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The Compass

OCTOBER 2010

Minister's Musings

I sit in my office. The church building is humming with activity. Children are in drama class, loudly, vocally enjoying themselves. Another group cuts up large smelly onions and chicken strips for Fall Festival. Someone is washing coffee cups. Another is telling jokes. A youngster is playing with puppets in my office.

I've just addressed the envelope to the Islamic Center, congratulating the group on their move to their new location and I'm thinking about the new courses that start very soon. We've already talked about the fledging "orchestra," last week's craft workshop, this week's movie, the upcoming craft show, starting our rounds at the Patchwork Central Food Pantry and the large number of folks served at United Caring

Shelter last Friday (129).

Today I was lucky enough to visit with a few folks who have not been here in awhile, to witness a new member signing The Book, begin planning a wedding with a young couple and briefly get updates on a few pastoral issues.

Life is good. What a wonderful time to "sit down, shut up, and pay attention." Yes, this is the mantra for many Zen Buddhists. As we return to our regular schedules it is a wonderful reminder to all of us to center ourselves and open our hearts to the beauty around us. Whether we are inundated with work, play, sadness or loneliness, now is a good time to simply steal a moment to breathe, - to sit down, shut up and pay attention to the core of our being.

Fall is just around the corner. Some of us anticipate the vibrant fall foliage display with great joy. Others sadden at the thought of the leaves falling off the trees, readying for the death of winter. Both feelings, and a wide variety in between, can be honored so that we will fully appreciate the fullness of the here and now. Sometimes it is hard to understand our feelings. Yet, let us not make that the immediate goal. Instead, might we not just sit down and open ourselves to them. Let us listen to our inner happiness, wisdom and concerns. Let us not try to solve our problems, but rather to more fully experience them. Being in the moment is a great gift. Let us savor it.

Peace, my friends,
Rev Deane

It's Fall Festival Time! See page 5 for ways you can help!



Sermon Topics

Sermon Topics

October 3- *Association Sunday-* I can promise that you will learn something, laugh a little, and find out how Association Sunday is a part of UUCE's past and future. Also, we'll have a performance by a wonderful artist. Ben Sizemore & Jogn Schaeffer— worship associates.

October 10- *Sacred Cows Make Great Hamburger* (inspired by Malcom Gladwell's The Tipping Point). Join us in this intergenerational, multi sensory service on the effects of the caste system in Nepal. Our guest speaker is Earle Campbell, founder of AN-

SWER, an organization devoted to empowering low caste children through education. (See related article on next page) - Rev Deane, Worship Associate

October 17 – *Searching for the Truth* – How do we find the truth and how do we know it when we find it? Is spiritual truth permanent or even real? – Rev Deane with Tom Moor, Worship Associate

October 24 – *Universalist Truths Then and Now* – Just what did our theological ancestors believe and do

we still believe the same truths? How relevant are our theological truths to our daily lives? -Rev Deane with Lincoln Christensen, Worship Associate

October 31 - Day of Remembrance - Join us in our traditional, intergenerational remembrance service as we share memories and traditions in a celebration of our ancestors. Bring photos, foods, items of special significance for our Altar. - Rev Deane with Ben Sizemore, Worship Associate

Crop Walk

OCTOBER PLATE SHARE - CROP WALK - The Evansville Area CROP Hunger Walk invites people of all ages and faiths to join in providing resources to fight hunger around the world and around the corner. Funds raised through the CROP Walk help people in more than 80 countries through self-help development, disaster response, and refugee services. UUCE members and friends are encouraged to participate in this walk; our collection will sponsor our walkers.



What Is ANSWER?



ANSWER or the American-Nepali Students' and Women's Educational Relief was founded in 2001 after obtaining excellent results with our own little "street girl", Uma, whom we placed in a private school in Kathmandu. After 3 years, she had become fluent in English, had made up for being placed back two years initially, and was obtaining top marks. From wanting to simply learn to read and count, she began to feel she wanted to be a doctor. Today, Uma is in nursing school along with other young women in our program. Nine years after founding and many refinements, we have over 500 children in 100 schools and colleges all over Nepal. All of our

children are college bound. To date, ALL (80 for 80) of our children who have taken the High School Graduation (SLC) exam have passed with flying colors and gone on to college and into careers.

ANSWER is a nonprofit, non-partisan, non-religious organization that believes in empowering low caste children by introducing them to quality education. Education for us does not mean literacy nor basic education, but 12-15 years of education through college with careful academic and career counseling (which we alone provide—an otherwise unknown entity in Nepal).

