



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

APRIL 2009

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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

**APRIL 5**

**“GROWING UP WITH KENT STATE”**

**Worship Leader: J. Barny Dunning, Ph.D.**

**Worship Associate: Martha Gipson**

**MorningSong Leader: Martha Gipson**

**Pianist: Kaye McSpadden**

**Sound: Gary Fowler**

**Greeters: Don and Ruth Ann Ferris,  
and Amy French**

UU Church Member Barny Dunning, Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Purdue Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, was raised in northeastern Ohio next to Kent State University where 4 students were killed during Vietnam War protests in 1970. He later went to Kent State as an undergraduate, and experienced the campus protests of the late 1970s. Barny will discuss how living through this volatile time period affects his life now as a university professor, and his attitude towards war.

**APRIL 12**

**“EASTER CELEBRATION”**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Marlene Walker**

**Worship Associates: Janice Thiel, Kris Taylor**

**MorningSong Leader: Beverly Seese**

**Denise Gilliland and the Choir**

**Pianist: Kaye McSpadden**

**Sound: Michael Lewis**

**Greeters: Dianna & Robin Poindexter,  
Gary Mueller**

What is it about the Easter message of new life, new hope and new beginnings that has meaning for us as Unitarian Universalists today? Come join us in a joyous celebration of Easter. The choir will be singing and we will also welcome new members.

**APRIL 19**

**“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Marlene Walker**

**Worship Associate: Gale Kvam**

**MorningSong Leader: Kaye McSpadden**

**Pianist: Peg Black**

**Sound: Dan Lybrook**

**Greeters: Marty and Nancy Patchen,  
Cheryl Fowler**

As a congregation we are actively involved with the Green Sanctuary program, the Study Action on Ethical Eating. Our 7th principle calls us to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part. Today's service will explore our faith's long commitment to the earth and the environment.

**APRIL 26**

**“A MORE PERFECT WORLD  
AND OTHER DUMB IDEAS”**

**Worship Leader: Fritz Smith**

**Worship Associate: Martha Gipson**

**MorningSong Leader: Sharon McKnight**

**Pianist: Peg Black Sound: Mike Marsh**

**Greeters: Kim Harden, Jackie Sloss,  
Kirsten Reynolds**

For centuries people have sought ways to organize and improve society. In many cases these efforts have been the product of sectarian and secular quests to build an enduring Utopia. Ultimately, none of these religious or social experiments have survived or significantly changed the human condition. What does the quest for Utopia tell us about ourselves? Are all efforts to improve humanity doomed to failure? Must we continue to try?

## INTERIM MUSINGS

Have you been watching for spring with me? I hope so because it's really finally here. The daffodils are blooming at church, the forsythia is golden, my lilacs are leafing out and any day now the flowering trees will be a riot of color. New beginnings are appearing all over.

A question that often gets asked of us ministers is, "when should we call you?" My short form answer is, "whenever you find yourself asking the question." For the long form answer I have found the following helpful and have shared it with several congregations.

### *CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...*

When you don't know me, but would like to.

When you have problems you would like to discuss about your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.

When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.

When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.

When you are planning to be married or divorced.

When you would like your child dedicated.

When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you want to be pregnant but aren't.

When you feel ready to join the congregation.

When you have concerns or suggestions.

When you have religious or spiritual questions.

When you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life.

When you are upset with me, confused by something I have said or done or would like to express appreciation.

All of this is even more true during times of transition and interim ministry. I really do want to get to know you. Oh, and you can add sightings of spring to that list--at least for now!

*Blessings all,*

*Marlene*

### FROM THE BOARD

The **next Board Meeting has been rescheduled** to take place on **April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** in 101/103 (rather than on April 21 at 6:30 p.m.)

At the March Board Meeting, the Board approved a *Covenant for a Healthy Community*. The covenant will be submitted to the congregation at the **next Congregational Meeting, which will take place on Sunday, May 3** immediately following Service in the Sanctuary. *Fritz Smith,*

*Board President*

### APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY TOWN HALL MEETING

**Sunday April 26**

**12 - 2:30 p.m.**

#### **Following the monthly potluck**

We will begin by using the Open Space Process that was used last fall, to have conversations about the Provocative Proposals developed by the Interim Transition Team drawing from the one-on-one interviews conducted in February. Then we will begin the process of forming Action Teams to bring the Proposals into reality. This is a very important next step in our Appreciative Inquiry Process and we need all your voices and input. So please put it on your calendars and plan on participating.

