



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE INDIANA SEPTEMBER 2011

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

*Sunday Service & Religious Education Classes begin at 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery Childcare Available.*

**SEPTEMBER 4**

**“LABOR AND  
IMMIGRATION”**

**Worship Leader:**

**Rev. Charlie Davis**

**Worship Associate:**

**Ellen Gruenbaum**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Suzan Windnagel**

In the U.S. labor unrest has always been intertwined with concerns about immigrants. From the Irish in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the Italians in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, to the Hispanics today. On the one hand we invite people into the country to do work we do not want to do for low wages. Then we say they don't belong here. How do we *stand on the side of love* and respect the rights of all people?

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**“TEN YEARS OF FEAR”**

**Worship Leader:**

**Rev. Charlie Davis**

**Worship Associate: Ellen Germann**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Jason Dufair**

How have we changed as a people since the attack on 9-11-01? We were terrorized. What did our terror lead us to do. What shall we do next?

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**INTERFAITH SERVICE,  
MEMORIAL ISLAND,  
COLUMBIAPARK,  
LAFAYETTE, 6:30 PM**

Gail and Reverend Charlie will be singing for mercy in Arabic, Latin, Hebrew, and English. Interfaith banners made by the Fiber Arts Guild presently on display in the

sanctuary will be part of the service. Rain location Congress Street Methodist Church.

**SEPTEMBER 18**

**“STANDING TOGETHER”**

**Worship Leader:**

**Rev. Charlie Davis**

**Worship Associate:**

**Dianna Poindexter**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Noemi Ybarra**

As UUs we hope to *Stand on the Side of Love*. To stand requires strength. Strength is built by sharing our time, talents and treasures. This is the beginning of our pledge drive.

**SEPTEMBER 25**

**“ANIMAL BLESSING”**

**Multigenerational Service**

**Worship Leader:**

**Sheila Garrett**

**Worship Associates: UU Youth**

**Pianist: Shellie Johnson**

**Sound: Chapman Flack**

Join us for a multigenerational service, Blessing of the Animals, on this Sunday close to the celebration of St. Francis (Oct. 4). We will welcome the animals, pets and companions that are most precious to us into our sanctuary for a blessing. Children are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed animal, too. Look for special instructions upcoming *Meridian Updates* for information describing how we will do this and assure the well-being of all animals, including humans. Water and clean-up stations will be provided throughout the church. Worship Leader is Sheila Garrett. Our UU youth will serve as Worship Associates.

## MINISTERS MUSINGS

### NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

Not all who wander are lost.

These two sentences represent polarities in my psyche. The minimalist in me craves simplicity and practicality. The wondering wanderer wants to explore all the possibilities. The labyrinth in the side yard of the church challenges both polarities. From the time I interviewed with this church in May 2010, I heard about the labyrinth. Much of the email that summer was considering all the possibilities.

They were like a wandering maze with several dead ends. Shortly after I arrived the conversation seemed to lessen and stop. It lay dormant until I returned from vacation this August. The first email about the labyrinth inspired me to action. I built a small 20' by 18' labyrinth. I went from point a to point b in 45 minutes. A couple of weeks later the grounds committee with the help of Purdue volunteers built a 40' by 40' labyrinth.

A labyrinth is an opportunity to wander without being lost. Unlike a maze, it has no wrong turn. It deliberately winds around until one reaches the center. Once one has reached the center, one slowly unwinds until one is free from the labyrinth. Why would one do such a thing? It takes me out of the linear nature of life; always trying to reach one goal only to find another goal. We run shortest distance after shortest distance, point to point and never noticing the journey. A labyrinth is a tool to help one break out of the chase. Most meditation requires people to sit still. For me that lasts about five minutes (tops). I am a pacer. The labyrinth is pointless pacing and that is precisely why it works for me. As I focus on the path my mind wanders and a meditative state occurs.

The labyrinth comes from Greek mythology and later was used in Roman mosaic floors. The patterns continued in medieval Christian cathedrals, notably Chartres and Reims in northern France. They may have been substitute paths for those unable to make a pilgrimage to the holy land. I invite you to try the labyrinth. Walk through it slowly on the grass path between the marble borders. Perhaps it will take you on a pilgrimage outside yourself, or maybe deep within.

The current labyrinth is temporary and can be removed whenever we feel the need. It can also be improved and made more permanent if we feel the need. It could become a place for the wider community to take a break from dashing from appointment to appointment. Our lawn could become a sacred place for pilgrims of the soul.

