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Graceful Giving to Support ARG

The holiday season is quickly approaching and it is time for us to start preparing for Graceful Giving. In the past, our congregation has been very generous in helping with ARG's holiday initiative that provides food baskets and gifts to clients in need during the holiday season.

Last year we helped ARG

assist more than 115 families. We are hoping for another success this upcoming season, but we need your help!

Please consider making a \$25 donation to ARG, designated to Graceful Giving. Each \$25 donation ensures one individual will receive at least two gifts and their household will receive a \$25 gift card and

a food basket valued at over \$75. You read that correctly—your \$25 ensures over \$125 in goods to each household!

Your support will make local families have a happy holiday. See Chris Norrington for more information or to make a donation by December 1.

Welcome to the New Board Member

At their meeting on October 14, members of the board voted unanimously to appoint Suzanne Perrey as the replacement for Alice Carden who resigned in August of this year. Welcome aboard Suzanne! We look forward to having your wise counsel.

A Spark Plug Award Goes to Linda Sue

During the service on October 27, President Ed presented the "President's Golden Spark Plug Award" to Linda Sue Cates for initiating and seeing through to successful completion our food sales at the West Side Nut Club Festival in early October. Congratulations Linda Sue!



Karim and his animal friend, Peanut, at the animal blessings service on October 6. Photo courtesy of Linda Sue Cates.



Sermon Topics

November 3—**Beyond Genes** led by Tom Moor, based on David Sloan Wilson's discussion with Krista Tippett on social evolution.

November 10—Charlie Luker will speak about **Myths of the Military**, Karim Shelton worship leader.

November 17—**The Great Agnostic** led by Ed Howard.

November 24—Chris Rothbauer, Ministerial Intern from First Unitarian Church of Louisville, will speak. Tom Moor worship associate.

List of workers before & during UUCE Fall Festival
August 26, 27, 29 &
October 6-12, 2013

Tom Bradford
Dennis Brandewie
Linda Sue Cates
Karl Cook
Sharon Dennis*
Susie Feinberg
David Fentress
Nancy Higgs
Carol Hill
Dane Hill
Erica Holdren
Ed Howard*
Marie-Paule Marty
Paul Mefford*
Chris Norrington
Anna Perkins
Ashley Perkins*
Suzanne Perrey
Mollie Pharo
Hardin Rathgeber
John Schaeffer*
Tina Sizemore
Mary Jane Steele
Teddy Thompson
Pam Thoren
Bev Tonso*
Bill Tonso
Mary Helen Weldy
David West
Junis Winters
Mike Woodall

*Team Captains

Recollections of a Wild and Woolly Week by President Ed

We knew it wouldn't be easy, having no "users manual" to guide us in planning and implementing the sale of food stuffs at our booth during the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival, October 7-12th. Terri and Beth, two former members, had run the operation for thirteen years and required very little input from the congregation except to cook one entrée and bake in advance, and to help man the booth during the seventy-two hours it was open for business. It was labor intensive since Terri cooked yet another two entrées to-order while customers stood in line.

When they announced in October 2012 that they were unwilling to operate the booth in the future, the Board was faced with an immediate decision of whether or not to renew our rental on the space, and thereby commit ourselves to operating it in 2013 without Terri and Beth's help. Now that we have done it, I am glad we decided to do so.

One member deserves the lion-share of the credit for our

success this year. Linda Sue Cates insisted early in the year that we start planning for what is the principal fundraiser for UUCE. As an experienced caterer and business woman, she was the driving force (read "chief cook and bottle washer") behind it.

A committee was assembled in the early Summer to decide on a menu and then to cook some 4,500 bacon brownies and soup in the kitchen of Bethel UCC the last week in August. These were put in freezers awaiting the sale in October. Paul Mefford and I funded the purchase of two new freezers to augment the capacity of one owned by Linda Sue.

John Schaeffer was responsible for recruiting and scheduling enough workers to insure three-person coverage during the hours the booth was open. He persuaded six people to act as Team Captains, one for each day. Thirty-one volunteers cooked, stuffed chip bags, and/or covered the schedule. The weekend before the festival, Mike Woodall, assisted by John

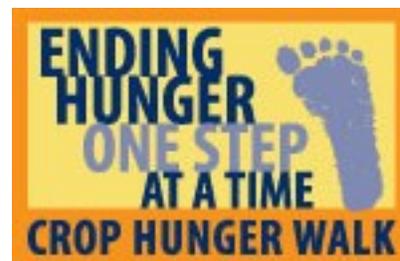
Schaeffer and David Fentress, moved the booth to and from the church to space #13 on Franklin Street.

We had counted on the bacon brownies as being the best seller, with the bean soup as a runner up, but that proved not to be the case! Our customers preferred the soup two to one. As a result, Linda Sue cooked a lot of additional soup during the fateful week, delivering pots of it to runners from the booth, who plowed through the crowd, and met her at the nearby street corner every afternoon, a two-wheeler in hand. On Thursday evening, we were presented with a contract for 2014. We handed WSNC officials a check for \$602 to retain our space. We grossed \$4,834, about the same as in 2012, according to Treasurer Chris Norrington, who deposited our receipts after ten o'clock each night.

My thanks to all, both members and friends, who made our sale a success.

UUCE Participating in CROP Walk

The CROP Walk is a local sponsored walk to raise funds for world hunger relief. This is an interfaith community event, with walkers from many different churches in the area participating. We have some walkers from UUCE but we'd love to have more. The walk takes place beginning at 10:00am on Saturday, November 2nd. It begins at St. John United Methodist Church (1900 N. Fulton Ave.) and lasts about 2.5 miles. If you are interested in walking or sponsoring, please see David Fentress (473-0314, df27@evansville.edu).



