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# The Compass

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## Minister's Musings

Speaking from the heart, it is impossible to relate to you how joyful I was when one Sunday in December the call went out for three people to research social service needs in Evansville. Tina Sizemore, Teri Rockwood and Lorraine Fader immediately raised their hands. Their task was to research the local food pantries, shelters, missions, and agencies, seeking out unmet needs. Each of these members spent hours learning more about how the folks of this city are responding to the pressing needs in our community. This month they will be reporting on what they found and, more particularly, how they think UUCE can fit into the Evansville social action network. We are blessed to have folks willing to take on the work of our community.

Last month Lincoln Christensen came to me with, not only strong opinions about the Indiana Death penalty, but a proposed course of action for UUCE. He is pursuing his vision and will present a service later this month. Do we know what our members will decide? Do we think that we all "think alike." Certainly no! But there is a faith that this is a matter of importance, one worthy of reflection, discussion and possible action. There is a faith that

our tradition impels us, not to hide in ignorance or avoid dialogue, but to trust the process.

This year UUCE switched to using real plates and silverware for our potlucks. After a service on ethical eating our Dinners for Eight group had a sustainable meal. Each month dedicated UUCEers serve the hungry at the United Caring Shelter and many, many of us bring pasta and sauce to feed them. We have also contributed money so that Linda Sue Cates and Joan Hargis can make fresh salads each month, a treat that the recipients thoroughly appreciate.

This year over thirty of us, - members, friends and newcomers- have grappled with issues of theological and ethical relevance. This year adults are gathering on early Sunday mornings at least twice monthly to discuss current and substantive issues.

This year the children have learned about UU principles and world religions and reported back to the adults of their findings.

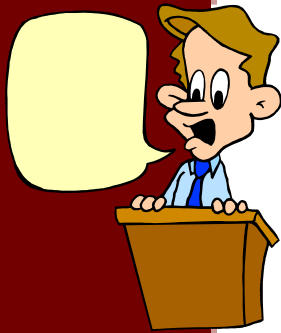
This year, when the CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment) call went out to attend a city hall meeting to help win justice in transportation for all, we were there in numbers! We have lived with the co-chair of the transportation

committee, UUCE member Mark Rigney, as he delighted in gains in the transportation talks and lamented the problems. We were also there to hear the status of our work with affordable housing and the dental clinic; we were there to plan for the future.

We are there! We are here! We are a vibrant church, active in spiritual development, active in social action, working toward social justice and a more sustainable world. This is the church of which I am proud to be the called minister. It is a joy. During this month of expressed love and joy, I rejoice!  
Blessings,  
Rev. Deane



# Sermon Topics



February 7<sup>th</sup> – Thank God for Evolution – This inter-generational service will consider spirituality from a cosmic center. Join us for a look how an evolutionary theology affects our thinking and actions. Rev Deane and Tom Moor, Worship Associate

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Standing on the Side of Love – Alternate titles include “Help me

learn how to kiss my elbow” or “What bathroom should I use?” We will explore the plight of the transgendered person in these times. Rev Deane and Diane Brewer, Worship Associate

February 21<sup>st</sup> —The Death Penalty: Do we have an opinion? This powerful presentation will be followed by a congregational

response time. Join Lincoln Christensen, Service Leader and John Schaeffer, Worship Associate

February 28<sup>th</sup> – Now is the Time! This Sunday kicks off our Stewardship Annual Budget Drive. Let us take a deep look at how volunteer associations thrive. Rev Deane and Malika Harris, Worship Associate.

*We hold those in our hearts who have lost a loved one .*

# Thank You

The McNeely family wishes to express their appreciation to the UUCE congregation for their help in the planning and carrying out David McNeely’s Celebration of Life. Special thanks to Mary Jane Steele and Jan Steinmark who got

the message out to everyone, Rev. Deane, who delayed her vacation departure to counsel Dave’s adult children and to help in the final arrangements, Rev. Dr. Claudia Ramisch for officiating the service, Lincoln for recording the

celebration and all those who furnished delicious snacks and the many that worked behind the scenes to make it a success. We will be eternally grateful to all!

The McNeelys

# February Donation

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Running of the St. Patrick’s Day Run Of Luck.

This year they have a goal of Collecting 10,000 pairs of gently worn shoes for Soles 4 Souls. In return Soles 4

Soles will donate 3,500

pairs of new shoes to Evansville Christian Life Center, The Dream Center, Chandler United Methodist Church, and The Spencer County School Corporation.

With the goal of collecting 10,000 pairs of shoes, they will be attempting a Guinness World Record for The Longest Shoe Chain.

UUCE will be collecting

gently used shoes for this drive in February. Help us make a difference, by helping others.



Support Soles for Souls!



# Have A Whale of a Time



**WhaleCoast Alaska 2010:** Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual pro-

gram this summer in our 14<sup>th</sup> year! See *REAL* Alaska, with UU homestays in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka. UU's host events and lead tours. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Observe wildlife, including bears, moose, caribou, whales, sea otters and bald eagles. Visit Denali National Park. Dave Frey, a 29-year Alaska resident, leads the programs. Visit [www.whalecoastak.org](http://www.whalecoastak.org). Don't

delay, the program usually fills by March 10. Email [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org) for information, or call 907-322-4966. We would love to share our Alaska with you!



## Monthly Potluck

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

## Shamanic Drumming

The First Friday and Third Friday Shamanic Drumming Circle s meet monthly at the church from 7:00-9:00 PM. All are welcome.

## Adult Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion Group meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 8:45 in the Chalice House. Contact Hardin with any questions.

## Coffee

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

## 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!

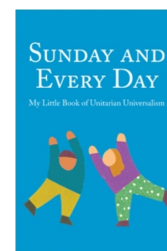
Donations of spaghetti noodles and sauce are always needed too!

**Check Out  
These UUCE  
Events!**

# UUA Bookstore Has Many Offerings

Have you ever wondered where you can get books that reflect your beliefs and will make teaching Unitarian Universalism to your children easier? Check out the UUA bookstore website <http://www.uuabookstore.org/>

They have books on a wide variety of topics. Everything from faith traditions to UU history to music to social justice and more. Do yourself a favor and spend some time exploring this fantastic resource!



***Sunday and Every Day: My Little Book of Unitarian Universalism***



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Board of Directors:

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

President	Jan Steinmark
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**Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays**



## February Events

Board Meeting- Monday January 2 at 6:30 in the entry

United Caring Shelter dinner- Friday February 19 from 3-5:30 at United Caring Shelter

Adult Discussion Group meets February 7 and 21.

Potluck following the service— February 28

Drumming Circle— February 5 and 19

Newsletter deadline- midnight on the 20th

Coffee orders due February 25



## Learning Events

The Center for Congregations is offering a number of events in the upcoming months. Events include:  
-Hospitality in Your Congregation: A Southwest Luncheon Series  
-Southeast Open House  
-Combining Efforts: How Two Churches Serve Youth in Brownstown  
-Green Ministries  
-Essentials of Church Finance (Part 1)  
-Effective Leadership for Building Projects  
-Dynamics of Worship

For more information on these events check out their website at [www.centerforcongregations.org](http://www.centerforcongregations.org) or contact them at [info@centerforcongregations.org](mailto:info@centerforcongregations.org)