*With Gratitude and Hope, Rev. Charlie*

## 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.*

September 4: Marty Patchen & Tom McConville: *Discussion on This Summers' Vacations.*

September 11: Bert Rockman, Professor and Chairman, Department of Political Science: *The New Middle East: From A Singular Obsession to Multiple Obsession.*

September 18: Joel Ebarb, Theatre Department Chair & Professor of Theatre & Costume Design, and Professor Karen Holtstedt, Head of Acting: *Theatre at Purdue.*

September 25: Rev. Charlie Davis and the Pastoral Care Committee: *Renewing Emergency Information Form.*

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

### October 2011 Newsletter Deadline: Thursday, September 15, 5:00 pm

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

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

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT BEYOND BUSINESS AS USUAL – "JUSTICE GA"

Supporting human rights for all people, especially those most vulnerable, is a core Unitarian Universalist value. We've had a long history of support for migrant workers, refugees, and other displaced peoples. "Immigration as a Moral Issue" is currently one of our UUA congregational study/action issues.

Thanks to the leadership of our Social Justice Committee we've been getting ready and gearing up for the social justice focused GA. Examples of activities include study/action issue themed book [The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderlands](#) by Margaret Regan and the study/action issue themed film [Under the Same Moon](#). A future event is the November 6th showing of [The People Speak](#) based on the book by Howard Zinn.

Locally we focus on social justice year round with the work we do with Family Promise, LUM, Change for Change, OUTfest and on-going collections for the food pantry and women's shelter to name a few. And we're embracing the [Standing on the Side of Love](#) theme over the next year to help communicate our support on social justice related to immigration reform, marriage equality, GLBT equality, family homelessness, etc.

Let's culminate our study, discussion and love into action on a national level...by traveling to Phoenix to participate in the social justice witness that will take place with 4000+ UUs at "Justice GA" in Phoenix from **June 20 - 24, 2012**. Watch the UUA website at [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) in early 2012 for registration information. We'll also offer updates in the *Lighted Chalice*.

Want to know more about how amazing the GA experience can be? Talk to one of the following members who attended GA in the past two years: Linda Prokopy, Beth Garretson, Mary Finley, Christine Schertz, Sharon McKnight, Cindy Gerlach, Nina Kirkpatrick, Suzan Windnagel, Beverly & Carl Seese.

*Suzan Windnagel  
President, Board of Trustees*

*"In Phoenix we will join hands with others to make love more powerful. Our workshops on a broad spectrum of issues will span justice work as spiritual practice to local organizing. As always, we will worship together. We will hear inspiring speakers. We will work with local congregations and community partners to create activities appropriate for people of different ages, abilities, and temperaments. Come to Phoenix. This is the opportunity of a lifetime." Rev. Peter Morales, President, Unitarian Universalist Association.*

Save the Date:  
**Congregational Meeting**  
immediately after service on  
**Sunday, September 18**

Please note: To vote at a congregational meeting a member must have signed the membership book at least 3 weeks prior a vote.

*The whole purpose of education  
is to turn mirrors into windows.*

~Sydney J. Harris

When my son Brandon was in kindergarten, he came home from school one day proclaiming, "Mommy, you taught me that song wrong (I don't even remember which song it was now, but it seemed like "sacred" territory at the time). Little Red Horn on my right shoulder sprang to attention, immediately defensive and not liking the thought of having our *tradition*, my *authority* about the way the song was *supposed* to be sung challenged. Thank goodness, the more rational and calm Crystal Halo on my left shoulder asked Brandon to share the new version of the song before Little Red Horn had the chance to say something evil. "I like that!" I told my proud little boy when he had finished singing. Then, on behalf of Little Red Horn and my fragile, possessive Mommy ego, I added, "And now you know TWO ways to sing the song! The other kids probably only know the version your teacher taught the class. Too bad for them!" His little face lit up, "Yeah!"

We all have our ugly, weak moments, right?

I suppose it's human nature to hold on to what's familiar, the way we learned something, or resist changing the way things have "always been done." This church year is an adventure we are all going on together as one community. As we experiment with what works, I hope you will join me as I pledge to be vigilant in remembering, "There is no one right way... there are many paths to the Divine."

In this spirit, I offer you program goals for this year:

- \*periodic Children's Chapel for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade
- \*second semester OWL for middle school students
- \*greater connection to the larger church community for high school students, including participation in district cons and perhaps more localized "mini" cons
- \*dynamic time for all ages and multigenerational services
- \*support for religious education teachers, including two scheduled in-services

My office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays 10-4, and Tuesdays 1-5. Stop in and say hello. Share your feedback, ideas, or even a corny joke. You will be welcome here.

