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The Compass

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Two Days = One Goal

UUA consultant Barry Finkelstein will return to UUCE the last weekend in January (January 30– 31) to help us take the next steps in developing our church's strategic plan. Over the weekend, we'll look at the mission statement we already have in place; work towards consensus on our vision statement and start assembling the pieces to the strategic plan.

To make this weekend a success, we need your help. There are two ways you can be part of this process:

1. Volunteer to serve as a facilitator for Satur-

day's working groups. As a facilitator, you will attend a training session on Friday night and help a table of participants through the thinking process on Saturday. You'll also be involved in a review session of what happened at each of the tables during the day. If you're ready to volunteer, let Mary Helen Weldy or Rosi Weatherwax know. If you'd like more information before you commit, just ask Mary Helen or Rosi.

2. Be ready to participate in the working sessions on Saturday! There's no training involved and all

you need bring are your good ideas on where UUCE is today and where you would like to see us go in the future. If you attended our World Cafes last year, it's a very similar process. There will be sign up sheets for the sessions available in the church in January plus reminders throughout the month.

We can't succeed without you! Let's take a cold winter weekend to plan for the future of UUCE!

Music For George

Members and friends are invited to Music for George, a program in honor of George Klinger, who has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

The performers will be Helen Reed, harpsichord; Bill Hemminger, piano; and Doug Reed, accordion. This informal concert will be held at Wheeler Concert Hall on the UE cam-

pus on Saturday, January 9, at 2:00 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. For further information or directions to Wheeler Concert Hall, call Laura Weaver (424-5405).



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Minister's Musings

Happy New Year! May this year bring you unexpected joys, much comfort, good health, fascinating relationships and a radiant smile. May I tell you how very grateful I am to be called to share a ministry at UUCE. This is truly a warm, loving, compassionate community of which I am proud to be a part. Winter is a season for reflection and planning, for storing up our energies so that we may burst forward in spring. Or so they say...At UUCE we seem to be a little off schedule; this January is a time of great excitement.

With the assistance of UUA Consultant Barry Finkelstein we are about to complete our vision statement and the all important strategic plan. Doing a thoughtful job on our visioning is of paramount importance to UUCE. Time after time it has been shown that churches without a vision remain static at best or flounder and struggle. Churches with a strong sense of who they are and where they want to go are more likely to thrive and to

reach their explicitly owned goals. Here we have a gut sense of who we are – putting it out there is the necessary next step. This really is an exciting time. It seems like a coming of age rite, a ritual that will culminate in satisfaction and celebration.

Our website revision is becoming a reality. We've had a few reality checks along the way and learned a lot. Now that the USI students have given us a great start, we are developing our own UUCE team to take over. Official debut is this month.

Religious exploration classes this year for both adults and children are a reality. *Ethics* starts in two weeks and I urge folks to participate. It is a good method of affirming your quest for spiritual discernment while sharing values and ideas with other seekers. Also, look forward to more provocative movies. Lincoln has chosen a treasure chest of heretical movies to view and chew on.

Our community thrives. New faces are welcomed and familiar ones are active in the sustenance of

our lives. There is so much positive energy flowing, it is a great joy.

Last month we took up a collection for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity. It is meaningful to me to know that you share my commitment to serving the needs of the UUCE and Evansville community. We are truly in it together, interconnected and breathing as one.

Pastoral counseling is part of my job description; actually one of my favorite parts. If you would like to chat, about something important, or about nothing of any consequence, just give me a holler. I want to get to know you better. By spending time together when things are going well, it just might make it easier to give a call when times are rough. By talking when times are tough, it makes smiles so much richer when times get better. We are truly in it together, interconnected and breathing as one.

Blessings of the season,
Rev Deane

Sermon Topics

January 3: **Fire Communion.** Change requires loss. Are there elements of your life you would like to discard? Bring them with you to this intergenerational, first worship service of the New Year. They will be symbolically bid farewell in the "fire" that was ignited at last Sunday's service. John Schaeffer, Worship Leader.

January 10 – **Ethical Eating.** Delegates at the 2008 UUA General Assembly selected

"Ethical Eating" to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue. The CSAI is an invitation for congregations to learn about a topic of concern, confront it, reflect on it, respond to it, comment on it and take action—each in their own way. Let's dig in. Rev Deane and Tom Moor

January 17 - **What Would MLK Do?** Martin Luther King Jr is well known as a civil rights icon. His gifted oratory and

actions stemmed from his strong theological convictions. Let's explore these today. Rev Deane and John Schaeffer

January 31 – **Do You See What I See?** UUA Consultant Barry Finkelstein and Rev Deane will review and reflect on the progress and opportunities realized during this visioning and strategic planning weekend.

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!**

The Caring Committee Needs You!

Would you enjoy doing something to help our UUCE family that allows for your creativity and compassion to shine? The Caring Committee is seeking a Chairperson to head this unique committee which sends cards to members and

friends, visits the sick, and helps rally the congregation to supply those who have had a hospitalization or some other difficulty with food and errand services. You'll get to work with a wonderful group of committee members!

Please call Mary Helen Weldy at **422-4081** if you are interested in this satisfying position.





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Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays

Board of Directors:

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

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January Events

Board Meeting- Monday January 4 at 6:30 in the entry

United Caring Shelter dinner- Friday January 15 from 3-5:30 at United Caring Shelter

Barry Finkelstein from UUA returns January 30-31

Adult Discussion Group meets January 3,17 and 31.

Potluck following the service— January 24

Drumming Circle— January 1 and 15.

Newsletter deadline- midnight on the 20th

Don't miss out on helping plan the future of UUCE! Mark your calendar NOW for January 30-31. Be a part of our future!

Ethics Class Starts Soon

Ethics Class Begins January 14th
Building Your Own Theology: Volume III, Ethics-Ethics explores the moral implications of participants' values and beliefs, with each session featuring a different dimension of ethical decision-making: authority, motivation, responsibility, the situation, intention, relationships, values,

and character.”

This class begins Thursday, January 14th and runs for eight weeks with a one week break in early February. Book cost is \$15.00. Make checks payable to Rev Deane. The class is slated for 6:30 to 8. However, with enough interest we will entertain a day session. Please register