

## SERMON TOPICS:

- June 1—Annual Picnic
- June 8—Honoring Women
- June 15—Fatherhood Reflections
- June 22—Native American Spirituality
- June 29—Rev Forrest Gilmore

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## UUCE Has Elected New Leaders

At their Annual Meeting on May 23, members of UUCE elected a slate of officers for the upcoming church year, which begins July 1st.

They are:

President: Tina Sizemore  
President-Elect: Sharon Dennis  
Treasurer-Elect: David Fentress  
Secretary: Chuck Meny  
Secretary-Elect: Jasmine Sturgill  
Director: Tom Moor

Mollie Pharo and Suzanne Perrey are holdovers. They were elected previously to serve as Treasurer and Director respectively.

The Congregation also adopted a budget for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$67,019. After hearing Committee reports which had been written out, but given verbally, Chuck Meny asked that they be gathered and compiled to one report in the church office so he and others could ponder them

## Farewell Words From UUCE President

Commenting on his two terms as President of UUCE, President Ed Howard gave these words of thanks to those assembled at the UUCE Annual Meeting on May 23rd.

My Thanks:

-To Chris and David for maintaining our financial solvency,  
-To Chris, John, and David for completing two successful pledge campaigns, one in 2013 and the most recent,  
-To John, Hardin, and David for keeping us warm, cool, well-lighted, mowed and trimmed.  
-To Hardin for faithfully posting upcoming service announcements on our sign, and putting out the flags each Sun-

day (when it doesn't rain, that is)

-Again, to John, for shepherding volunteers to the Pantry & United Caring Shelter,

-To Ashley for working hard and efficiently at TWO jobs,

-To Linda Sue for stepping up to the plate to become the hard-driving force behind out 2013 Fall Festival Food Booth after the previous hard-driving woman stepped down,

-To Tom Moor and his Worship Committee for their pursuit and deliverance of a meaningful, thoughtful service EVERY Sunday,

- To Sharon and her cast of players for the inspiring inter-generational services,  
-To Marla and Suzanne for providing music which fit the service each Sunday,  
-To Suzanne for stepping in after we lost Erich to become our enthusiastic, resourceful, and at times hilarious music leader,  
-To Bev Tonso and her Committee for diligently pursuing new members,  
-To Mollie and Chris who pointed to my errors and omissions and then helped me set them right,

And finally, to all who responded with a yes when I reached out for help.

## Technology's Instant Gratification In Danger Of Taking Away Hope

By John Gottcent

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I've often thought the 19th century was the one that brought the most drastic technological changes to the western world. In 1800, people still wrote by hand on paper, traveled in horse-drawn vehicles, and communicated by messenger, just as the ancient Romans had done.

By 1900, we were in the age of typewriters, trains, and telephones, with automobiles and airplanes just around the corner. By contrast, changes during the 20th century seem smaller. Typewriters morphed into word processors, planes became jets and cars grew more fuel efficient. Refinements, perhaps, but not really innovations.

But the 21st century may be a different matter. In the 14 years since 2000, we have entered the world of iPads, smartphones, and driverless cars. These innovations allow us constant con-

tact with the rest of the world, instant information about almost anything and increasingly effortless transportation.

Of course, like any boons, they've also brought their downsides—filling the Internet with mindless drivel, diminishing live human interaction and most of all, destroying the virtue called patience. Back in the day, there was a concept called delayed gratification. It meant that we were willing to engage in work without expecting an instant reward. What kept us going was another virtue called hope—the expectation that things would get better, that we would receive our payoff later, if only we could wait for it. Sometimes the expectation was more enjoyable than the upshot.

But today, because we can have everything now, we demand it now...Used to be we would look forward to a letter or phone call from a distant friend or relative, filling us in on what had been happening in their world over the past few months. Now we check Face-

book every few minutes to peek into their lives as they live them.

Used to be we would visit a library and pour through research to discover things ranging from our genealogies to the answer to a trivia question. Now we hit the Internet, from virtually any location, to find instant answers to just about anything.

