FH)  
5:00 p.m. *Lafayette Area Peace Coalition* (101/103)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)
- 24 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*
- 26 Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. *Committee on Ministry* (106)
- 27 Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*'(101/103)
- 28 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. *CSA* (FH)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)
- 31 Monday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*  
3:00 p.m. *Social Justice Movie "Under the Same Moon"* (101/103)

### SPEAK UP!

The podium microphone in the sanctuary is designed to pick up voice from several inches away, but it still works best when the speaker uses a strong, clear voice.

The microphones on stands are a little different. Try to stay just a few inches from the microphone. The sound operator will control the volume. And, again, speak up. Often feedback occurs when the microphone is too far from the speaker and the sound operator pushes the volume. Ironically...often when the speaker hears feedback, his/her instinct is to push the microphone further away, when the solution may be getting closer to the mic. Thank you.

*Sharon McKnight, Sound System Coordinator*



## THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Our next hosting week for *Family Promise* will be in July (please see article below at right). *OUTfest* will be in August. The Social Justice Committee will meet again on Thursday, August 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome to join this active committee.

*Jean Tynner, Social Justice Committee Chairperson*

### “UNDER THE SAME MOON”

The Social Justice Committee will sponsor the viewing of a movie on Sunday, July 31, in Room 101/103 at 4:00 p.m. In keeping with the UUSC immigration study action, we chose a film that will foster education and discussion on this issue. The film "Under the Same Moon" highlights some of the challenges facing families who are stretched between two countries and a difficult border. Rated PG-13, this major motion picture was produced in 2008 and stars Adrian Alonso, Kate Del Castillo and Eugenio Derbez. We will have a discussion following the movie. Light refreshments will be served. We hope you will plan to join us. If you need childcare for this event, please RSVP to the Martha Gipson, Social Justice Committee, indicating the age and number of children no later than July 24. *Martha Gipson, for the Social Justice Committee.*

### SHOUT OUT UU'OUR PRIDE

We're looking for volunteers who want to interact with our greater community at *OUTfest*, the annual downtown festival sponsored by PRIDE Lafayette. This is your chance to spread the word of our Welcoming Congregation and show that there are faith communities that care about our gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and "otherwise oriented" communities. If you want to share your talents and words, we are looking for people to host our booth for 2 hours on the evening of August 20, 2011. Shifts are 4-6, 6-8, 8-10 p.m. We also want to encourage an interactive atmosphere, so if you have talents for face painting, family activities, a suggestion for a brief activity that could involve families—please share your talents or ideas. For further information, contact Fritz Smith or Rob Carlisle

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

The LUM board of directors recently voted to establish LUM's official Immigration Statement, which reads as follows: We affirm the Lafayette Urban Ministry as a social justice ministry. We believe in, and advocate for, maintaining the principles of equality, human rights and dignity of all. We advocate basic services of life, health, education, and well-being for children and adults who need our services, regardless of immigration status. We oppose policies that unnecessarily separate families. We support exploring pathways to citizenship for immigrants.

LUM also voted to establish a new covenant agreement with St. John's Episcopal Church concerning the St. John/LUM's food pantry. In essence, LUM will raise their monetary commitment from 9k/yr to 20k/yr, create an advisory committee populated by both LUM and St. John's representatives, and a new Interim Director position will be created to help run the food pantry. This agreement lasts for one year.

Hunger Hike Day will be Sunday, September 18! You can form teams and start raising funds any time! For more information, check out their website at <http://www.hungerhike.org>.

LUM's overnight shelter is packed. To date, 41 of the 42 beds are full. The shelter just lost five part-time students for the summer, so volunteers are desperately needed. Case management volunteers are also needed. The Advocates program also needs volunteers. They are only required to commit time once a week, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Please go to LUM's website, [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org) for more information on these and other great programs that could all use your help!

*Rich Irvine, UU LUM Representative*

## CHANGE FOR CHANGE: FAMILY PROMISE

The Change for Change recipient in July and August will be Family Promise of Greater Lafayette. Family Promise is an interfaith program that provides temporary shelter for families in transition.

Part of a national network, the local Family Promise is a cooperative effort of sixteen congregations that provide facilities, volunteers, supplies and food. Our congregation has been a support church for several years, providing meals and volunteers.

In the local community, the number of homeless families with children has risen in recent years. Through Family Promise, these children are assured secure and warm shelter and healthy meals. Social service professionals work with the parents to help them find jobs and permanent housing.

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization relying primarily upon donations. To learn more: [www.fpglinc.org](http://www.fpglinc.org).

Note: the theme for our 2011 Change for Change program is "Caring for Children." Throughout the year all of the loose coins in the Sunday morning offering will be used to support programs in the community that help children.

*Kaye McSpadden*

*Change for Change Coordinator for 2011*

### FAMILY PROMISE

The UU Church will be working with Our Savior Lutheran to host Family Promise from July 10 to July 17. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with providing meals, serving as hosts (eating dinner with the families and hanging out with them in the evening), sleeping over at Our Savior Lutheran, and volunteering at the day center on Sunday the 17th. If you haven't volunteered before and would be interested in helping out, please contact Josh Prokopy ([josh@prokopyfamily.com](mailto:josh@prokopyfamily.com) / 765-337-3382).

**SUMMER HOURS**

The church office will be open Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 pm, during the summer. Reverend Daniel Charles Davis is on vacation/study leave through August 1. Thank you.

