

SERMON
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- June 3–
Church Picnic
– Overlook
Park, New-
burgh
- June 10– Rev
Anisa Evans
- June 17–
Father's Day
- June 24– Rev
Doddie Stone

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The Compass

JUNE 2012

Board of Directors Update

For those who were unable to attend the annual membership meeting, held on May 12th, here is a summary of progress reported at that meeting. As previously reported, our priorities this year have been in alignment with the recommendations of our consultant, Sandra Herron, who helped identify seven priorities based on our survey results and the meeting held with her. Here is a report of progress in pursuit of each of these priority areas:

Priority #1: Stabilize our financial situation – We have succeeded in having a balanced budget this year and in fact anticipate a surplus from this year's operating budget. We have repaid a portion of our borrowing from our endowment fund and are on track to restore that fund over time. Next year's budget for 2012-13 is also a balanced budget although financial commitments are down.

Priority #2: Refine our plans and governance model for increased focus and better communication – the Church Council is disbanded in favor of direct oversight of various permanent committees and task forces by board members. Responsibilities this year have been:

Worship Committee – Marla Minton
Congregational Life – Linda Sue Cates
House and Grounds - John Schaeffer
Communications – Chris Norrington
Religious Exploration Director Task Force – Jack Carden
Stewardship – Jack Carden

Priority #3: Plan consistently-rich, engaging and inspiring worship services – Our Worship Committee has worked hard to plan and implement such Sunday Services each week, but it hasn't been easy to achieve. Tom Moor is the chairperson for the Worship Committee and would welcome your ideas and suggestions for continued improvement in our worship services.

Priority #4: Broaden the base and skills of lay leaders and volunteers – the Stewardship Committee is leading efforts to integrate and manage volunteer opportunities so that everyone can understand where they can contribute their time and talents to help our church become better at all of the things we want to achieve. This is one of two areas where significant work remains; to create a sense of talents and where those talents can best be used in support of our many

programs.

Priority #5: Strengthen congregational unity, hope and care systems – Our Congregational Life Committee was formed by combining Membership Committee with Caring Committee under the leadership of Bev Tonso. This committee has made significant progress toward organizing and promoting our membership activities, including a new member orientation class to begin this month and the caring aspect of the committee has demonstrated their ability to make our membership feel respected and appreciated.

Priority #6: Re-build religious exploration program to retain and attract families – our Religious Exploration task force has recruited two terrific candidates for a part-time Religious Exploration Director and is presenting those candidates to the board the week of May 21st for final selection of a new employee who will hopefully be starting to work by the time this newsletter is circulated. The new challenge is to support this RE Director by contributing to the RE Committee or volunteering to teach a class. Please contact Jack Carden to indicate your interest in either.

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Sermon Topics

June 3 Church picnic and talent show. Church will be at Overlook park in Newburgh. Come and enjoy the great outdoors and each other.

June 10 Rev. Annisa Evans will preach / Ed Howard will be worship associate

June 17 Ed Howard will do the service on a Father's Day theme

June 24 Rev Doddie Stone, a visiting UUMinister will preach /Tom Moor worship associate.



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Board Update (continued from page 1)

Priority #7: Improve operational processes and committee support –Linda Fugate began work as our Administrative Office Assistant on part time basis on September 1st and has done a terrific job of organizing many aspects of managing our communications and facilities as well as helping various committees with assorted tasks.

We have made significant progress on the above priorities, but we still have a great deal of work to do in two areas: Lay leaders and RE.

Broadening the base and skills of lay leaders and volunteers isn't easy since we can't read each other's minds in terms of availability and talent. Interviewing all members to determine where they currently support our mission with their volunteer efforts and creat-

ing a plan to fill the gaps with available and qualified volunteers will be the agenda for the Stewardship Committee for next year.

Rebuilding our religious exploration program to retain and attract families is underway, but needs our continued support to become successful. I see lots of visiting families with children who are apparently interested in such a program, but it is up to us to support our new RE Director in making this program grow and thereby grow our membership.

The new fiscal year, which begins July 1st, brings new leadership and a new consideration of priorities by the Board of Directors. It has been my pleasure to serve as your board president during the past year. I want to thank all of my fellow board members for

their loyal support and hard work during the past year. I appreciate the support and suggestions from everyone and look forward to achieving new goals under the capable leadership of Ed Howard.

Respectfully,
Jack Carden
President
UUCE Board of Directors
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Rummage Sale



Save the date Saturday, June 9 from 7am-2pm for the annual UUCE Rummage Sale.