## DECIPHERS FROM THE DRE

Our church tries to be a safe place. We strive not only to embrace tolerance, but celebrate it. We work to make our church safer for those whose ideas get dampened by current society. We watch out for safety concerns--not just those that directly effect us, but those which may indirectly effect people we do not yet know. We run background checks on teachers, reference checks on childcare workers and encourage all to become First Aid and CPR certified. We hold training for teachers and childcare workers, both to help them do their job and to prevent child abuse.

But this does not guarantee that we are a safe place. We encourage new people (strangers) to visit. In time they stop being strangers and start being friends (or even Friends/Members), but we do not (and cannot) know everyone in our building. We still do not want our children unattended. During the colder months, many have taken to playing in the Zen room- which is better than the wandering looking for “stuff” that others seem to keep being drawn to. Soon warmer months will be here and the playground will become more attractive. And we have a great new fence. But we still need parents to be with our children. *Help be part of our safe child-raising village!*

Spring is here, and along with spring comes spring break! I actually had two breaks- one working, and one playing. The working break was the DRE Curriculum Renaissance Module in Angola, IN. Lots of good ideas and talk of means and methods for curriculum in church— not just in Sunday School. The playing break was a nice visit with my brothers and make-believe monsters.

Are you ready for RE in the Park?! This fun Sunday, usually held in the fall, was moved to spring this year. We reserve a shelter in Happy Hollow Park (the big one by the playground), car pool the children and youth over and have a FUN RE in the SUN. Afterwards (while we still have the shelter reserved for another 3 hours) we have a picnic with kids, parents and many other church adults participating. The permission slip (for children and youth) is already out. Come join us for outside fun!

*Jeffrey Bauer*

## PROGRAM COUNCIL

Each month a notice appears in the newsletter announcing the monthly Program Council meeting. For those of you who may be new to the congregation (and also those of you who have been around for awhile) I would like to take a moment to briefly describe the role of the Program Council in the life of the church.

On the first Tuesday of each month all Committee Chairs in the church meet to share with one another their committee’s recent activities at the monthly Program Council meeting. In addition to Committee Chairs, a Board Representative, the Interim Minister, Director of Religious Education and the Program Council Coordinator are in attendance. The Program Council was formed to promote communication by providing a link between the board, church committees and interest groups, and the congregation. Meetings are open to all interested congregants.

In addition to our monthly sharing of information by church committee chairs, Program Council also holds an annual committee fair so those who are new to the congregation can learn about all the

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## COMMITTEE AND GROUP NEWS ROUND-UP

### GET READY FOR THE 2009 UU PHOTO DIRECTORY

Plans are underway to compose a new UU Church Photo Directory, and we would like to include YOU! All members and friends are encouraged to participate. Photos will be taken by Olan Mills here at the church, on Monday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 5, 3:00-9.30 p.m. All who are interested may be photographed, and photos are included in the directory at *no charge*. All participants will receive a *complimentary 8x10 and a free UU photo directory*. Extended family are also welcome - even encouraged - to have photo sessions, even if they do not want to be part of the directory. Olan Mills will also take orders for additional photos, though ordering is optional. Look for appointment sign-ups beginning this and the following Sundays in April: April 5, 12, 19, and 25 - *before and after church*. If you are unable to schedule a photo session on May 4 or 5, please contact Cindy Gerlach for details on how to be included in the directory,

*Cindy Gerlach, Connections Committee*

**LAFAYETTE FREETHINKERS** Experience the invigorating process of civilly and objectively discussing a variety of controversial topics every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Room 106). Beginning in March, we will be meeting the Purdue Non-Theists in the Union for our 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday discussion. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday discussions will still be in Room 106.