Trip to Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve

The RE program is sponsoring a trip to Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve on Sunday, November 10. Lunch will be coordinated for those attending following service and then we will go on the trip. This trip is for the UUCE family: members and friends of all ages are invited to come along!

This is a special program, customized for us, called "Nature's Recyclers" and will include a presentation on recycling, nature's recycling, a short hike, and an encounter with their resident turkey vulture.

This is an RE sponsored event so no need to worry about paying; however, a minimum of 12 people must attend. Sign-up sheet is located in the church foyer, or contact Ashley Perkins (474-1704, redirector@ueevansville.org).



Thanksgiving Dinner

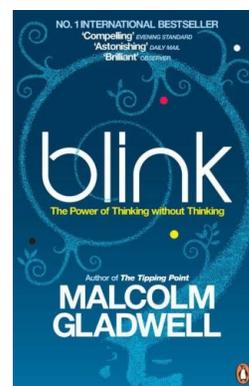
All members, friends, and visitors and their families are invited to attend the third annual UUCE Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28 at 2:00pm at the church. The turkey and dressing will be provided, but all who are coming are asked to bring a side dish, salad, bread, or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer, and you are requested to sign up for whatever food you are bringing and how many will be in your party.

UUCE Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, November 21* from 11:30am until 1:00pm. Bring your lunch to eat while we discuss this month's book, *Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell. All members and friends are welcome!

*Note that this is the 3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving Day being on the last Thursday

List of upcoming books and discussion can be found at uucebookclub.wordpress.com. Contact Tina Sizemore for more info.



Should the USA be a Nation of Anarchists?

If you watch the anarchist tirades coming from extremist Republicans in the House, you'd think they believe that the government that governs best is a government that doesn't exist at all.

But behind all the slogans of the Tea Party—and all the thinly veiled calls for anarchy in Washington—is a reality: The American people don't want a future without government.

When was the last time the anarchy gang called for regulators to go easier on companies that put lead in children's toys? Or for inspectors to stop checking whether the meat in our grocery stores is crawling with deadly bacteria? Or for the FDA to ignore whether morning sickness drugs will cause horrible deformities in our babies?

When? Never. In fact, whenever the anarchists make any headway in their quest and cause damage to our government, the opposite happens.

After the sequester kicked in, Republicans immediately turned around and called on us to protect funding for our national defense and to keep air traffic controllers on the job.

After House Republicans had shut

down the government—holding the country hostage because of some imaginary government “health care boogeyman” - Republicans almost immediately turned around and called on us to start reopening parts of our government.

Why did they do this? Because the boogeyman government in the alternate universe of their fiery political speeches isn't real. It doesn't exist.

Government is real, and it has three basic functions:

1. Provide for the national defense.
2. Put rules in place, rules, like traffic lights and bank regulations, that are fair and transparent.
3. Build the things together that none of us can build alone—roads, schools, power grids—the things that give everyone a chance to succeed.

These things did not appear by magic. In each instance, we made a choice as a people to come together. We made that choice because we wanted to be a country with a foundation that would allow anyone to have a chance to succeed.

The Food and Drug Administration makes sure that the white pills we take

are antibiotics and not baking soda. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration oversees crash tests to make sure our new cars have functioning brakes. The Consumer Product Safety Commission makes sure that babies' car seats don't collapse in a crash and that toasters don't explode.

We are alive, we are healthier, we are stronger because of the government. Alive, healthier, stronger because of what we did together

We are not a country of anarchists. We are not a country of pessimists and ideologues whose motto is, “I've got mine, the rest of you are on your own.” We are not a country that tolerates dangerous drugs, unsafe meat, dirty air, or toxic mortgages.

We are not that nation. We have never been that nation. And we will never be that nation.

The political minority in the House that condemns government and begged for the shutdown had its day. But like all the reckless and extremist factions that have come before it, its day will pass—and the government will get back to the work we have chosen to do together.

Senator Elizabeth Warren

Patchwork Central's Holiday Art Sale

Saturday, November 9 9:00am—3:00pm ~ Free Admission ~

Unique handmade gifts by local artists

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Upcoming Events & Activities

Friday, November 1: 7pm Drum Circle

Saturday, November 2: 10am CROP Walk

Sunday, November 3: 9am Adult Discussion Group

10am Beyond Genes: Social Evolution

Monday, November 4: 6pm Down to Earth meeting

7pm Board meeting

Tuesday, November 5: 7pm Pagan Study Group (Planning for Yule Celebration)

Wednesday, November 6: 6:15pm RE meeting

Sunday, November 10: 10am Myths of the Military

1:30pm RE Sponsored Trip to Wesselman's (sign-up sheet in foyer)

Monday, November 11: 6pm Down to Earth meeting

Tuesday, November 12: 7pm Pagan Study Group

Friday, November 15: 3:30pm United Caring Shelter Dinner (sign-up sheet in foyer)

Sunday, November 17: 9am Adult Discussion Group

10am The Great Agnostic

Monday, November 18: 6pm Down to Earth meeting

Tuesday, November 19: 7pm Pagan Study Group

Thursday, November 21: 11:30am-1pm Brown Bag Book Club

Sunday, November 24: 10am Service

3-5pm Dances of Universal Peace

Monday, November 25: 6pm Down to Earth meeting

Thursday, November 28: 2pm Thanksgiving Dinner (sign-up sheet in foyer)