



THE LIGHTED CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, WEST LAFAYETTE INDIANA MARCH 2010

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

Sunday Service at 10:30 am Childcare Available.

MARCH 7

**“Association Sunday:
Growing Our Diversity”**

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker

Worship Associate: Nina Kirkpatrick

Pianist: Shellie Johnson

Each year Unitarian Universalist congregations focus a special Sunday service and collection on our wider Association. This year’s theme is focused on *Growing Our Diversity* and ways in which we can work together as an association to develop spiritual communities that are more racially, economically and culturally inclusive, and welcoming to ALL people.

MARCH 14

“Why Can’t We Just Get Along?”

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker

Worship Associate:

Dianna Poindexter

Pianist: Shellie Johnson

Why is it so hard for us to find peace in the world? What keeps us from just getting along with each other? Is there any hope? Well, I think there is. Come and find out some ideas for getting along – and there may even be a giraffe or two involved.

MARCH 21

“From Generation To Generation”

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Marlene Walker

Worship Associate:

Dianna Poindexter

Pianist: Shellie Johnson

What does it mean to be a beloved community made up of multiple generations? How do we gather and share stories across generational lines? What does it mean to be part of a generation, and how does that inform the stories we tell and influence how we look at the world, including our church? Do those of us in different generations even speak the same language? How can we learn to speak and listen to each other across these generational lines? Can we create a truly multigenerational community of faith?

MARCH 28

“Spiritual Journey”

Worship Leaders:

Denise Gilliland and Jim Leary

Worship Associate: Kris Taylor

Pianist: Kaye McSpadden

Please join us as Director of our UU Church Choir and the Bach Chorale Children’s Choir, Denise Gilliland, and Purdue Professor of Nanotechnology/Medical Sciences in the School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Jim Leary, share with us their spiritual journeys.

INTERIM MUSINGS

I’ve been thinking about generations a lot lately. It could be that I am turning 60 this month and it feels like a big milestone in my own journey through the generations. It also could be that I saw an ultrasound picture of my first grandchild – a boy due in July, on my son Noah’s Facebook page. My first reaction was to fall instantly in love – of course. My next reaction came when I posted a comment about the picture and referred to myself as Grandma Walker. That one caught me up short. You see, Grandma Walker always has referred to my former mother-in-law, Letha Brooks Walker. Letha was always the matriarch of the Walker family, a most amazing woman who taught me so, so very much and most importantly an amazing and wonderful Grandma. When I wrote that comment I suddenly realized that I am about to become the next Grandma Walker in our family and those are mighty, mighty big shoes to fill. I hope and pray that I am up to the task.

So I’ve been thinking about generations a lot lately, how they change, how they evolve, how we evolve with them and most importantly how important it is that we have people of other generations in our lives, and that we honor all of them. This is true not only in our personal and family lives but in our congregational lives. Congregations too are made up of multiple generations. It is vitally important that our congregations be truly multigenerational in all aspects and that all the various generational voices be honored.

Our churches, and our society, are at our best when they are truly multigenerational. We need each other and we need to hear what each other is saying about what life is like for us and what each generation needs to be fully welcome and a part of the community. Those needs are often different based on what generation is speaking. It is important that we make room for the various voices, and methods of communication too, of different experiences and different hopes. It is the only way that you can be a whole community of faith.

So my question to leave with you to ponder this month is this, how well are you doing in being a truly multigenerational community? Are there things that that might make you a more multigenerational community? What might they be? What might they look like? What might you look like as a fully multigenerational community? Questions to ponder.

*Blessings,
Marlene*

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM



Sunday Morning Forum meets at 9:00 am in Rm. 101/103. Please use the back entrance to the building by the red mailbox nearest the offices (south side of the building near the playground). Everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided.

- March 7: Ben Ebenhack, Professor of Chemical Engineering at Rochester University, New York: *Preserving and Extending the Energy Advantage*
- March 14: Jackie Sloss, R.N.: *Women’s Health Care and Associated Programs at the new St. Elizabeth East Hospital*
- March 21: Tom McConville: *Why Are We In Afghanistan?*
Video presentation followed by discussion
- March 28: tba

Please join us in welcoming new Forum co-chair, Prof. Martin Patchen. Many thanks to previous co-chair Prof. R. Mark French and continuing co-chair, Prof. Jim Anderson for their programming dedication.