What is gained in all this is obvious. What is lost as is so often the case, is harder to discern. We're losing the ability to wait, to enjoy the moment, to live in the present rather than in the future. We've become shorter with each other, more demanding, less patient. And most of all, we are losing hope.

Hope presupposes optimism, a positive attitude that believes life will get better, troubles will diminish, joys will increase. Without it, we become pessimistic, cynical and, ultimately, depressed. Let's hope our instantly gratifying technology does not take that away from us as well.

### Sermon Topics

June 1— **Annual Church Picnic**—at Newburgh Overlook Park.

June 8— **Honoring Women** with Hardin Rathgeber.

June 15— **Fatherhood Reflections**

June 22—**Native American Spirituality.** *Potluck following service.*

June 29— Reverend Forrest Gilmore returns to preach

### Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment



What: "Free" Buffet Dinner Kicking off 2014 CAJE Fund Drive

Where: Aldersgate Methodist Church

When: Monday, June 9 at 6:30pm

Wish: To get 6-8 UUCE people (one table) to attend

Questions? Contact John Schaeffer or Tom Moor

## Rummage Sale

The UUCE rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 7am to 2pm at the church, with a bag sale from 1:30 to 2pm. We will be accepting donations at the following times:

Wednesday, June 11 from 5 to 8pm

Thursday, June 12 from 1 to 8pm

Friday, June 13 from 9am to 2pm

Items will not be accepted past 2pm on Friday. If you have questions, contact Sharon Dennis at 431-9148 or [sdenisl.sd@gmail.com](mailto:sdenisl.sd@gmail.com), or Bev Tonso at 476-9235 or [btonso44@att.net](mailto:btonso44@att.net). Thank you in advance for your contributions. See you at the sale!



## “As You Wish” Discussion Series

The Congregational Life Committee’s fourth in the “As You Wish” discussion series regarding end-of-life issues will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 12:30pm in the sanctuary following the potluck lunch. The topic this month will be “Funeral Choices, Pre-Planning, and Green Options,” and there will be three presenters: Laura Bush, Director Pre-Planning for Browning Funeral Home, whose subject is “A Good Good-bye”; Jeannie Browning Hester, President and CEO of Browning Funeral Home, who will speak on “The Future...Green Burials”; and Chris Cooke, Superintendent of Cemeteries for the city of Evansville, who will talk about current trends in cemeteries and ideas for the future.

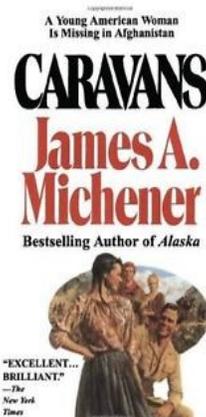
Plan to attend this very informative session!

## Support Teams

UUCE now has support teams in place to assist those members and friends who need assistance with activities of daily living, such as grocery shopping, lawn care, meal preparation, etc., due to illness, death in the family, or other circumstance. If you or someone else needs such help, please notify Bev Tonso at 476-9235 or [btonso44@att.net](mailto:btonso44@att.net), Sharon Dennis at 431-9148 or [sdenisl.sd@gmail.com](mailto:sdenisl.sd@gmail.com), or Teddye Thompson at 402-2744 or [t.thompson@wowway.com](mailto:t.thompson@wowway.com).

### UUCE T-Shirts!

The Congregational Life Committee has ordered t-shirts imprinted with the UU logo on the front and a statement of our First Principle on the back. They will be available—in a variety of sizes—for sale for \$8 each by June 1. They’ll be great to wear for church-sponsored activities as well as for a casual fashion statement! See Sharon Dennis or Bev Tonso to purchase one—or more.



### June Book Club

Join the UUCE Brown Bag Book Club on Thursday, June 26 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Bring your lunch to eat while we discuss the book of the month, *Caravans* by James Michener. A young American woman is missing in Afghanistan.

All members and friends welcome!

## Highlights of the May 14 Board Meeting

All members of the Board were present at the May meeting. RE Director, Ashley Perkins, attended as an *ex officio* member. Charles Luker, newly appointed Social Justice Chair, and our contact with CAJE, was also present.

