

SERMON TOPICS:

- June 5th—
Appreciation
Sunday
- June 12th—
Question Box
Sermon
- June 19th—
Transience &
Permanence
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TBA

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Minister's Musings

In this my last month at UUCE I leave, Thankful for the time that we have spent together, For being a part of your lives, Of your joys and your sorrows
Of your traditions,
Of your faith.
Of your vision.

I have been changed
By your love,
By your honesty,
By your openness,
By your challenges.

I look forward to
Your continued commitment,
Your unending hospitality,
Your sincere welcoming

attitude,
Your growth.

In love,
In faith,
In peace.
May it be so.
Rev Deane

Looking Forward

We had a congregational meeting on May 15th with our consultant Sandra Herron. With a slide show and comments by members of the board, the congregation heard about our meeting objectives, where we are now, where we are going, and how will we get there, followed by a time for congregational discussion. We do have extra copies of printouts of the slide show if anyone would like one. We especially appreciate the work that Sandra did with us, and for all of you for participating in the survey and two congregational meetings.

The next evening we had our May board meeting and discussed in more depth findings from the consultant. Seven priorities had been identified: financial stability; priorities/governance; wor-

ship; lay leadership; congregational care; religious exploration; and operations. The board, with only a few weeks left to serve, chose the three top priorities to work on. We actually accomplished the "Priorities & Governance" priority during this meeting by (1) choosing three priorities to work on, and (2) developing a "Governance" plan. For the "Governance" plan, members of the board were assigned as liaisons to these church committees:

Jan Steinmark, President -
Worship Associates
Ben Sizemore, President-Elect -
Religious Exploration Task Force
Dave Granholm, Treasurer -
Membership, Office Administrator Task Force
Jack Carden, Treasurer-Elect -
Stewardship
Tina Sizemore, Secretary -

Communications
Joan Hargis, Secretary-Elect -
Social Justice
John Schaffer, Director -
House and Grounds
Susan Thomas, Director -
Caring

For the remainder of our board term we will work on the priorities of "Financial stability" and "Worship". The board members for 2011-2012 will decide which committees they will be liaisons for and which priorities they will focus on first.

So, now, once again - we look to you! If you are interested in participating in a committee, check the list above to see who the liaison is, and contact him/her. But most importantly: we need volunteers to contact Ben if they are interested in

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Sermon Topics

June 5th – Appreciation Sunday: Join the RE team for Appreciation Sunday. We will welcome and thank the volunteers at UUCE as well as hear from the children and their teachers.

June 12th- The Question Box – Submit your questions for Rev Deane by

June 6th. She will respond to as many as possible in this Service. – Rev Deane and Tom Moor, Worship Associate

June 19th- Transience and Permanence – This famous essay by Theodore Parker will be the backdrop for Rev Deane's farewell sermon. Join us. – Rev Deane

and Sarah Weitkamp, Worship Associate
PLATE SHARE: House of Bread and Peace

June 26th—To Be Announced – **POTLUCK** following the service

It's Rummage Sale Time!

GET READY FOR THE RUMMAGE AND "EVERYTHING" SALE JUNE 18 7am-2pm

Donations and volunteers are needed for UUCE's annual rummage sale, expanded this year to include baked goods, indoor and outdoor plants, and seasonal clothing. We need your good quality, saleable donations including household, furniture, antiques, children's clothes and toys, adult clothes, sporting goods, books and magazines, lawn and garden and more. Please, no TV's, winter

clothes, or non-working electronics. New this year will be a members-only preview sale on Friday evening from 6-8pm. For a \$5 admission fee and slightly increased prices, you will get first choice of all the great items we hope to have. Bring donations to church starting Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 15, noon to 6pm or by appointment. Pick-up of large items will be available.

Volunteers are needed to help the week before and during the sale. Anything you can do, from sorting,

organizing, and pricing, to set-up, sales, and take-down, will be appreciated. Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet on the table in the church gathering area.

We will also have a concession and bake sale area. See Linda Sue Cates if you can help there.

With your donations and volunteer efforts we hope to make this an outstanding sale! Please contact Pam Stivers at 455-6331 or stiversl@insightbb.com or Susie Feinberg at 476-6070 for questions or to make special arrangements.