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April 2010 Newsletter

**Deadline: Monday, March 15
5:00 p.m.**

Articles received after that time
will be in the May issue.

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

FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees met on February 16 at 6:30 pm. Rev. Walker, during her regular report to the Board, reviewed where she feels we are at in the interim process in light of the History Month Timeline and the discussion of it after the February 14th service. Overall, she believes we have made good progress. She also noted the need to make our Stewardship work into a year-round process. The Board President will call that committee together to begin this transition.

During discussion of the Treasurer's report, it was noted that for the first month of the year our income is nearly double our expenses, which was a welcome sound for sore ears.

The DRE reported that a number of activities have gone well. The RE bake sale raised \$336.98 for Haiti, the youth attended *Jesus Christ Superstar* on Feb. 12th, plans are in the works for a Chicago trip, and attendance has increased.

The major business covered at the meeting was approval of Bylaw revisions to article VII, which covers some of the details of the Nominating Committee. These revisions were

approved for presentation to the congregation, along with the proposed revision to the Membership section, at the June Congregational Meeting (date forthcoming).

We also discussed a proposed employee handbook and our contract with the Administrative Assistant, which needs to be revised from the original one because she is full-time and salaried now. These will be revised in consultation with the Personnel Committee and voted on next month.

A Congregational Meeting was held on February 21, at which the budget for 2010 was approved. **The next Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for May 2, during which time we will vote on calling a new minister.**

*Eric Thiel,
Board President*

The next **Board Meeting** takes place on **MARCH 16** at 6:30 pm in 101/103. Members are welcome to attend.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ever wonder what happens when several thousand Unitarian Universalists get together? Wonder no more. . . experience the energy, the ideas, and the enthusiasm for yourself! Travel with your fellow UU Church members to Minneapolis June 23-27 to the General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Contact Christine Schertz or Linda Prokopy for further information.

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Spring is coming! Less snow should be in our future – and while we are talking about the future, let us talk about what is coming up for Religious Education. I'm not talking about the overnights or trips in the near future, I'm talking about what is being planned for Summer and Fall (are you ready to think that far ahead? Even without your jet pack or flying car?)

This summer, RE is REading! The youngest students will be learning about the world through the lens of Dr Seuss. We will be looking at many of his stories, with crafts and projects, but also looking for the deeper meaning these treasures hold. The next youngest students will be exploring the world on the other side of *The Phantom Tollbooth* (by Norton Juster). This is a classic tale of boy, a watchdog (named Tock), and Humbug– who try to save the princesses! But the realms they travel through and the people/things they meet are fun - and discussion and project worthy (and very pun worthy). The oldest students will be working on various discussion topics. Depending on what is happening in the world/news by summer, it may be current events, or it may be topics that the High School class didn't get to cover while doing their *Thinking the Web* curriculum.

You may have noticed the lack of strict age guidelines for the groups- this was intentional. I want parents/kids to be able to pick the group they want to be with. The Nursery will still be meeting, with the free play they have.

- I recommend Preschool through (going in to) second grade enjoy the Doctor Seuss stories.
- I recommend (going in to) third grade through sixth grade explore beyond *The Phantom Tollbooth*.
- I recommend Senior High and Junior High youth attend the discussion group.

This being said; I encourage those young at heart to play with Dr Seuss, those who enjoy reading to read with the class *The Phantom Tollbooth*, and those who like to talk and hear other's perspectives to come to the discussion group (after Forum of course).

In the Fall, we will be continuing our cycle and discussing World Religions in our classes.

But in order to have these great opportunities for our children - we need support. Each of the classes needs at least four teachers, to take turns teaching, about once a month. Additionally one of the teachers has

the extra duty of being the Class Coordinator, who coordinates the class schedule, and helps organize the classroom and supplies. One of the teachers has the extra duty of being Class Liaison and also being on the RE Committee (reporting on how the class is doing to the committee). Five Classes (Kindergarten to Second, Third to Fifth, Sixth to Eighth, and Ninth to Twelfth) times four teachers equals (math students out there) twenty adults.

But wait-that is not all! We need Teacher Helpers! One for each class, to help the teacher, help the students, and allow us to stay safe. Teacher Helpers do not need to plan lessons. They may come to the teacher trainings to learn more skills if they want. Teacher Helpers do not need to help every month - but because of that we need more of them. Double should do it, forty adults. (Volunteers helping more than six times in a year, while perfectly alright (and encouraged) are in a different category of volunteer – that is why I choose that number.)

