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The Compass

MARCH 2011

Minister's Musings

"The times they are a changing."

I invite you to open your arms wide and allow the March winds of change to engulf you. Close your eyes and feel their cleansing nature. Embrace their insistent journey. Life is impermanent.

March is a wonderful time to remember that change is always just around the corner. Although many of us may have slowed down for the cold winter months, preferring to curl up on our couch and hibernate, it is difficult to resist the subtle invitations to enjoy new growth and activity that accompany the warming days.

This year the Christian season of Lent begins in early March and lasts until mid April. Lent is a time of spiri-

tual spring cleaning, a time when one clears out the cobwebs of unhelpful habits and inertia and makes spaces for new beginnings. It is the time in which we bring ourselves closer to our God, or in translation, closer to our highest aspirations, our sense of the divine, our devotion to love. It is a period of recognition of the things that are not working, along with a resolve to make the necessary changes in order to grow into the person of our dreams.

In its early days Lent was a time of preparation for baptism, a time of constant study and prayer. Today it is a time for introspection, self examination and repentance, a time to plant dreams for positive connections with the larger world.

While this introspective

time is worthy, let us also remember that spring is always the active season of preparation. Without cultivation and nourishment, the fruits of summer will be lacking in taste, texture and substance. With vision we have the potential to feed and nurture our garden not only for this season but also as a foundation for the future.

So come. Be not afraid! Open your arms to the elements. Drink in their refreshing winds and rains. Work with them toward an excellent harvest. Open your heart to the changes that will come.

Spring awaits.
Blessings and love,
Rev Deane

Bakers Needed

The Fund Raiser Committee needs all available Bakers for some fund raising events coming up in the next few months. Please, if you like to cook/bake sign on. As you know the church bank account is short and these

events will be our way to pay our way into a better future for our church.

Some of the cooking/baking will be done as a group and other times you will be doing it in your



kitchen perhaps with a friend or two helping – together we can put some “dough” back into the church account!



Sermon Topics

March 6: Join us for the centenary of International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the economic, political, and social achievements of women past, present, and future. Jan Steinmark will share which women have particularly had an influence on her life, and hopes you will share your stories as well. More information available at www.internationalwomensday.com

March 13: *Just What is Transcendentalism?* Some of our most famous heroes

are Transcendentalists but few truly understand their philosophy. We will explore this theological system as it relates to the world today. Rev Deane with Tom Moor, Worship Associate

March 20: *Whose Are We?* Whether we believe in a God or not, many believe that there is something which both transcends and includes us. UUs across the country are asking themselves, what is in our hearts, what grounds

us? Rev Deane with Sarah Weitkamp, Worship Associate PLATE SHARE TODAY

March 27: *Ministry in a Man's World* – The Universalists were the first denomination to ordain a female minister. Others soon followed, but it was not an easy road to travel. What were the challenges? How do female ministers fare today? - Rev Deane and Stephanie Young, Worship Associate POTLUCK SUNDAY

Sunday Lunch Bunch

For the last six weeks or so we have been going out to dinner after church – it's turned into a lively group with great discussions so if you have not gone – please do join the group.

We usually go to a different place every Sunday –

this gives you a chance to check out some of the ethnic lunch places in town. Harden will reserve the table to give the place a heads up that we are coming.

We do not go out on Pot Luck Sunday.

Give the "Lunch Bunch" a try it's a great way to get to know each other better plus the food is good and sometimes we solve the problems of the world.

Restaurant suggestions are always welcome.

WhaleCoast Alaska 2011

Have you always dreamed of visiting Alaska? Are you curious about the lifestyles of Alaskan UUs? Do you enjoy getting to know your fellow travelers? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2011** is for you! Four Alaskan UU fellowships invite you to experience our eco-cultural and spiritual program this sum-

mer as we celebrate our 15th year! See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Sitka with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bear, whales, bald eagles, seals, and caribou. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alas-

kan culture. Enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer. Programs led by Dave Frey and Bre Griffin, members of the farthest north UU congregation, with 36 years of Alaska living between them. To find out more about your Alaskan trip of a lifetime, visit www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email info@whalecoastak.org, or call 907-322-4966.

