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The Compass

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Fall Festival Fun Despite Rain

Although it rained almost every day during this year's Westside Nut Club Fall Festival a great time was had by all who attended and all who helped at our booth.

Many thanks to everyone who donated their time and talents to the UUCE booth... the cookie bakers, chicken fryers, food servers, and soda sellers. UU's of every age banded together to support the church's efforts. Special thanks goes to Teri Rawlings who once again ran the booth every day from opening to closing. Teri said: "I couldn't have done it without the help of everyone else who volunteered. It's great to see everyone pitch in and make it a success."

Fall Festival 2010

Mark your calendars now! The dates for Fall Festival in 2010 are October 4-9. Don't miss out on your chance to help the church raise money and have some fun with your fellow UU's!



Head chef Teri Rawlings mixes up fajita's in the booth



Dave Granholm and Lincoln Christensen take a break from selling sodas



Katie takes an order

Minister's Musings



“The biggest tradition at UUCE is....getting to the Sunday Service five minutes late.”

Last week a small group was talking about traditions. At UUCE we have a tradition of Water Communion in the fall and Flower Communion in the spring. We have a tradition of greeting visitors warmly. Over and over I have been told that UUCE is one of the most welcoming churches ever attended. We are genuinely interested in the folks that grace our doors.

Early every December Dave Granholm hosts a holiday tree decorating party accompanied by stone soup. We support each other generously through times of crisis and readily donate to worthy causes. When we are in need, folks step up to the plate. We show up in BIG numbers for the annual spring CAJE rally.

These are traditions of which we can be proud.

Do we have a traditional dark side? Are there UUCE traditions which hinder rather than extend our wonderful congregation? As we transition from the exuberance of the fall pageant of colors to the colder season of reflection and replenishing ourselves, we might lovingly assess our church habits, asking whether or not they are

traditions of which we can be proud.

Personally, I can think of only one tradition that truly puzzles me. Only one, you say, that's pretty good, wouldn't you say. Truly, yes. It's a joy! Yet, I remain befuddled by this one tradition so I decided to write about it, bringing it to our collective consciousness.

“Oh, I can tell you our deepest, most long lasting tradition,” he said. “Without a doubt.” Was he speaking tongue in cheek, we asked ourselves? Let's get ready for the punch line we mused. “The biggest tradition at UUCE is....getting to the Sunday Service five minutes late.” He smiled. We grinned. Of course, he was absolutely correct.

I remembered back to last year. At 9:40 on many Sundays I began to wonder if anyone would show up for the service. But, it never failed, at 9:57 the seats would fill. I'm more comfortable now with the last minute rush to the starting gate. Yet, lately,

Sunday mornings are usually

quiet until about 9:40. The wonderful worship associate is there, putting out the flags, making sure there is enough water and oil, and generally readying the service area; the copy machine is humming, crunching out the Orders of Service, and our masterful musician, Marla, is warming up the ivories. Soon thereafter the first folks arrive – 90% of the time they are visitors, anxious not to be late, ready to look over the church and meet the people. Soon the Greeter for the Day arrives (thank you, wonderful volunteer) and takes over the introductions and brief orientation. At 9:50, walking into an almost empty sanctuary, I often find myself reassuring the visitor, “Not to worry. We're a great group. It's tradition to arrive close to ten.” And so it is. I can see the relief in their faces as they are joined by others. All is well.

All is well.

In faith, peace and love,
Rev Deane

**Join fellow
UU's for
Thanksgiving
Dinner!**

Thanksgiving Dinner

You are cordially
invited to
Thanksgiving Dinner at
the home of
Rev Deane and Karen
10377 Shawnee Drive
Newburgh IN 47630

812 490-7145
Meal at 3:00. Visiting until
6:00
Side dishes welcome.
Please sign up so that we
can set up well!!



Share Your Talents with UUCE

Insuk Granholm and Malika Harris are the co-Chairs of the 2010 Annual Budget Drive, and they are getting an early start!

For the 2010 Annual Budget Drive, we are looking for individuals that can help us with several key functions. Many of these functions are needed for just a short period of time:

Person(s) to help write our Case Statement Booklet (January 2010)

Person(s) to help develop written materials,

forms, and flyers (February and March 2010)

Person(s) to plan Fellowship Sunday (Mid Feb-Mid March 2010)

8 Hosts for themed House Parties (your choice of date between 2/20/10 and 3/13/10)

12 Persons to assist as Visiting Stewards (March 2010)

If you are interested, or have more questions, please see Insuk Granholm or Malika Harris; or email us at igranholm@hotmail.com or malika.harris@gmail.com.

