

SERMON
TOPICS
FOR MAY:

- May 2– Let's Immigrate
- May 9– Flower Communion
- May 16– Youth Presentation
- May 23– Margaret Fuller
- May 30– Remembrance Day

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The Compass

MAY 2010

Minister's Musings

This month I will share my musings with our Unitarian Universalist Association President, Peter Morales. Perhaps you have read his "hand in hand" message in the spring issue of *UU World*. Certainly, it is worthy of reflection and discussion.

According to President Morales' definition, UUCE is an 'it' church. See if you don't agree:

"Some congregations are full of life. The energy fills the room. The warmth is palpable. We feel it in worship. We sense it in coffee hour. There is something about the "buzz." We see people smile and embrace. They engage one another."

Yes! We have it! Warmth, worship, engagement! Morales continues by noting that he thinks that the difference between an "it" church and one that is not, is RELIGION. We need to all "get religion." He believes that what ties us together, what makes us a religion is not

necessarily best described by our belief statements, but what ties us together is what we love, what we truly care about.

Morales makes an insightful comparison. When we talk about beliefs, we often try to justify them and often end up arguing about them. However, when we ask each other what we care about, we don't argue; we listen. We see our communalities, our shared vision, and we are energized. This is "getting religion."

At UUCE we are steeped in discussions of what we care about, what we want to see happen in this community and this world. We continually ask, "What can I do?" "What can we do?" These are religious questions. Born out of love they are the foundation of the temple we build together. It is a temple of concern and compassion, being built by justice seeking people. It is not just what we say or even what we do; it is who we are.

Our outward display of compassion does not come intuitively. It is a product of hard work, of decisions communally made. These are religious decisions, - decisions based on our core values, decisions which express ideals which are important to us. This work should not be taken lightly. It is not simply something to do together, not a joint, meritless project. When we decide to act, we are acting out of love and reason, promoting justice and fairness. Let us realize, let us accept, let us affirm its religious nature. When we act together, we are living our values. This is a good thing. May we continue to absorb ourselves in relevant questions, carefully considered so that we might move mountains of injustice and glean the emergence of the Beloved Community.

May it be so,
Rev Deane

Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, May 2nd following the service. We will elect the 2010-2011 Board.

Please plan to attend!!

Questions? Contact Jan Steinmark or Marv Albin



Sermon Topics

May 2nd - Let's immigrate! Let's explore immigration issues through a fanciful analogy entwined with a clear reality check. - Rev. Deane with John Schaeffer, Worship Associate

May 9th – This Mother's Day intergenerational service will feature a FLOWER COMMUNION as well as a homily on activist Julia Ward Howe. – Rev Deane with Tom Moor, Worship Associate.

May 16th Youth Presentation – Please join our two high school seniors in their self designed service and bridging address. --Rev Deane, Jae Granholm and John Pharo

May 23rd – Today is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Margaret Fuller, a Unitarian author, editor, and teacher. She was very active in the American Renaissance in literature and mid-19th century reform movements. According to

Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady, Margaret Fuller "possessed more influence on the thought of American women than any woman previous to her time." Jan Steinmark, Worship Leader

May 30th – Remembrance Day Memories – An adult, interactive service regarding the Armed Services - Rev Deane with Youth Worship Associates

RE News For All Ages

YOUTH

Our Youth RE calendar for this month is: May 2 is World Religions Class; May 9 is Intergenerational Service for all; May 16 is World Religions Class; May 23 is last World Religions Class; and May 30 is Social Justice Activity with Jan Steinmark.

Please be on the lookout for information about registering for next years' classes.

As our RE year draws to a close it's time to think about next year. Join the Fun! Our RE Kids want you to explore religion with them. To learn more about this opportunity to be a teacher, assistant, or committee member, give Teri

Rockwood a call at 437-5473.

Summer RE will start June 6. There will be a variety of programming provided in the summer and will mostly be done in a group format instead of separate classes. If you would like to help plan a Sunday Activity for our kids, please let us know.

If you have ever had the desire to be part of something bigger than yourself, this is an opportunity to do just that.

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ADULT

Join us on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays before service at 8:45 for the Adult Discussion Group. This month we will be discussing stereotypes.

The May 2 topic is: stereotypes that dogged women for all of recorded history. What are they and why were they ever applied to our mothers in the first place? Can we ever get rid of them?

The May 16 topic is: what stereotypes have been applied to men and why? Are they even valid anymore?

And on May 30 our topic will be: What would happen if a stereotypical woman and a stereotypical man were to meet?

Be an RE teacher and help our youth explore and expand their horizons!



UUCE Picnic

Mark your date book for a fabulous picnic on June 6th. The place will be the Overlook Park in Newburgh. There will be lots of fun events for the kids. Also, there will be some activities just for adults. More details to follow. Plan to attend!

Midwest Leadership School

You can now register for Midwest Leadership School, held in Beloit, Wisconsin on July 18-24 (Sunday-Saturday). Tuition is \$495 per person, but remember we have scholarship funds available from the Yael Haffner Fund and from MWLS. Many of us from UUCE have been to

MWLS, and will be glad to talk to you about our experiences. Go to www.mwls.org for more information. Brochures are available at church.

Jan Steinmark, MWLS Registrar

Dinners For 8

There will be no "Dinners for Eight" for the month of May. Plan to attend the UUCE picnic instead.

Shamanic Drumming

The First Friday and Third Friday Shamanic Drumming Circle s meet monthly at the church from 7:00-9:00 PM. All are welcome.

Coffee

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

UUCE Orchestra

Anyone that is interested in joining the orchestra please let Marla Minton or Kellen Harris know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! You do not have to be a string player to join!

If you have any questions, call Marla @ 425-0703, or Kellen @ 867-6505.

THIS ORCHESTRA CAN- NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!

-Kellen Harris & Marla Minton, Orchestra Directors

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.

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!

Check out these UUCE events!

PSG News

This is the season of renewal, commitment through weddings and purification. The Sabbath is usually celebrated during the 1st week of May. Traditionally pagans celebrate Beltaine by planting the seeds we hope to see grow and flourish, dance around the May Pole and light the purifying bonfires. Beltaine is the celebration of life, the land, the union of mankind with the mother earth and the purification

and rebirth of all things. This is the perfect time to commit to a goal. Take the small steps towards the changes you want to make in your life. Or better yet give back to your community and volunteer. If you want to know more about the Sabbath or get a few ideals how to celebrate check out one of my favorite sites <http://paganspath.com>

For the Pagan Study Group, these last few months have been full of changes from welcoming yet another new member born to our former leader Jennie, to changing the format of our meetings. We are always open to new members or just the curious looking to learn and meet new people. We meet Tuesday nights at 7pm in the Sanctuary.



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Board of Directors:

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

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Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays



May Events at UUCE

May 2– Congregational Meeting
following the service

May 21– United Caring Shelter 3:30-6

May 23– Potluck following service

May 2, 16 & 30– Adult Discussion
Group 8:45 AM

May 25– Coffee Orders Due

May 4, 11, 18, 25– PSG meeting
7:00PM

June 6– UUCE Picnic @ Overlook
Park in Newburgh

May 7 & 21– Drumming Circle
7:00PM

May 9– Intergenerational Service

May 20– Compass deadline– midnight

