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UUA Assessment Visit

Join us Friday, October 23 – Sunday, October 25

Barry Finklestein, a consultant with the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be here Friday, October 23 through Sunday, October 25 to conduct an Assessment Visit. This visit will help us learn more about ourselves, our viability and our readiness get “from here to there.” Barry will prepare his recommendations on how we can reach our long-term goals. We have funding from the Center for Congregations’ Flourishing Grant program for this visit.

How does this involve you? During his weekend in Evansville, Barry will conduct several different sessions. He will meet with the board and other congregational leaders on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, he will meet with building and grounds, finance and stewardship, mem-

bership and administration as well as the board. Saturday from 1:30 to 3 p.m., Barry will conduct a workshop for church leaders and all interested congregants. On Sunday, Barry will

will share more information throughout the month.

Mark your calendars so that you will be able to join Barry during his weekend in Evansville.



Help UUCE plan for the future

attend our worship service and then hold and open forum where he will present his observations to all interested congregants.

Mary Helen Weldy and Rosi Weatherwax are coordinating the details of Barry's visit. They

Brown Bag Luncheon

Don't miss out on the first Brown Bag Luncheon of the fall.

October's topic will be: Healthcare Reform. Join us Thursday, October 15 at noon at the church for a lively discussion.



Compass Gets A New Look

Thanks to our grant money the Compass will be getting a new look! In the next few months we will be working on learning the new computer program that will enable us to publish a state of the art newsletter. UUCE has been able to purchase Microsoft Publisher at a reduced

rate and will be using Publisher to create the new newsletters. So, take a look. See what you think. Make suggestions. Realize it's a work in progress. And bear with us while we learn all the ins and outs of the new program!

Fall Festival Needs You

It's not too late to sign up to help at the Fall Festival booth. There are still a number of openings. See the sign up sheet in the foyer or talk to Teri Rawlings to volunteer!

Help UUCE Grow



I've got fundraising
on my mind...

Volunteer Opportunity: Fundraising Coordinator

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.

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Minister's Musings

As Unitarian Universalists we have great respect for the interconnected web that makes up our world. In our part of the country, autumn is the season when the universe shows off and pulls us into its web.

October is such a glorious month. The universe shouts, "Come out, play with me! I am on fire with color, gentle breezes, and crisp sounds. I invite you to partake of the feast." We are energized by the season; it is so easy to feel gratitude for the natural order of the universe. Even when we are feeling loss or sadness, it is as though the universe attempts to wrap a comfort blanket around us. It is a glorious time to sit outside in reflection.

At UUCE we celebrate the fall season with a flurry of purposeful activity. We started just a little early with the Rummage Sale. Medita-

tion is back, every Monday and Friday at noon. Brown Bag lunches start back up on the third Wednesday of each month. Our Religious Exploration classes have begun. Fall Festival is upon us. We welcome the Blooming Lotus Sangha; they will be using the building on Wednesday evenings. CAJE beckons.

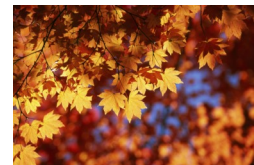
For me, the Interfaith Clergy Group has started its fall schedule. The Heartland UU Ministers Group has its fall retreat the first week in October. This year there is also a very special event: the UU Ministers have a (once every seven years) Convocation in November, so I will be off to Ottawa soon.

Yes, we are we off and running. Literally. So many of us participated in the Komen Race for the Cure and in early November we have the Crop Walk, a race to end hunger. We'll be there too.

Fall then, is a period which is well spent in intense appreciation, in gratitude for our

many opportunities to engage in the world of which we are absolutely interconnected. While we will naturally smile and laugh during so many of these activities, let us also find the quiet time to sit and appreciate this sacred time, to allow it to reach into the inner core of our lives, enriching our sense of meaning and love.

In peace, in love, in service,
Rev Deane



Thank You!

Thanks to Ed Howard and everyone else who worked hard to make the Rummage Sale a HUGE success!! Thanks also to everyone who donated goods for the sale. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help!!

Making Choices As We Age

You don't have to be elderly to benefit from MAKING CHOICES AS WE AGE, a four-hour workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 10 AM to 2 PM (lunch included). In fact, the focus will be on the interests of younger and middle-aged adults who are concerned about Living Wills and other advance directives (in the event of an unforeseen accident), preparation of an obituary (for oneself, a parent, or a close relative), planning a memorial service, hospice, and cremation vs. other burial options. Hands-on opportunities will be provided, as well as a

variety of handouts and other informative materials.