*Todd Barton*



### ON THE HORIZON

**SPRING FIBERARTS QUILTING BEE** will be held after church on Sunday, April 5 in 101/103. Bring your lunch! (*Note date change*). [patty@dcwi.com](mailto:patty@dcwi.com).

**UU POTLUCK APRIL** Plan to stay after the service on Sunday, April 26 for the monthly Potluck. Enjoy this opportunity for good food and fellowship, and to welcome people who are new to our congregation. Please bring a dish to share, if you are able.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** is on Sunday, May 31 after church at Happy Hollow Park. This will take the place of the 'last Sunday of the month potluck' normally held at the church.

### CHOIR NOTES



Regular Wednesday night rehearsals resume on May 13th—no more Wednesday rehearsals until then. **We will sing African Alleluia on EASTER SUNDAY, April 12.** Make plans to gather at 9:30 a.m. that morning so that we can dust off the cobwebs. We still have **immediate openings for tenor or bass singers**, and openings for women singers as well. Experience not required but appreciated. Hours are minimal; Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and occasionally on Sunday mornings. Location: UU Church Sanctuary. For interview, contact Denise Gilliland, Choir Director.

**HOORAY FOR BOLLYWOOD!** We've set the date, we've started planning, and we're inviting you to get excited. The next UU Service Auction is set for Friday night, September 25. We'll be celebrating our fellowship and putting the FUN back into fundraising. Put it on your calendar today! The planning is just starting, so if you'd like to help out, please contact Amy French. Start using a bit of that creativity to think of services you can sell for a good cause and ways to make this night even more fun.

## COMMITTEE AND GROUP NEWS ROUND-UP

**PROGRAM COUNCIL** (Contd. from pg. 3) activities sponsored by the church and consider those with which they may want to involve themselves.

The Program Council also assists in setting up new committees as needed. An example is the formation of the Capital Campaign Oversight Committee organized and launched by the Program Council last fall to assist the Capital Campaign Treasurer in establishing priorities for disbursing capital campaign funds.

A current project is the reorganization of the communication functions of the church. The Program Council recently organized a meeting attended by all those who are currently involved in some aspect of communication within the church and between the church and the community. A committee has been formed that will create a new and more efficient structure for handling church communications.

If you have questions about Program Council or want to learn more about the church and its committees, consider attending one of our meetings—we meet at 6:30 in Room 101/103 on the first Tuesday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting—  
Joan Marshall, Program Council Coordinator.

**BOILER BLAST JOB REQUEST SIGNUP!** April 4 from 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m., we will have eight student volunteers from Purdue to help us with various chores. Four will be inside cleaning windows and will be directed by someone from the Building Committee; four will be outside raking leaves and cleaning out beds and will be directed by the Grounds Committee. If you would like to help out with this effort to make your church a more welcoming environment, please contact Exteriors Committee Chairperson Michael Lewis.

**CHURCH SPONSORSHIP OF WBAA PUBLIC RADIO** If you wish to support the public radio station, WBAA, your gift could do double duty by going through the church. A check in the collection basket with WBAA written on the memo line would be collected in a special fund. When sufficient funds have accumulated, the Publicity Committee uses that money to purchase a block of sponsorship slots on the radio. WBAA gets the same amount in the end, while we get to put our name before the public and help remind people where we are. So when you get that pledge drive letter or hear that radio plea, please consider the benefits of double dipping. If you have any questions, please ask! Martha Lempke, Publicity Committee.

### **FAMILY GAME NIGHT & POPCORN POPPER INITIATION!**

Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. has been reserved for Family Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. A special highlight of the evening will be the official initiation of the new “professional” style popcorn popper that is being brought to us by Connections Committee. Who knows....maybe we’ll have a naming contest that evening. A fun, relaxing, “no hassle” evening is planned. Just come hang out with friends for an evening of games and conversation. *Please bring any/all of the following: young and young at heart; games to play and share; snack (if you prefer something along with the popcorn provided); beverages of choice (juice, soda, beer, wine).* Child care can be provided for those wee ones who prefer to play games in the nursery. Please let Cheryl Fowler know about child care needs so we have enough coverage  
*Suzan Windnagel*

## COMMITTEE AND GROUP NEWS: GOING GREEN—GOING GREENER!

**GOING GREEN** Our Green Sanctuary group has completed two energy audits for our church building. One focused primarily on heating and cooling equipment and the other focused more on structural issues. The Building Committee, the Kitchen Committee, Aesthetics Committee and the Grounds Committee have all been active in implementing some of the recommendations.

