



# Unichord

FEBRUARY 2015



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ELGIN

## Flock Together on Feb. 21

The UUCE Service Auction is always a highlight of our church year because of the great fun we have that night; the creative items that we can buy and add to our calendars; and the fact that it's the single

largest annual fundraiser for our beloved church. We've set some lofty goals in order for this year's event to top the last one, and the building excitement leads us to believe we're on the right flight path!

# Birds of a Feather

Get ready to take off with us on Saturday, February 21! Silent Auction items will be displayed throughout the first floor beginning at 5:30, while culinary delights are served at the Birdhouse Tapas Buffet. Partake in some One-in-the-Hand Cocktails at the beverage table, while the 50/50 raffles flutter around with your chance to score big! The live auction follows at 8:00 up in the Bird Sanctuary and the variety of fun offerings there should make it impossible to put your head in the sand.

In preparation for the big night, please consider offering some great items of your own. We'll be sharing many idea starters over the next few weeks and previous years' catalogs are available to peruse at

[www.uuceHoliday.com](http://www.uuceHoliday.com). Silent Auction items are due in by February 15 and Live Auction items by February 18, but please consider getting them in sooner so that our volunteers don't have to be night owls making the catalogs. Plenty of volunteers are needed to help out before/during/after, and sponsorships are also a crucial way you can help make the evening a success. Sign-up sheets are on the Auction Volunteer table in the main hallway where someone will be available on Sundays to help answer any questions you might have.

One last note, please keep your fledglings at home, this event is for mature birds only and no childcare will be provided. See you on the 21st!

# Lise's Letter

Can you feel it? Even though it's late January (February by the time you read this), a time when folks are usually low energy and recovering from the holidays, there seems to be more excitement and a happy buzz in the air at UUCE. I've been feeling and seeing it for a couple of months now, and people have commented on it to me as well. It's so lovely to witness and be a part of! I think it's all because of UUCE's hard work and the loving commitment of care and friendship that is deep in UUCE's DNA.

UUCE has really done well during this interim period. We've looked deeply at church systems, revamping where necessary and desired, and creating some new ways of being, too. Following are just a few of the things we've done and are doing. We had a fun "invite a friend to UUCE" Sunday. The Decking the Halls used a new format that created lots of energy and fellowship. We've seen more involvement in the community with Green Sanctuary and social justice efforts. (Check out the One Billion Rising billboard on Hwy 31 with UUCE's name on it). The Board is starting to make plans for a vision of new membership and all kinds of growth—not just numerical. Then there's UUCE's wonderful Search Committee! Wow, have they been working hard. Several colleagues have called to talk to me about UUCE and I have been so happy and pleased to recommend this congregation to them. I hope everyone here pours themselves a beverage of choice and just sits for a moment to think about how well UUCE has done and is doing. Really—do it!

We'll spend the next six months building on our momentum and then celebrating. The Stewardship Committee is working hard to plan our next stewardship campaign that will continue to lay the groundwork for where UUCE wants to go. Mark March 1 and March 8 on your calendar as important days to be at

UUCE and start thinking about the role this wonderful congregation plays in your lives and how you'd like to contribute. Mark Ewert, and probably others, say there's a sweet spot to generosity and it's where three points meet: 1. What the world needs; 2. What feeds or sustains us personally; and 3. Where our gifts of talent and financial resources are. After you've had your beverage of choice and celebrated UUCE's accomplishments, sit there a little while longer and think about where your sweet spot of generosity is.

It has been a wonderful gift to walk with you during this interim time and I'm so excited to see how things unfold!

Blessings and love,  
—Lise

Reverend Lise Adams Sherry,  
Interim Minister

## AH-ptth!!

Are you sounding like this? Don't worry, you're in good company. There is plenty of sneezing and germ-splattering still to be had. As a gentle reminder, please stay home from church if you're exhibiting contagious symptoms. Some folks may also be taking the extra precaution of not wanting to shake hands during greeting time; please know this doesn't mean they love our community any less. Here's to all our health. Santé!

Rev. Lise will be gone Feb. 2-13. She will be attending a minister's meeting in California followed by vacation time with her family in Oregon.

