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The Compass

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Minister's Musings

TRUE OR FALSE: Ministers hold persons in their heart and in their absolutely infallible, limitless memory. Duh!

Now you sense the crux of our problem. Each week we are told many stories, some light and joyful; others etched with pain or concern. Sometimes we just sit and listen; at other times we probe to see how we might be of assistance. Each encounter is a unique addition to our knowledge of our members.

It is an honor to be entrusted with pieces of your lives. I cherish these opportunities and fully respect the boundaries of confidentiality which we hold. I do not share information that you give me, not to spouses, friends, siblings, children or parents – with the potential exception of those rare conversations in which I sense that you may be a danger to yourself or to others. Then I will break confidentiality in order to assist you. But, generally, talking with the minister is a safe haven, a place where you can share and reflect.

Besides telling the minister stories, members often share values and beliefs, their desires and priorities. The minister is the receptacle for questions of faith, and, often,

final care wishes. It is important that we both receive and remember this information.

As UUCE gears up our infrastructure, one of my



priorities is to get to know the members better and to keep a record of that information which I feel is important. Thus, I have developed a "Me and My Wishes" database format so that I will have handy information which is important to you. These forms include basic family information but also asks such questions as: What is your theological approach? Do you have a will? If so, where do you keep it? Whom would you like notified in the event that you are unable to reach others yourself? Do you have health care issues/wishes for the minister to know and share at appropriate opportunities?

Does this sound like good information or does this sound perhaps too invasive for you? Either way, not to worry. We will talk. You will

tell me what you want me to know and not a morsel more and that will be just right.

Perhaps you have noticed that I have cancelled office hours for the summer. I did this so that, when I am in town, I can be more available to you. I feel like we have gotten off to a good start. I know most everyone, but not many well, in a pastoral sense. I'd like to meet with individuals and families this summer. It is my goal that we share and I begin to learn more about those values and issues that are most important to you. It's true I won't get to everyone, perhaps not even to half, but it will be a start and a quest that I will continue through the year.

We can meet at the church if you prefer or we can meet at your home, a coffee shop, a path or a trail, anywhere that is comfortable to chat. I am excited at the prospect and look forward to talking with you!

In peace, my friends,
Rev Deane

Sermon Topics



The Unitarian Universalist Association held its annual meeting the last week in June. We will share GA with you on the first 2 Sundays in July.

July 4th – GA Fireworks – In this service Rev Deane will cover topics from the General Assembly which challenged the delegates. Although those topics are most likely to be social justice oriented, one never

knows. Last year it was the Peace Study Action Issue which was so controversial that it was carried over to this year!

-Rev Deane with Tom Moor, Worship Associate

July 11th – GA Substance – We will further explore issues from GA which touch UUCE in this follow-up service. Rev Deane with Ben Sizemore, Worship Associate

July 18th – Our Bodies, Our Faith This Sunday let's consider our bodies as the embodiment of our faith tradition. In this intergenerational service we will physically explore our spirituality with movement. – Rev Deane with lots of assistance and a few surprises.

July 25th --Modern Faces of War Ben Sizemore, Worship Leader

Adult RE Opportunities

Our UU responsibilities... Unitarian Universalists adhere to a covenant of seven principles. One of these is the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Adult classes in religious exploration is one structured way of learning more about your faith tradition; what it means in this modern world, and how it

could affect your daily word.

STAY TUNED and WATCH OUT for your August flyer which will outline adult opportunities for faith development in the coming church year. Peruse the paper carefully and pick out those classes which most interest you. Now here is the important part

(drum roll please), fill in the sign-up sheet and return it to the UUCE church (Minister's Box would be perfect.) Returning the form is the important part!

This is a solid opportunity to explore the issues that are dear to your heart in a supportive environment.

Summer Youth RE



Summer Religious Exploration has started. It will continue through the end of August. We still need people to volunteer one Sunday during this summer session to teach a faith topic. Attendance is low during the summer and it is

a great opportunity to get to know the children better. Topics can be as basic as discussing what being homeless means and drawing a picture of how we as a church or individual can get involved and which principle(s) we embrace when doing service work. If you are interested in participating in Summer

RE, please let Teri Rockwood know at 437-5473 or by email at

teri.rockwood@gmail.com

I am happy to supply you with teaching resources if needed.

To register your child (ren) for RE, please contact Teri Rockwood for the 2010/2011 form.

Attention Crafters



UUCE has the most outstanding opportunity to share a prime booth at Frogs Follies this year.

June Eckardt is allowing us to share her booth so that we

might find out whether or not this fundraising opportunity appeals to us. She is allowing us a share of the tent for home made craft items (many more items than you can imagine!) Even better, she is donating some of her unfinished items; all we need to do is sew them. These are sewn items so if you have a surger, or a good sewing machine, you are particularly encouraged to come to an exhibit/demonstration Saturday night July 3rd starting at 6:30, or view the products at an

exhibit on Sunday the 4th of July after the service.

The sale will benefit Autism research. And will be part of the Frog Follies August 27-29.



Fall Festival is Coming

The Westside Nut Club's annual Fall Festival is just around the corner! This year it will run October 4-9... that's only 3 short months away.

If you haven't made plans yet to take a day or two off to help at the booth why not look at your schedule and block out some time to help. It's a great chance to get to know your fellow UU's and raise some money to keep the church strong! Call Teri Rawlings at 477-9813 you have any questions.

Blooming Lotus Sangha

The Sangha will meet July 11, 18 and 25 from 5:30- 7:00 PM.

Meetings

- Membership Committee meets July 12 at 11:00
- Stewardship Committee meets July 21

Coffee

Chris has indicated that he will not be placing another coffee order until September.

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!

Monthly Potluck

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

Check out these UUCE events!

Calling All Humanists

My name is Ryan Marx and I want to start a local American Humanists Association chapter to be able to give Humanists a place to meet and interact with each other. There are so few of us that I think it's healthy for us to meet and be able to talk. We

need the opportunity to share our concerns. Another reason is the dominance of the religious right in the community. We need many types of people to respond to it, and I think it's a good idea if there is a specific Humanist response to what

they're doing.

You may contact me at (812) 760-0259 or by email at marxr87@hotmail.com





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**Child and Youth summer activities at 10:30
Sundays**

Board of Directors:

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

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POOL PARTY!!!!

Who: You!
What: A Pool Party
Where: Rev. Deane's house
Why: to have fun!
When: Sunday, July 18 from 1-5
Details: snacks will be provided. *Small children must wear life jackets or waterwings!