We also completed the congregational survey—one thing that emerged is that only about half of respondents were using compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). CFLs cost more initially but pay for themselves over their lifespan because they last much longer than conventional bulbs and use far less energy. Nearly all the bulbs in the church building are now compact fluorescents. CFLs were distributed to congregants at various church events, including our *Winter Solstice* celebration. While all fluorescent bulbs contain trace amounts of mercury, there is far less mercury than in thermometers. Plus, using these bulbs helps prevent mercury from being released into the air from coal-powered power plants. If you break a CFL, simply use a wet rag to wipe up and collect the glass and throw the rag and pieces of bulb away. When they burn out, recycle them with the Wildcat Solid Waste District. If

you'd like to learn more about the benefits of compact fluorescent bulbs, please check our website, [uuc@uulafayette.org](mailto:uuc@uulafayette.org).

The survey also documented interest in safe, clean and fair food. We hosted 2 forums on local food, had a service about ethical eating, and now have an active committee working on promoting ethical eating.

About 80 churches were represented at a *Big Green Congregations* workshop in Indianapolis; we were the only Lafayette area church in attendance. Food was a big part of the discussion, as well as how to maintain the energy and enthusiasm of the congregation and how to build connections between churches so we can learn from each other.

In the coming months, we are going to have a monthly *green living challenge*. A big part of Green Sanctuary accreditation is measuring our progress, so we hope you will visit our website and use the tools provided to pledge change in your own life and track our success individually and as a green congregation. We will have tips and information about green living ideas each month. Next month, look for tips about going green in our landscaping and garden practices.

*Rae Schnapp*

### GO GREENER – MAKE YOUR ACTION PLEDGE

As part of our efforts to help the congregation use sound environmental practices, we will offer advice in this column each month. In addition we will ask congregants to pledge each month to use one or more additional “green” practices. We will track our pledge progress as a congregation and report back to you on the results each month. This month we are focusing on lawn maintenance. Please read the following helpful material and then (whether or not you have a lawn) take a minute to make your “action pledge” online by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/UUGreenPledgeApril>

#### SEVEN STEPS TO A GREENER, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LAWN

1. For gas mowers, follow the yearly maintenance guides for changing the sparkplug, air filter and oil to reduce air pollution and keep it running efficiently.
2. Sharpen your mower blade. Keeping a sharp blade reduces the energy needed to clean your lawn, and makes the cuts more aesthetically appealing.
3. Cut back on fertilizer and water to reduce the number of times you need to mow.
4. Use a mulching mower. Keeping the lawn clippings helps the nutrients stay in your lawn and reduces the need for fertilizer.
5. Reduce pesticide inputs. Apply insecticides only after pest populations reach a threshold level. Seeing an insect is not necessarily an indication that pesticide application is needed.
6. Consider replacing portions of your lawn with native plantings. Native plants can provide a beautiful alternative to lawns. They typically require little fertilization or supplemental watering.
7. Establish a rain barrel. Rain barrels help prevent erosion and flooding by capturing roof runoff and reducing storm water runoff. They also help conserve water.

See <http://uulafayette.org>, or Cliff Sadof, Green Sanctuary Committee for additional information, as well as the Purdue Turf grass Science program bulletin, <http://www.agry.purdue.edu/turf/pubs/ay-32.pdf>.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE



The Social Justice Committee will next meet on Thursday, April 9th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 101/103. Contact Jean Tyner, tynerhome@comcast.net for further information

The new multi-faith **Family Promise** program offers emergency shelter and other support services to local homeless families. During the first week of March, our UU Church and St. Andrew United Methodist Church supported Our Saviour Lutheran Church as it provided a week of shelter for Family Promise clients. While the numbers in the program initially are small, any assistance provided a family in need is time and effort well spent. As the program becomes better known, we anticipate that the number of clients served will increase dramatically.

