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The Compass

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Hopeful Signs

As we review the results of the November 6th election, we see some hopeful signs, that is, the election of candidates who share our UU core values - or at least pose little threat to them, and the growing number of women in the U.S. Senate. Perhaps they can protect other women. First, we need to define our "core values". By that, I mean access to affordable reproductive health care, a woman's right to choose, same-gender marriages, hassle-free service for gays in the armed forces, and consumer protection against predatory banks and usurious money-lenders.

We are happy to see Barack Obama, return to the White House. He abolished the insidious "don't ask, don't tell" policy, thus allowing gays to serve openly in the military. He has endorsed same-gender marriages, and he has protected federal

funding for Planned Parenthood.

In Missouri and Indiana, we saw far-right, pro-life Senatorial candidates shoot themselves in their respective feet by issuing outrageous and clumsy remarks about abortion and rape, resulting in the election of two candidates we can live with. In Massachusetts, we saw the election of Elizabeth Warren who has been a strong advocate for an effective Consumer Protection Agency. Back home in Indiana, pro-choice and strong advocate for the poor, Gail Riecken, was re-elected to the Indiana General Assembly.

Unfortunately, the election of Mike Pence as Governor does not bode well for us. Crippling restrictions on women's rights are sure to surface again and with his blessing. Betty Cockrum, President of PPI, and those of us who support her, will face

another fierce battle to protect those rights.

In the states of Maryland, Maine, and Washington, voters approved same-gender marriages, thus breaking a 32-state streak, dating back to 1998, in which gay marriage had been rebuffed by every state that voted on it. It took court rulings in the six states and D.C. to make gay marriage legal there. On Tuesday, Nov 6th, Minnesota became the first state which voted to defeat an amendment banning same-sex marriage. That's a hopeful sign.

There are now twenty women in the U.S. Senate. That's not enough. It will be a long time before women, who comprise 51% of our population, achieve parity in a male-dominated society, but there are hopeful signs.

-Ed Howard

New Compass Editor

As I pull together this, my last edition of the Compass, I am beset with mixed emotions, but the time has come for a changing of the guard. After putting together the

Compass for over 10 years, I am retiring. Ed Howard has generously volunteered to take over. I am sure he will do an excellent job and I wish him the best!

-Beth Heil





*“Join us on
December 25 at
2:00 for Christmas
Dinner!”*

Sermon Topics

December 2- **Martin Luther Revolutionary**, Ed Howard speaker

December 9- **Mary, the Mother of Jesus**, Rev Julie Denny-Hughes will preach, Karim Shelton worship leader

December 16- **TBA**, Ben Sizemore will speak, Tom Moor worship leader

December 23- **The Christmas I Remember**. This will be an intergenerational service where church members will share meaningful Christmas memories.

Tom Moor worship leader

December 30- **TBA**, Rev Doddie Stone will return to preach. Ed Howard worship leader

Christmas Dinner At UUCE

Once again the Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a Christmas dinner to be held on Tuesday, December 25 at 2:00 PM at the church. Ham and turkey will be provided, but we're asking everyone who attends to bring a side

dish, salad, or dessert to complete the meal.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer; please indicate the number of people in your party, and what you are bringing. If you have questions, or to add your name to the list,

you can email Bev Tonso at btonso44@att.net (or call her at 476-9235), or email aoa@uuevansville.org. We'll make it a very happy holiday!

Paying It Forward

It's not unusual on weekdays to see unrecognized autos belonging to unknown persons parked in the Church parking lot. One assumes they belong to workers in the adjoining real estate or brokerage offices.

But such was not the case on Monday morning, November 19th.

I was putting the title of the upcoming sermon on our outdoor sign, when I spotted two men and two

young boys pushing a red SUV onto our lot. Surmising they needed help, I approached them and learned they were out of gas, and had called friends to rescue them.

I started to drive away when I remembered that John Schaeffer had ceased scheduling me and others to mow the church lawn for the remainder of the year, and I opined there might be some unused and no longer needed gas in a

can we keep in shed with the two lawn mowers. Indeed that proved to be the case, so it wasn't long before the surprised and happy foursome were on their way.

My advice to them upon parting was "pay it forward".

-Ed Howard

News From The Southwest



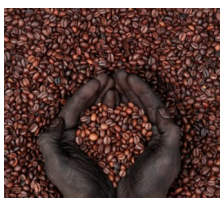
Last August, Rick and Pam Stivers, active members of UUCE, Moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to retire in the sun. Recently, they sent President Ed the following note:

“Just wanted to let you know that we have joined the UU Church In Santa Fe, so please

take us off the membership rolls there. I hope everything is going ok at UUCE; it looks like you have had some good guest ministers. Please let us know if you ever plan to be in Santa Fe.” Pam

Coffee

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



Monthly Potluck

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



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!

Energizing Indiana

With the holidays fast approaching, Energizing Indiana has given us a wonderful opportunity. For every member/supporter/friend that schedules and completes a Home Energy Assessment to benefit Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville through December 31, 2012, Energizing Indiana will double its donation to \$50!

To qualify, the appointment **MUST** be scheduled using the link in the attached document. If you have any questions, call the helpline at: 1-888-893-8218.

Graceful Giving

The holidays are quickly approaching, and with them, comes the time of year when we reach out to help others. We will once again be participating in the **Graceful Giving** program, which provides gifts to families affected by HIV/AIDS.

To make this program a success, we need your help! For every \$25 you

donate, one person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS will receive a wrapped gift purchased by the agency and their household will receive a food basket valued at \$75. Additionally, thanks to a generous sponsor to ARG, each household will also receive at least a \$35 gift card to help supplement the basket they receive!

You can also purchase a gift for \$25, wrap it and bring it to the church by December 8.

Contact Chris Norrington at 812-568-0526 for the name of a needy child or family that needs a gift (or gifts) this holiday season.

Thanks for supporting this great organization that helps our community.



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Upcoming Events & Activities

Sunday, December 2:
9am Adult Discussion Group

Friday, December 7:
7pm Drum Circle

Friday, December 21:
7pm Drum Circle

Monday, December 3: 7pm
Board meeting

Sunday, December 16:
9am Adult Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 25:
2pm Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 5:
7pm RE Committee Meeting

Friday, December 21: 3
pm United Caring Shelter Din-
ner

Sunday, December 30:
3pm Dance of Universal Peace



Happy Holidays to you and yours!!