Our mission is to educate children from the lowest castes and provide them with real life-long careers so that they will become the vanguard for real change in Nepal. They will be the ones pushing for universal, compulsory education and government scholarships, etc.

Children are carefully se-

lected on the basis of three criteria:

- Poor/low caste families
- Families must be supportive of education for their child and send them to school everyday in clean uniforms
- Children must want to go to school

We pay for our own administrative costs. The child receives the full amount the sponsor provides for the child's education. The cost of sponsoring a child's education, including tuition, fees, school uniform, books, book bag and school supplies is \$280 per year.

Earle Campbell, founder of ANSWER will be our pulpit guest on October 10th. He will also have a display in the foyer. We welcome him and hope that you will join us for the service and discussion afterwards. Please go to <http://answernepal.org/> for more information.

New Adult RE Class

The New UU - This five session course, developed by the Rev Jonalu Johnstone, addresses the questions of who we are and what we believe. It provides opportunities for folks to share what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and gives newcomers a chance to examine their own personal stories in the light of our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition and heritage. Class meets on five consecutive Thursdays beginning October 7th.

It's Fall Festival Time!

Fall Festival is upon us!!! We need people to bake chocolate chip cookies ALL week. The recipe is on the back of the chip bag. Make the cookies about 3" around and package 3 to a baggie. You can deliver them to the booth or drop them off at the church— just

be sure to let Teri know!

We also need donations of apples and oranges. All donations will be sold at Fall Festival or—if there are any left after the festival- donated to a local food pantry.

Lastly— it's not too

late to sign up to work the booth. Sign up sheets will be at church until the festival begins, then Teri will have them at the booth. Her cell is 228-9217.

Don't miss out on the fun...sign up for lots of shifts!!!!

Coffee

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

Craft Workshop

Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chalice House. Can you stuff? Glue? Braid? Cut? Come make new friends and create items for our Holiday Craft Fair!

Meditation

Join us for meditation Mondays and Fridays from noon til 12:40.

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.

Volunteers Needed

for the Holiday Craft Fair: set-up, cashiers, helpers, takedown. Please sign up at church or contact Jan Steinmark

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!

Monthly Potluck

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

Check out these UU opportunities!

Workshop Opportunity

I have attended several workshops sponsored by the Center for Congregations, and they all have been very informative and helpful! (see www.centerforcongregations.org) Deane and I are planning to attend this one on Wednesday, October 27th. We really would like to have a third person join us! Please read the information below, and let me know if you are able to attend! Thanks - Jan Steinmark

Externally Focused Quest: Beyond the Walls Ministry

Eric Swanson

Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in Evansville

More and more congregations are finding fulfillment and growth through a focus on

servicing their communities. In this workshop, Eric Swanson builds on the work begun in his popular book, *The Externally Focused Church*, to highlight what congregations are doing to place themselves in their communities as agents of transformation.

Swanson, an author, consultant and speaker, will tell new stories of the amazing things congregations are doing and will also give participants a framework within which they can think and plan to launch themselves into their communities. This workshop is designed to help the practitioners take the next step in their beyond-the-walls ministry. At the same time, for those who are new to ministry outside the walls, this day with Swanson will be a

great launching tool for congregations of any and all sizes.

If your church were to leave the community, would anybody notice or care? Come explore this question and give thought and practical application to not necessarily being the best congregation in the community, but being the best congregation for the community.

The workshop is 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. (Central time) Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 1811 Lincoln Ave., Evansville. The cost is \$30 a person (or \$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more). The fee includes lunch and a copy of Swanson's book, *Externally Focused Quest*.

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, October 23rd

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at UUCE

Come find great gifts and decorations for:
Halloween...Thanksgiving...Christmas...Spring Holidays...Pets...and
more

COME ONE! COME ALL! TELL YOUR FRIENDS!



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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



October Events at UUCE

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Blooming Lotus Sangha– every Sunday at 5:30
Meditation- Every Monday and Friday at noon
Pagan Group– every Tuesday at 6:30
SMART– every Wednesday at 7:00
New UU– every Thursday at 6:30

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October 11– Membership Committee 11:00
October 11– Worship Associates meeting 7:00
October 14– Craft Night 6:30 – Chalice House
October 15– cook and serve meal at United Caring Shelter

3:00

October 15– Drumming 7:00
October 17– Picnic with Owensboro UU
October 18– UU Theology 6:30
October 19– Stewardship Committee 6:30– Chalice House
October 20– Newsletter deadline– midnight
October 23– Craft Fair at UUCE 10-4
October 24– Inquirer’s Class following the service

NON-WEEKLY EVENTS:

October 1- Drumming 7:00
October 4– Board meeting

