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- October 6—
Animal Blessings
- October 13—
Meanings and
Uses of Silence
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Look to the
Children
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Rev Forrest
Gilmore

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Safe Congregations Policy

As UUs, while we strive to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of all who come in our doors, we also are adamant about keeping UUCE a safe place for us all to explore and grow, especially our children. To that end, in 2009, UUCE adopted a Safe Congregations Policy. Adoption of these policies means that:

1. All adults who work with children sign a safety agreement and undergo a background check.
2. Classroom doors have windows in them, and at least two adults are with the children during their RE activities.
3. Parents and guardians are always welcome to join

the children in their activities.

4. There is a prescribed procedure to be followed when someone on the National Sex Offender Registry wishes to attend UUCE. The procedure is designed to facilitate their inclusion whilst actively protecting our children.

There is much less risk with the offender we know about than with the one we don't know—the one who isn't on the Registry, or didn't tell us s/he was on the Registry for fear of being turned away. The Registry can also provide a false sense of security. Many of the people who ARE a danger to children aren't on the

Registry; and many of the people on the Registry aren't a danger to children, and have never harmed a child. We feel our policies address these issues.

We recognize that it has been too long since this policy was reviewed with the congregation and are working to make it and other policies of the church more visible and therefore stronger.

We will be revisiting these policies over the coming year. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in being involved in these reviews.

-Mollie Pharo

92nd Annual West Side Nut Club Fall Festival

Join UUCE at the Fall Festival Monday, October 7 through Saturday, October 12. Look for Booth #13 on Franklin Street in between Wabash Avenue and 10th Avenue across from the rides.

On the menu: spicy black bean soup, bacon brownies, and iced tea. Thanks for your support in making this a successful Fall Festival!



Sermon Topics

October 6—Bring in your animal companion for a **Blessing of the Animals** led by Tom Moor.

October 13—Dr. Frank Young, member and speaker from Terre Haute UU, will talk on **Meanings and Uses of Silence**, Ed Howard worship leader.

October 20—**Look to the Children**, a Multigenerational Service where all ages will gather. Our children will ask questions of church members about living as a UU.

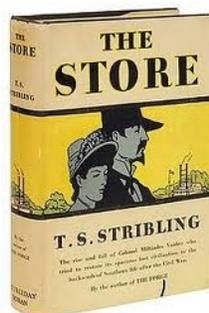
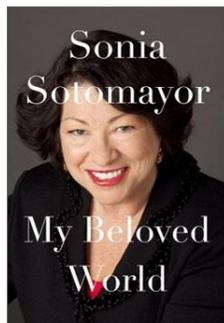
October 27—**TBA**, Reverend Forrest Gilmore returns to preach; Tom Moor worship leader. *Potluck following service.*

Read Any Good Books Lately?

As a retired librarian, I find I am frequently called on to answer the question, “Have you read any good books lately?”

As a matter of fact, I have. And for those who are looking for a good read, I recommend the following books which I read and enjoyed this past summer.

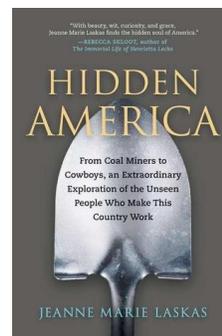
First, an inspiring biography of a bright and courageous woman who overcame the poverty of her Puerto Rican inheritance to become a Supreme Court Justice. The title of the book is *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor.



The second book I recommend is by T.S. Stribling* and entitled *The Store*. It’s a novel about the South in 1885 after the Yankee carpetbaggers, who invaded the Confederacy after the Civil War, had gone back home, leaving it to the dispossessed and the displaced to sort things out.

Finally, I am suggesting you join me and other local readers in the annual “One Book, One Community” effort. The book chosen for this year is *Hidden America* by Jeanne Marie Laskas. The subtitle tells it all: *From Coal Miners to*

Cowboys, An Extraordinary Exploration of the Unseen People Who Make America Work. It’s a real page turner.



Incidentally, the author is scheduled to speak at the Victory Theater on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30PM.

-Mister Ed

*T.S. Stribling’s books are only available at Willard Library. (*My Beloved World* and *Hidden America* were also chosen for our Brown Bag Book Club)

Highlights of September Board Meeting

After the customary committee reports and announcements, Board member Mollie Pharo reported having met with some concerned members who feel we need to raise awareness of our Safe Congregation Policy, particularly in light of the recent controversy arising from having a registered sex offender in regular attendance at our services.

Suggested means of doing this prominently displaying the related policies on the walls of the foyer, posting them on our website, and featuring them in our Religious Exploration registration packets as well as visitor packets.

She suggested an article in the COMPASS (q.v.) intended to relay information as to our history of having a Safe Congregation Policy, noting especially the procedure followed in the event action is required to

accommodate the visitor in question. Mollie wants to assure the congregation that this policy will be followed and that it will be reviewed periodically. After discussion, the Chair referred Mollie's requests to the Communications Committee. She will work with Chris Norrington and Ashley Perkins to expedite these communication efforts.