We need your donations, so be thinking of the sale when you are doing your spring cleaning and decluttering. We need your household

items, furniture, decorative items, lawn and garden, antiques, and adult clothes (seasonal only), and anything else you think people would buy! Especially needed are babies' and children's clothes and toys. Please, no TVs or non-working electronics.

Here's when we need your help!

Mon June 4, Sale Table setup 9:00 - 2:00, strong backs needed.

Tues- Thurs, June 5-7 Pricing 10:00 - 2:00, item pickup service on Thursday.

Fri June 8, 10 - 2:00 Final Deliver-

ies accepted and finish sale setup. Sat June 9, 6-2, SALE!!! volunteers arrive at back door at 6:00AM, lunch provided

Also watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the foyer.

With your donations and volunteer help, we plan to have another successful sale this year!

Questions--contact chairperson Hardin Rathgeber or Pam Stivers or Ed Howard.

Coffee

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

Monthly Potluck

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

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!

Church Picnic

Sunday June 3rd is the Church Picnic. There will be no service at the church that day. We will meet at the Newburgh Indiana Hill Overlook Park, at 10:00am for our service followed by talent show and pitch-in picnic.

The church will provide the meat - you only need to bring a chair - and a share dish. We will provide lemonade, ice tea and

water.

If you have a game you want to play - bring it too. The park has lots of shade and a breeze is always blowing in from the river.

How to get there from Evansville:

Go east on Lloyd (highway 66) At the junction of Highway 66 and 261 (stop light - 261 takes you to

Boonville) Stay on Highway 66. You will pass the following roads/streets (Lincoln, Sharon Road) continue on Highway 66. At the blinking light (junction 262 & 66) French Island Trail you want to turn LEFT on to 262 and then immediately turn right into the drive to the park.



Brown Bag Book Club

The Death of Josseline by Margaret Regan is the pick for the Brown-Bag book club. Next meeting will be on June 28 at 11:30am.

This book is being promoted in the UU World magazine.

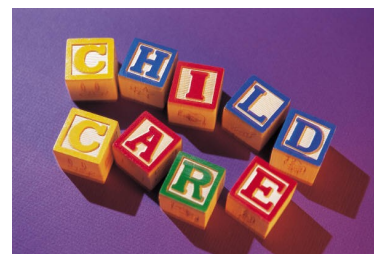
Pot Luck Sunday

Remember that Sunday June 24th will be Pot-Luck Sunday. Bring a dish to share.

Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee needs help! We're having new member orientation classes beginning Sunday afternoon, June 24, and some of the attendees will need to have childcare. If you or anyone you know is interested in providing this service, please let Bev Tonso know—476-9235 or htonso@sbcglobal.net.

The classes will probably begin at about 1 PM and last for 90 minutes, and there will tentatively be six sessions. However, we may decide to combine some sessions, so the classes may not last six weeks.



20/80 Rule

Have you ever heard of the 20/80 rule? And have you heard of Escaping the 20/80 rule of church life? 20/80 rule is where there is a core group of volunteers (20%) who do 80% of the volunteering at the church.

Which group are you in? If you are in the 80% come on over those in the 20% group could your help. Think about it.



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Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays



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Upcoming Events & Activities

6/1 Drum Circle from 7-9 pm

6/1 Drop off at church for Rummage Sale from 9 am – 2 pm

6/3 Adult Discussion Group – The Chalice House at 9 am

6/3 UUCE Sunday Service and Picnic at Newburgh Dam at 10 am

6/4 UUCE Board Meeting at 6:45 pm

6/6 SMART Meeting – The Chalice House at 7 pm

6/6 Stewardship Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm

6/6 Drop off at church for Rummage Sale from 9 am – 2 pm

6/7 Drop off at church for Rummage Sale from 9 am – 2 pm

6/8 Drop off at church for Rummage Sale from 9 am – 2 pm

6/9 UUCE Rummage Sale from 7 am – 2 pm

6/13 SMART Meeting – The Chalice House at 7 pm

6/14 Women’s Group at 7 pm

6/15 United Caring Shelter from 3-6 pm

6/15 Drum Circle from 7-9 pm

6/17 Adult Discussion Group – The Chalice House at 9 am

6/17 The service will be: WHO IS

MY FATHER?

6/20 SMART Meeting – The Chalice House at 7 pm

6/20 Compass Submissions Due

6/25 Coffee Orders Due

6/27 SMART Meeting – The Chalice House at 7 pm

6/28 Congregational Life Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm