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The Compass

JULY 2011

2010-2011 President's Statement

As read at the UUCE Annual Meeting on June 26th

Dear Friends and Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville, I'm sorry I'm not able to join you tonight - I am still recuperating from "undercarriage work". I'm not fond of talking on the telephone, but if you would like to e-mail me or come visit, that would be great.

This is not going to be a typical recounting of what the board has done this year - you've all been involved in congregational meetings, consultant survey, and have been welcome to attend board meetings and read board meeting minutes - our records and decisions have been open to all. This has been a couple of years unlike any we have ever experienced before, so this "President's Statement" is unlike any we've heard before. Rather, it's more of a personal reflection on our past and future.

I have a very favorite poster by Mary Engelbreit, titled "Don't Look Back". A person has come to a fork in the road - the sign pointing right says "No Longer An Option". The sign pointing left says "Your Life". The traveler has begun to follow the road on the left.

Life is full of so many

changes. The changes we are excited about and the changes that fill us with dread all involve loss of some kind - friends, job, where you live, what you do, how you view yourself and others, etc. but you just can't continue to focus on what you once had or what might have been. It's better to keep the good memories close, learn from your mistakes and disappoint-



ments, integrate them into your entire life experience, and don't get bogged down, but head on to new adventures. Actually, the loss of the old and familiar enriches the gain of the new and unknown. For example, this has been a hard couple of years for me personally as president of the church board. I've made mistakes, of course, in handling things, as have several others, even though we acted in good faith. But now, it's time

to focus on a different path - a new adventure, a new beginning.

I have every confidence in our congregation becoming unified once again in facing these new challenges of our future. My personal opinion is that we should be lay-led and get our financial affairs in order. Once we have established some financial stability, we can once again search for a minister. So, in this particular instance, the poster says to me: "No Longer An Option" - we cannot afford a full-time minister right now.

"Your Life" - where we are headed as a congregation - working together to become financially stable once again and then to explore the feasibility of hiring a minister. We must be open and adventurous, and create a new beginning. And, to paraphrase my favorite quote by Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed UU's can change their congregation - indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Sincerely,
Jan Steinmark
2010-2011 Board President



Sermon Topics

July 3: *Four Meanings of the Book of Job*- This book is considered one of the most significant books of the Old Testament but there have been many interpretations. This talk will present four interpretations with discus-

sion afterward. Church member Hardin Rathgeber will present the talk and moderate the discussion afterward.

July 10: *The Great Turning*- Chuck Meny will return to share more on the great

turning. Tom Moor Worship Leader

July 17: TBA- Sarah Weincamp worship leader

July 24: TBA- Stephanie Young worship leader

July 31: TBA- Tom Moor worship leader

Patchwork Central Food Pantry

For the month of May the Food Pantry had 76 referrals for clients which fed 170 adults and children. Each month we have seen a steady increase of clients. Many have babies and need diapers – which are not on the list of items provided from the Tri-State Food Bank. All diapers given

away are provided by the different churches and other volunteers. The highest request we have for diapers are sizes 4 and 5. I would appreciate any donations any of you can make on the diaper supply – just bring them in on Sunday and give them to me. Also, if you see any coupons for

diapers cut them out and give them to me so I can pass them on. Please contact me, Linda Sue Cates, (shealylinda@msn.com or 812 430-5443) if you want to work at the Food Pantry. All help is appreciated- one day a week or one day a month- whatever you can spare.

Fund Raising News

A big thank you goes to Pam Stivers and All the volunteers for the excellent job with the Rummage Sale – the sale brought in \$1,800.00. It rained the whole day – and we do believe that was a plus for us – so next year we will hope for rain again. Not many items were left unsold – so the clean-up crew did not have a big job putting the church back in place for Sunday service.

Remember to start putting items aside now for next year!