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serving on the Religious Education Task Force and Dave if they are interested in serving on the Office Administrator Task Force. These Task Forces are crucial. They will be developing a job description, number of hours and pay, anything related to that position,

etc. Until these Task Forces have prepared the way, we cannot move forward with hiring these two important new staff - so please, volunteer to help the congregation succeed!

Thank you,
Jan Steinmark
Board President

Canoe Trip Rescheduled

The UUCE Canoe Trip has been rescheduled for JUNE 11th – You can still sign up!!!

We will meet at 2 pm at Wesselman's Recycle area next to the Nature Center. You can pay \$15.00 per person by Wed. the 8th and tell them you are with the Unitarian Universalist group. Contact Mary Jane Steele for more info.

Working It Out With Simple Solutions



Today I finished reading *The Sixth Man* by David Baldacci and in chapter 81 (page 381) there was a rather profound statement made and I think it bears thinking about in regard to our current situation.

The people are talking about how screwed up the government had become:

"Things have really gotten screwed up, haven't they?"

"Actually, they've been screwed up for a long time. Which means we all have to work a little harder to fix them."

"That's a good attitude to have." Roy sat up and swept a hand through his hair. He looked at the. "The world is complicated, so people seek complicated solutions. And there's nothing wrong with that because simple answers don't usually work. But sometimes the answers are simple and people still refuse to see

them." "Meaning?" Asked Sean. "Meaning the simpler approach in certain circumstances is better, if only because there're fewer things that can go wrong."

In my opinion our church has been screwed up since before Julie left. You were happy with her – but she, as I understand it, became unhappy with her life and decided to leave. From there a short term minister was chosen and then an interim minister was acquired for one year while the search was on for a full time minister.

A full time minister was found and hired. Somewhere in these events not much attention was paid to the money – nor was there a five-year plan put into place to follow. Plans were made but perhaps not as realistic as they should have been. No looking at: What if it does not go as planned: – there was no Plan B to fall back on.

There is no changing what has happened or good from pointing blame; it's time to except what happened as a learning experience. Yes; feelings have been hurt and some are just plain mad –but it takes all of

the members and friends of this church pulling together to make sure there is a better plan put into place.

You need to talk it out, not stay away; you need to work it out, not stay away waiting to see what happens. We need to develop simple plans and our first goal is to replenish the bank account – get our house in order with good working procedures to do this we need all not just a few.

Jack Carden has come up with some great solutions that are not complicated I am asking each and every one of you to please pledge and support our church, not only in money but by coming every Sunday. Volunteer by putting your name on more than one list of duties required to keep the church going. Let's all work together – I know we can come through this trial.

Working a little harder together we can come up the answers making sure the next time we hire a minister there will be fewer things that can go wrong.

-Linda Sue Cates

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 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.



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Board of Directors:

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

President	Jan Steinmark
President Elect	Ben Sizemore
Secretary	Tina Sizemore
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Treasurer	David Granholm
Treasurer Elect	Jack Carden
Director	Susan Thomas
Director	John Schaefer

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Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays



June Events at UUCE

June 1: 6:30pm Stewardship Committee

7pm SMART (Chalice House)

June 3: 7pm Drumming Circle

June 5: 10am Volunteer Appreciation Day
Church picnic following church service

June 7: 7pm Pagan Group-Tarot with Jennie & Kyle

June 8: 6:30pm Fundraising Committee
7pm SMART (Chalice House)

June 13: I am Membership Committee
7pm Worship Associates

June 14: 7pm Pagan Group-SOLCTICE planning

June 15: 7pm SMART (Chalice House)

June 17: 3pm United Caring Shelter
7pm Drumming Circle

June 18: 7am Rummage Sale

June 19: Plate Share

June 20: 6:30pm Board Meeting

June 21: 7pm Pagan Group-Summer SOLCTICE ritual and celebration

June 22: 7pm SMART (Chalice House)

June 24: 6:30pm Annual Meeting

June 26: Potluck after church service

June 28: 7pm Pagan Group

June 29: 7pm SMART (Chalice House)