Insuk Granholm

Malika Harris

Co-Chairs, Annual Budget Drive 2010

Research Project

UUCE has been contacted by a senior at the University of Evansville who is handing out questionnaires at local churches as part of a research study for her senior project. After reading the questionnaire I asked that Unitarian Universalist be included as a separate religious category; she readily agreed. She will analyze the data by religious groups and let us know her results. The questionnaires will be available on two consecutive Sundays in November. I hope that you will consider participating.



Bring in items for Totes of Hope by November 4th!

**The UUCE
Stewardship
Committee is looking
for a Fundraising
Coordinator to help
coordinate our
Church Fundraisers**

Totes of Hope

The Red Cross is asking for assistance in filling tote bags for veterans to be delivered on November 13. Now is the time to bring in those hotel toiletries, gifted soaps and shaving cream, and other necessities. We will collect for veterans at UUCE through November 4th. Here are some additional ideas: toothpaste, dental floss, pocket tissues, socks, flip flops, gloves, small umbrellas, phone cards, crossword puzzles, sudoku books, magazines, decks of cards, pocket calendars, bus tokens, and can

Help UUCE Grow

The UUCE Stewardship Committee is looking for a Fundraising Coordinator to help coordinate our Church Fundraisers for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

UUCE has several active Fundraisers, as well as several ideas for Winter – Spring 2010. These fundraisers include:

eScripts (ongoing)—Chairperson, Nancy Higgs

GFS “Gordon Food Service” (ongoing)—

Chairperson, Mary Helen Weldy
goodsearch.com/goodshop.com—
Chairperson, Rev. Deane

Rummage Sale (Sept. 2009)—Chairperson, Ed Howard

Fall Festival (October 2009)—Chairperson, Teri Rawlings

Spring Plant Sale (tentative)—Chairperson TBD

Service Auction (tentative)—Chairperson TBD

The Fundraising Coordinator would work with each Chairperson to assist them with finding workers, helping with publicity, and assisting with the event budget.

If you are interested, or have more questions, please email Malika Harris of the Stewardship Committee at malika.harris@gmail.com.

Blooming Lotus Sangha

The Blooming Lotus Sangha is a community practicing meditation in the tradition of the Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh. The Blooming Lotus Sangha was organized by Jay and Holly Ziemer, who, along with their three children, are “Members To Be” of the UUCE. The Blooming Lotus Sangha recently began holding its Wednesday night meetings, and it is very grateful to the UUCE for allowing it to use the UUCE’s space.

Thich Nhat Hanh was born in central Vietnam in 1926, and he left home as a teenager to become a Zen monk. In Vietnam, he founded the School of Youth for Social Service, Van Hanh University, and the Tiep Hein (Order of Interbeing). He has taught at Columbia University and the Sorbonne, and was Chair of the Vietnamese Buddhist Peace Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks. A year after Thich Nhat Hanh persuaded the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. to publicly oppose the Vietnam War, Dr. King nominated Thich Nhat Hanh for the Noble Peace Prize. Since 1966, Thich Nhat Hanh has lived in exile in France, where he continues writing, teaching and helping refugees worldwide. He is the author of over 100 books on many topics such as social justice, world peace, mindfulness, and compassion. At the age of 83, Thich Nhat Hanh continues to write, lecture and lead re-

treats throughout the world. He is considered by many to be the founder of “Engaged Buddhism.”

The Blooming Lotus Sangha meets each Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 pm. The general format of the Blooming Lotus Sangha’s meetings is 20 minutes of sitting meditation, followed by 20 minutes of walking meditation, followed by a final 20 minutes of sitting meditation. Next is a short social period, followed by a discussion based upon Thich Nhat Hanh’s teachings or books. The meetings are open to all and appropriate for beginning as well as experienced meditators. Child care may be available upon reasonable advanced notice to the Sangha.

On December 19, 2009, the Blooming Lotus Sangha is pleased to sponsor A Day of Mindfulness meditation Retreat lead by the Reverend Thich Hang Dat of the Ten Thousand Buddhas Summit Monastery. The Retreat will be held at the UUCE.

