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# The Compass

AUGUST 2011

## UUCE Priorities

The UUCE Board of Directors has the responsibility for conducting the business of the church on behalf of the membership. In the past, this has encompassed many different aspects of the church including in some cases detailed interaction with various committees.

Recently our consultant, Sandra Herron, has given us a list of priority areas which need to be addressed above all other business (as perceived from the recent survey results) and so the board will concentrate our efforts this year on addressing these priorities. Of course we will address emergencies that might arise, but we will focus on the list below.

The priorities identified include:

- Financial stability – Stabilize our financial situation
- Priorities/governance – Modify governance model from council to oversight by board members
- Worship – Plan consistently-rich, engaging and inspiring worship services
- Lay leadership – Broaden the base and skills of lay leaders and volunteers
- Congregational care – Strengthen congregational unity, hope and care systems

- Religious exploration – Re-build religious exploration program to retain and attract families
- Operations – Improve operational processes and committee support

Please let me identify the steps taken so far in pursuit of these priority areas:

Financial stability – our newly adopted Balanced Budget for 2011-12 is based on our successful Annual Budget Drive  
Priorities/governance – temporarily disbanded the Church Council in favor of direct oversight of various permanent committees and task forces by board members

Worship – included funding in our current budget to help support speakers and implement a projector system in the sanctuary to enable multimedia presentations

Lay leadership – Stewardship Committee is integrating and managing the volunteer indications received from both the recent survey and the financial commitment forms  
Congregational Care – intend to combine Membership Committee (greeting, orientation and fellowship) with former Caring Committee to build caregiver model and team

Religious Exploration – task force forming to create Religious Exploration Director

job description and begin recruiting for that position  
Operations – task force actively recruiting Administrative Office Assistant on part time basis. Intend to hire in August

We will continue to look for new ways to pursue the priorities listed above. If you have ideas to share about ways in which the board can support any of the above priority areas, please mention your ideas to any board member.

You may realize that your passion is not represented in the above items. For example, the board is not focused on improving our web site, fund raising or social justice projects. It isn't that we don't care about those projects or want you to support them, but we believe the priorities identified above need to be addressed first. So until the seven priorities are satisfactorily addressed, you will find the board of directors focused primarily on these activities, although we whole heartedly encourage you to continue to support your passion.

Respectfully,  
Jack Carden  
President  
UUCE Board of Directors  
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# Sermon Topics



August 7- Isabel Lavens will share a sermon of her brother's—a long time UU minister. Ed Howard worship leader  
 August 14- - We plan to have the local drumming

circle share with us. The service will include some aspects of Native American spirituality. Sarah Weinkamp worship leader  
 August 21- Anisa Evans will speak. Alice Carden wor-

ship leader  
 August 28- We will have a representative from Jobs With Justice to help us look at worker rights and the dignity of all work. Tom Moor is worship leader



## Administrative Office Assistant

Part-time(16hrs/week) position with paid time off benefit providing general secretarial and administrative support to the Church Board, Minister, Education Specialist, and committees. Must maintain regular weekly office hours. HS grad with an associate degree in secretarial science and/or three years experience in an executive secretary position or equivalent. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel with overall excellent PC skills. Excellent communication skills are required. Forward resume to:

[admin@uuevansville.org](mailto:admin@uuevansville.org)

## Coffee

Place your order for chocolate, cocoa and coffee by the 25th of the month. Contact Chris Norrington for details 471-9867.

## Social Justice Donations

Donation of spaghetti, toiletries and diapers are needed. Cash donations also accepted.

## 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!

You can also make monetary donations— look for the jar in the church foyer.

## Monthly Potluck

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

## UUCE Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet on August 10th at 7:00 PM. We will discuss the book *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.



## Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville

2910 East Morgan Avenue  
Evansville, IN 47711  
812-474-1704

Services Sunday at 10:00 AM

**Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays**



### Board of Directors:

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

President	Jack Carden
President Elect	open
Secretary	Joan Hargis
Secretary Elect	Marla Minton
Treasurer	David Fentress
Treasurer Elect	Chris Norrington
Director	Linda Sue Cates
Director	John Schaefer

### Other Volunteers:

Religious Exploration	open
Youth Leader	Diana Brewer
Building and Grounds	John Schaeffer
Caring Committee	MaryHelen Weldy
Stewardship	David Fentress
Communications	Chris Norrington
Social Justice	Joan Hargis
Caring & Membership	Linda Sue Cates
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# August Events at UUCE

August 2– PSG 7:00 pm

August 3– Stewardship Committee 6:30 pm

August 3– SMART meeting 7:00 pm

August 5– Drumming 7:00 pm

August 8- Membership Committee 11:00 am

August 8– Worship Committee 7:00 pm

August 9– PSG 7:00 pm

August 10– Fund Raising Committee meeting

August 10– Stewardship Committee 8:30 pm

August 10– SMART meeting 7:00 pm

August 11– UUCE Women’s Group 7:00 pm

August 16– PSG 7:00 pm

August 15– Board meeting 6:30 pm

August 17– SMART meeting 7:00 pm

August 19– United Caring Shelter 3-5 pm

August 19– Drumming 7:00 pm

August 21– Plate Share

August 23– PSG 7:00 pm

August 24– SMART meeting 7:00 pm

August 28– Potluck following service

August 30– PSG 7:00 pm

August 31– SMART meeting 7:00 pm