In order to include everyone, a few of our children need extra one on one attention to help them focus in class, or help escort them to a quiet place. The adults who give this extra attention have been called Shadows (as they are shadowing the child in class). Currently we need between zero and two adults each week as Shadows - so add another ten adults to the wish list.

So these **Seventy** Adults, who are helping RE some of the time, are what we would like for next fall. Is it possible to do it with less - yes. But this puts more of a burden on those that **volunteer** their time, possibly getting to the point where they are not willing or able to help, they may even want to not come to church at all! This burnout is something that I want to avoid at all costs - teaching and helping with our children should be an activity of love, something that you want to do-not something that has to be done.

Operators are standing by for your call...

But all of that is for the Fall - How about taking a Sunday to talk about *Oobleck* (Dr Seuss), how words taste (*Phantom Tollbooth*), or what the *Flying Spaghetti Monster* teaches us (Youth discussion) **this summer?** We need teachers for this summer too- it does not need to be a lot, it may just be once (or twice if the topic runs over). Summer teachers need Helpers too! And Shadows! The lessons are here, the children are here - but it cannot happen without your help.

Jeffrey Bauer,
Director of Religious Education

RE HIGHLIGHTS

- The Junior High & YAC Bake Sale was a *success!* On February 7th, the Bake sale raised \$336.98 for Haiti through the UUSC. Thank you chefs, sales people and buyers!
- Thank you to those who helped RE make Valentines for some of our members! The extra love you sent was appreciated!
- The *Youth (Junior and Senior High)* had a great trip to see *Jesus Christ Superstar*. We discussed how much of Jesus' story we knew (we may need to add another class on it). A grand time was had (including the ice cream, which part of the group went for afterward).
- The *Endangered Animal Party* was a roaring success...is this a self fulfilling prophecy?
- *Senior High* will be having an **Overnight**, *March 6-7*, starting at 8 pm and ending in time for Forum...but they may not be attending Forum as they are also having a...
- **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** on *March 7!* The Senior High is raising money for their *April 10-11 Overnight Trip* to religious (and fun) sites in **Chicago** including two UU churches, the Baha'i Temple and more! Come to the breakfast either before or after service!
- *Junior High* will be having an **Overnight**, *April 10-11*, starting at 8 pm and ending in time for Forum. (There are currently no plans for a Junior High Pancake Breakfast.)

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, an updated curriculum in feminist "thealogy" (a term coined by course developer Shirley Ranck in homage of the outcast feminine in patriarchal ideology/societies through time) meets each Monday at 6:30 pm in Room 102. Led by Janice Thiel and friends, **ON THE THRESHOLD** continues our journey into the past to reclaim the stories of powerful women found in ancient Judaism and early Christianity. We examine the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally we celebrate the exciting new world-view and thealogy that has emerged in our time, and explore the personal and social changes that may be suggested by that new world-view and thealogy. Remaining topics include: March 1 (Session 2): Sarah the Priestess; March 8 (Session 3): The Apostle Mary; March 15 (Session 4): The Virgin Mary; March 22 (Session 5): Witchcraft; March 29 (last Session): Future Fantasies.

COMMITTEE AND GROUP NEWS UPDATE FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Well, your Ministerial Search Committee is down to the nitty-gritty. By the time you read this article, we will have met with all of our pre-candidates, they will have toured our church and our cities, and we will have heard them preach. While you are reading this, we will be making our final selection. That selection will, of course, be based firmly in what you told us you wanted and needed in the survey you filled out lo, those many months ago. All of us are keenly aware that the needs of the congregation are most important as we make decisions. You have trusted us with representing all of you; we take that trust very seriously.

As we have reported before, the congregation may not be told who the pre-candidates are. Ministers in search might not have told their congregations they are considering moving on. A breach of their confidence could force them to leave their current congregation even if they have not found a good match. We must honor their need for confidentiality.

