



# THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA AUGUST 2009

## A Month of Sundays

*Sunday Service at 10:30AM Childcare Available*

**AUGUST 2**

### “Peace Day Service: Peace Making”

**Worship Leader: Tim Nation**

Pianist: Jo Ann Mullen

Special Music: Jason Dufair

Sound: Jason Dufair

Tim Nation is Executive Director of the Indianapolis Peace Learning Center (PLC), a community educational institution that seeks safe and common ways to address differences and promotes processes to help build community and healthy communication for youth, parents and professionals.

**AUGUST 9**

### “Sweet Surrender: The Gift of Improvisation”

**Worship Leader: Pam Blevins Hinkle**

Worship Associate: Kris Taylor

Pianist: Kaye McSpadden

Sound: Chap Flack

Pam Blevins Hinkle is the Artistic Director of the Indianapolis Women’s Chorus and also is the Director of the Indianapolis Spirit & Place Festival. She has been music director of two UU congregations and has vast experience in leading innovative, interactive worship, including congregational singing, chanting, and other forms of music.

**AUGUST 16**

### “Gaia, Mother Earth and the Oneness of Everything”

**Worship Leader: Jim Scott**

Worship Associate: Kris Taylor

Pianist: Shellie Johnson

Sound: Gary Fowler

Jim Scott will offer his original songs and poetry in this special service celebrating an earth-centered spirituality and the UU

7th Principle of the “interdependent web of all life.” The idea of Mother Earth or “Gaia” being a living organism who models for us our human physical attributes brings us to a deeper connection with our life support system. *Read more about Jim Scott on p.3.*

**AUGUST 23**

### “The God Question”

**Worship Leader: Rev. Marlene Walker**

Sound: Michael Lewis

Pianist: Kaye McSpadden

Special Music by the “House Band”

What does the Question of God mean for Unitarian Universalists today? Is there room for a contemporary UU understanding of God? Is God still a useful concept for you as you find your way in the world – or not? In answering these questions Rev. Walker will explore the evolution of God and how God has been understood in Unitarian and Universalist history and theology.

**AUGUST 30**

### “Adaptive Leadership: What Can It Do For You and For Us?”

**Worship Leader: Rev. Marlene Walker**

Pianist: Shellie Johnson

Sound: Dan Lybrook

◆ *Potluck luncheon after church* ◆

Rev. Walker will share what she has been learning about Adaptive Leadership over the summer, including attending a seminar in early August on the work of Ronald Heifetz and his new book *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership*. She will reflect on what it might mean for both our collective and individual lives.

*Greeters, Newcomers Table, and Coffee Ministry volunteers: p.2*

## Report from the Ministerial Search Committee

### Searching for the best minister for this congregation at this time

Your Ministerial Search Committee (MSC) has been busy this month! We’ve begun gathering information from you to inform us as to what kind of minister you want to call to serve our church.

Before we update you on our progress, a few words about *calling* (with thanks to Rev. Fred L Hammond for his blog post at <http://serenityhome.wordpress.com/2009/03/03/called-vs-hired/>).

### What’s the difference between calling and hiring?

Churches typically speak of *calling* a minister rather than *hiring* one and Unitarian Universalism follows this practice. But what is the difference?

When any group *hires* someone, that person becomes an employee. He or she is expected to follow the rules and fulfill a set of expectations and duties the group has developed. In general, someone hired is not allowed—much less expected!—to challenge the expectations of the employers; she or he is supposed to meet goals within deadlines.

On the other hand, a person who is *called* has a higher standard to follow than simply fulfilling duties and getting tasks done. That person is called to serve both a group and a greater purpose. A minister in particular must support and challenge the spiritual and moral development of the congregation. A minister must be willing and able to guide

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Auction alert—donations needed for **Hooray for Bollywood!**

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and challenge the leadership of the congregation to focus on its principles. A minister develops an intimate and personal relationship with the people, voicing visionary leadership of what the congregation could be. A *called* minister must recognize that the congregation is made up of people who are fallible, but with whom he or she will covenant to continue to work.

We will continue to use the phrase “call a new minister” to remind you and ourselves of the unique relationship we will forge with the person for whom we search.