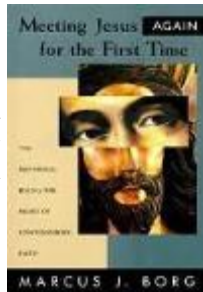
**BUILDING COMMITTEE THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to *Mark VanMeeter* for general repairs in the building and for hanging the beautiful banner in Fellowship Hall. A big thank you to *Frank Helms* for installing new equipment in the women's bathroom and for continuing to make general repairs to our building. Many thanks to *Ed Bowen* for replacing the light diffuser in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks also goes to *Christine Schertz* for replacing a ceiling tile in the kitchen and to *Tom McConville* for hanging the new bulletin board for Forum use in rooms 101/103.

*JoAnn Darling, Building Committee Chairperson*

**UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
SUMMER ACTIVITIES:  
YOU'RE INVITED!**

On Sunday July 17, book discussion on *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith*, by Marcus Borg. Forum Room, 3:00-5:00pm. Books are available on Amazon for as little as a penny plus shipping. Even if you have not read this book, come and join our discussion.



**CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME IN AUGUST**

Choir will not meet this summer until mid-August. Regular rehearsal times are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**UU FLAMES SOFTBALL TEAM**

*THE UU FLAMES* want to light up the stands with fans. Come out to cheer us on...and celebrate with us afterward! Next game dates:

- Thursday, July 7 - 7:20 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Field, corner of Navajo and Sacramento, West Lafayette
- Wednesday, July 13 - 6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament field, Navajo & Sacramento, West Lafayette

*Sazan Windragel,  
Baseball Team Coordinator*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are always a few projects in need of volunteers to help out. Listed below are some things we could use help with around the church this summer. Please call the office if you are able to help...

- weeding planting beds, especially outside office entrance
- watering planting beds, early morning and late afternoon
- checking playground for thistles, litter, sharp objects and other undesirable items. Thank you!

**WISH LIST**

The church is in need of a few items to help with indoor & outdoor responsibilities. If you have any of the following *in good working order* that you are thinking of recycling, or would like to donate, please let us know...

- Weed Whacker
  - pruning sheers, large and small
  - lawn trimmer/edger
  - laptop computer with internet capabilities
- Again, thanks very much!

**RETREAT**

The All Church Retreat will be here before you know it, on August 12-14 at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. Registration forms have been e-mailed as an attachment to the Wednesday *Meridian Update*, and hard copies are available at the church office entrance and narthex. Please turn the forms in by August 1 for optimal food and childcare planning.

For those of you who are first-timers, the retreat is a wonderful intergenerational event held at Ross Camp located on the Wabash River and operated by Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation Dept. We rent out a large 'A' frame building there for the entire weekend, but you are welcome to come for any/all of the events and workshops. The themes this year will be "Lammas Day" (loaf-mass day, August 1) and Perseid Meteor Showers (peak activity August 9-14). So workshops will center on breads, grains, baking, and the night sky. The Membership Committee and Rev. Charlie Davis will host workshops along with many others. A schedule of workshops and events will be published later this month so you can see what you would like to participate in. If you wish to request a special workshop/activity or have one you want to offer contact Lisa Pantea or Eric Thiel. There will be childcare provided during workshops, so parents can enjoy learning as their children are well cared for by other church members. Rev. Charlie will have a worship service on Sunday morning and we will have the traditional contra dance on Sat. p.m. with the Kountry Kernels and a caller.

The 'A' frame has dorm rooms and there is camping at Ross Camp too, so if you want to spend the night, that is an option (see registration form for details).

The Food Committee will have a sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall for those who would be willing to donate time (to help shop or take things to Ross Camp) or food (cookies, veggies/produce/eggs, baked goods) for Retreat Weekend. Contact Christine Schertz if you would like to help or have questions.

More information will be sent before the retreat with details of what to bring, directions, etc., but for now, just spread the word and get fired up for a fun weekend, communing with UU friends and members. It is a wonderful opportunity to fill our minds and hearts with new ideas, new relationships and leave our routine lives behind for a few hours/days.

**UUSC**

The spring/summer 2011 issue of *Rights Now*, a publication of the Unitarian Universalist Service Commission, indicates that three members of our congregation have been UUSC members for at least 25 years: George Wulff, Don and Ruth Ann Ferris. We encourage membership in this social justice organization. See <http://www.uusc.org/> for further information.



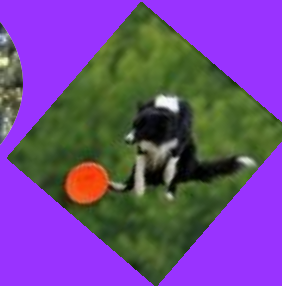
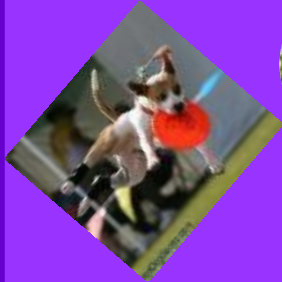
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*The ultimate measure of a man  
 is not where he stands in moments  
 of comfort and convenience, but where he stands  
 at times of challenge and controversy.*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King  
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# Annual UU Picnic



**Sunday, July 3 following Service  
 Shelter #1, first structure as you enter the park  
 Happy Hollow Park**

**Please bring a dish to pass.  
 Drinks and hot dogs will be provided.  
 Bring soccer balls, Frisbees, dogs,  
 whatever you want to help entertain you for this fun annual  
 event!**

**The covered shelter is reserved until 3:30 pm.  
 Even if it rains we will still have the picnic.**

**See you there—  
 invite your friends and family!**

## 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.

## 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 life journeys and  
 work toward social justice  
 in the local and world communities.