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# The Compass

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## Midwest Leadership School

In July I attended the Midwest Leadership School. I want to share with you my experience's there and what I learned.

It was an intense seven days – the day started with breakfast at 7am and ended with the 9:15 pm “Day’s End” get together where people got to know each other better. It was, to me, an overwhelming experience – my brain is still absorbing all there was to learn.

I know from attending that this church is missing a great opportunity to grow their members by not sending at least two adults and two youth to the school each year.

I saw and learned what lay members can do to create a worship service. Since we probably will be a lay lead church for the next year or so we need more members going to the school.

To see and meet the youth that attended was such an eye opener to me – we have our youth participating in our services, but there are more ways they can participate and by sending them to Midwest they can become more active participants in our church. I believe we must send our two oldest youth this next year: Sasha Feinberg and Jean Pharo. Then the next year

send other youths. If need be we can work on fundraising events to provide for the attendees.

The youth I met at Midwest had so much talent to offer – I grew by knowing them. Each worship service (there were two a day) was put on by four adults and four youths – each worship service had a theme that was assigned to the group. The planning of the service was done in the little spare time we had and we had only a day notice before we put on the service.

My growth in UU theological knowledge increased so much that I have been unable to stop seeking and reading more plus going on-line reading and listening. I am very sure that I am in the right place.

Each evening I attended a Credo Group with eight other members of my class. We were guided by a member of the staff. In his group we grew close. I miss my group and want to start one here. The Credo Group should never be large – eight is just about the right size. In this group we clarify our theology and faith. We shared with each other our current beliefs, experiences, and the direction in which these beliefs/values are leading. What

was said in the group stayed in the group. Please contact me [shealylinda@msn.com](mailto:shealylinda@msn.com) if you would like to be part of a Credo Group.

One of the members of our group created a Facebook account for us – so we keep in touch with each other and this see what others are doing. Recently a group from the class met in Chicago for the Peter Mayer show, then attended church on together on Sunday.

Each year I feel one board member and one worship member should attend along with someone who has been a member for at least one year. Since we are small we will benefit from sending as many as we can to the Midwest Leadership School – much more than the larger UU churches. Alice Carden and Jan Steinmark have attended in the past. I’m sure they would share their experiences if you asked.

I could go on and on about my experiences at Midwest and I would love to go back. I want to thank UUEC for sending me and in the days to come I will try to share what I learned at MWLS.

thanks- Linda Sue Cates.



## Sermon Topics

**October 2- Jesus** Ed Howard will present a sermon on Jesus that was originally given by Isabel Lavens' brother.

**October 9- TBA** Hardin Rathgeber will speak. Alice Carden- worship leader

**October 16- Compassion** Tom Moor will share Karen Armstrong's GA talk on Compassion.

**October 23- TBA** Rev. Anisa Evans will preach

**October 30- Death** Ed Howard will deliver a sermon on Death that was originally given by Isabel Lavins' brother

*Stop by the  
UUCE  
office and  
welcome  
Linda!!*

## New Administrative Office Assistant

Welcome Linda! Linda Fugate is our new Administrative Office Assistant. She started on September 1st and has office hours from 9 AM to 2 PM Wednesdays through Fridays.

Linda is now managing our church calendar so if you have plans for an event that involves the use of church space, please let Linda know so she can record it on the official calendar. If you need to use church space for any type of special event, please

check with Linda for availability before you finalize your plans.

She also has taken up the task of producing the Order of Service for our Sunday services and also is making updates to our members and friends directory. Check with Linda to be sure your contact details are correct in the directory and let her know of any changes needed. This information will also be used for distribution of materials from the church, such as the newsletter, and any

notices for members of upcoming membership meetings so please make sure your information is current with Linda.

If you or your committee has some kind of administrative tasks that can be delegated to Linda, please give her a call at the church to discuss your request or stop by for a visit. She can be a big help with record keeping and documents and on following up with well-defined tasks.

## Refreshment Hosts for October

Many thanks to the following people for agreeing to provide treats for after our services in October. Remember anyone can volunteer to bring treats for coffee hour!

October 2- Tina Sizemore  
October 9- Alice Carden  
October 16- Bev Tonso  
October 30- Stephanie Young



# You Hold The Missing Piece

Have you heard? All sabbaticals have been canceled. For those few who stepped back this summer and took a sabbatical – it's over. We need you to complete our puzzle.

To quote from a sermon I recently heard at Midwest Leadership School given by the Rev. Matthew Johnson Doyle from the Rockport Unitarian Universalist Church: "everyone carries with them at least one and probably many pieces to someone else's puzzle". This quote is from his Homecoming service "At Least One and Probably Many". The quote itself is from a poem by Lawrence Kushner

called "Puzzle". Kushner, a rabbi and original thinker, is recognized as one of the most interesting spiritual teachers since about 1975. Currently he is on the staff of Congregation Emanu-EL in San Francisco as their scholar-in-residence. You can Google him to learn more.

The quote from Matthew's sermon and Kushner's poem: "everyone carries with them at least one and probably many pieces to someone else's puzzle" is a reminder that we need everyone to complete our puzzle. This is what religion is all about: reminding us

that we carry with us the pieces of others and others carry the pieces we ourselves are seeking. We need one another."

So please come back and make the puzzle of life whole.