Under old business, Tina Sizemore, Chair of an Ad Hoc Committee to amend an article in the By-Laws, proposed a change in one item. Presently, Article VII, Section 3 stipulates that to serve on the Church Board, one must have been a member of the Church for at least one year at the time of the election in May. The Committee feels this requirement severely limits the pool of qualified candidates. They propose to change this so that any member of the con-

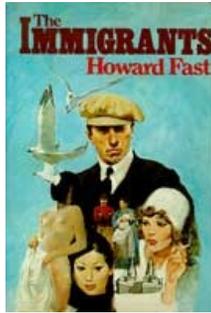
gregation may be elected regardless of the length of time he or she has been a member. After discussion, all Board members agreed to submit the proposed changes to the full Congregation on September 22nd following the service.

Reporting for the Fall Festival Committee, Ed said the cooking of the food to be sold at our booth the first full week in October, was accomplished thanks to the hard work of volunteers assembled by Mary Helen Weldy to assist Linda Sue Cates, and the hospitality of Bethel UCC who permitted us to rent their large and well equipped kitchen. Our menu includes large quantities of black bean soup and 4,500 bacon brownies. They are presently stored in freezers awaiting sale at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival, October 7-12 on Franklin Street.

Halloween Party!!

Attention, ghosts and goblins! The Congregational Life Committee will host the 2nd Annual Halloween Party for all ages on Saturday, October 26 from 7 to 9PM at the church. There will be many fun activities, music, treats, a costume contest. Those attending--children and adults alike--are encouraged (but not required!) to come in costume. If you would like to decorate or carve a pumpkin, please bring one with you.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer so that we'll know approximately how many adults and children to count on. It promises to be a great evening, so plan to be there!



UUCE Book Club

The next meeting is Thursday, October 31 from 11:30am until 1:00pm. Bring your lunch to eat while we discuss this month's book, *The Immigrants* by Howard Fast. All members and friends are welcome!

List of upcoming books and discussion can be found at uucebookclub.wordpress.com

Random Act of Kindness

On the morning of Tuesday, September 17, I had a wonderful experience! At 5:30 I entered the Marathon Moto Mart at Green River Road and Morgan Avenue and was the recipient of a big friendly, welcoming smile from an attractive, younger lady (no more than 35). Being a strongly hormonally-driven German Farm Boy, it really made my day. I have never seen her before or after this encounter nor do I expect to even in such a small village as Evansville. But in the brief moment of the encounter, she gave me a priceless gift: recognition, acceptance, and approval that I was a hu-

man male. Of course, my response was virtually the same: recognition, acknowledgment, and approval of her as a human female. I have felt great for the whole week since.

Then I returned home and read about the Navy Yard bomber in Washington, DC who killed 13 people including himself. I do wonder about serendipity in such instances. I gathered he was angry, isolated, and alienated from the rest of American society. If he had encountered that very pleasant, attractive young lady, would he have committed the same horrid acts? I don't know, but I think not. I certainly was not inclined to go

out and kill someone Tuesday morning. Why: her totally unexpected present that morning had defused any feelings of anger and resentment I might have had. (One of my Psychology courses calls it "Reciprocity" - the desire in humans and other animals to return good for good, a kind of a reversal of the one of the "eye for an eye" teaching in the Old Testament. I think that America will never progress very far morally and ethically until we burn and bury the Old Testament. Until then, I will do my best to spread her message far and wide.

-Hardin Rathgeber

Freedom From Fear: 22nd Annual Peace with Justice Weekend

October 18-20, 2013
Zion United Church of Christ, 437 First St., Henderson, KY

The theme this year is "Freedom From Fear," inspired by the countless incidents of gun violence that have taken place throughout the country.

Featuring:

- Keynote Speaker Rev. Mari Castellanos, Policy Advocate for Domestic Issues with the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries in Washington, DC
- Workshop Leaders Fran and Ann Frellick, peace and justice activists from Fort Wayne, IN

- Susan Fowler, Evansville artist and environmentalist who uses her art, music, sign language, and storytelling to illustrate peace and justice issues in her all-ages workshops.
- Opening night coffeehouse introducing the weekend's leaders and featuring music and readings, fair trade coffee, and finger food.

Full registration: \$40; \$25 for students. Separate fees for individual events if not fully registered.

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Upcoming Events & Activities

Wednesday, October 2: 6:15pm RE
Committee Meeting at Chalice
House

Friday, October 4: 7pm Drum Circle

Sunday, October 6: 10am Blessing of
the Animals

Monday, October 7: 6pm Down to
Earth Support Group

Monday, October 7—Saturday, Octo-
ber 12: Fall Festival, see us at Booth
#13

Sunday, October 13: 10am Meanings
and Uses of Silence

Monday, October 14: 6pm Down to

Earth Support Group
7pm Board Meeting

Friday, October 18: 3:30pm United
Caring Shelter Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, October 18-Sunday, October
20: Freedom from Fear, 22nd Annual
Peace with Justice Weekend in Hen-
derson

Sunday, October 20: 10am Look to
the Children

Monday, October 21: 6pm Down to
Earth Support Group

Tuesday, October 22: 7pm Pagan
Study Group

Wednesday, October 23: 6:30pm
Congregational Life Committee
Meeting

Saturday, October 26: 7-9pm Hallow-
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Sunday, October 27: 10am Rev
Forrest Gilmore returns to preach;
potluck following service

Monday, October 28: 6pm Down to
Earth Support Group

6pm CAJE Annual Assembly at
Nazarene Baptist Church on Walnut
Street

Thursday, October 31: 11:30am-1pm
Brown Bag Book Club

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