Our outside Resource Leader will be Clarke Miller. Clarke holds Masters Degrees in both psychology and business administration and is retired after serving many years as a nursing home administrator. He currently lives in Bloomington, where he is Director of the Indiana chapter of Compassion and Choices (formerly known as the Hemlock Society). Clarke frequently speaks at medical schools, health fairs, and various organizations in Indiana. Happily, he is also

an active Unitarian. We hope to extend him a warm welcome and expect to gain immensely from his knowledge and expertise.



Planning ahead gives you piece of mind

We are off and running. The Eightfold Path, taught by Holly and Jay Ziemer, has over a dozen members and friends enrolled, quite a record I understand. This month two other classes begin as well as a provocative one day workshop and the Brown Bag Luncheon series. I encourage you to consider them as well. Enrollment forms are available on the web and on the Membership Table at church.

Adult Religious Education Classes

Covenant Group – Our monthly Wednesday evening covenant group is slated to begin on October 14th. A covenant group is a small structured discussion group of six to twelve folks who meet regularly to discuss broad topics of mutual interest, to share and to make connections in a safe and welcoming environment. In the process folks build a circle of trust, find a unique bonding experience and deepen their sense of spiritual-

ity and depth of meaning in their lives. For now we meet at 7 o'clock on the second Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting will be in the minister's office. Then we will decide upon a more permanent venue.

Building Your Own Theology – This six week course encourages each of us in community to reflect on our religious experiences, explore our emerging credos, and

share in discussions of varieties of religious experience, human nature, ultimate reality and religious meaning. Course starts Thursday, October 15th and continues for six consecutive weeks. Childcare is provided.

Fight Hunger...Join the CROP Walk

Join the fight against hunger by walking in the annual **CROP Walk** on Saturday morning, November 7. This is a 3-4 mile walk, which you can do at your own pace. You can gather sponsors and and/or make a contribution yourself. This event attracts several hundred people from many other churches in town, so it's a chance for UUCE to make its presence known in the area faith community. This is a

family event. Typically walkers of all ages participate, from small children to senior age folks. Even dogs are welcome. 25% of the funds raised are used locally and distributed between the Tri State Food Bank and other food pantries in the area. If you're interested in walking or sponsoring, contact David Fentress (473-0314, df27@evansville.edu).



We're walking to fight hunger!

United Caring Shelter Project



Your donations of noodles and sauce make a difference!

If you can boil water, you can help cook for the folks at the United Caring Shelter! Now that we're getting organized and have developed a plan, we have streamlined our kitchen time. However, we still need your support to keep it going.

Keep bringing spaghetti and sauce to the church OR donate money to enable us to purchase what we need. \$3.50 will buy a 5 lb jar/can of sauce at GFS (less with our discount). We need 5 cans for one month. \$4.00 will buy a 5 lb package of spaghetti. We

need 3 packages for one month. (Also GFS) We're going to stick with this menu, so we hope to have a backup supply of the above.

The shelter gives us 20 lbs of ground meat a month to add to the sauce. Salad has been donated by UUs at a cost of \$40.00 a month. This has been a huge success. They seldom get lettuce at the shelter. We will keep doing this with your help. A new UU has volunteered to bake 100 brownies for us each month.

We're on our way. Thanks so much for your help. Please

sign up to help cook and serve at our next meal on October 16th and put your phone number by your name. If you have questions, please call me, email me or see me at church. joan.hargis@gmail.com. Phone: 812-319-9998.

UUCE cooks for the shelter the third Friday of every month. We arrive at 3:00 PM and are done about 5:30.

Thank you for making this happen!

Pagan Study Group

The Pagan Studies Group has seen many changes over the last few months. We found ourselves losing several members as they moved on with their lives and educations. We have also gained several more. Our new members include a bouncing baby girl. Although her birth was a little earlier than expected both mother and baby are doing well. The beautiful little girl will never lack for ready baby-sitters. Another of our founding members is happy to announce that she will soon be welcoming a long awaited soon to be bundle of joy.

For the first time in a very long time we have also had the pleasure of having guest speakers from the Junior League of Indiana, The drumming circle and we are expecting an appearance from a local professor that specializes in the occult. We are open to anyone who would like

to sit in on one of our study sessions or would like to be a guest speaker.

In the coming months we will be holding a potluck social to celebrate Mabon, (Because there is always a reason for good food and friends) planning a Samhain ritual (which will include a pumpkin carving night that is open to anyone that wants to get a little messy and have a lot of fun.) We will also be holding several study sessions where we will learn more about eclectic pagan traditions.