*With Gratitude and Faith,  
Sheila*

**THE 2011/2012  
SCHOOL YEAR  
BEGINS SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11**

Registration for the 2011/2012 School Year begins Sunday, September 4 and continues through the following Sunday, September 11 when classes begin. *A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on those Sundays with 2011-2012 R.E. Brochure and Registration Forms available. Please complete one registration form for each child; leave forms with Sheila Garrett, Director of Religious Education. RE Brochures and registration forms will also be electronically mailed to parents on September 4 or thereabouts.*

Sunday, September 11 Religious Education Program for Ages K-6: Children will attend *Children's Chapel* in Room 101/103 after "Time For All Ages" during the early part of Sunday service.

*Teacher Training* will immediately follow service, Children's Chapel and coffee on Sunday, September 11 in Rooms 101/103.

The success of our RE program depends on the help of the entire congregation. We are always in need of teachers, teacher helpers, and shadows, especially for this coming year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions regarding the Religious Education Program, please contact Director of Religious Education Sheila Garrett, [sgarrett@uulafayette.org](mailto:sgarrett@uulafayette.org). Thank you.

**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 John Wilms, M.D., in this issue of the newsletter. Many thanks to Josh Prokopy for writing these biographies.*

*Linda Prokopy  
Membership Chairperson*



**JOHN WILMS**

John comes from a studiously agnostic family that he describes as Emersonian in its outlook. His second wife, Dama, was an orthodox protestant and he joined Central Presbyterian Church with her. Over the course of 25 years he rose to become an elder of the church, but he always had a problem with their message.



After he and Dama were divorced, John began exploring UU theology. He made regular visits to share lunch and theological conversations with then Reverend Libby Stoddard. During that time he also took graduate level courses at Christian Theological Seminary. Eventually, he came to identify strongly with a belief system known as Process Theology, which he still adheres to today.

In 1994, John decided that it was finally time to join the UU church. That very same year he attended General Assembly in Fort Worth. Over the years he has been to six General Assemblies and has also been a long time supporter of the UUA's office at the United Nations.

John was a professor in the Psychology Department at Purdue and worked as a psychiatrist with the Student Health Service. He retired in 1989 and is now a professor emeritus. John has three children and six grandchildren. Jan, 60, works as a school principal in Michigan. Dave, 58, is newly retired from teaching environmental science in Illinois. Carl, 56, is the resident caretaker at Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary near Connorsville. John is also a motorcycle enthusiast. Until the age of 70 he regularly rode his Honda 400. He enjoyed the sense of freedom and power that came with riding a motorcycle and describes it as a very sensuous experience.

John has chaired Greeting and Membership. He works actively with Sunday Morning Forum Planning Group and has spoken at several services.

**ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

Our first year of annual fellowship groups was a success! Many of the groups plan to continue for a second year but we still need some new group ideas! What do you LOVE to do? Would you like to do this with church members and friends? If you have an idea for a group and/or would like to organize a group, please contact Ellen Germann.



UNDER OUR ROOF

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Ellen Gruenbaum**, whose mother died this summer.

Kathleen Peyton has a new grandson, **Frank David Peyton**. The proud parents are **Linda and Brandon Peyton**. **Emily**, age 7,

and **Sacha**, 18 months, have a new brother. Congratulations to all of you!

Our condolences go to **Mary Ann Foley** whose brother, **Don Guthals**, died August 9 in Abilene, Kansas. Mary Ann attended the funeral in Kansas on August 13. We are sorry for your loss, Mary Ann, and share your sorrow.

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Dick Trent**, one of our long-time members, who died on August 10. He often attended Forum and was active in the Writers' Group. The funeral service was August 13, with Rev. Charlie Davis officiating.

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Elizabeth Hoffman**, whose father passed away in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this past June 29th. Our thoughts are with you and your family, Beth.

Our heartfelt sympathies go to the families of **Tom and Bert McIlwain** and **Beth McIlwain-Prior**. Their father, **Robert McIlwain**, passed away Friday evening, August 26 in Portland Oregon. Professor McIlwain and his wife Joan, who preceded him in death, were long-time members of this congregation.