## Need a Hand?

The Care Team coordinates the church's efforts in caring for members and friends at significant and/or vulnerable times in their lives. Contact [Leslie Yoshitani](#) or [Rev. Lise Adams Sherry](#) with such concerns.

# A Month of Sundays: February

## 2/1: Darling and Powerful Brigid

Feb. 2 is Imbolc, the earth centered holiday that celebrates the beginning of spring. Saint Brigid, who is associated with Imbolc, is thought to be based on a fertility goddess that brings new birth to the earth. It's a time of celebration and we'll weave this holiday into a look at how our society is renewing its efforts to prevent violence against women and the One Billion Rising event taking place at the Gail Borden Library Feb. 14. Service led by Reverend Lise Adams Sherry.

## 2/8: The "G" Word

The many ways the word god is used. Sermon author: Dan Brosier. Service led by Valerie Howells.

## 2/15: Our Fourth Principle

"We covenant to affirm and promote the free and responsible search for truth and meaning." This is one of my favorite UU principles because we love to learn and explore. There's a powerful word in there, though—"responsible." How does this word both open and limit our explorations? Service led by Reverend Lise Adams Sherry.

## 2/22: Something Lighter

I'm not sure what we'll reflect on, but I'm looking for something fun and maybe even whimsical. Service led by Reverend Lise Adams Sherry.

*Services begin at 10:30*

## Stewardship is Good Stuff

February 21 will find me at the annual UUCE Service Auction. There will be a lot of good food, drink and of course lots of fun. I will walk around and check out the silent auction and likely bid on some nice items. I will go upstairs and bid on some really terrific goods and services. Future great parties, food and drink will be the target of my bidding.

At the Annual Auction I will come away with tangible "stuff." This is an absolutely terrific fund raiser for our UUCE.

Right after the auction we will be hitting the ground running with our Annual Stewardship Campaign. This isn't so much about buying "stuff." Or is it?

I think a continuing and strong Religious Education and Exploration program is pretty good "stuff."

I feel strongly that an ongoing, multi-generational music program is also some pretty good "stuff."

Properly funding our staff, fellowship (coffee hour), child care, grounds upkeep and other critical programs are pretty good "stuff."

I am certain that our new minister coming on board represents some pretty good "stuff" on many levels.

While this more spiritual and practical stuff may have a little less flash and may not be as much fun in a self-indulgent, feel good way, it is still vitally important. Closing the gap between our current giving and the 3% of our income level, identifying us as "generous givers," may not be fun, but it sure feels wonderful.

Keeping the lights on isn't necessarily fun stuff, but it does enable all other things in our church. Properly paying new and existing staff may not be exciting, like going to a party, but this is the right thing to do and we must do it.

The list goes on and on, but you get the idea. If we are only spending our treasure, our time and talents on the fun stuff, we are missing a huge part of who we are as members and friends of UUCE. The great news is that we can do both!

—**Tim Closson**  
Stewardship Committee

# Lifespan Religious Exploration and Education



A new adult spirituality program, "Writing as a Spiritual Practice," begins February 1. This program will use some content to motivate and inspire participants in their writing, and will explore

some aspects of writing that one may not usually associate with the practice. Elizabeth Closson will facilitate the class which will meet in Room 301 on Sunday mornings at 9:00, so feel free to try it out.

Last month, seven of our high school youth met with the youth from the Hinsdale Unitarian Church to help finalize plans for the upcoming mini-conference. Our group was energized meeting them, and are excited about helping out at the mini-con the weekend of January 30. They would like to plan and host a mini-con next year, so this will be a good experience for them.

For February, the service auction is the main event, so things in religious exploration and education are a bit quieter. However, we will be hosting a Chinese New Year potluck on February 15 after the service. Since our program is focusing on world religions this year, we will take this fun holiday as an opportunity to learn a little bit more about the Chinese New Year and some of the cultural and spiritual aspects of it. Bring a dish to share (Chinese food would be wonderful, but any dish certainly welcome!) and wear the color red- which is for good luck.