Adult Religious Education

March 12th Advance Directives Workshop from 10-12

In two hours you will learn about Living Wills, Appointment of Health Care Representatives and Medical Advanced Care Instructions. You will have the opportunity to fill out the necessary forms, have them witnessed and copied for distribution. Along the way we will discuss various alternative responses. Signing up in advance will

help us have enough forms ready.

Cakes for the Queen, five weeks

Sign ups are on the front bulletin board for the latest edition of Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: In Ancient Times. This curriculum introduces participants to ancient Goddesses, weaving their stories together with major concerns of today's women. Audio Visual programs will enhance

this exciting five week course facilitated by Alice Carden starting on Thursday, April 21st.

Do you have an area you would like to include in next year's programming? Would you like to facilitate a particular workshop? If so, please let Rev Deane know.

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!

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

Patchwork Central

During the last two-weeks of January we tripled the number of people we have been serving and ran out of some of our food items. For the month of February the shelves have been slim.

Local deer hunters have supplied the deer meat – from the amount we have received I would say it was a good hunting year. When prepared correctly deer meat is a very healthy choice for red meat. We also bought turkey for the clients that do not want deer meat. We have tuna fish for anyone not wanting meat.

If you have any items in your pantry that you will not be us-

ing please donate them to Patch Work Central – we can use them. We need items such as: flour, canned milk, canned or packaged sauce to make sloppy Joe's, hamburger or tuna helpers, Jell-o, box pudding, cake mixes, icing, Jiffy mixes, and canned vegetables and fruit. Diapers in size 4 and 5 are also in great demand.

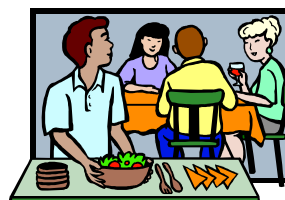


Circle Dinners

Many thanks to last month hosts. Japhia Leach (a new member of our church) was kind enough to have a dinner even though her husband could not attend. Alice and Jack Carden had seven guests at their home.

The next Circle Dinner will be March 19, 2011 – for all of you who signed up for Circle Dinners – mark your calendars and email Linda Sue Cates what your plans are for that date her email address is: shealylinda@msn.com. Also please let me know if you can be a host. We seem to need three each month. So far for March I have Susie Feinberg and Pam and Rick Stivers.

There are forty-four signed up to attend the Circle Dinners





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Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays

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

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March Events at UUCE

1st: 6:30pm Pagan Group

15th: 6:30pm Pagan Group

19th: Circle Dinner

2nd: 5:45pm Yoga
6:30pm Stewardship Committee
7pm SMART (Chalice House)

16th: 5:45pm Yoga
7pm SMART (Chalice House)

20th: Plate Share
Newsletter deadline

4th: Noon meditation
7pm Drumming Circle

18th: Noon meditation
3pm United Caring Shelter
7pm Drumming Circle

21st: Noon meditation
6:30pm Board meeting

7th: Noon meditation

22nd: 6:30pm Pagan Group

8th: 6:30pm Pagan Group

23rd: 5:45pm Yoga
7pm SMART (Chalice House)

9th: 5:45pm Yoga
7pm SMART (Chalice House)

25th: Noon meditation
Coffes orders due

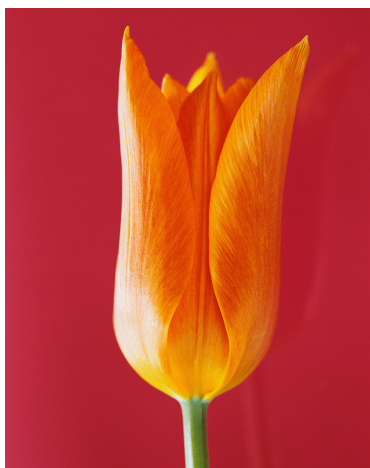
11th: Noon meditation

27th: Potluck

12th: 10:00am Your Living Will

28th: Noon meditation

14th: I Iam Membership Committee
Noon meditation
7pm Worship Associates



29th: 6:30pm Pagan Group

30th: 5:45pm Yoga
7pm SMART (Chalice House)