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# The Compass

JANUARY 2011

## Minister's Musings

Happy New Year!

January is the perfect month for reflection. I invite you to take some moments just for yourself, a time of quiet in which you can think back over 2010.

How was last year for you? What made you smile? What warmed your heart? What were the times that you needed someone to hold you or offer you a comforting glance?

What were your blessings? Were there times that you felt totally in touch with your inner self? Totally at peace with your world? Did you cherish those times? Did you dwell on them and place them in your heart?

Did you have a spiritual practice? Did it nourish you?

How was your health? How are you coping?

What made you cry? What made you sad? Was it cleansing? Did it help you know yourself better?

How was your anger last year? Was it healing? Was it a good coping strategy or did it leave you cold?

What problems did you solve? Which remain undone? What delighted you? Who sends warm shivers down your spine? And who else? Pile them in your heart.

Looking forward... How do you want to feel about yourself this year? What will make that happen? Who do you want to engage, to get to know better? What do you want to learn? What do you want to read?

What do you want to accomplish? Can you see the steps to take?

What will you do to engage your soul, to find the heart of your loving kindness? How will you share your gifts with the world?

Is there one small thing that you can do that will make a difference?

Is there one person that you can call that will change their heart?

Please know that every time you smile at someone, you send out positive energy that randomly multiplies. What a wonderful thought!

Happy New Year!  
In peace, my friends,  
Rev Deane

## Where Do We Go From Here?

We, the board members of your UUCE, are working diligently toward the future. As you probably remember, the board called for two congregational meetings concerning the financial future of our church. Neither of the votes that followed those meetings led to a 2/3 majority. That leaves the board working on the question, "Where do we go from here?" We, the board, have had two meetings

this month to try to answer that question.

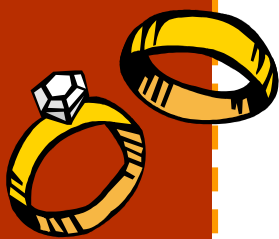
As a new member of this board, I am proud to report that the folks who are on your board are all working together in the church's best interest. That is not to say that there is immediate agreement on every item brought to the board. The members feel very comfortable expressing their opinions about the items that come

before them.

The board wants to hear what you have to say. As always, you are welcome to attend the board meetings. If your attendance is not possible, we would still appreciate and value your input.

Respectfully,  
Ben Sizemore  
President Elect.  
UUCE Board of Directors  
[captainben54@yahoo.com](mailto:captainben54@yahoo.com)

## Sermon Topics



### January 2: Fire Communion

Rev. Deane Oliva will be joined by John Schaeffer, Worship Associate, for the annual Fire Communion. The passing of another year brings opportunity to shed last year's baggage with new hope. Join us as we celebrate the new year and the good times awaiting us as the riches of 2011 unfold.

### January 9: Marriage-Part 1

This Sunday is the first in a trilogy of Sunday meetings on marriage. Rev. Anisa Evans will address us with her insights of marriage from a religious perspective, a look at issues of marriage in our modern day churches' environments, and the sacrament of marriage from Christian Protestant teachings. She'll comment on civil unions along with the importance of religious services and implications as they relate to marriage.

### January 16: Marriage-Part 2

The second Sunday, worship associate Link Christensen will introduce Dr. Steven Williams, Associate Professor of Sociology at University of Southern Indiana. His long sought after interest in human activity should bring a dynamic interpretation of the meaning of marriage into our service. Marriage has been called the basis of civilized life and Dr. Williams will stretch our understanding of the sociology of marriage and how we relate to married people in his presentation. Expect comments on interracial marriage, civil rights relating to marriage, recent research on marriage, and societal trends away from marriage as an institution.

### January 23: Marriage-Part 3

The final Sunday of the trilogy will encompass a larger world view when worship associate Tom Moor welcomes Dr. Daniel Bauer, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at University of Southern Indiana. His inter-

est in Ecuadorian culture and that of Latin America should bring a contrasting view of marriage and family life in the western hemisphere. He'll discuss marriage as a historical institution, benefits of marriage to human communities and nations, and its long felt effects on life as it developed in the Americas. AND!!! Potluck Sunday is this week.... bring what you can. We'll break bread together sharing important stories of our lives in conversation.

### January 30: MLK Retrospective

January includes Martin Luther King Day. Link Christensen will join Rev. Deane Oliva in the pulpit to remember the struggles, successes, and challenges yet to be realized in the struggle for civil rights. We'll look back at Unitarian Universalists' role in the fight as well as important national and local historical events and the effects they have on our lives.