Many thanks to the following UUs who assisted with setting up and disassembling the rooms at OSLC: Wally Tyner, Kim and Kalina Harden, Suzan Windnagel, and Beverly Seese. The following UUs volunteered to provide meals, to host, to sleep over at OSLC, and to work at the program day center, and while their services were not needed this time, we know they will have opportunities to volunteer in the future: Josh Prokopy, Denise Wilson, Amy French and Girl Scout Troop 113, Jackie Sloss, Nancy Patchen, Beverly Seese, Suzan Windnagel, Kim Harden and Martha Gipson. It was very gratifying to work with the coordinators from OSLC and St.

Andrew as we transformed Sunday school classrooms into welcoming environments for families to call home. OSLC coordinators did the lion’s share of the work throughout the week and deserve much credit –thanks to Vera Weiser and Sherri Guido. St. Andrew coordinators (Carol Clark-Elliott and Susan Foster) and I pitched in and did what we could to shoulder some of the burden. We are very fortunate to have these three churches working together on Family Promise, and our volunteers will have many opportunities to get to know people from the other churches as we share tasks in the future.

We received a number of responses to our request for additional volunteers to help with Family Promise, and the next time we are slated to work is in mid-July. Prior to that week, all volunteers will be given the opportunity to sign up to help with the program. Thanks so much to all UUs and friends for making a difference in the lives of those in need. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to be a Family Promise volunteer, see me at church. Gratefully, Jean Tyner on behalf of the Social Justice Committee.

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE**, focusing on organizations that help people with mental health and physical challenges this year, has selected the *Special Olympics Indiana Tippecanoe County* as April’s recipient. SOIN Tippecanoe’s mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. SOIN Tippe reaches nearly 200 athletes throughout Tippecanoe County--their activities go beyond sports. The organization receives no federal or state funds, relying entirely on corporate, civic and individual donations, operated totally by dedicated volunteers. For further information, visit their website at <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~phoover2/sotippe.htm>. Contact Bill Kannel, with questions regarding the Change for Change program.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE, CONTD.

### CONGRESSIONAL STUDY/ACTION

**ISSUE (CSAI)** *Ethical Eating* was selected at General Assembly 2008 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, as a Congregational Study/Action Issue for 2008-2012. Ethical eating is personal in nature, involving our free choice of what we put in our own bodies, and global in reach, with implications for ecosystems, human hunger, social inequality, animal welfare, and climate change.

The Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) process is designed to engage individuals, congregations, and districts in an ongoing process of study, action and reflection on pressing social issues to deepen our faith, to foster a greater sense of association among Unitarian Universalists, and to proclaim our vision of justice in the world. Whether you're a vegetarian, carnivore, or omnivore, come join this challenge. If you have an interest and would like to be part of the planning of this

study/action initiative, contact Susanne McConville, [mcconville1200@comcast.net](mailto:mcconville1200@comcast.net), 474-0344.

We will study, act, and reflect on social issues related to the production, distribution, and use of food. Bring your ideas for action. We are looking for ways to weave this curriculum across other programs at the church. Through various activities such as cooking classes, shared meals, trips to local farms, Farmer's Market, or books to read, the aim is for each individual to define ethical eating in his/her own terms. Our comments will be sent back to UUA to be used for their final statement on Ethical Eating in 2012. One of our first activities was a showing of the movie, *King Corn*, on March 29<sup>th</sup>. During the month of April, Forum will focus on ethical eating, including such topics as Family Farming, Community Sponsored Agriculture (CSA), and Stewardship of the Wabash.

### UPCOMING UU CLOTHING DRIVE

Spring is almost here; it's time to clean out your closets and support the UU Clothing Drive. The date is the weekend of **May 29-31, with truck pick-up on June 1**. Start putting aside those clothes you no longer wear for a worthy cause. For every bag of clothing we collect, we receive a voucher which low-income people can use to buy clothes at Goodwill. Vouchers will be distributed by Lafayette Urban Ministry, YWCA Women's Shelter, and Carey Home. Volunteers are needed to help with organization, publicity, and on Collection Day. Please contact Susanne McConville if you can help; *Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee*.