Once we have selected the final candidate and she or he has accepted our offer, we are allowed to announce to you who that person is. Then the entire congregation gets to participate again! We have tentatively chosen the week of April 23-May 2 as candidating week. The ministerial candidate will spend that week with us, leading worship services on two Sundays, attending events, meeting with individuals and groups, learning as much about us as possible while we learn as much as we can about him or her. It is important that plans be made in the Program Council so all this can be coordinated. We want to make the best impression we can as well as learn as much as we can, in those few short days. It is not too early to start planning our events and coordinating our meetings NOW.

At the end of that week, after our candidate preaches on the second Sunday morning, we will hold a congregational meeting and vote on whether or not to call that person to be our minister. We cannot stress how important that meeting and that vote are. Most ministers will not accept a call unless they receive a positive vote of 90-95% of the members. Your vote will affect the life of the entire congregation, perhaps for many years. We will not simply be "hiring" a minister, but calling them to make a covenant with us - a promise to work for and with us to do the work of our principles and ideals. This is a time to focus on the ministry of this UU church and what you want it to become.

*Searching for
"the best minister
for this church
at this time"*

Please note that if you have not "signed the book" to become a member, you must do so 3 weeks in advance of any congregational vote. This means that if we hold to our tentative dates, you must have signed by April 11, 2010 to be able to vote on May 2nd.

If you have questions or suggestions, ideas or things you want us to consider as we make our choice of "the best minister for this church at this time," NOW is the time to contact us: Barny Dunning, Gary Fowler, Cindy Gerlach, Bill Kannel, Joan Marshall, Suzan Windnagel, & Noemi Ybarra.

*Noemi Ybarra
Secretary, MSC*

MEMBERSHIP CORNER: UPDATE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee's vision for 2010 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. At our next meeting (held concurrently with Connections), we'll be discussing ways to do this - please feel free to join us on Thursday March 11, 7:00 pm, Rm. 212.

A new initiative of the Membership Committee is to develop biographies of EVERY church member! These biographies will go on the membership bulletin board for a month and will be 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. The Membership Committee has volunteered to have their biographies written first...after we get through the Membership Committee, we'll be randomly selecting members from the church database for biographies. Josh Prokopy has generously volunteered to write these biographies, so if you get an email from him with a lot of questions, please respond!

Please remember to wear your nametag at church on Sundays—it helps us all get to know each other! The colored dots on the nametags represent your "neighborhood" - find someone with the same colored dot that you have - they should live somewhere near you!

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Gary Mueller and Linda Prokopy will be leading an Exploring Membership class on Saturday, April 10 from 10 am—1 pm. New and old visitors are invited to join us to learn more about the history of Unitarian Universalism, the history of this church, and what membership means. Child care will be provided upon request. Most importantly, Amy French will be making brunch for this event so it is sure to be a success! To register for the Exploring Membership class, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ExploreUU>.

*Linda Prokopy
Membership Chairperson*

UNDER OUR ROOF



Congratulations to **Shannon and Shem Unger** on the birth of their son, **Jonah Darwin Unger**, on January 31, 2010 at 3:15 pm. He weighed 9 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21" long. We look forward to welcoming Jonah into our church community.

Verna Ritz's son, Christian Ritz and his wife Joy Oldfather Ritz adopted a son from Kentucky born January 21, 2010, Theodore "**Theo**" **Christian Ritz**. Verna and Chuck are the happy grandparents.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to **Jo Ann Mullen** whose brother, **Robert M. Colvin**, died February 9 in Menomonie, WI. He was 83 years old.

Our thoughts are with **Dianna Poindexter** as she is healing from finger surgery after a log splitter accident at her home on January 30.

Chuck Reynolds had rotator cuff surgery to his right shoulder December 21, 2009. He is going through physical therapy and doing well. Healing wishes, Chuck.

Martha Lempke fell and suffered a hairline fracture of the patella on February 15. She hopes to be off crutches by the time you read this. Healing wishes, Martha.

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 Committee .

*Cheryl Fowler,
Chair, Pastoral Care Group*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: CALLING ALL INTERESTED PERSONS FOR SHADOW TRAINING!