Here is what is happening this month:

## February 1

Adult Spirituality at 9:00 in room 301  
Preschool "Cooperation"  
K-2 "Sacred Places"  
3-5 "The 100th Name"  
6-8 "Visiting a Synagogue"  
High School "Beloved Community Part 2"

## February 8

Adult Spirituality at 9:00 in Room 301  
Preschool "People of All Colors"  
K-2 "Rama & Sita"  
3-5 "Sufi Stories"  
6-8 "Games Day"  
High School Brunch at a local restaurant

## February 15

Adult Spirituality at 9:00 in Room 301  
Preschool "Chinese New Year"  
K-2 "Savitri"  
3-5 "Confucianism"  
6-8 "Chinese Religions"  
High School Topic to be determined

## February 22

Adult Spirituality at 9:00 in Room 301  
Children's Chapel – preschool through 5th grades at 10:30 in Room 302  
Preschool "Our Bodies"  
K-2 "Games Day"  
3-5 "Taoism"  
6-8 "Hinduism"  
High School Topic to be determined

In Faith,  
— **Kathy Underwood**  
Director of Religious  
Exploration and Education

The Afternoon Book Group will meet at 12:30 on Monday, February 23, to discuss "[The Sense of an Ending](#)" by Julian Barnes. Place TBD. On March 30 they will discuss "[The Warmth of Other Suns](#)" by Isabel Wilkerson. Contact [Alice Macy](#).

# President's Reflections



There is a sense of excitement at UUCE. Birds of a Feather are flocking and organizing for the auction, and of course a new year and a new beginning always brings hopeful aspirations.

This year is a little different, however. Our dedicated search committee informs us that we have received many inquiries (over ten) for the Settled Minister position, and that we are about to winnow the list down to a "short list" of only a few (less than four). I don't know about you, but I can't wait. I feel like a kid anticipating Santa Claus.

But while we wait for the search and selection process to be completed, we have to run the church, minister to people in need, and be activists in causes UU supports. So, you might say our "to do" list is already long, and to add another item borders on being a little crazy. Nevertheless, opportunity like this does not present itself very often. I am talking about adding GROWTH to our list of things

to address. I think it's a very opportune time for the congregation to talk about GROWTH, and to begin taking concrete steps toward that objective. I understand it's a sensitive topic, but I believe the time is ripe to address the issue. I'm confident that the congregation is ready and eager to talk about GROWTH and to do it in a manner that is respectful to everyone who has something to say, for or against.

As for me, I wholeheartedly support GROWTH, but that's just me. I base my support on my own set of beliefs and reasons, but I would add that they are pretty much consistent with those that are outlined and discussed in the UUA's website. I urge you to go to [UUA.org](http://UUA.org) and search the site using the term "growth". You will be directed to a page where you will find lots of helpful resources and discussions about GROWTH.

—Jun Yoshitani  
President,

UUCE Board of Trustees

## Snow Shoveling Volunteers Needed

First, a bit of explanation...

UUCE has a snow removal service; however, due to prohibitive costs, we do not have them come out unless it snows more than 2". But as we all know, a snowfall of less than 2" can still be difficult to deal with, especially for the less able-bodied among us.

For those times during the week when we get some snow, but not enough to warrant the snow removal service to come out, the church staff clears the walkways in front of the doors.

We are seeking weekend volunteers—people who can come out to church in the event of

measurable snowfall of up to 2" that falls between Friday evening (after staff goes home) and Sunday morning (before 9:00).

The volunteers would need to shovel (and salt when needed) the concrete apron leading from the parking lot to the front door, as well as the sidewalk along the back parking lot and the walkway leading up to the back door. This needs to be done prior to 9:00 Sunday morning.

Snow shovel and salt provided by the church!

Contact Andrea Schmidlin at [andrea.schmidlin@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.schmidlin@gmail.com).

# Ministerial Search Finalists Selected

We have a list!

We're back at it. That's not to say that our holidays were uneventful. In fact, we completed a significant project—the Congregational Packet. Of course, this milestone would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance from another of our Search Committee irregulars. This time, we were ably supported by Todd Underwood. Like new parents, we are pretty proud of this new arrival. So proud, in fact, that we'd like to share it with you. So, check out our labor of love at [uuce.org/packet](http://uuce.org/packet). I honestly recommend it to you, especially since you are essentially the stars of the packet with a little help from our beautiful building. I'll wait while you indulge yourself.