Our group believes in openness, trust and honesty at all times. This has caused a few hiccups along the way, but we have learned from our past and adopted a few news rules as a result. Although anyone is welcome to join the group, we do ask the you visit the PSG yahoo page or contact the group leader, Jennifer, at 517-974-6261 and review the rules of the group before attending.

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.

Generous Knitting

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

Coffee

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



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Adult Discussion Group

Wanted!! Active, Inquiring Minds.

The Adult Discussion Group has been preparing itself to discuss public policy issues. We decided not to try analyze dry legal type documents but instead focus on the stories these policies tell.

We agreed on the following:

1. Humans are primarily story tellers, particularly in areas that we have little knowledge of such as Quantum Mechanics.
2. Stories are narratives composed of metaphors.
3. Metaphors are in the format "A is like B" and are used to describe

unfamiliar events.

4. We discussed insider/outsider status.
5. Then we discussed stereotypes.
6. Currently, we are discussing rituals such as birth, rites-of-passage and death.
7. We will come back to stereotypes, their pros and cons and how they reflect insider/outsider statuses.
8. Finally we will discuss the stories that the Health Policy and Immigration issues tell.

We will discuss other policy issues as requested by the group.
The Adult Discussion Group

meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 8:45 in the Chalice House. Contact Hardin with any questions.



Monthly Potluck

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

Our goal is to host parties in all areas of the city—on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

House Party Hosts Needed

Open your home and host a House Party for UUCE next spring! Last March, we had a GREAT time at five themed House Parties for the Annual Budget Drive. In 2010, we are continuing our House Parties...and looking to increase our number of House Parties to eight!

In 2010, our House Parties will be held between mid-February and mid-March. Just like last year, the Party Host selects their date & time, theme, party capacity, and

whether the party is Adults-only or Kid-Friendly. Our goal is to host parties in all areas of the city—on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.

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.

We'd like to have party locations reserved by December 1st to give our party hosts ample time to

prepare!
Insuk Granholm
Malika Harris
Co-Chairs, Annual Budget Drive 2010



Sermon Topics For October

Here are our sermon topics for this month:

October 4th, Association Sunday – UUCE will join congregations across the country in celebration of our collective commitment and power, working together to make this world a better place. Ann Hanat, Worship Leader and Diane Brewer, Worship Associate
October 11th, International UUs – Jan Steinmark, recently returned

from an international adventure will share her reflections on our international brethren. Come hear more about our interconnectedness!

October 18th, Diwali – the major festival of the Hindu world is known as the Festival of Lights. Representing the triumph of the good life over evil, it is a celebration of joy. Join us as we explore the underpinnings of this holiday

for our world today. Rev Deane and John Schaeffer, Worship Associate
October 25th, Living Asset Management – As our management consultant assists us in healthy and wise ways of operating our church, we will explore practical and wise ways of managing our broader lives for the future. Rev Deane and Tom Moor, Worship Associate



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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.

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Director
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Jan Steinmark
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October Events at UUCE

Building Your Own Theology- Thursdays Oct 1, 8, 22, 29 at 6:30 in the sanctuary

Meditation- every Monday and Friday at noon in the sanctuary

Drumming Circles- Friday Oct 2 and Oct 15 at 7:00- sanctuary

Adult Discussion Group- Sunday Oct 4 and Oct 18 at 8:45- Chalice House

Fall Festival booth- ALL WEEK Oct 5-10, booth clean up days Oct 3 at 1:00 and Oct 11 after church

Board Meeting- Monday Oct 5 at 6:30 in the entry

Blooming Lotus Sangha- Wednesdays Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 in the sanctuary and nursery

Worship Associates- Monday Oct 12 at

6:30 in the entry

Covenant Group- Wednesday Oct 14 at 6:30 in the entry

Brown Bag Luncheon- Thursday Oct 15 at noon in the sanctuary

United Caring Shelter dinner- Friday Oct 16 from 3-5:30 at United Caring Shelter

Aids Walk- Sat Oct 17 in Garvin Park

Eightfold Path- Monday Oct 19 at 6:30 in the entry

Newsletter deadline- Tuesday Oct 20 at midnight

Stewardship Committee- Wednesday Oct 21 at 6:30

UUA Assessment Visit- Fri Oct 23- Sun Oct 25

Potluck Sunday- Oct 25 following the service

Social Justice Meeting- Monday Oct 26 at 6:30 in the entry

Coffee orders due- Oct 25 to Chris

November Preview:

CROP Walk Sat Nov 7

Movie Night- Friday Nov 13 TBA

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

Guest at Your Table- Sunday Nov 22

Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck- Sunday Nov 26 following the service