President Ed Howard began the meeting by reading a poem written by his grandfather and entitled *Kindness*. Others present gave their respective check-ins, in which each person briefly mentioned current noteworthy events in his or her own life.

In his report as Treasurer for April and an up-to-date, Chris Norrington again assured Board members of our secure financial situation although expenses for April exceeded income for the month. We had a balance of \$10,100 and expect to end the fiscal year in the black.

This in spite of a shortfall of approximately \$2,800 in unpaid pledges. He noted much of that amount was due to the death of Frank Berry who was a generous donor to UUCE, and who died recently. Sunday attendance averaged 43 persons. April 6th: 52; April 13th: 36; April 20th: 39; and April 27th: 44.

Chris and David Fentress jointly reported on their efforts to solicit financial commitments for the upcoming 2014-2015 church year. Currently, the pledge total stood at almost \$51,000. The total needed to balance the budget for next year is \$57,620. They opined we will meet our goal since a few members and friends who pledged last year are still active but have not turned in a pledge form yet.

David, as Chair of the Finance Committee, presented a tentative budget for the

upcoming year. There were small increases in line items but all other changes are the result of projecting current income or expenses into a full year. His proposed budget will be presented to the Congregation for changes and adoption at the Annual Meeting May 23rd.

Chris remarked that in order to maintain our Welcoming Congregation status, we are required to sponsor an event promoting LGBT awareness. He proposed the church sponsor the AIDS Resource Group Walk. ARG will put the church's name on their t-shirt for a \$100 contribution. His proposal was taken by consent. This was followed by a suggestion we purchase t-shirts bearing UUCE to wear as volunteers at the United Caring Shelter and Patchwork Central Pantry.



### Religious Exploration Summer Fun Sundays: What Brings You Joy?

This Summer, the RE staff and church members are asked to share their favorite hobbies and activities that they enjoy with the children. The RE council wants our youth to recognize the need for community, and affirm the importance of families, relationships and connections between and among the generations. If you are interested in showing the youth a hobby or activity that brings you joy, please check the sign-up sheet in the church foyer for available dates. Please email me at [redirector@uuevansville.org](mailto:redirector@uuevansville.org) if you have any questions.

Peace, Love, & Happiness,

Ashley Perkins, Director of Religious Exploration



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**Service on Sundays at 10:00 AM**  
**Youth RE on Sundays at 10:30 AM**



Board of Directors:

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Secretary Elect	Tina Sizemore
Treasurer	Chris Norrington
Treasurer Elect	Mollie Pharo
Director	Suzanne Perrey
Director	Jasmine Sturgill
RE Director	Ashley Perkins

Other Volunteers:

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## Upcoming Events & Activities

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| Sunday, June 1: 10am Annual Picnic at Newburgh Overlook Park | tion at Aldersgate Methodist Church                                    | <i>Potluck following service</i>                                 |
| Monday, June 2: 6pm Down to Earth meeting                    | Saturday, June 14: 7am-2pm Rummage Sale                                | Sunday, June 22: 12:30pm "As You Wish" Discussion Series         |
| Monday, June 2: 7pm Board meeting at Ed's home               | Sunday, June 15: 10am Fatherhood Reflections                           | Monday, June 23: 6pm Down to Earth meeting                       |
| Friday, June 6: 7pm Drum Circle                              | Monday, June 16: 6pm Down to Earth meeting                             | Thursday, June 26: 11:30am Book Club                             |
| Sunday, June 8: 10am Honoring Women                          | Friday, June 20: 3:30pm United Caring Shelter Dinner, sign-up in foyer | Sunday, June 29: 10am Reverend Forrest Gilmore returns to preach |
| Monday, June 9: 6pm Down to Earth meeting                    | Friday, June 20: 7pm Drum Circle                                       | Sunday, June 29: 3pm Dances of Universal Peace                   |
| Monday, June 9: 6:30pm CAJE Celebration                      | Sunday, June 22: 10am Native American Spirituality                     | Monday, June 30: 6pm Down to Earth meeting                       |