**Updates on our progress:**

- **District Consultant.** A meeting with the Heartland District Compensation Consultant, which was scheduled for July 20, must be rescheduled due to a death in the consultant’s family.
- **Congregational Packet.** Work has begun to gather information for the Congregational Packet that will be our first contact with prospective ministerial candidates. This Packet must show our very best face to attract the interest of as many ministers as possible. Cindy Gerlach will be leading the work to find, assemble and present this information. If you have fabulous photos of our

building or congregation you wish to share, please let Cindy know.

- **Congregational surveys.** The MSC was heartened to have a good turnout for the first opportunities the congregation had to fill out the survey in a group. More group meetings will be held as well as online access to this survey. After the survey deadline has passed, Suzan Windnagel and her team will organize several “cottage meetings” where congregants will gather to discuss ideas, needs, and suggestions more fully. Several dates and times will be publicized and congregants may sign up to attend a meeting.
- **And a reminder.** Although both members and friends are welcome to attend and participate in all surveys and cottage meetings, only signed members will be allowed to vote to call our new minister. The membership book must have been signed at least three weeks previous to the meeting at which the vote will be made.

As always, if you have questions or thoughts about the ministerial search, please contact anyone on the MSC—Barny Dunning, Gary Fowler, Cindy Gerlach, Bill Kannel, Joan Marshall, Suzan Windnagel or Noemi Ybarra.

—Noemi Ybarra, Secretary

**Sunday volunteers—greeters, newcomers table, coffee ministry**

- August 2**
  - Greeters: Diana & Robin Poindexter, Kirsten Reynolds.
  - Newcomers Table: Suzan Windnagel, JoAnn Darling.
  - Coffee Ministry: Mary Ann Foley
- August 9**
  - Greeters: Cheryl Fowler, Gary Mueller.
  - Newcomers Table: Jean Tyner, Kaye McSpadden.
  - Coffee Ministry: Jackie Sloss
- August 16**
  - Greeters: Dagmar Murray, Jackie Sloss, Suzan Windnagel.

- Newcomers Table: Patty Wood, Gary Mueller.
- Coffee Ministry: Amy French
- August 23**
  - Greeters: Ed & Kathy Bowen, Amy French. Newcomers Table: Dagmar Murray, Denise Wilson.
  - Coffee Ministry: Michael Lewis
- August 30**
  - Greeters: Marty & Nancy Patchen, Rick Irvine.
  - Newcomers Table: Amy French, Rick Irvine.
  - Coffee Ministry: Jackie Sloss, Mary Ann Foley, Amy French

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 Mon.-Fri., 9AM-5PM, lunch variable.  
 Please call ahead for appointments.

**News about our interim minister**

Rev. Marlene Walker is on vacation until the middle of August. Please contact the office at 765-743-8812 with any questions or concerns. Contact Cheryl Fowler, Chairperson of the Pastoral Care Committee for information regarding Pastoral Care concerns.

## Meet Jim Scott, special guest presenter on Sunday August 16

Composer, guitarist, singer and ecological and peace activist, Jim Scott was a member of the Paul Winter Consort for years. He wrote many pieces the Consort recorded including choral works in their celebrated *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*.

Having performed and led services at over 300 Unitarian Universalist churches and at several General Assemblies, Jim Scott's connection and involvement in our Association runs deep. Three of his songs, including the well known "Gather the Spirit," are in the gray UU hymnal and four of his songs are in the hymnal supplement, *Singing the Journey*.

Jim has published several songbooks and choral works, and has recorded several cds which are available at his website, [www.jimscottmusic.com](http://www.jimscottmusic.com).



If you are on Facebook, be sure and become a friend on our congregation's Facebook page. To find it, just type "Unitarian Universalist West Lafayette" in the search box.

## Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the September newsletter will be Saturday, August 15, 5:00PM. E-mail to [uuc@uulafayette.org](mailto:uuc@uulafayette.org) with "Newsletter" in subject box or place items in Newsletter mailbox, Rm. 106.

# Religious Education News

## Sunday Religious Education Schedule

August 2—Car Wash [Jeffrey is away]

August 9—Music Camp: Denise Wilson

August 16—Service Sunday Children's Chapel

August 23—TBA [Jeffrey is away]

August 30— Music Camp: Jeffrey Bauer, Parachute Dancing

*Note: The new R.E. school year will start on September 20!*

## Deciphers from the DRE (Director of Religious Education)

Has your summer been well? Have you enjoyed a balance between breaks and not breaks? Have you enjoyed the drums? The songs? The marimba? The music? Summer is not over (though it is winding down). There is still music to be made and sunny days (and Sundays) to enjoy.