## Reminders & Tid-bits

### Table Greeter

Susan Thomas is the Table Greeter at the Membership Table each Sunday. She will help guest/visitors sign our guest book and fill out their name tags. Susan will also see that visitors get a "Visitor Packet". When you see a guest/visitor be sure to say hello. Remember first impressions are so very important.

### Website Update

Jack Carden has agreed to maintain the UUCE website ([www.uuevansville.org](http://www.uuevansville.org)) until a suitable person can be identified to take over the long term care and feeding of this most visible, first impression for our church. If you have corrections or suggestions for improvement, please let Jack know. Also, if you can't recall the password to access the current church directory, please email Jack at [j.carden@ieeee.org](mailto:j.carden@ieeee.org).

### RE Task Force

The RE task force is discussing the needs of our RE program and coming up with the job description for the position we hope to fill later this year. Our next meeting is Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the church. Please contact Jack Carden if you are interested in serving on this task force and helping to define the position and recruit our new RE leader.

### Travel With UU's

Traveling with Unitarians from around the world is a really fun thing to do. Going to Transylvania to learn about Unitarian history up close should be quite a different and inspirational experience. If you are interested in this journey to Transylvania and Hungary, please visit <http://www.nuuc.ca/Journeys/2012TransylvaniaHungary.htm> Marie-Paule and Alan Marty have already signed up to go, starting June 4, 2012, and Ed Howard is thinking about doing so as well. The more the merrier!

### Congregational Life

The Caring and Membership Committees have combined to become the "Congregational Life Committee" – Bev Tonso is the chair. Just so you know: this is one of the most important committees the church has – the success of this committee is the way we grow. How we greet and treat visitors and guest is how we grow. First impressions count – the committee I needs each and every one of you to become greeters too.

### Sunday Greeters

John Schafer has taken over the duties of getting Sunday Greeters for each week. If you are a greeter please remember to be at the church 15 minutes before the service starts. Contact John to find out how you can be a greeter.

# UUCE Fund Raising

## Fall Festival

It's Fall Festival time!!! It's not too late to volunteer to help (and yes, we still need workers!). Contact Bev Tonso to volunteer!!!



## Harvest Festival

We need volunteers to help us sell food at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve while enjoying the thrills and traditions of autumn at the two-day, family oriented Harvest Festival & Hayrides on October 21 and 22 from 5-9:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Norrington at [cnorrington@hotmail.com](mailto:cnorrington@hotmail.com) or 471-9867 for a fun volunteer opportunity!

## E-Scrip Cards

Just in case you have forgotten our bank account is increased each time you used your Schnuck's e-Scrip card. It is easy to use... just have the cashier swipe your e-Scrip and we will benefit from your purchase. Remember every penny counts.

If you don't have a Schnuck's e-Scrip card you can pick one up at the membership table. Jack Carden or Linda Sue Cates can tell you how to get on board using it.

### Coffee

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

### Social Justice Donations

Donation of spaghetti, toilettries and diapers are needed. Cash donations also accepted.

### 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!

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

## Patchwork Central Food Pantry

The federal government will not be sending any funding this year for the Food Pantry Consortium of Evansville. This leaves the burden of providing food for the community with the food pantry.

Please provide any of the following staples that you can. There will be a box marked Patchwork in the church foyer. We need: cereal; small packages of dried beans; Mac & Cheese; dried pasta; canned milk, tomatoes, pork & bean, green beans, soup, fruit, and meat (Spam,

fish, etc.). One big need is used plastic bags.

Our church is responsible for providing the volunteers each day Patchwork is open. John Schafer is coordinating the volunteers this year. Current volunteers are Ed Howard, Hardin Rathgeber, Glenn Oliva, Geneice Snow, Bill Tonso and Jan Steinmark. We can always use more volunteers or help with gathering food for the pantry .

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will have its first meeting of the new church year Sunday at the Chalice House from 9:00 - 9:45. We will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of every month. Next Sunday's topic has not been chosen yet so it is open.

Questions? ContactHardin





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Services Sunday at 10:00 AM

**Child and Youth RE at 10:30 Sundays**



### Board of Directors:

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

President	Jack Carden
President Elect	open
Secretary	open
Secretary Elect	Marla Minton
Treasurer	David Fentress
Treasurer Elect	Chris Norrington
Director	Linda Sue Cates
Director	John Schaefer

### Other Volunteers:

Religious Exploration	open
Youth Leader	Diana Brewer
Building and Grounds	John Schaeffer
Caring Committee	MaryHelen Weldy
Stewardship	David Fentress
Communications	Chris Norrington
Social Justice	Joan Hargis
Caring & Membership	Linda Sue Cates
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# Upcoming Events & Activities

**October 2** – Fall Festival:  
Move booth to West Franklin Street

**October 3-8**—Fall Festival –  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**October 5** – SMART Meeting at 7pm in The Chalice House

**October 9** – Fall Festival:  
Move booth back to UUCE

**October 12** – SMART Meeting at 7pm in The Chalice House

**October 17** – RE Task Force Meeting at 6:30pm

**October 19** – SMART Meeting at 7pm in The Chalice House

**October 20** – Women's Group Meeting

**October 20**—Compass deadline— send articles to uuceeditor@hotmail.com

**October 21 & 22**—UUCE food booth at the Harvest Festival- Wesselman Woods

**October 21**—United Caring Shelter 3-5PM

**October 23**—Potluck following service

**October 25**—Coffee orders due

**October 26** – SMART Meeting at 7pm in The Chalice House