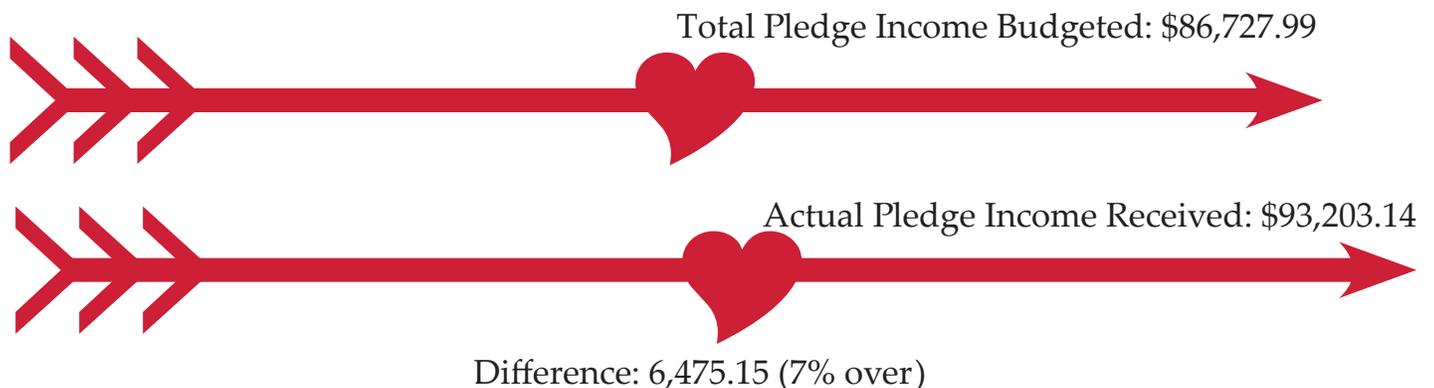
Welcome back. I hope you enjoyed the interlude of seeing yourself. Anyway, to pick up where I left off, we're back at it. After a well deserved rest on New Year's Day (by the way, Happy New Year to all of you), on January 2nd, we received our list of candidates from the UUA Ministerial Transitions Office in Boston. While I cannot reveal details about the individuals on the list, we can say that a significant number of candidates expressed interest in us. How many you ask? Well, twelve ministers did so (for the scientists and mathematicians, 12 did so). The Pulpit Posse has reviewed

the Ministerial Records submitted by the candidates. At the time I'm writing this, your Pulpit Posse is in the process of conducting phone interviews with each of the ministers. I'm sure your ears are burning because we've spent a week at this point hearing great things about our church and its members from these candidates who want to come to UUCE. The whole Posse really can't help being re-energized because it brings back into focus what all of this effort is about. Plus, we are talking to some outstanding people—one of whom we will be submitting for your final approval.

Without getting too far ahead of the process, by the time you read this, we will have narrowed the list of acceptable candidates to 3 or 4 choices. We will then schedule weekends for that group (called the pre-candidates) to come to the area in February and March to preach for the Posse in neutral pulpits and to spend some quality time together to ensure the fit is right for both the minister and for our church. That's as far as I'm going to take us this time. I have to save something for you next month. Also, just writing it down is getting me excited. I hope you are as well.

Until next month,  
— [Dan Hislip](#)  
High Sheriff, Pulpit Posse

## Pledges Looking Good



# Go 100% Renewable

Our mantra **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE** prioritizes these classic green choices:

- 1- Buy less and choose items with the least packaging
- 2- Reuse what you own rather than buying new
- 3- Recycle everything possible to give it another life and keep it out of the landfill

We feel pretty successful at #3 **RECYCLE** since waste management services are widely available. They collect recyclable items at the curb, remove the **SOILED** recyclables and the non-recyclable **TRASH**, then bale up the good stuff for resale to manufacturers. Unfortunately, it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to pull out stuff that should have gone in the garbage, and if they miss too much, the bale will be contaminated. These cannot be sold, and will end up in the landfill anyway — despite our good intentions.