For my breaks this summer I've visited home (helping while I was there of course). I attended Religious Education Week at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, and I helped with Goldmine Youth Leadership Camp.

It was great learning and talking with other DREs. It is interesting to compare the happenings of our church with other churches (like the mega church of Atlanta—we have the same concerns sometimes, just on a different scale).

It was great to visit the camp that I've worked at for so many years, though I'm now in a different role. Once again I was reminded that male DREs are rare (there were no others at the training).

### Teachers needed

We still need about four teachers for the new R.E. year. There are plans in place in case more people do not come

forward. For instance, we may have more Children's Chapels this year and/or we may have some classes that do not meet every week.

Won't you think about becoming a teacher? Teaching Sunday School can be lots of fun and very rewarding at the same time. Both the kids and the adults benefit from Sunday School. Additional positive role models are always a good thing for children and youth. Gaining a different perspective, learning while teaching and developing a positive relationship with a child can enrich an adult's life.

### Teacher Training on 9/13

Mark your calendar: Teacher Training will be after church **September 13**. Lunch will be provided. All teachers are asked to attend. Teacher helpers and Shadows are welcome to attend and learn. Please contact Jeffrey RSVP.

### Parents: don't forget to register

We have 30 kids registered so far for next year. Registration forms for some kids are missing the second page while others have not yet been received. Don't forget to get your kid(s) registered!

—Jeffrey Bauer, Director of Religious Education, [ffejuu@gmail.com](mailto:ffejuu@gmail.com)



# Car Wash

Sunday August 2

Sponsored by UU youth and children  
Proceeds go to Heifer Project International



- **Marty Becker** is recovering well from his outpatient surgery on July 15.
- Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to **Dan and Kris Taylor** and family. Dan's mother, Mildred Taylor, died June 24, 2009, two days before her 80th birthday.

If you would like to share a personal milestone, joy, sorrow or illness in the "Under Our Roof" column, or seek further information regarding an announcement posted in this column, please contact Cheryl Fowler, Chairperson, Pastoral Care Group.

### Memorial Service

A memorial service was held for **Ernest McDaniel** on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at the Unitarian Universalist Church with a reception immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Reverend Dr. Marlene Walker officiated, Shellie Kaye Johnson played the piano, Michael Lewis and Denise Wilson, Traveler's Dream, provided a musical interlude, and Kyler Laird provided the sound.

Many thanks to the following people who brought food, drinks, flowers and helped before the service and with the reception: Dottie Asher, Caroline Barnhart, Sallie Cooke, Ruth Ann Ferris, Mary Ann Foley, Cheryl Fowler, Linda LeMar, Kaye McSpadden, Kathleen Peyton, Ellen Phelps, Sue Robinson, Alanna Steffen-Nelson, Della Willmann, and Suzan Windnagel.

(An excerpt from)  
**If God was One of Us**  
 by Eric Bazilian

If God had a face what would it look like  
 And would you want to see  
 If seeing meant that you would have to believe  
 In things like heaven and in Jesus and the saints and all the prophets  
 And yeah yeah God is great yeah yeah God is good  
 What if God was one of us  
 Just a slob like one of us  
 Just a stranger on the bus  
 Trying to make His way home

*Note: A musical ensemble performed this song during the worship service on July 20 while a stunning visual presentation created by Eric Thiel was projected. To see the photos in the presentation, go to Eric Thiel's Facebook page, via the church's Facebook page (see p.3).*



## Membership Corner

### Say hello to new member June Cohen

June recently moved from the Kansas City area to Westminster Village in West Lafayette so she could be nearer her older daughter in Delphi. June was a member of Shawnee Mission UU Church in Overland Park, Kansas, for 21 years, but her first Unitarian affiliation was with the Morristown (NJ) Fellowship in the late 1950's. June's younger daughter is currently a student at Starr King School for the Ministry. Welcome, June!