A meeting will be held Sunday, March 28 in Room 212, 12:30-ish after the Potluck to discuss specifics and answer questions about the Shadow Program. If you are *at all* interested in helping out students who may need that extra person there to help them focus during RE classes, please attend this meeting. Dessert will be provided so you won't miss out on that part of the Potluck! So, come to church on the 28th of March, stay for Potluck, and then attend a Q & A about the Shadow Program!!! You will be providing a wonderful service for the RE program and its students by helping out. Thanks--and SEE YOU THERE! *Christine Reynolds, Religious Education Paraprofessional.*

BUILDING COMMITTEE EXTERIORS/GROUNDS CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The Building Committee is still in need of a chairperson for Exteriors/Grounds. Many thanks to Michael Lewis for his time, dedication and talents in having filled this post until recently. If you have interest in this area and don't mind calling a monthly meeting and approving expenditures within the committee budget, please contact Board President Eric Thiel to volunteer. We will also be working on forming a long-range planning committee, so if your talents lie along those lines, contact Board President Eric Thiel as well.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS: GREETERS, NEWCOMERS TABLE, COFFEE MINISTRY

March 7

- Greeters:* Amy French, Jackie Sloss, Gary Mueller
- Newcomers Table:* Amy French
- Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

March 14

- Greeters:* Suzan Windnagel, Beth and Chris Garretson
- Newcomers Table:* Suzan Windnagel
- Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

March 21

- Greeters:* Dagmar Murray, Rick Irvine, Kirsten Reynolds
- Newcomers Table:* Dagmar Murray
- Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley

March 28

- Greeters:* Kim Harden, Ed and Kathy Bowen
- Newcomers Table:* Kim Harden,
- Sanctuary Preparation:* Nina Kirkpatrick
- Coffee Ministry:* Mary Ann Foley



March Calendar Highlights

- 2 Tuesday, **Program Council**, 6:30 pm (101/103)
- 6 **Fiber Arts Newborn Quilt and Knit Cap Presentation**, St. Elizabeth East, Lafayette, 1:00 pm
RE Youth Overnight begins 8:00 pm Office Wing of Church
- 7 Sunday
Youth RE Overnight concludes 9:00 am , youth meet for early class, then prepare pancakes for...
UU RE Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser before & after service
12:00 pm **Adult RE Committee** (212)
- 8 Monday, **Cakes for the Queen of Heaven** 6:30 pm (102)
- 10 Wednesday, **Connections Committee**, 6:00 pm (106)
- 11 Thursday, **Social Justice Committee**, 7:00 pm (101/103)
Membership/Connections Committees, 7:00 pm (212/FH)
- 14 Sunday, RE Junior High Youth Event, 5:00 pm (101/103)
- 15 Monday, **APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**, 5:00 pm
Writer's Group, 1:30 pm (106)
Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, 6:30 pm (102)
- 16 Tuesday, **BOARD MEETING**, 6:30 pm (101/103)
Worship Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm (106)
- 28 **Potluck Dinner** after service in the Fellowship Hall
RE "Shadow" Training/Interest Meeting 12:30 pm (212)



Visit our website, www.uulafayette.org, and select "Calendar" to view a complete listing of all activities, both within-church and external group events, taking place at our church. Check our FACEBOOK page—insert "Unitarian Universalist Church, West Lafayette" in the "Search" box at upper right of the menu to see up-to-date listings of special activities.



THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE will meet next on *Thursday, March 11, from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 101/103.*

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

In 2010, **Change for Change** will benefit local agencies that are helping people meet their health care needs. In March and April, all the change placed in the collection plates on Sundays will go the **Riggs Community Health Center**. Their mission is: "To improve access to quality, cost effective, comprehensive health care with respect and compassion to underserved community members." Formerly the Tippecanoe Community Health Clinic, the Riggs Center provides many services in our community, including a homeless outreach program, dental clinic, paediatric clinic, women's health care, and a prenatal program. The Riggs Community Health Center depends in large part on the community for donations and the Social Justice Committee is pleased that the UU Church will be able to help them.

*Linda Prokopy
 Social Justice Committee*

FAMILY PROMISE

Many thanks to the UUs who volunteered to help with Family Promise January 31-February 7: Kathy Schroth, Ellen Phelps, Suzan Windnagel, Jackie Sloss, Ruth Ann Ferris, Tom McConville, Beverly Seese, Jean Tyner, Della Willmann, Aimee Jacobson, Josh Prokopy, Kaye McSpadden, Amy French and Kim Harden. Hosting families with toddlers kept us on our toes. Our host congregation, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, really appreciated all that we did to pitch in and make their load a little lighter. There will be opportunities to host again in early May, and we hope you will consider volunteering. Gratefully,