## HELPFUL TIPS:

- All recyclables **MUST BE CLEAN** (that means no food residue or oily stains — think **PIZZA BOXES**).
- Not all plastics are recyclable **AND** not all plastics without the identifying stamp must be thrown away (think **BOTTLE CAPS**).
- Not all recyclables are accepted by every waste management business — know your city's policies.
- **ALL IN ALL** — if in doubt, throw it out! Better to keep the process working at a reasonable cost.

But **WAIT** — Do you know exactly what your waste management contractor will take? It's likely to be different from one town to another.

The **GREEN TEAM** is going to gather that information and see where the gaps are: for example, **NO ONE TAKES STYROFOAM....** unless you're willing to take it to Aurora....

## Red Cherry Challenge Update

Thanks for buying coffee! We've already sold 136 pounds of the 250 pounds of

Equal Exchange coffee we pledged to sell by May 31st!



Ten cents for every pound purchased goes to the Red Cherry Fund, providing critical support to farmers as they confront the challenges of climate change in sustainable, innovative ways. Their harvests are shrinking, and their livelihoods are at risk. Together, we can help farmers grow bountiful red coffee cherries for generations to come. Choosing Fair Trade coffee supports a more just, democratic and healthy system of farming and trade. Your coffee purchases also support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

# Adult R. E. Writes Again

The Adult Religious Education class beginning February 1 was inspired by an earlier class on Everyday Spiritual Practices. One of those common practices, writing, is the basis of our group experience of the next six or seven weeks.

We will not be working on the Great American Novel, epic poetry or anything of the sort. Instead we'll focus on writing for our own personal pleasure and exploration. Some of us may want to explore our past, or our emotions, write our memoirs or other specialized goals. Some may find this a great way to get in touch with the spiritual aspects of our lives.

Even if you have no "goals" at all, or think you "can't write," you are invited and encouraged to come play with some thoughts and a piece of paper. Who knows; you may find your inner voice in there....

Our discussion will include some content to motivate and hopefully inspire us. We can discuss the process of doing our work and as little or much as we want of the actual words we get on paper. My hope is that at the end of our sessions at least some of us will decide we'd like to continue supporting each other in an ongoing small group to meet at whatever time and schedule we decide.

This is a general outline of our topics. Week 1: Some Tools and Basics and making a group covenant, Week 2: Writing as a Spiritual Practice, Week 3: Concentrating and Details, Week 4: Gaining Compassion for Ourselves, Week 5: Using Body Awareness for Writing, Week 6: Other Sources of Inspiration, Week 7: Using Our Five Senses and Where do we go from here?

Please come give us a try, even if you aren't sure what it's all about. And if you are interested, but 9:00 on Sunday does not work for you, let me know that too.

—Elizabeth Closson

## Calendar Highlights

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 10:30

### ADULT REE

Sundays at 9:00 in room 301

### AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

February 23 at 12:30—offsite

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 18 at 7:00

### BUDDHISTS

Thursdays at 7:00

### EXECUTIVE TEAM

February 11 and 25 at 11:00 and 4:00

### CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY AND POTLUCK

February 15 at 11:45

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 10 at 7:00

### GREEN SANCTUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15 at 12:00 in room 301 (the couch room)

### LANDSCAPE TEAM PLANNING MEETING

February 15 at 12:00 in room 302

### PAGAN UNITY IMBOLC RITUAL AND POTLUCK DINNER

February 1 at 5:00

**UNICHORD DEADLINE**  
February 15!

The recipient of our February Share the Plate is Faith in Place—a Chicago based interfaith organization that works to educate and advocate for our environment. They were part of UUCE's Solar Social event last summer.

