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AUGUST 2010

Minister's Musings

I am excited!
I just finished the Adult Religious Exploration Schedule for this coming year and it promises to have wonderful opportunities for self exploration and growth.
In our theological rotation, this is the year that the children will study Unitarian Universalist history and values. Our Sunday services and Adult RE will also reflect these themes.

Each year we have one course that meets monthly for the whole church year. This year we will focus on UU Theology through the lens of The Reverend Dr Thandeka. Cited as one of our most influential contemporary Unitarian Universalist theologians, Thandeka was a television producer for 16 years and Emmy award winner before obtaining her doctorate in philosophy of religion and theology from the Claremont Graduate Univer-

sity. As one of her former students, I can truly tell you that she is provocative, controversial and intense. Her passion for embodied faith is palpable and shines through her curricula. The course promises to be exceptional.

The Rev. Gail Ruth Geisenhainer is now the senior minister in our Unitarian Universalist Church of Ann Arbor, but years ago she was a flamboyant dyke with the proverbial big chip on her shoulder. Her UU membership story is the subject of a pizza, learn and discuss night. It will make you laugh and cry in one breath. Don't miss it!

We will follow up Rev. Geisenhainer's one night workshop with a six week course for new UUs. This series, written by the Rev Jonalu Johnstone, Program Minister at First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City, promises to offer both new and older Uni-

tarian Universalists a springboard for faith development. Join us.

"Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" is a woman honoring adult RE curriculum by Interim Minister, Rev. Shirley Ranck. The course examines pre-Judeo Christian cultures that may have worshiped the female as divine as well as important elements of today's women's lives; personal, interpersonal and societal. The primary question raised is: How would your life have been different if, when growing up, the divine had been imaged as female? Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and beliefs, creating trust and strong bonds of friendship. The concepts of equality and reverence for the female in a religious setting are eye-opening to many participants. We will begin this curriculum in the winter.

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Sermon Topics



Bring water representative of your summer to the In-gathering!

August 1 *Growing Up In Baghdad* Zaid Abdul-majeed, local student with the Iraqi Student project, will be returning to speak about growing up in Baghdad and the invasion of his country by the U.S.

Ben Sizemore - worship leader

August 8 *Pakistan and the US* Dr. Sultan Niazi, a pulmonologist with Deaconess Clinic, who hails from Pakistan, will enlighten us about his native home and the region to include Afghanistan.

Tom Moor - worship leader

August 15 *We're the Product of a Good Education: What we learn from our R.E. experiences* The service will center on the stories and experiences we had in our early years and how they continue to inform our faith quests.

Lincoln Christensen - worship leader

August 22 – *Native American Reflection* – Rev Deane returns from the Southwest with fresh reflections on the importance of Native American faith traditions. This is an intergenerational service. Drums are wel-

come. –Rev Deane with John Schaeffer

August 29 – *The Constitution and the Tea Party* – Where did they come from and where are they going? The Tea Party has blossomed and some herald it as the great defender of the US Constitution. Let's explore. – Rev Deane with Tom Moor, Worship Associate

September 5 – *In-gathering: Water Communion* – Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Minister's Musings— continued

Finally, let me advertise and promote, yes, advertise with the intention of making a sale, a half day presentation which we will feature in both the fall and the spring, -the chance to make out your advance directives. Did you know that in the state of Indiana parents, children, spouses, siblings can all make medical

decisions for you AND that no relationship is given priority over another? Definitely, true. No priority is given to your spouse or anyone else you may want to elect. And yes, we know that you told your children/parents/friends what you want, but if it's not written down it simply isn't so. A living will is quick, simple and binding.

Make it so!

Perhaps you can feel my excitement. I hope that it is contagious. But, one more thing, please sign up early, simply thinking about attending is not enough. Early registration makes planning so much more enjoyable.

In faith, friendship and love,
Rev Deane

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Turn in your Adult RE registration form ASAP!! Don't miss out on some great classes! See insert for details.

UUCE Yard Sale

It's just four weeks away, the reallly big UUCE YARD SALE. As we approach the dates (Aug. 27 & 28) please set aside items you no longer need, but which someone else might treasure. The hours will be from 8 am until 2 pm both days.

There are some items which in our experience sell well. These include children's clothing, children's books, folding chairs, and book cases. Items which do not sell well include games, decorative glass & china, and old TV sets.

Regretably, storage space at the Church is extremely limited, and while the basement of the Chalice House is available well in advance of the sale, we do not recommend carrying items

down & back up the steep stairs, a potentially hazardous venture. So we are limiting the receipt of Yard Sale items to the week immediately preceding the days of the sale, i.e., starting Sunday, August 22 until noon the following Thursday. A crew of volunteers will be busy pricing sale items Monday through Thursday.