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Our committee is small and could use more members, please join us. We meet

the second Wednesday each month at the church; the meetings usually only last for an hour or hour and half. We work with the chairmen of the different fund raising events we do to raise money for our church. Coming up will be the Westside Fall Festival and the Wesselman Woods Harvest Moon Festival. Both are large events and with many volunteers we have a chance to make a large sum for our church. Please come and join us at our next meeting July 13th at the church at 6:30 PM.

We are open to any ideas anyone has for other event we might do. Please contact Linda Sue Cates shealylinda@msn.co or phone 812 430-5443.



Parting Thoughts

Excerpt from Rev Deane's last sermon:

You are a group of wonderful human beings naturally living good lives. You have voluntarily joined together to form community. After 60 years, you are still working on a vision of that community; that is your priority work. After 60 years, you still lead in love; that is your priority

gift. You are precious beyond words and the love that flows in this room is palpable. That does not mean that you are always in accord. Disagreement must be cherished as an opportunity for further growth, not feared. Challenges are fodder for creativity; for seeing things in new ways and breaking out of old cycles. May you nourish

that creativity on a deep, foundational level.

You are deeply connected to my soul. I will miss each of you individually and the group that you have become. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts and hold you in my heart. May love be with you.

Deane

Adult Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion Group will take a break this summer and reconvene in September. Contact Hardin with any questions.

Coffee

Place your order for chocolate, cocoa and coffee by the 25th of the month. Contact Chris Norrington 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!

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

Hospitality

We need one family per week to provide refreshments for coffee time following the church service. Sign up in the lobby or contact Linda Sue Cates.

Monthly Potluck

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

Congregational Meeting

Thanks to Linda Sue Cates and her team of well orchestrated volunteers many of us had a wonderful meal on Friday, June 24th followed by a business meeting including reports from our outgoing President, Jan Steinmark, our retiring Treasurer, Dave Granholm, our incoming President, Jack Carden, and our incoming Treasurer, David Fentress. Other reports included: Worship Committee, Religious Exploration, Stewardship, Communications, Social

Justice, House and Grounds, Membership, Caring and Fundraising.

Handouts included reports on current year results from our Treasurer, Finance report on our investment portfolio and budget for next fiscal year which starts July 1st. If you would like copies of the handouts but were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Dave Granholm or David Fentress.

UUCE Women's Group



The UUCE Women's Group will meet at the church July 14 at 7 p.m. Any woman that wants to attend is invited. We are going to discuss a new book of short stories by Elizabeth Berg called The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted. The Evansville libraries have the book both in hard copy and in other media.

Governance Update



Our recent consultant, Sandra Herron, recommended that we set aside the Council form of interaction with the various committee areas that serve our church and focus instead on creating liaisons between board members and the areas of focus. The upcoming changes in board makeup create opportunities for rearrangement of the liaison responsibilities, as follows:

Stewardship – David Fentress (replacing Jack Carden)
 House & Grounds – John Schaeffer (continuing)
 Communications – Chris Norrington (replacing Tina Sizemore)
 Social Justice – Joan Hargiss (continuing)
 Caring and Membership – LindaSue Cates (replacing Susan Thomas)
 Worship Associates – Marla Minton (replacing Jan

Steinmark)
 Administrative Office Assistant Task Force – Jack Carden (replacing Dave Granholm)
 Religious Exploration Director Task Force – open
 Please contact the indicated board member if you have questions, suggestions or wish to volunteer for the committee area mentioned.

Transition Interview

Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, Heartland District Executive recently arranged meetings with the board and with Rev. Deane to conduct a Transition Interview. This interview for the board consists of standardized questions, such as:

1. What are the significant accomplishments of the ministry of this minister?
2. What were the greatest frustrations of the ministry of this minister?
3. Etc. for a total of 19 questions.