### SEARCH COMMITTEE

Wednesdays at 7:00

### SERVICE AUCTION

February 21

### VOCAL ENSEMBLE PRACTICE

Thursdays at 7:30

*Check the church's online calendar for the most current information.*

# Happy Birthday!

1	Dotty Carringi	13	Taylor Kremer
1	Susan Hedke	13	Aleks Lesiewicz
2	Lydia Larabee	16	Cheren Waller
2	Ben Holish	17	Kyle Brinker
5	Kathie Wachholder	17	Steve Stultz
6	Gloria Yaeger	22	Sandy James
6	Anne Bedard	23	Savannah Underwood
7	Bob Jackson	23	Diana Kremen
8	Tim Closson	26	Greg Schmidlin
10	Anne Branstrator	29	Carl Deitrick
12	David Clough		

*If we missed your birthday this month, we apologize.  
Please let us know and we will add it to the list.*



## Kudos!

From Rev. Lise: Thanks to Anne Bedard and Carl Deitrick for their wonderful service to UUCE as a nursery care provider and bookkeeper respectively. The Search Committee is continuing to rock UUCE's world! Mike Moutrie and all the folks working to organize the best service auction yet. Elizabeth Closson for her 1.5 years as UUCE president and Jun Yoshitani for stepping into the presidential vacuum. The Aesthetics Team for organizing the beautiful holiday decorations and everyone else for being a wonderful part of UUCE.

## Help Wanted with Recycling Center in Fellowship Hall

**Joe Masonick** has been collecting used batteries, CFL bulbs, and inkjet cartridges at church for a few years. He is seeking some assistance with this effort. Help is needed to take the used batteries and CFL bulbs for safe disposal.



# "We Are Here"

Years → ↓Months	2013	2014	2015
Jan	Dan announced upcoming retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition process refined</li> <li>Interim Ministry Progress Report completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister's Packets begin to arrive from interested candidates</li> </ul>
Feb		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition Covenant groups</li> <li>Roadmap Timeline published</li> <li>'Who We Are' portion of some services based on History Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC members review packets and conduct phone interviews</li> </ul>
Mar	Focus groups' feedback informed plan for Interim Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission &amp; Vision review guides UUCE future &amp; search for <b>Settled Minister (SM)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC performs final search activities</li> </ul>
Apr	Interim Minister Task Force (IMTF) formed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congregation provides input to BoT &amp; T-Team via activities such as meetings and focus groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neutral pulpits *2</li> <li>Candidate week *3</li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IMTF Interviews candidates and makes recommendation to Board of Trustees (BoT)</li> <li>BoT hires Interim Minister (IM)</li> </ul>	Establish settled minister Search Committee (SC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Minister continues Ministry and Pastoral Care through end of contract</li> </ul>
Jun	Lise Adams Sherry hired as Interim Minister (IM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministerial Settlement Representative (MSR) from UUA engages with SC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goodbye party (T-Team)</li> </ul>
Jul		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SC creates Congregational Record (CR) *1</li> </ul>	
Aug	Interim minister arrives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Search Committee (SC) polls congregation regarding ministerial preferences</li> </ul>	
Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interim Ministry begins</li> <li>UUCE gets to know IM</li> </ul>		
Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition Team (T-Team) formed &amp; begins to meet</li> </ul>		
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History workshops held ("Sharing Our Stories")</li> </ul>	CR Completed	Settled Minister arrives
Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T-Team reps available for post-service discussions</li> </ul>		

## Terms & Definitions

\*1 **Congregational Record (CR)**: A UUA online document that the every church must complete prior to beginning the search for a settled minister. It includes detailed information about all aspects of the church: size, committees, lay leadership, ministry, finances, etc., to inform potential candidates. Only candidates and UUA staff may view the CR.

\*2 **Neutral Pulpits**: Churches where neither UUCE members nor the candidate is known.

\*3 **Candidate Week**: The final candidate visits UUCE and provides the sermon on two consecutive Sundays

WE ARE HERE

Do you have questions about the ministerial search process? Waylay Dan Hislip, Sheriff of the Pulpit Posse. On Sunday mornings he can usually be found on the 'bride's side' (on the left as you face the front of the Sanctuary), somewhere near the back. Or you can send him an email at [dwhislip@gmail.com](mailto:dwhislip@gmail.com).

# UUCE Board of Trustees Minutes

Board of Trustees  
November 19, 2014

Members present:

Dan Kalkbrenner, Elizabeth Closson, Jun Yoshitani, Rev. Lise Adams Sherry, Tim Davis.