### Especially for newcomers—

#### Talk & Tour—Sunday August 9

Take a 30-minute guided walk through the building and learn about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism. Offered the second Sunday of each month, next on August 9. Gather at the Newcomers Table in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

#### Getting to Know UU

An introduction to Unitarian Universalism and to our congregation  
**Sunday Sept. 20**

**4:00-8PM with a light supper**

Open to all; childcare provided if requested

To register, go to [www.tinyurl.com/gettingtoknowUU](http://www.tinyurl.com/gettingtoknowUU) or contact Kaye McSpadden, Chair of the Membership Committee.

## Building security update

### **Do you have a keypad access code? If so, this is for YOU**



The new keypad on the doors near the office entrance is now programmed. The code for everyone who previously had access through the fellowship hall has stayed the same as well as the level of entry (the time frames when you can use your code).

Some individuals will receive additional instructions regarding how to keep the door unlocked for continued access during meetings and events.

With the new plan, **people with codes should now plan to enter the building through the office entrance.**

Your codes will no longer work on the fellowship hall door. (There will be a few exceptions including: staff, Board officials, and maintenance workers.)

Codes are distributed and maintained by the church Administrative Assistant. If you have questions, please contact the church office at [uuc@uulafayette.org](mailto:uuc@uulafayette.org) or 765-743-8812.

—Robin L. Poindexter,  
Building Security Chair

### **Capital Campaign Treasurer has new contact info**

Ed Bowen, Capital Campaign Treasurer, has opened a new email account with the idea that it could be transferred to the next person who fills this position. The new account is [uuc.laf.cctreas@gmail.com](mailto:uuc.laf.cctreas@gmail.com).

### **Fall Leadership workshops offered online in September**

For the first time, the Fall Leadership Conference will be offered online and will include participants from three districts. Six, 90-minute workshops will be offered on Saturday, Sept. 19, during three time slots. Workshops include: Yes You Can - 10 Tips for a Successful Presidency, Engaging New Members in the Life of the Church, Information For New DREs, Finance For New Treasurers, Volunteer Management and Recruitment, and Running Effective Meetings.

Registration fee is \$10 per computer connection per session. Individuals can participate from home or office, or small groups could gather at their church with a large screen and speaker phone.

Registration will begin in late August with registration deadline of Sept 17. For more info: [www.psduua.org/Workshops/LeadershipConference2009](http://www.psduua.org/Workshops/LeadershipConference2009).

### **From the church library**

Many thanks to George Wulff who continues cataloguing our library holdings, updating the catalog with each new donation. Recent donations to the library include:

- *Legal Handbook for Persons with HIV Disease* by the State of Indiana. Shelf #9
- *Where Miracles Happen* by Joan Anderson. Stories of people's extraordinary experiences with the divine. Shelf #5
- *Angels Among Us* by Guideposts Association. Stories of people's dealing with Angels. Shelf #5
- *His Mysterious Ways* by Guideposts Association. Ways God meets our needs and shows love and caring. Shelf #5
- *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup. Author's journey from grief to faith to happiness. Shelf #5
- *Horace and Morris Join the Chorus* by James Howie. Delores doesn't give up and gets into chorus. Shelf #13
- *Filbert Prevents Poisoning* by Rosy McGillan. Stories about poisoning prevention for children. Shelf #13

### **Recent Sunday attendance**

6/28—108 adults, 27 children & youth  
7/5—84 adults, 19 children & youth  
7/12—94 adults, 19 children & youth  
7/19—95 (all ages) + nursery/preschool

### **UU Church Choir to resume on August 26**



Our UU

Church choir will start up our new singing season on Wednesday August 26 at 7 PM.

This year we'll be singing the words of Longfellow, Thoreau, Langston Hughes, Goethe, and Sharon McKnight, among others.

We will be welcoming a professional accompanist, Shellie Johnson to our choir.

If you have an interest in singing, have beginning music reading ability and can match pitch, if you are high school age or older and have Wednesday nights free, then you are welcome. Please contact our Director, Denise Gilliland to discuss becoming a member of our choir.

### **Update from the Fellowship Hall Task Force**

The Fellowship Hall Task Force now has a wonderful floor plan developed by an architect showing our desired renovations including: removing the two-tier classrooms and expanding the fellowship hall, adding more storage space, expanding and improving the kitchen, and adding new doors on the west wall that will lead to a new patio just outside.

We have asked a local contractor to provide a construction estimate which will allow us to evaluate the feasibility of these projects in consultation with church leaders.