*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.*

*Linda LeMar, Chairperson, Pastoral Care Group*

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: GREETERS, NEWCOMERS' TABLE, COFFEE MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 4

- *Greeters:* Kirsten Reynolds, Linda Prokopy, Nancy Whiting
- *Newcomers' Table:* Kirsten Reynolds
- *Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- *Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

SEPTEMBER 11

- *Greeters:* Amy French, Kim Harden, Jacqui Sloss
- *Newcomers' Table:* Kim Harden
- *Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- *Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

SEPTEMBER 18

- *Greeters:* Chris and Elizabeth Garretson, Nancy Patchen
- *Newcomers' Table:* Nancy Patchen
- *Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- *Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

SEPTEMBER 25

- *Greeters:* Don and Ruth Ann Ferris, Kirsten Reynolds
- *Newcomers' Table:* Kirsten Reynolds
- *Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- *Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley



- 1 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
- 2 Friday, 6:30 p.m. *PRYSM* (102)
- 4 Sunday, *Magazine Exchange*  
9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship*  
*POTLUCK* Following service, *Fellowship Hall*
- 5 Monday, 1:30 p.m. *Writers' Group* (106)  
6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation* (M)
- 6 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. *Program Council* (101/103)
- 7 Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*(101/103)  
7:00 p.m. *Choir* (S)
- 8 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)  
6:30 p.m. *PFLAG* (102 High School Room) First Thursdays
- 9 Friday, 6:30 p.m. *PRYSM* (102)
- 10 Saturday, 8:00 a.m. *Zen* (M)
- 11 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship & first day of RE*
- 12 Monday, 6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation* (M)
- 13 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. *Foster Care/UU Church Meet and Greet* (FH)  
6:45 p.m. *UU Christian Fellowship* (106)  
7:00 p.m. *ACLU-IN BOARD* (American Civil Liberties Union, 212)
- 14 Wednesday, *Minister at HUUMA Meeting*  
12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*(101/103)  
7:00 p.m. *Choir* (S)
- 15 Thursday, **Newsletter Deadline**  
12:00 noon, *League of Women Voters Lunch Series* (FH)  
5:00 p.m. *CSA* (FH)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)
- 16 Friday, 6:30 p.m. *PRYSM* (102)  
7:00 p.m. **Jim Scott Concert**, FH
- 18 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
9:45 a.m. **Stewardship Kickoff Bagel Breakfast**  
10:30 a.m. *Worship & RE*  
11:30 a.m. **Congregational Meeting** (S)
- 19 Monday, 1:30 p.m. *Writers' Group* (106)  
6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation* (M)
- 20 Tuesday, 12:00 p.m. *Pastoral Care* (106)  
6:30 p.m. **Board Meeting** (3rd Tuesdays, 101/103)
- 21 Wednesday, 12:00 PM *The Principled Group*(101/103)  
7:00 p.m. *Choir* (S)
- 22 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. CSA (FH)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)
- 25 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. *Forum* (101/103)  
10:30 a.m. *Worship & RE*
- 26 Monday, 6:45 p.m. *Buddhist Meditation* (M)  
7:00 p.m. *ACLU Discussion of movie "Huck Finn"* (101/103)
- 27 Tuesday, 5:45 p.m. *Committee on Ministry* (106)
- 28 Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. *The Principled Group*(101/103)
- 29 Thursday, 5:00 p.m. CSA (FH)  
5:40 p.m. *Dinner @MCL*  
6:00 p.m. *Zen* (M)  
7:00 p.m. *Choir* (S)
- 30 Friday, 6:30 p.m. *PRYSM* (102)



**THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The Social Justice Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome to join this active committee.

*Jean Tyner, Social Justice Committee Chairperson*

**MAYBE YOU COULD BE THE NEW CHANGE FOR CHANGE COORDINATOR FOR 2012!**

Although *Change for Change* is supported by the entire congregation each week through the Sunday offering, the Social Justice Committee has provided primary oversight and coordination. During its 6-year history, *Change for Change* coordinators have included Lynn Richardson (with help from Sue Robinson and Jean Tyner), Bill Kannel, Linda Prokopy, and Kaye McSpadden. We are now looking for someone to be the new coordinator in 2012.

Being the *Change for Change* coordinator is an important job, but not terribly difficult or time-consuming. Duties include: working with the Social Justice Committee to determine themes and select agencies, writing articles for the newsletter, communicating with the church treasurers to monitor collection amounts and ensuring that donations are properly sent, and reporting results to the committee and to the congregation. Ideally, the Change for Change Coordinator also attends Social Justice Committee meetings.

This is a fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity in our church. If you are interested, contact Kaye McSpadden (current coordinator) for more information.

*Kaye McSpadden, for Social Justice Committee*

**LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY**

Hunger Hike this year is September 18. LUM is looking for a few more corporate sponsors to reach their goal of \$30,000 in corporate pledges. Please see the website at <http://www.HungerHike.org> for more information.