Information about the meditation Retreat is on the Sangha’s website at <http://www.bloominglotussangha.org>. You may also email or call Holly Ziemer at

holly@bloominglotussangha.org, 812.774.7910.

The Blooming Lotus Sangha again conveys its gratitude to the UUCE for its hospitality.



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Sermon Topics



Nov. 1 – Day of the Dead – Join us as in this intergenerational service as we share memories and traditions in a celebration of our ancestors. Feel free and welcome to bring photos, foods, items of special significance. Rev Deane and

Jan Steinmark, Worship Associate

Nov. 8 – The Women’s Role- Today we will explore the role of women in traditional and modern day religious traditions. Rev Deane and Tom Moor, Worship Associate

Nov. 15 – special guest Diane will lead

Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Service – This gratitude centered, intergenerational service will be a joyous,

community experience. You are warmly invited to be there and participate. Rev Deane will lead

Nov. 29 – Eid al Adha – means “Festival of Sacrifice.” It commemorates the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice Ishmael/Isaac. We will explore the significance of this Muslim holiday from an outsider’s perspective, weaving into different perspectives. Rev Deane and Youth as Worship Associates

Monthly Potluck

Join your fellow UU’s after church the fourth Sunday of each month for potluck. All are welcome!

Generous Knitting

The December holidays will be here before you know it! We are knitting/crocheting 100% cotton washcloths for Matthew 25– patterns are available. See Jan Steinmark for more information.

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.

Shamanic Drumming

Circles

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

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 on-going events!

Religious Exploration News

The RE (Religious Exploration) Committee is a group of people who meet several times throughout the year to organize both the Adult and Youth education programs. On October 14th and 28th of this month we met at the Heil-Rawlings home for wonderful food and communication as we got to know each other and our roles in the church.

Please feel free to ask one of our committee members if you have any questions

about RE. If that member does not know the answer, we will be sure to direct you to where the information is.

We are looking for a second teacher for the youth (High School age) group for two Sundays per month. If you enjoy teenagers, provocative dialogue and sharing of values, contact any RE committee member for more information.

RE Committee Members are: Brenda Kreiger, Ann Marie Hanat, Deane Olivia,

Teri Rawlings, Teri Rockwood, Kris Sharp, and Natasha Goodge.

Reminder for parents: Please pick up your child(ren) from Chalice House between 11:15 and 11:25. It is no longer the policy to walk the children over to the main building from Chalice House when RE is over.



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Services Sunday at 10:00 AM

Rev Dr Claudene F Oliva, Minister,

Office hours: Wed. Thurs. 2-5PM

Home Phone: 812 490-7145

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Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays

Board of Directors:

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

President

Jan Steinmark

President Elect

Marv Albin

Secretary

Rosi Weatherwax

Secretary Elect

Tina Sizemore

Treasurer

Chris Norrington

Treasurer Elect

open

Director

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Director

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November Events at UUCE

Meditation- every Monday and Friday at noon in the sanctuary

Nov 20 from 3-5:30 at United Caring Shelter

Thanksgiving Potluck at Deane's- Thursday Nov 26

Drumming Circles- Friday Nov 6 and 20 at 7:00- sanctuary

Eightfold Path- Monday Nov 16 at 6:30 in the entry

December Preview:

Adult Discussion Group- Sunday Nov 1, 15, and 29 at 8:45- Chalice House

Newsletter deadline- Friday, Nov 20 at midnight

Holiday Decorating Party- Saturday, December 5 from 4-6 PM

Board Meeting- Monday Nov 2 at 6:30 in the entry

Stewardship Committee- Wednesday Nov 18 at 6:30

Board Meeting- Monday Dec 7 at 6:30 in the entry

Blooming Lotus Sangha- Wednesdays Nov 4, 11, 18, 25 in the sanctuary and nursery

Potluck Sunday- Nov 22 following the service

Movie Night- Friday Dec 11 TBA

Movie Night- Friday Nov 13 TBA

Guest at Your Table- Sunday Nov 22

Brown Bag Luncheon- Thursday Dec 17

Worship Associates- Monday Nov 16 at 6:30 in the entry

Social Justice Meeting- Monday Nov 23 at 6:30 in the entry

United Caring Shelter dinner- Friday Dec 18 from 3-5:30 at United Caring Shelter

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Coffee orders due- Nov 25 to Chris