When we know more, we will schedule information sessions for the congregation. In the meantime, if you would like to see the floor plans, contact Kaye McSpadden, Chair of the Task Force.



## We are a busy committee!

Many thanks to Susanne McConville for coordinating a successful **Goodwill clothing drive**, to the volunteers who helped her, and to all the good people who donated clothing. We earned 185 vouchers for a total of \$925, which were distributed among LUM, the women's shelter, Cary Home, and Family Promise.

Please remember that we have **ongoing collections** for LUM's Food Pantry and the Women's Shelter. Collection bins are located in the fellowship hall, and deliveries to these social service agencies are made regularly. Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food, gently used towels, sheets, blankets, toiletries and over-the-counter drugs.

The Social Justice Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 13** from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 101/103. Everyone is welcome.

## Help clean tables and make a big contribution

Here's a way to make a big impact by working a few hours at the Ford Dining Court cleaning tables **the weeks of August 17, August 24, and August 31.**

Each person has a time card and at the end all the time cards for our church members are combined. A check is written and is used to support social justice projects like helping LUM and the Women's Shelter.

**Is there a weekday you could help with lunch or dinner, or a Sunday where you could help with brunch** during the weeks of August 17, Aug 24, and Aug 31? Please contact Sue Robinson.

## Our church will have a booth at OUTfest—will you help?

Our congregation will sponsor a booth at Pride Lafayette's OUTfest '09. This event will be held in downtown Lafayette on **Saturday August 29** from 4PM-midnight.

The purpose of OUTfest is to celebrate and increase public awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. It will include live bands, food vendors, informational booths, a family area, dancing, and more.

We need people to help plan and prepare the booth, and to staff the booth on the day of the event. To help, contact Kaye McSpadden.



## Caring Paws receives Change for Change

Change for Change, focusing this year on organizations that help people with mental health and physical challenges, has selected **Caring Paws** as July/August's recipient.

Caring Paws is a volunteer organization whose Pet/Partner (handler) teams visit hospitals, nursing homes, senior citizen centers and other community locations to provide opportunities for recreational, emotional, motivational, and social benefits. Learn more at [www.caringpaws.org](http://www.caringpaws.org).

Change for Change is an on-going program of our congregation in which coins that are placed in the offering plate during Sunday services are given to a designated social justice organization.

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

## LUM (Lafayette Urban Ministry) report

**The Homeless Shelter** needs overnight volunteers in August. The training dates are July 30, August 10, and August 27. Training is held at the shelter. Sessions start at 6:30PM and conclude with calender sign up at 8:00PM.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and be available from 8:30PM to 7:00AM. Volunteers take turns staying awake and sleep about 5-6 hours in the volunteer room. If interested contact Joyce Fasani at the Lafayette Urban Ministry at 765-423-2691.

**LUM Camp** is a week long overnight summer camp for the children of LUM clients between the ages of 8-10. The dates for this year's camp are August 7-11, and the camp is located in Warren County at the Hanging Rock Camp.

Donations to help offset the cost of sending a child to camp are being accepted at [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org), or you can mail your donations to: LUM, 525 North 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901-1001.

Any amount is appreciated, but a donation or "campership" of \$130.00 will cover the entire cost of sending a child to camp.

**Hunger Hike:** This year's Hunger Hike will be held on **September 20.** Go to [www.lafayetteurbanministry.org](http://www.lafayetteurbanministry.org) to find out more. You can download a registration form and start collecting sponsors and donations now.

—Mary Finley, LUM representative



**Film Showing:**  
**"The Future of Food"**  
**Sunday, August 30**  
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### UU Potluck on August 30!

Plan to stay after the Sunday service on August 30 for the last Sunday of the month 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.

### Fiber Arts group invites you to a quilting bee on Aug 9

We presently have completed two cartons (40) quilted receiving blankets. There is another carton in process—left in the big basket for you to blind hem the edges.

Our next BEE is August 9 after church. We still have more squares of fabric if you wish to design a new blanket. They all need to be completed by November for presentation at the opening of St. Elizabeth-East Hospital.

—Patty Wood, Fiber Arts Co-Chair

### Join other UUs for dinner at MCL Cafeteria

It's the perfect time of year to have a nice summer evening out for a relaxing dinner. Please join others from our UU Church each Thursday evening at 5:40PM for an informal dinner at the MCL Cafeteria, 521 Sagamore Parkway in West Lafayette. This is an open group with no planned discussion format—just dinner and conversation with friends.