The shelter has gone well over the summer. The shelter is currently in need of coffee, sugar, gauze and gauze tape. You can drop these items off at the front office during the day. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

*Rick Irvine, UU LUM Representative*

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:  
THERAPEION  
THERAPEUTIC  
RIDING CENTER**



The Change for Change recipient in September and October will be Therapeion Therapeutic Riding Center in Brookston. Therapeion (pronounced ther-AP-ee-on) is a Greek word that means healing of body and spirit. Therapeion uses the healing nature of the interaction between humans and horses to help children and youth.

Therapeion offers equine assisted programs (or “therapy horses”) for children with disabilities, children who have been victims of violence or abuse, children with mental health issues (including autism), and youth at risk. In the future, they hope to expand programming to serve women recovering from abuse and to work with school literacy programs.

The benefits of therapeutic riding have been well-recognized for several decades, including positive contributions to the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well being of people with disabilities and emotional issues.

Founded in 2007 as a personal calling of faith by Libby Shepherd, Therapeion is a nonprofit organization that relies primarily upon donations, fundraisers, and user fees. Our Change for Change collection will be used to provide scholarships to enable children from low-income families to participate. Therapeion treats all people with respect and accepts everyone regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, national origin or sexual orientation. Therapeion is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International.

Therapeion relies heavily upon adult volunteers to work with the riders. The job is easy and rewarding and the time commitment is minimal. A 4-hour training is provided and then volunteers are asked to commit to the same class for an 8-week session. In addition, Therapeion is currently in need of an overall Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, a Volunteer Coordinator, or helping in some other way, contact director Libby Shepherd at [therapeion@yahoo.com](mailto:therapeion@yahoo.com) or 765-414-8066. To learn more about Therapeion: [www.therapeiontrc.com](http://www.therapeiontrc.com).

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*

## REGULAR CHURCH HOURS RESUME

The church office will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 pm, during the school year. Reverend Davis is available Tuesday through Friday afternoon, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Director of Religious Education Sheila Garrett is available Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Thank you.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE THANK YOU!

We wish to thank Frank Helms, Mark Van Meeter, Tom McConville, and Suzan Windnagel for continued work on our church facility.

*JoAnn Darling,  
Building Committee Chairperson*

## UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

We will next meet Tuesday, September 13 at 6:45 PM in Room 106.

One of the world's leading Jesus scholars is coming to CTS (Christian Theological Seminary, <http://www.cts.edu/index.php>) on Friday, October 7 - Saturday, October 8, 2011.

•7:30 to 9:00 pm Friday (6:30 pm registration, reception and conversation) 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Saturday (8:00 registration); lunch on your own Noon -1:00 Shelton Auditorium, CTS

•Costs: \$15 for Friday only; \$30 for Saturday only; \$40 for Friday and Saturday

•Deadline: September 30, 2011

•CEU (Continuing Education Units) contact hours are available.

•Co-sponsors: The Jesus Seminar (Indianapolis), St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Contact Kirsten Reynolds with questions. Thank you.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL USE

We are presently without a caretaker and ask your assistance in please being sure all the chairs in the Fellowship Hall are put away in the end-closet after use. We are hiring a temporary cleaning service and it is cost prohibitive to have them moving furniture out of the way. Four tables may be left standing out, but no chairs. 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
- work gloves, all sizes
- lawn trimmer/edger
- Used laptop computer with internet capabilities

Again, thanks very much!

## 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 & fall. 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!

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER AT MCL

Interested in chatting over dinner with friends once a week? Each Thursday evening at 5:40 pm, join others from the Unitarian Universalist Church for an informal dinner at the MCL Cafeteria located at 521 Sagamore Parkway/Route 52 in West Lafayette, phone 765.463.6621. Call the Church Office for further information, 765.743.8812.

## FLOWERS

Please consider sponsoring flowers for Sunday service in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. They beautify the sanctuary, and your home as well. Call the office, 765.743.8812 and we will order a bouquet for you from *Rubia*. The cost is \$35.00 for a bouquet with glass vase, plus \$7.00 for delivery totaling \$42.00. Checks can be made out to *UU Church*, "flowers" in the memo. Occasionally we have time to go pick up the flowers, at a substantial savings to the purchaser—please call the office for details!

## MONEY MATTERS

The development of the 2012 draft budget is in full swing! Thanks to John Carlson especially for all the time and talent he brings to this process. Have spreadsheet will calculate!

Committees have also provided information about the funds they'll need to provide the people, programs and events that bring us together at UUC...from Sunday services, nursery, youth religious education & coffee hour to maintaining a building so we have a home for our gatherings.