The results of this interview will be shared with the UUA Transitions Team, Heartland District Office as well as open to any future ministerial candidates at UUCE. Interviewees for the board included:

- Jan Steinmark, president
- Tina Sizemore, secretary
- Susan Thomas, director
- John Schaeffer, director
- Joan Hargiss, secretary elect
- Jack Carden, treasurer

elect
 During the discussion, she mentioned the broken dreams that we now experience and we suggested that she might share her statement with our congregation, hence this open letter from Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley:

Dear Good People of the UU Church of Evansville,

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with your Board and discuss with them your ministerial transition, and all that has happened this past year. In speaking with them, I realized that there's one thing that binds you all together during this transition: that you all have broken dreams.

I would venture that none of you, minister or congregant, would have scripted this ending to Deane's ministry with you. When she came, you all hoped and believed that your time together would be terrific - that you would grow and thrive together in

many ways, numerically, maturationally and organically. You had dreams of what you could be together, minister and congregation, congregation and minister. All of you have had your dreams denied, and many of you your hearts broken.

This is what happens every time we care deeply about something that does not live up to our desires - we find ourselves mourning what could have been as much as what actually was. So in a strange way, beneath and fully present in your congregation, is the shared loss of what you wished for. I hope that you remember this as you chart together your future.

*Wishing you all the best,
 Rev. Dr. Lisa Presley, Heartland District Executive*

Stewardship



Stewardship and giving are critical to the success of our church. If you are interested in learning more about the roles of stewardship and giving and the UUCE stewardship committee consider attending the following series at the Center for Congregations. Their programs are outstanding and give participants tools for both stewardship and everyday living.

Understanding Faith and Giving: A Southwest Luncheon Series

Jamie Levy, William Enright, Gail Knight Williams
Wednesdays, August 24, September 14 and October 5, 2011 in Evansville

Understanding philanthropy, giving trends and donor needs are all part of effective congregational stewardship and fundraising. Explore the latest information in faith and giving at this Evansville luncheon workshop series. Choose the luncheon program that best suits your needs or attend all three. On August 24, consultant and educator Jamie D. Levy talks about

Transformative Philanthropy for Congregations. Retired pastor and director of the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, William Enright explores *Fundraising Strategies for Congregations in a Changing World* on September 14. *Understanding Generational Differences Among Congregational Donors* is October 5 with non-profit consultant Gail Knight Williams. Luncheon sessions are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Central time) in Evansville.

To learn more or to register, contact Rosi Weatherwax, waxjack@insightbb.com before July 15th.

Fall Festival is Coming Soon

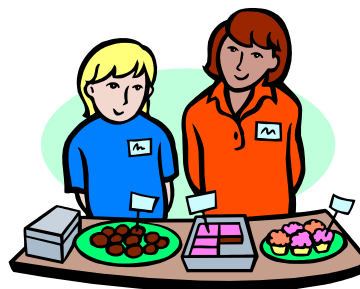
Fall Festival is only 3 months away!!! Plan now to take some time and help at the booth. This is our biggest fundraiser and we need everyone's help to make it a success!

Watch next month for more details on how YOU can help. There will be opportunities to work at the booth, cook food ahead of time, clean the booth

both before and after the festival, and much, much more!!

This year the festival will run from October 3-8.

Contact Teri Rawlings (477-9813) with questions.





Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville

2910 East Morgan Avenue
Evansville, IN 47711
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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:

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Youth Leader	Diana Brewer
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July Events at UUCE

- July 5-** no PSG meeting this week
- July 9-** UUCE Board Retreat from 2-8 PM
- July 12-** PSG meeting
- July 13-** Fund Raising Committee 6:30 PM
- July 14-** UUCE Women's Group 7:00 PM
- July 15-** United Caring Shelter 3:00 PM
- July 19-** PSG meeting
- July 25-** Board meeting 6:30 PM
- July 24-** Potluck following service
- July 25-** Coffee orders due
- July 26-** PSG meeting



Have a safe and happy 4th!

Editor's Note

Due to the many changes at UUCE and my being on vacation the Compass is late this month and some information is not as complete as I would like it to be. I apologize. As everyone adjusts to their new roles at UUCE you can be assured the Compass will reflect those changes. Thanks!

Beth Heil