And speaking of volunteers, we will need many. You may volunteer for the following tasks: receiving, pricing, & arranging the displayed items in the sanctuary and in the parking lot, directing traffic, monitoring the display areas, assisting buyers, dismantling the displays on Saturday afternoon, restoring the sanc-

tuary to the usual set up for Sunday morning service on August 29th.

On Monday through Thursday, we will work from 8-5 pricing the items and arranging them on tables in the sanctuary. On Friday, there will be two shifts: 7-10 and 10-2. On Sat; three shifts, 7-10, 10-2, and 2-5. Sign-up sheets will be available each Sunday in advance of the Sale.

Please step forward and help make this sale as successful as our 2009 Sale, when we raised over a thousand dollars.

Ed Howard, Chair

Board Retreat Report

The 2010-2011 Church Board had a very productive retreat on Saturday, July 17, at a beautiful, meditative setting near Oakland City named Willow Pond. It was exciting for me, as President, to see people so involved and committed to representing the congregation and helping the church. Some of the items discussed: covenant, strategic plan/goals/membership, the role of the minister, the role of the board, dealing with

avoidance conflict, and individual board member responsibilities. Malika Harris, as President-Elect, is in charge of Church Council and will be organizing a meeting of members of the congregation interested in chairing/serving on a committee and Committee Fairs. Tina Sizemore, as Secretary, is responsible for maintaining the official church calendar (**IMPORTANT: do not add events to the calendar yourself, but submit the**

information to Tina for inclusion.) Past board member Ed Howard is chair of the Facility Task Force committee, which will be facilitating our sometime-in-the-future move to a new facility - a proactive, not reactive approach. And board members will now have brightly colored name tags so that you can see immediately to whom to talk or ask questions about the church.

-Jan Steinmark.



Frog Follies Craft Booth

We have been invited to share a craft booth through the generosity of June Eckardt, a friend of our minister. SO - all you knitters and crocheters and woodworkers and sewers and jewelry-makers and crafty folks -

please bring your donated, completed items to church and put them in the labeled plastic tub. We will label and price them - but your price recommendations are much appreciated!!

There is also a sign-up sheet available - we

need three people per shift on Friday-Sunday, August 27-29. This is the 35th anniversary of the Frog Follies, where over 4,000 classic cars will be gathering at the Vanderburgh 4-H Center. Go to www.frogfollies.org for more information.

*"If everyone helps,
however they
can ...with cleaning,
food preparation,
baking cookies, selling
at the booth ...we can
have a fantastic sale!"*

Fall Festival Update

The Westside Nut Club's annual Fall Festival is just around the corner! This year it will run October 4-9... that's only 2 short months away.

If you haven't made plans yet to take a day or two off to help at

the booth why not look at your schedule and block out some time to help. It's a great chance to get to know your fellow UU's and raise some money to keep the church strong! Can't work the booth? There will

be opportunities to prepare food ahead of time. Watch for sign up sheets at the church!

Call Teri Rawlings at 477-9813 you have any questions.

United Caring Shelter

UUCE prepares a meal at the United Caring Shelter on the 3rd Friday of the month. We work from 3:00- 5:00. Helpers are needed!

Donations of spaghetti noodles and sauce are always needed too!

Coffee

Chris has indicated that he will not be placing another coffee order until September.

Monthly Potluck

Join your fellow UU's after church the fourth Sunday of each month for potluck.

GoodSearch/GoodShop

PLEASE go to www.goodsearch.com and sign up, with the UUCE as your designated charity! For every web search you do from their site, and for on-line shopping through www.goodshop.com, WE GET MONEY!

A few of us started using Goodsearch in October 2008 - and made \$3.22 for the church that year! More and more people have signed on, and just for the first seven months of this year we've raised over \$23 - and our grand total of cash earned since October 08? \$52.12! You are going to do web searches and on-line shopping anyway - so why not help us at the same time? THANKS



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Child and Youth summer activities at 10:30 Sundays

Board of Directors:

The UUCE board meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30PM.

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Ingathering

Sunday September 5th

Water Communion

Picnic

Chalice House Open House

Water Communion is a chance to share in a community bowl a small amount of water that symbolizes your summer experience.

Picnic will be at the church, bring a dish.

Chalice House Open House for those who have never seen our classrooms.

Events at UUCE

August 15– Plate Share for Patchwork Central's Back-To-School program

August 20– Serve dinner at United Caring Shelter

August 22– Inquirer's class following service

August 22– Potluck following service

August 22– 26– drop yard sale items off at the church

August 27& 28– UUCE Yard Sale

August 27-29 -Frog Follies craft sale

September 5– Ingathering

October 4-9– Fall Festival