**Financial Factoid** - when we break our budget down to an average value for each signed member...it's about \$1350.00. We have 171 members (plus many more children and friends) and we all have different strengths. Some of us can give more time and talent to the functioning of our community and others can give more financial resources.

*Thanks for all you give of your time, talent and financial resources...and for assuring UUC is a priority on your "to do" and "to give" list.*

*Together we make our UUC community thrive and make a difference in the lives of our family, friends and ourselves.*

### **Finance Committee**

*John Carlson, Amy French, Denise Laussade, Rosemary Leary, Gale Charlotte, Steve Hoffmann, Suzan Windnagel*

### **COMMITTEE CALL OUT**

**Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity?  
Where you can make a difference  
in our church community?**

If so, consider joining the  
Stewardship Committee!

As Chair, I am looking for 3-5 people  
to make up this vital group.

It is an exciting time for us with Rev. Charlie beginning his second year and our new Director of Religious Education, Sheila Garrett, having begun in August.

If you are wondering what is involved,  
please contact me.

Cheryl Fowler

Announcing Our Stewardship Campaign for 2012

## Standing Together

Co-Chairs of the  
Stewardship Committee and Campaign:

Cheryl Fowler      Laura Geiger Reed

Stewardship Committee: Ed Bowen, Cheryl Fowler, Beth Garretson, Laura Geiger Reed, Cindy Gerlach, Kaye McSpadden, Mark Van Meeter, Suzan Windnagel

### **Tentative Calendar of events:**

**Sunday, September 18, 2011**

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Bagel Breakfast with Entertainment

10:30 a.m. Stewardship Sunday service

Noon Congregational Meeting to discuss  
proposed 2012 Budget

**Thursday, September 22, 2011**

**Leadership Dinner**

for Lead Donors and Board of Trustees

**"Community Building" meetings - TBA**

**Mid-campaign Reception - TBA**

**Successful Campaign Celebration - TBA**



STANDING ON THE SIDE OF

**LOVE**





Nina Kirkpatrick (far left), Martha Gipson, Rae Schnapp (at distance), Lisa Pantea and Rev. Charlie Davis walk the labyrinth.

Many thanks to the Boiler Volunteer Network and the 10 Purdue students who helped us spruce up our grounds and construct a temporary labyrinth. Thanks also to Nina Kirkpatrick and Gary Atkinson, the creative minds behind the labyrinth.

The students pulled weeds from our flower beds, parking areas, and edible garden beds. Beth Misner, Tom McConville, Suzan Windnagel and Joe Hiscox were a great help too. It was really hot, but the students felt such a sense of accomplishment that they asked the bus driver to wait while they finished the job. Check out our grounds and try out the new labyrinth!

*Rae Schnapp,  
Grounds Chairperson*



Martha Gipson (left), Nina Kirkpatrick, Rae Schnapp (at distance), Rev. Charlie Davis and Lisa Pantea approach the labyrinth center.

PURDUE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE AND UU PARKING COVERAGE SIGN-UP			
HOME GAMES, FALL 2011			
DATE	OPPONENT	GROUP	TIME
Sept 3	Middle Tenn State	RE	noon
Sept 17	SE Missouri State	open	noon
Oct 1	Notre Dame	Publicity	8 pm
Oct 8	Minnesota	open	~noon
Oct 22	Illinois	RE	not set
Nov 12	Ohio State	Choir	not set
Nov 19	Iowa	RE	not set

This preliminary assignment of groups, and remaining game sign-up, may be discussed with coordinator Amanda Estes. Barny Dunning is available for consultation as well. Times for the remaining games won't be set until Television Networks pick which games they will televise, and when.



Martha Gipson (left), Nina Kirkpatrick, Rae Schnapp, Rev. Charlie Davis at labyrinth center.

uu Church Retreat,  
Ross Camp, 2011



*West Lafayette, Indiana...*

ARE YOU AN

# Evangelical UUA?

Come help spread the good news about our Unitarian Universalist Church at the Publicity Committee meeting at 7 p.m. on September 8, in Room 106 at the church.

Currently we have one person who works with local advertising, and one who manages both our web page and Facebook. But we could do so much more! A marketing plan would help us put a consistent image out to the community. We could improve what we are doing. Plus we could produce yard signs, bumper stickers, and t-shirts and other ways to spread the news. Plus we may develop strategies and ideas to attract specific populations such as; Purdue students, retirees, young families, ethnic and sexual minorities.

Bring your ideas and skills to this brainstorming session. Be an ad-maker, message-maker, impression-maker, web-maker, or publicity-maker. We could be **MAKERS ALL!!!** (or we could come up with something better...)