### UU CHURCH TABLE AT ANNUAL IRCRC DINNER ON APRIL 25

The 2009 Faith & Freedom Dinner of the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (IRCRC) will be held in Indianapolis on Saturday evening April 25. We are looking for someone to coordinate a table of participants from our church. (Our congregation is a supporting member of IRCRC.) Individual tickets are \$40 and a table of 8 is \$295. Also, if our church reserves a whole table, we will receive recognition with a table sign and also in the program. The keynote speaker is Loretta Ross, National Coordinator of *SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective* in Atlanta. Music will be provided by *Sapphonia*, ensemble of the Indianapolis Women's Chorus. See the flyer on the Social Justice bulletin board or go to [www.ircrc.org](http://www.ircrc.org). If you are interested in coordinating a table and/or if you want to attend, please contact Kaye McSpadden, [info@ircrc.org](mailto:info@ircrc.org) or 743-3634.

# UNDER OUR ROOF

A Memorial Service will be held in honor of long-time UU member **Joan McIlwain**, beloved wife of Dr. Robert McIlwain, on Saturday, April 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

A Memorial Service will be held for Professor **Alden Emery**, beloved husband of Verna Emery, on Saturday, May 2, 2009 in the Sanctuary with reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Emery and his wife Verna were active members of our UU congregation for nearly 50 years.

Congratulations to **Luke and Ali McConville** on the arrival of baby **Jack** at 9:40 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24th (all 10 lbs. 13 oz. of him!). Best wishes to the proud grandparents, **Susanne and Tom McConville**.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Gloria Perez** who is recuperating from surgery on March 18th at Home Hospital.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rev. Marlene Walker and Gloria Perez for the loss of their beloved and faithful companion, **Brigid**, the evening of March 30th, 2009.

*If you would like to share a personal milestone, joy, sorrow or illness in the "Under Our Roof" column, please contact Cheryl Fowler, Pastoral Care Committee.*



## NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK LISTS SENT

Did you receive your UUC Neighborhood Network List? Unitarian Universalist Church **Neighborhood Networks** are made up of congregants whose homes are located in one of 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 did not receive your list or you would like more information, please call Cheryl Fowler.

**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.

## SPECIFIC CARE GROUP

If you are interested in forming a group for people facing financial challenges due to the current economic downturn, please call Rev. Marlene Walker .

04/02 Suzan Windnagel  
 04/03 Michele Tomarelli  
 04/03 Brett Lahner  
 04/05 Michael Lewis  
 04/09 April Ginther  
 04/11 Kris Taylor  
 04/11 Kismet Gordon  
 04/12 Bill Asher  
 04/12 Jim Leary  
 04/12 Adriana Vintila  
 04/12 Trevor Wetzal  
 04/13 Gaia Attardo

## April Birthdays

04/13 Evan Sondgeroth  
 04/14 Tom McConville  
 04/14 Rebecca Sullivan  
 04/14 Michael Schertz  
 04/16 Marvin Wildfeuer  
 04/16 Nancy Patchen  
 04/17 Don Johnson  
 04/17 Emma Falley  
 04/18 Lucia Diffenbach  
 04/19 Michael Shelby  
 04/20 Tim McConville

04/22 Wessley Gilliland  
 04/23 Sara Sondgeroth  
 04/23 Norah Miller  
 04/24 Dave Kiser  
 04/24 Grace Higginbottom  
 04/25 Priya Poulsen  
 04/26 Kathy Schroth  
 04/27 Josh Prokopy  
 04/29 Martha Lempke  
 04/30 Verna Ritz  
 04/30 Linda Lemar Sadof  
 04/30 Gary Fowler

## UNDER OUR ROOF, CONTD.

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We hope you will take a moment to meet and welcome the four new members who recently joined our congregation: **Chris Bakle, Carly Brock, Wendy Kelley, and Jean Tyner**. Also, please join us on Easter Sunday, April 12, when our congregation will formally recognize and welcome these new members. In the meantime, here's some information to help you get to know a couple of these members better. Watch for information about the others in a future newsletter.