Jean Tyner, UU FPGL Coordinator

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

The generosity of this UU congregation allowed us to send a check for \$1476.91 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee through the Guest At Your Table program. We wish to thank the following contributors: John Carlson, Don and Ruth Ann Ferris, Cheryl and Gary Fowler, Ellen Gruenbaum, Larry Guentert, Kim Harden, Stephen Hoffman and Alice Pawley, Wendy Kelley, Jim and Rosemary Leary, Herschel Lewis, Karl and Joan Lohmann, Kaye McSpadden, Cindy Gerlach and Gary Mueller, Lisa Pantea, Robin and Dianna Poindexter, Josh and Linda Prokopy, Cliff Sadof, Irene Stephens, Jean Tyner, Mark and Mallory VanMeeter, Suzan Windnagel, George Wulff, and anonymous.

It is never too late to join the UUSC. Contributions can be sent to: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, 689 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Ruth Ann Ferris, Social Justice Committee

LAFAYETTE URBAN MINISTRY

LUM Homeless Shelter needs: Case Management volunteers. Volunteers may work flexible hours and training is provided. Pocket calendars are needed for clients involved in case management. Also needed is a weekly volunteer to go to Food Finders and other stores to shop for the homeless shelter. Contact Joyce Fasani at LUM for more details: 423-2691.

Food Pantry: *MANY THANKS to the Unitarian Universalist Church for their generous contributions to the special LUM Food Pantry food drive throughout the month of February.* The food pantry at St. John's Episcopal Church is in need of cereal. Contributions can be taken to St. John's Episcopal Church located on the corner of Sixth and Ferry St. downtown Lafayette. Pantry hours are on the LUM website: www.lafayetteurbanministry.org.

After School Program: The After School Program needs volunteers to help out in various capacities, especially those willing to drive the van. The Program also needs fresh fruit, vegetables, chips and other non-sweetened snacks. Contact Cindy Haley, Program Director for more information at 423-2691.

Campaign for the Future: LUM recently kicked off the public phase of its Campaign for the Future. LUM is hoping to raise funds to expand some of its programs while starting

new programs to better serve the Greater Lafayette community. Some of the new programs include a stay-in-school program for at risk youth, a class for first time home owners, and other programs helping the homeless find permanent housing. LUM recently finished renovating its new building location at 402 N. Fourth St. and is in the process of renovating its old building to house a youth program center and a center for families and children. LUM hopes to raise \$2.8 million. See LUM's website, www.lafayetteurbanministry.org or call 423-2691 for more information or to make a donation.

Other news: This will be my last report as the UU LUM Board representative. I have decided to relinquish my duties as LUM board rep in order to focus on my responsibilities as a UU Board member. Rick Irvine has graciously volunteered to take over for me and will be the new LUM Board representative for our church. I would like to thank the congregation for your continued support of the Lafayette Urban Ministry. LUM is a valuable asset to the Greater Lafayette community and it has been my pleasure to serve on LUM's Board of Directors as your representative. Thank you!

*Mary Finley,
 Former LUM Representative*



FIBERARTS PROJECT Some babies have no clothing when going home! Our UU Church will donate 4 cartons totaling 90 new 36" square quilted receiving blankets &/or knitted newborn caps for babies in need, born at the new St. Elizabeth-East Hospital. The presentation will take place *Saturday, March 6, 1:00 pm at the entrance of the Women's Center, St. Elizabeth-East Hospital, left off the end of St. Francis Way [enter off Creasy Lane across from Lafayette Rohrman Subaru Dealership]*. Come join us for this UU event!!! *Patty Wood & Kirsten Reynolds, Fiber Arts Co-Chairs.*

THE ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet *Sunday, March 7, at noon in Room 212.* We will discuss plans for the coming summer and fall, prepare a calendar together for upcoming events, and so forth. Thank you. *Elizabeth Gurrettson & Kirsten Reynolds, Adult RE Co-Chairpersons*

LOOKING FOR NEW GREETERS If you would like to be one of the smiling, welcoming faces that greets people as they arrive for Sunday services, please contact Dorothy Hughes. The schedule for the 2nd quarter of 2010 will be planned soon. Please let Dorothy know if you are interested by Monday, March 8th.