### Like to discuss? Check out Freethinkers

Experience the invigorating process of civilly and objectively discussing a variety of controversial topics every **2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00PM**. The Aug. 13 session will be in Room 106 at the church. On Aug. 27 we will meet at the PRIDE Community Center at 640 Main St. in Lafayette. Go to [www.lafayettefreethinkers.org](http://www.lafayettefreethinkers.org) for more information and to participate in our online discussions.

### Sunday Morning Forum

*Forum meets at 9:00AM IN ROOM 101/103. Please use the back entrance to the building near the offices. Childcare is provided, and everyone is welcome!*


Aug 2 “The Link Between Food and Fuel.” Wally Tyner.

Aug 9 TBA

Aug 16 TBA

Aug 23 “Health Care Policy. Presenter: Jim Anderson. Jim will address the question “How likely is it that the U.S. will finally provide health care for everyone?” The discussion will include an overview of the Obama administration’s proposal for health care reform and the response of the various interest groups such as small businesses, insurance companies, the health care providers, the pharmaceutical industry and the public.

Aug 30 TBA



**Film: *The Future of Food***  
A fascinating film investigation of genetically modified (GM) foods  
**Sunday August 30 at 6:00PM**  
At the church in room 101/103  
Free and open to all  
Snacks (healthy of course) and cold drinks provided

Following the video, discussion will be led by **William Masters, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue**. Prof. Masters’ specialization is economic policy for food and agriculture with a focus on Africa. Using his background in economic and agricultural policy, he will help us explore the key economic, social and ethical issues raised by this disturbing film.

Themes explored in the video include corporate control of the food supply using the example of Monsanto, the leading producer of GM crops, Americans’ lack of awareness about the existence of GM foods on the grocery store shelf and the long term implications of eating these foods, and a criticism of the US land grant university system for trading independent critical analysis of issues for corporate contributions.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee and the Task Force on Ethical Eating



*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.*

## Your handy guide to upcoming events

- Sun Aug 9 ..... Quilting Bee (after church)
- Sun Aug 9 ..... Talk & Tour (after church)
- Sat Aug 15 ..... Newsletter deadline
- Wed Aug 26 ... Choir resumes, 7pm
- Sun Aug 30 .... Potluck (after church)
- Sun Aug 30 .... Film showing, 6pm
- Sun Sept 13 ... R.E. Teacher Training
- Sun Sept 20 ... Getting to Know UU, 4-8pm
- Sun Sept 20 ... Hunger Hike (LUM)
- Fri Sept 25 .... Hooray for Bollywood dinner & auction

## Making Your Own Rain Barrel from Five Easy Pieces

You can save on city water and prevent runoff from your roof to the Wabash by using a rain barrel to water your plants. Rain barrels can be purchased at garden centers for upwards of \$100. These can be worth the price. They include handy features such as screens to keep the mosquitoes out, an overflow or diverter that allows you to shunt excess rainwater into a second barrel or into a drain, and last but not least, a pump that allows you to extract water from the barrel at more than the trickle you would get with just gravity.

Gardeners wanting to save some money can make their own less expensive rain barrel from a wide variety of materials. The 55 gallon rain barrel in the photo was made out of odds and ends for less than \$20. It needs only one or two tenths of an inch of rain to fill to the top. It is comprised of five easy pieces.

**1. Barrel.** All rain barrel devices start with something to collect the water. You can use a plastic garbage can, or get a 55 gallon plastic drum. I got mine from my niece who works at Ice Cream Specialties in Lafayette. You want something sturdy, that won't flop around when full of water.

**2. Sturdy Rain Barrel Base.** Let's face it, water is heavy stuff. You want to be sure that your rain barrel is on a stable surface, so it won't tip over when it is full. I made the base from some gravel, and bricks and boards I found lying around from old construction project. I decided to go with this elaborate base after discovering that a plastic milk crate was not up for the job. The first time my barrel filled, it tipped over because my upside down milk crate sank in the mud. If you want to go cheaply, you can just set the barrel on leveled ground. I chose to elevate my barrel because I wanted to place a spigot at the barrel bottom.