*An exciting acoustic guitarist and composer of powerful songs that further the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace...*

*Some kind of a magician.*  
Pete Seeger

*His music sings of the life spirit.*  
Paul Winter

*Scott's music is intelligent with strong melodies. He moves with ease from delicate chords and harmonies, to reggae, to jazz.*  
The New Mexican

## Songs for a Peaceful Planet

**Jim Scott**

**7 P.M. Friday, September 16, 2011**

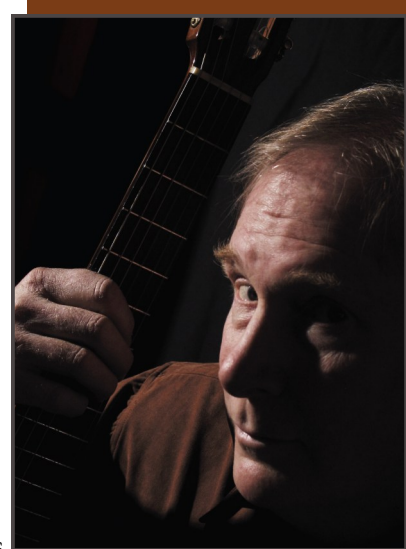
**Unitarian Universalist Church**

**333 Meridian Street**

**West Lafayette, IN**

**765-743-8812**

**tickets \$10 in Advance \$12 at the door**



For more than two decades, Jim Scott has made it his business to create and perform music that celebrates the earth. His songs and poetry have inspired and educated audiences around the world. He has developed presentations for every age group and crafted songs that sensitize his listeners to the beauty of the earth, teaching principles of ecology in memorable verses.

From his work with the Paul Winter Consort where he co-wrote the celebrated *Missa Gaia - Earth Mass* and many other pieces, including his "A Song for the Earth," recorded live at the United Nations on the album *Concert for the Earth*, Jim has gone on to create an extensive body of work. His own recordings "Earth, Sky, Love and Dreams" and "Sailing with the Moon" include many of his eco-anthems.

In songs, choral music, instrumental soundtracks for several documentaries and the PBS series *Body and Soul*, Jim continues to make music with a depth of artistry and craft that separates his music from that of many other singer songwriters. Come join us in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday evening, September 16, to hear the works of this distinguished artist.

**Indiana Dept. of Child Services Displays  
Adoptable Children's Portraits at  
Faith Community Center:  
Heart Gallery Runs Through Sept. 5**

PRESS RELEASE,  
LAFAYETTE, IN—  
A compelling exhibit of  
photographic portraits of  
children in need of adop-  
tive families is on display  
through Labor Day at the  
Faith Community Center,  
5572 Mercy Way in Lafa-  
yette. The exhibit, called  
the Heart Gallery, is an  
initiative of the Indiana  
Department of Child Ser-  
vices (DCS). Its mission is  
to raise awareness about  
the approximately 250  
Hoosier children currently  
in foster care still in need  
of a forever home.

“All children want a home  
filled with love and a fami-  
ly with whom they can  
share their birthdays and  
celebrate holidays. They  
want a room with their own  
toys, to have friends, play  
sports and participate in  
after-school activities.  
Most importantly, they  
want a loving, supportive  
family to be there for them  
as they grow up,” noted  
DCS Director James W.  
Payne. “The children fea-  
tured in the Heart Gallery  
are no exception. They just  
need a little help—from all  
of us—in finding that for-  
ever family.”

Using the talents of profes-  
sional photographers who  
volunteer their time, the  
individual spirit and true  
personality of each child is  
captured. Heart Gallery  
photographs sometimes  
show shy children wrapped  
in their security blankets,  
girls dressed up as prin-  
cesses, boys hugging dogs  
and siblings laughing to-  
gether. The children all  
have one thing in common:  
they need and deserve fami-  
lies that will give them the  
unconditional love they  
have never experienced.

On any given day, over  
400,000 children in Ameri-  
ca live in foster care due to

abuse or neglect. Every  
year, approximately 30,000  
young people leave the  
foster care system without  
lifelong families—most at  
age 18. On their own, the-  
se young adults must navi-  
gate a weakened economy  
offering fewer jobs and less  
support for vital services  
such as housing. They  
need and deserve caring  
adults who love and sup-  
port them. Indiana's Heart  
Gallery is a traveling pho-  
tographic exhibit DCS cre-  
ated in 2007 to find forever  
families for children in  
foster care. The Gallery  
can feature more than 40  
portraits, depending on the  
size of the exhibit area. It  
travels to various public  
exhibition spaces across the  
State over 50 times  
throughout the year. Ven-  
ues generally include hospi-  
tals, libraries, museums  
and churches. Since the  
first Heart Gallery started  
in New Mexico in 2001,  
thousands of children have  
found their forever families  
as a direct result of these  
exhibitions.