## Patchwork Central News



UUCE has been manning the Food Pantry at Patchwork Central for the past four months. In the month of October we filled seventy-food orders feeding 148 people. No-

ember we provided food for 68 households feeding 132 people.

The Food Pantry could use a few things that are not food; one big item is size 3, 4 and 5 diapers. There are many requests for these sizes. Donations are accepted. One pound

packages of dried beans can be used also.

There will be a box in the lobby for any donations you might have.

Linda Sue Cates  
Volunteer coordinator

# Step Up and Make A Difference



Some time ago I spoke to you about belonging. In that talk I spoke a little of my childhood, of being a bit of a round peg trying to fit in a square hole, to quote a well used cliché.

It is hard to judge if there was an impact on those of you that I spoke to but the talk had an impact on me. In fact, I have thought at length about that talk. Since then I requested to fill a position on the board and

have stepped up my involvement in many other areas of the church. I also thought about the rich tapestry of people that we are all blessed with in our church family. Now I must tell you that I think that being such a diverse crowd, in a way, is a double-edged sword. All of the diversity is incredible but (here it comes) when someone attempts to gather support for something in our church it is akin to herding parakeets.

Our church, like any other church on the planet, has needs. We ARE all in this together. There has been an ongoing discussion about our financial situation, a call to arms requesting involvement in committees, and requests for a myr-

riad of other things too numerous to list here, with too little response. Some of these things take so little time. If you can't find an extra 30 minutes on a Sunday morning to be a greeter then write something for the Compass.

We are a loving, giving church family that I am proud to be associated with. Giving a few extra moments a week will make us so much better.

Happy Holidays,  
Ben Sizemore

"Laughter is wonderful soul food."

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## Coffee

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

## Monthly Potluck

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

## 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.

## Meditation

Join us for meditation Mondays and Fridays from noon til 12:40.

## 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!

## January Plate Share

January 16's plate share will be for Outreach Ministries.

# Updated Membership List

Our updated membership list will soon be added to the UUCE website. This list includes name, spouse/partner name, street address, telephone number, e-mail address, and children's names. The list will be password protected, but if you would rather some or all of your information not appear on the website, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks.

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# UUA Common Read for 2010-2011

A Common Read project invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. This year Unitarian Universalists are invited to read and discuss *The Death of Josseline*. If you would like to participate in this adventure, you may order the book directly from Beacon Press or leave a check for \$15.00 in Rev. Deane's mailbox. For those interested, we will have a discussion group in late February.

*The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands* by Margaret Regan (Beacon Press, 2010) presents a series of intimate stories from immigrants, activists, human rights workers, and border patrol people. Through their stories, the book explores the ethical, moral, and spiritual challenges presented by the complex immigration issues on the border, evoking our human response, rather than a political or policy debate. Regan calls us to the religious act of bearing witness to brutality and despair along with extraordinary courage and commitment.

### Praise for *The Death of Josseline*:

"Regan, a Tucson resident and journalist, writes with the ease of one who is well versed with its people and

issues, but *The Death of Josseline* is not a 'just the facts' book that breaks down immigration policy. Reagan also gets down and dirty with some good old fashion journalism. Her chapters focus on one group or incident and weave them so that reader can better understand its layers and complexities. She talks with migrants about their own harrowing experiences crossing the border and with members of humanitarian groups who try to help them. She rides along with Border Patrol agents and interviews Arizona ranchers. She visits Café Justo, a Mexican coffee co-op that tries to sustain itself and its workers so they will stay in the country."

—*PopMatters*

"There may be no better way to understand the muddle that is U.S. immigration policy than by reading these portraits of people who cross the border in hopes of a better life. . . . *The Death of Josseline* is an excellent way to understand-on a human level-the ebb and flow

of human labor across political boundaries."