**Chris Bakle--** Chris' actual name is "Christina" but she prefers to be called Chris. She and her husband, Jeff, have two sons: Alex, 18, and Patrick, 16. Chris is a registered nurse and has worked in nursing homes and in public health. Chris grew up Catholic and Methodist but in recent years became interested in UUism after hearing Forrest Church on an NPR program and hearing about our Sunday Morning Forum on WBAA. Chris says she feels "at home" with others who share her values and love of learning. She looks forward to continuing her spiritual journey at the UU Church and enjoys all the support and love she has encountered.

**Wendy Kelley--** Wendy and her husband, Dave, are home-schooling their two daughters, Dillon, 6, and Corryn, 2. They are new to the community, having moved here last August from New Hampshire. Wendy says she has a "huge appreciation" for the much milder winters here in Lafayette. She says she is new to UUism and is looking forward to learning more.

***A note about membership:*** We hope to schedule a membership orientation class later this spring. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining, or have questions, contact our minister, Rev. Marlene Walker, or Kaye McSpadden, Chair of the Membership Committee. If you would like to vote at the upcoming congregational meeting on May 3 and help elect church leaders, you must be a member at least three weeks before the meeting, or by April 12.

### LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY LUM REPORT

**Homeless Shelter Sock Drive** Jon Grimes, a frequent visitor to our church, and Kate Kelly, a student of Jon's at Beacon Academy, will be collecting socks to donate to the Lafayette Urban Ministry's Homeless Shelter as part of a service learning project. Their goal is 4000 pairs of socks--they would like your help, and are requesting men's white cotton athletic socks. You may place donations of white socks in the plastic container in the Fellowship Hall labeled "LUM Sock Drive." If you have any questions, contact Jon at [jgrimes123@comcast.net](mailto:jgrimes123@comcast.net). The students hope to collect 4000 pairs of socks *by May 11th*. The Homeless Shelter is in need of deodorant as well.

**Afterschool Program** The Afterschool Program is in urgent need of snacks to replace all the snacks containing peanut products that had to be discarded due to the recent salmonella problem.

**Food Pantry** The number of people seeking assistance from the food pantry continues to rise due to the recent downturn in the economy. The Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, soups, cereals, canned tomato products and beans.

**Tax Program** As of March 6th., the tax program has prepared 755 returns for \$1.3 million in total tax refunds for clients who would otherwise have to pay to have their tax returns prepared. Moreover the tax program volunteers have helped LUM clients receive \$668,525 in Earned Income Tax Credits, a much needed boost in the personal economies of many of the people served by LUM's Tax Program.

*Mary Finley, LUM Rep.*

## SUNDAY MORNING FORUM

*Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 a.m. in Room 101/103. We use the back entrance to the building, by the red mailbox, 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 near the playground. We will meet you at the door and show you to the Forum room. Everyone is welcome!*

- April 5: **Stewardship of the Wabash**, Linda Prokopy, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Natural Resource Planning, UU Church Member
- April 12: **Family Farming**, Kyler Laird, Farmer, Computer Specialist, UU Church Member
- April 19: **Community Supported Agriculture**, Barbara Middleton and Nancy Strack, owners of LongHouse Farm, makers of the famous "Kettle Corn" sold at local farm markets
- April 26: **Ethical Eating** with Amy French, chef, and Susanne McConville, Yoga Instructor and co-chair of the Ethical Eating Committee (see pg. 8).

### NEWS FOR NEWCOMERS

**Newcomers Table:** Visitors and newcomers are invited to stop by the new "Newcomers Table" in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday service every week. There will be hosts at the table who will be happy to provide more information about the church and answer your questions.

**Coming soon-- "Talk & Tour!"** We will begin offering "Talk & Tour" once a month after Sunday service soon. Talk & Tour will be a regularly scheduled, 1-hour guided tour through the building. It will be a great opportunity to learn a little bit more about UUism and our congregation. Pre-registration will not be required. Watch for more information soon.

Note: Church members and active participants are invited to sign up to be hosts for the Newcomers Table, and we will also need tour guides for Talk & Tour. For more information, please contact Kaye McSpadden, Membership Committee Chair.

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