The Indiana Heart Gallery  
will be on display at the  
Faith Community Center,  
5572 Mercy Way in Lafa-  
yette through Sept. 5. The  
Gallery is viewable Mon-  
day – Friday 5 am to 10  
pm, Saturdays and Sundays  
8 am to 6 pm. (The Faith  
Community Center is part  
of Faith Baptist Church.).

For more information about  
the Indiana Heart Gallery,  
go to [http://www.in.gov/  
dcs/3033.htm](http://www.in.gov/dcs/3033.htm). To find out  
more about adopting an  
Indiana child or to host a  
Gallery, call  
888.25.ADOPT.

About Indiana Department  
of Child Services (DCS):  
DCS is committed to pro-  
tecting children who are  
victims of abuse or



## RESOURCE PARENT MEET AND GREET

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Foster parents are needed to provide safe, stable, loving homes for children in our community. The Tippecanoe County Department of Child Services is seeking individuals interested in fostering and/or adopting children between 0-18 years of age. “As a foster parent, you can use your skills and experience to help families by providing a safe, nurturing, and stable home for a child during a challenging time. Help make a difference, one family at a time.”

**If you would like to learn more about foster parenting, what is required to be a foster parent and the real life experiences of current foster parents in caring for children in need, please attend the upcoming Resource Parent Meet and Greet on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the:**

**Unitarian Universalist Church  
333 Meridian Street  
West Lafayette IN, 47906**

If you are able to attend or have further questions, please contact  
765-742-0400 and ask to speak to a foster parent specialist today!

**Chris Reynolds**  
Region 5 Foster Care Specialist  
Tippecanoe County  
Department of Child Services  
Phone: 765-429-3361, Fax: 765-742-9142

**Iona Labaw** 765-429-3347  
**Chris Reynolds** 765-429-3361  
**Paige Heath** 765-429-3397

*Children thrive in safe, caring, supportive families and communities*

neglect. Family case  
managers' primary goal  
is to keep children at  
home with their family  
though sometimes  
placing them in  
temporary foster care is  
necessary to ensure their  
safety. The Kids First  
Trust Fund, supported  
by the sale of 'Kids  
First' specialty  
automobile license  
plates, subsidizes child  
abuse and neglect  
prevention programs.  
DCS also oversees foster  
-care adoptions and the  
child support bureau. In  
collaboration with the  
NFL's Indianapolis  
Colts, Books for Youth  
is targeting a *Super Goal  
for the Super  
Game*: collect 750,000  
books for foster kids by  
Feb. 2012. Child abuse/  
neglect  
hotline: 800.800.5556,  
[www.in.gov/dcs](http://www.in.gov/dcs).

# Share Your Blessings

## Open Your Home and Your Heart to a Foster Child

*The faith-based community has a long-standing history  
of extending help to others during challenging times.*

*You can share your blessings with a family in need  
by becoming a foster parent.*

**R**ight now there are approximately 10,000 children in the Indiana foster care system. Foster parents provide a safe, nurturing, and stable environment for children who can no longer remain in their own homes due to the risk of abuse or neglect. Foster parents provide this care with the intention of helping children safely reunify with their families.

By opening your home to a child during a challenging time in his or her life, you have an opportunity to help make a difference, one family at a time.

If you feel called to help a child, youth, or sibling group in need, you can learn more about foster care by contacting the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS):

Visit the DCS Foster Care websites at: [www.in.gov/dcs/foster](http://www.in.gov/dcs/foster)

Contact the DCS Foster Care Unit at:  
**1-888-631-9510**

Contact the Regional Foster Care Specialist in your area:

RFCS Name Iona Labaw, Chris Reynolds, Paige Heath

Local DCS Office Tippecanoe County DCS

Address 250 Main St. Ste. 301

Lafayette IN, 47901

Telephone Number 765-742-0400

*Change a life...  
Become a  
foster parent*



NURTURE YOUR SPIRIT.  
HELP HEAL OUR WORLD.

*Alban Elfed*  
(Autumn Equinox)

*the air is different today...  
the wind sings with a new tone  
sighing of changes coming;  
the harvest gathered,  
a flower, a nut,  
some mead, and bread,  
a candle and a prayer,  
returning the fruits  
in thanksgiving  
to the grove  
and receiving  
its blessing  
again...*

Rhawk, September 1997



## The Seven Principles Which Unitarian Universalist Congregations Affirm and Promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

## 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.