—Ted Robbins, Southwest Correspondent, National Public Radio

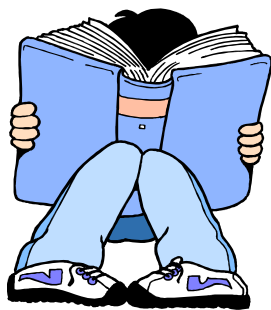
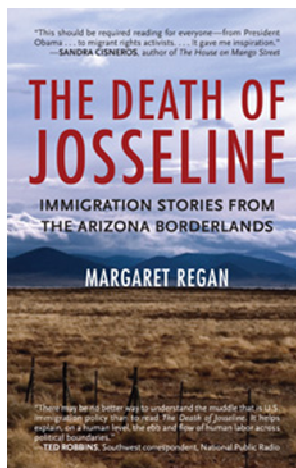
"*The Death of Josseline* is a border reality check. It tells searing stories of those who've died crossing the Sonora/Arizona desert, of young people sent to prison in Tucson for the crime of working, and of the courageous people of conscience who stand up for the rights of migrants. Read it, and see why our deadly immigration poli-

cies need to be changed."

—David Bacon, author of *Illegal People*

"The first step in solving a problem, my smart mother used to tell me, is confronting and defining it clearly. Regan's book is surely one of those first steps as we Americans begin the slow process of restructuring an immigration bureaucracy run aground in good intentions and deadly consequences."

—*The Huntsville Times*



## Rev Deane's January Schedule

Rev Deane will be taking vacation and study time in January. Her schedule will be: Regular office hours the first and last week of January. Please feel free to schedule appointments at any time during these weeks.

She will be out of the

office from January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the Board President for emergencies.



## Film Screening of *9500 Liberty*



Jack and Alice Carden invite you to join them on Friday, January 14th at 7:00 PM for a screening of the new film called *9500 Liberty* which tells the story of Prince William County, Virginia, and its 2007 Immigra-

tion Resolution, a law eerily similar to SB 1070. The film is as close as anyone can come to a crystal ball for Arizona and states considering similar laws, and it's shocking. In watching this film, you can start real conversations with your friends and family about what happens when fear and hatred gets turned into laws.

The sponsor (presente.org) says: "No one will view the issue of immigration the same after watching this film." This film has critics saying:

**"fascinating story... foretells what lies ahead for Arizona"**

- Roger Ebert

Film Critic, Chicago Sun-Times  
You can watch the trailer here:  
<http://www.9500liberty.com/>

And then let Jack and Alice know that you are planning to attend: [j.carden@ieee.org](mailto:j.carden@ieee.org)

This film may be especially relevant as a head start for those interested in the UUA Common Read for 2010-2011 described on page 4.

## Circle Dinners are Back!

It's Circle Dinner Sign Up Time!

Circle Dinners will begin in January 2011. Sign-up sheets will be on the Membership table. You will find the black Trunk box for the sign-up cards – please fill one out.

Just in case you do not know what a Circle Dinner is it is a great way to have an enjoyable meal with like-minded friends – share your ideas, dreams and learn more about each other.

You do not need to be a member to attend the Circle Dinners, nor do you have to submit to being a host at a Circle Dinner. It is not mandatory that you attend every month.

This year the dinners run from January to May on the Third Saturday of each month. Mark your calendars with a big circle. We will wrap up the Circle Dinner season with a picnic at Overlook Park on Sun-

day June the 19th after the Sunday service. The picnic will be for everyone in our church... members and friends.

Remember you do not have to be a member to attend the Circle Dinners and you do not have to commit to being a host or attending all of the dinners.

The first Circle Dinner will be Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*"Circle dinners are a great way to meet new people and reconnect with old friends."*

Wishing You and Yours a  
Very Happy New year!  
Happy 2011





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### Board of Directors:

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

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



# January Events at UUCE

**1st:** Happy New Year

**3rd:** Noon– Meditation

**4th:** 6:30 Pagan Study Group

**5th:** 5:45 Yoga  
7:00 SMART in Chalice House

**7th:** Noon– Meditation  
7:00 Drumming

**10th:** 11:00 Membership Committee  
Noon– Meditation  
7:00 Worship Associates

**11th:** 6:30 Pagan Study Group

**12th:** 5:45 Yoga  
7:00 SMART in Chalice House

**14th:** Noon-Meditation  
7:00 Film Screening

**15th:** Circle Dinner

**16th:** Plate Share

**17th:** Noon– Meditation  
6:30 Board Meeting

**18th:** 6:30 Pagan Study Group  
6:30 Stewardship Committee

**19th:** 5:45 Yoga  
7:00 SMART in Chalice House

**21st:** Noon– Meditation  
3:00 United Caring Shelter  
7:00 Drumming

**23rd:** Potluck

**24th:** Noon– Meditation

**25th:** Pagan Study Group

**26th:** 5:45 Yoga  
7:00 SMART in Chalice House

**28th:** Noon– Meditation

**31st:** Noon– Meditation