UU RUMMAGE SALE COMING SOON! Begin gathering items for the next *UU Church Rummage Sale*, to be held *Saturday, April 17* from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to coordinators Janice Kritchevsky and Beth Misner for organizing this fund-raising endeavor. Items may be dropped off towards the end of March (and perhaps sooner)—more information will be coming soon...

UU CHURCH SERVICE AUCTION SATURDAY, MAY 1 Circle that Date! *Saturday, May 1* will be a night of *celebration of all things UU*. In addition to a wonderful meal, you will have the opportunity to purchase the official UU plant (yes, there's an official UU plant), other UU-belia, help compose UU Haiku, as well as purchase each other's gifts and talents. Janice Kritchevsky is chairing this different kind of service auction on *May 1*. If you are interested in helping in the planning please contact Janice. *Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for much more information about the event.*

UU ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 23 Happy Hollow Park Shelter I has been reserved for 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for our annual UU church picnic *Sunday, May 23* immediately following service. All shelters have grills, water and electricity; the ark closes at dusk. The picnic will be *held in lieu of* the previously scheduled *Sunday, May 30* potluck on Memorial Day Weekend. More information will be forthcoming from coordinator Lisa Pantea as the time approaches—looking forward to seeing you there!

SHARED HEARTH SUPPERS If anyone would still be interested in hosting a Shared Hearth Supper other than those that were the specific weekends, please feel free to ask Christine Reynolds. Also, if you have interest in doing a run of summer Shared Hearths or Shared Yards for cookouts/picnics, please contact Christine.

have some fun and get some exercise? Join the newly forming *UU Adult Softball Team!* We will be playing as part of the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Adult Softball League. We will have one game a week for 11 weeks. We will play for fun and EVERYONE will get time on the field and at the plate. Join us in the free and responsible search for recreation! Sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th Principle Stretch! Contact Jason Dufair. The \$350 registration cost will be split evenly amongst all team members. The only other cost would be shirts if we decide to have them made.

FREETHINKERS The Freethinkers group, previously known as "Atheism Discussion Group," will no longer meet until more interest is apparent. If you are interested in civilly and objectively discussing a variety of controversial topics, please contact Todd Barton, todd@happybartons.com, or go to www.lafayettefreethinkers.org for more information and to participate in online discussions. *Todd Barton.*

LOST AND FOUND is located on a shelf near the office across from Room 106. There will be a note in the newsletter to let everyone know when items will be taken to Goodwill so you will have time to claim your missing items. *Please place only items found at church in the Lost and Found* to help keep our building tidy. *Christine Schertz, De-cluttering Committee.*

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LAFAYETTE BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES *We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month, next on March 18,* in the Fellowship Hall at the *Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Meridian Street, West Lafayette IN.* Enter the building near the playground. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE will again be collecting *small used batteries* in a box located in the Fellowship Hall (outside the kitchen) & taken to a place that recycles them. Soon we will also be collecting used CFL (low energy-use) light-bulbs in the Fellowship Hall...*so save your used CFL bulbs for recycling.* (Please handle these carefully; broken bulbs may leak mercury and are dangerous). *Marty Patches, Green Sanctuary.*

UU ANNUAL CHURCH RETREAT OCTOBER 15, 16, 17 It's already time to begin planning for our annual fall church retreat, which will take place at Ross Park on the Wabash the weekend of *October 15-17.* The A-frame has been reserved for over-night, and camping spaces are available as well. More information will follow as the time approaches; many thanks to Lisa Pantea, continuing coordinator for Retreat and the Annual Picnic. If you'd like to be involved in planning any aspect of either the picnic or retreat, particularly food preparation and serving for retreat, please contact Lisa. Thank you in advance for helping with these events!

PAYLESS/KROGER FUNDRAISER: Payless (Kroger) offers gift cards that churches and schools can use as a fund raiser for their organizations. Kroger will donate 3% of purchases (including gas) back to the church. If you already shop at Payless this is a painless way to donate to the church. The gift cards are available from Kirsten Reynolds.



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6:30 P.M.
ROOM 101/103**

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& SPRING CONFERENCE
"CELEBRATING TEN YEARS
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APRIL 9-11, 2010, HOSTED BY
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**NEXT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
TO VOTE ON CALLING A MINISTER
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010
12:00 NOON
SANCTUARY**

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of this church
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is its law.

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to dwell together
in peace,
to seek the truth
in love,
and to help
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