## I. Opening

- a. Centering
- b. Approval of Agenda
- c. One-minute check-ins

## II. Approval of October 2014 minutes

## III. Book discussion – “Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times” – chapter three

## IV. Reports

### a. Financial report/ Earmarked funds report

- i. Presented by Jamie
- b. Minister’s report
  - i. Need to determine who will have the second key to the UUCE safe deposit box.

- c. Executive Team report
  - i. Seeking resolution of tax bill for the cell tower land which is paid by AT&T. Need to determine if we sold the land or leased it.

- ii. Christmas Eve donations will again be used for the Minister’s Discretionary Fund. This is past practice. Lise will write about this in her monthly Unichord article.

- d. Transition Team report
  - i. Next meeting in December

### e. Personnel Task Force report

- i. Discussed the draft of comp time for non-exempt employees for the personnel manual. To be reviewed for December’s meeting.

- ii. Bookkeepers Job Description. Motion made by Jun Yoshitani and seconded by Dan Kalkbrenner to approve the Bookkeepers Job Description. Motion passed. Lise and Jamie will coordinate posting the position.

### f. Policy Governance Task Force report

- i. Motion made by Jamie Yucuis to approve the final draft of the Policy Governance document. Seconded by Jun Yoshitani. Motion passed.

### g. Stewardship planning report

- i. Committee has met and is planning to meet early in December. Work and planning is underway.

### h. DRE report

- i. Reviewed.

## V. Unfinished Business

### a. CAUUC – Jun

- i. BoT recommends to focus on developing local social activism and working within the UU Midwest District Western Crescent Group.

### b. One-Billion Rising – The Long Red Line

- i. Motion to donate \$250.00 of our Outreach Fund to support this Elgin Group. Seconded by Jun Yoshitani. The donation would allow UUCE to appear as a sponsor on a billboard. Motion passed.

### c. Minister as Chief of Staff report – Elizabeth

- i. Elizabeth shared an analysis of the research she has done to date on this topic. We will pick up this topic again in December. Lise suggests looking at feedback from the congregational survey to make sure BoT is in sync with membership.

### d. Bookkeeper job description – Jamie

- e. 2015 Flower Communion
  - i. Celebrate Hanifls' twenty years at this site

- f. Motion made to extend the meeting to 9:10 by Jun Yoshitani and seconded by Jamie Yucuis. Motion passed.

## VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
– Tim Davis, Secretary

## Ways to Get in Touch

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Elgin, IL 60121

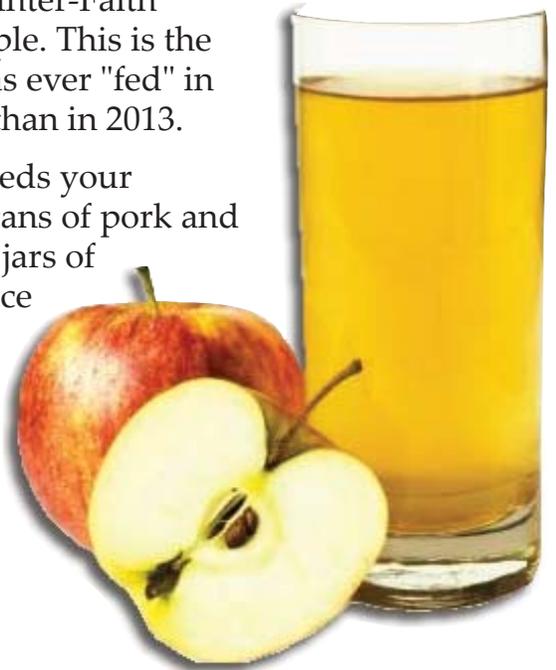
### PHYSICAL LOCATION

39W830 Highland Avenue  
*three miles west of Randall Rd.*

# More People Being Fed

Last year the All People's Inter-Faith Pantry served 24,003 people. This is the most people the Pantry has ever "fed" in one year. It is 8,000 more than in 2013.

This month, the Pantry needs your donations of apple juice, cans of pork and beans, canned fruit, small jars of jelly, one pound bags of rice and pinto beans. Try to bring your contributions on our Pantry Sunday, February 1, but, as always, your donations are welcome any time during the month.



**The Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Elgin**

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*Sunday morning services begin at 10:30*