**3. Spigot.** This allows you to drain the barrel from a hose. I went to Ace Hardware and asked them for a water spigot kit. It included a standard plastic garden hose spigot, (\$4) and a ½" tap adapter (\$12). Technically it is called a nylon body/buna washer union Part PL-1803. I used a 1½" drill bit to drill through the barrel. Then I crawled into the barrel and tightened the nuts. To prevent leaks I used some nylon plumber's tape around the screw threads (\$2). If you don't have the tools or the inclination you can avoid all this stuff and just dunk a bucket into the barrel to extract the water.

**4. Rain gutter bypass.** This is also something that you must have. I cut my gutter with a hack saw, and put some 5 inch wind corrugated plastic pipe that would fit over the gutter. When I do not want to collect water, the pipe holds the two ends of the gutter together. When I want to collect water I slip up the sleeve and slide it down so that it drains into the bucket.

**5. Screening material.** I took regular window screening and crimped the ends so it fits on top of the barrel. I used some ½" mesh screening to hold the finer screening in place.

—by Cliff Sadof, UU Green Sanctuary Committee





## Service auction reality check

Our service auction is scheduled for September 25 and tickets are to go on sale August 15. However, so far, only one auction form has been completed and returned.

The auction committee has met and has made plans for a preliminary raffle (thank you fiber arts!), the dinner, the decorations, and the cashing. We even have a volunteer DJ to play Bollywood music.

I think this could be an exceptional event. However, if we have nothing to auction off, it would be rather pointless to hold an auction. **Please consider making a donation of a service for this auction and do it soon.**

Donations should be made by August 15.

It can't be stated enough that it takes many volunteers to pull off a FUNdraiser like this. I understand that summer is a difficult time for everyone, but think about lending your hands to make this light work.

You can learn more about the auction at right. **To contribute an item, you may use the donation form on the other side or simply contact me.** Thank you!

—Amy French



# Hooray for Bollywood Fundraising Dinner, Silent and Live Action

## Friday September 25, 2009

**5:30 PM Dinner & silent auction**  
**7:00 PM Live auction**  
**At the church**  
**Tickets: \$10**

**Enjoy good company and good food • Have fun bidding on a wide variety of interesting items • Raise *fun* and *funds* for the church!**

### Questions you may have—

#### 1. How does the auction work?

It's easy! On the night of the auction, you will register and get a card with your own personal number on it. Then, during the auction, just hold your card in the air to bid the amount the auctioneer is asking for.

#### 2. Do I have to stay till the end of the auction?

Yes, please. Our fabulous accounting people are just trying to keep up with everyone's bidding. If they stopped to figure some people's totals, it would create a huge problem.

#### 3. Where do the items on the auction list come from?

They are donated by people like you, and we need lots more! (See article at left.)

#### 4. I'd like to donate, but I don't have any talents, what should I do?

What do you enjoy doing? Chances are that someone in the congregation will enjoy sharing that with you—and will pay for the chance. Past auction's big items were: a sledding party, a bird watching trip, and dinner delivered to your house. One person noted that we had a distinct lack of "guy stuff," so if you have a "guy stuff" idea, please donate it! Simple services are also welcome such as: babysitting, errand-running, or bake cookies once a month for six months!

#### 5. What is "Bollywood" anyway?

It's an informal term popularly used for the Hindi-language film industry based in Mumbai, India. The term originally came from combining "Bombay" and "Hollywood." It is frequently associated with energetic, colorful musicals produced in India.

#### 6. Will our dinner be theme-related?

Yes! We will have a wonderful meal of Dhal (lentils), Biryani (rice with vegetables), curried peas and potatoes, and Naan (flat bread).

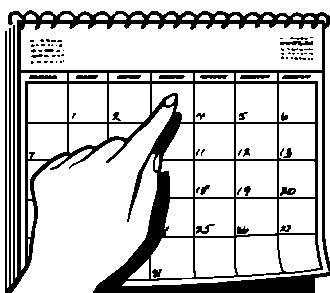
#### 7. What should I wear?

Come in costume or come as you are! If you don't have a sari sitting around, borrow one or get a henna tattoo. Or, just throw on jeans and a t-shirt.

#### 8. I'd like to volunteer to help -or- I have more questions.

Contact Amy French.

## Church Calendar



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Item name & description: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date of event if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Requested minimum bid: \_\_\_\_\_

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