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Monday, September 28, 2009

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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**Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World**

**Sunday, October 4, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Reason and Reverence: Reclaiming Religious Humanism**  
**Rev. Dr. William Murry**

Religious humanism has been getting a bad rap among Unitarian Universalists in recent years. It's been accused of being too cold and rationalistic, overly optimistic about human nature and lacking in spirituality. However, uniting humanism with religious naturalism, as I do in this sermon, overcomes these problems and creates a vital religious humanism for today's world. We will hold a welcome reception for Rev. Murry on Saturday, October 3rd, 4-5 p.m., Library.

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship**  
**Growing and Changing Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

At this service we will be recognizing and celebrating the changes in our lives as we grow up and grow older. We will enjoy a story, sharing time, and singing together, and will pass on things that we have outgrown to kids in need right here in Bloomington. \*\*\*Please bring a children's book that your family is done with, or shoes that kids have outgrown (sizes toddler 8-child 5).\*\*\* 5:15 Craft, 5:30 Dinner (provided, including a vegan option), 6:15 Worship

**Sunday, October 11, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Caring for Creation Scott Russell Sanders**

In light of the environmental and humanitarian crises that we face, and in light of our responsibility to future generations, how should we lead our lives? What does it mean to see ourselves as belonging to the Creation? What wisdom is bound up in the idea of the Sabbath? These are among the questions that Scott Russell Sanders will consider, as he draws on his newly-published book, A Conservationist Manifesto, to explore some of the religious grounds for an ethic of ecological stewardship. Our Baby Dedication Ceremony will take place during our Children's Moment. (See details, Page 6.)

**Murry's and Sanders's Books Available** Recently published books by Rev. Dr. William Murry and Scott Russell Sanders will be available for purchase between services on the Sundays they are speaking. Both of them will also be available for book signings.

**"Touched by Cancer" Monthly Support Group Starts October 11 – See Page 4.**

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9/30/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers; D. Ogren	10/6/2009	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group: C. Haynes
	11:30 AM	Elder Task Force Picnic Lunch		7:00 PM	Yoga
	6:30 PM	1st & 2nd Grade OWL Orientation	10/7/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven - video night		3:00 PM	Family Dinner Prep
	7:00 PM	Coffee House Cmte		3:00 PM	Life Stories
10/1/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance		5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship
	6:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart		7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		7:00 PM	Our Whole Lives: 1st & 2nd Grade
	8:30 PM	String Band	10/8/2009	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Exec Team
10/2/2009	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte		6:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart
	10:30 AM	Life Stories		6:30 PM	Ego and Archetype
	12:00 PM	Super Staff		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		7:00 PM	UU Choir
10/3/2009	10:00 AM	Nursing Home Visits 101	10/9/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
	4:00 PM	Reception for Rev. Bill Murry		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	7:00 PM	Home football - Ohio State		6:30 PM	Women's Drumming Circle
10/4/2009	10:15 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal		7:00 PM	Reclaiming the Commons Conference
	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force	10/10/2009	10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting
	4:00 PM	Coming of Age Workshop		1:00 PM	Reclaiming the Commons Conference
10/5/2009	12:30 PM	Sabbatical Cmte meeting	10/11/2009	8:30 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Science & Religion: Progress & Purpose		10:00 AM	Intl Outreach Snack Sale
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		10:15 AM	Teacher Breakfast
10/6/2009	8:30 AM	Weekly 9K Walk: D. Halford		10:30 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal
	2:00 PM	Chalice Cir - Backler		12:30 PM	Parent Talk
	6:30 PM	Earth Kin		1:00 PM	Chal Circle - Knowlton
	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers		6:30 PM	Touched by Cancer, support group
	7:00 PM	Bazaar Committee	10/12/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline

## MAM's Musings

Autumnal Greetings. Autumn has arrived with its splendor of brilliant colors, changing weather, and plenty of congregational and community activities. May you take time to savor it all. The fall season also whispers of the oncoming winter months. The Farmers Almanac and at least one Weather Center are predicting a very cold winter season. I want to thank Diane Gregory for attending a meeting to discuss nightly homeless shelters in Bloomington this winter. While our building cannot serve as a site, we are looking for someone in our congregation to coordinate members and friends to volunteer at shelter sites. Volunteers would assist another church during their night of hosting a helter. Volunteer trainings will be held on Wednesday, October 14th from 6 to 9 pm at First United Church; Monday, October 19th from 6 to 9 pm at First Christian, and Sunday, October 25th, 2 to 5 pm at Trinity Episcopal. It is only necessary to attend one training. If you are interested in helping coordinate this effort please contact me, ([macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)).

In addition, monetary support is being sought to purchase equipment for each host sheltering church, and provide funding for laundry to be done weekly. Watch this space for more information about ways we can help.

I will be away in mid-October for an intensive retreat with cultural anthropologist Angeles Arrien, which will include practices for cultivating patience and compassion; these practices will be integrated with additional skills to increase effectiveness in leadership, teamwork, conflict resolution and creative problem solving. Reverend Emily Manvel Leite will be available during my absence. And Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson will be available to Reverend Leite for pastoral back-up.

Autumnally yours, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## From the Sabbatical Minister

I was driving down Highway 37 early on one of those bright, cool, end-of-summer mornings that makes me grateful for life. Listening to music, watching a squirrel play precariously at the edge of the road, I was caught up in my thoughts when, in my peripheral vision, I saw a dingy white bread truck rolling backward in the opposite lane with its rear tires in the air.

I'd like to think I'm a reasonable person. I stopped believing in Santa Claus at age five after a detailed investigation into the possibility of his entering my house sans chimney. It took me two weeks to believe the Colts had really won the Super Bowl. But when I saw that 1950s-era panel truck doing a reverse wheelie on 37 North, some unreasonable thoughts shot through my mind.

"Is there a stunt show on the highway? Where are the cameras? Isn't that driver afraid of being hit? How in the world do you do that? Could my truck do that?" Then I realized the hill beside me kept me from seeing the tow truck pulling the bread truck up the road.

Sometimes communication in churches can be that way. Every once in a while, in a board meeting or a class or in passing conversation, some member of my congregation says something that strikes me the wrong way. It seems to come out of nowhere. But if I can pause long enough, I often realize my own experience is leading me to see something that isn't really there.

We do well to ask some questions before we assume ill will from another person. Everyone needs the benefit of the doubt. Usually, there's something we can't see pulling the bread truck.

Reverend Andy Burnette, Sabbatical Minister

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### LGBTQI Celebration Oct 11

Come Out! Stand Up! Sunday, October 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m. a LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Inquiring) Celebration on the Courthouse Lawn. Standing on the Side of Love. Come join us! Everyone is welcome: friends, families, co-workers, and all others! Info, contact Dee Hupp-Sanders, 345-1024.

**The Art of Mental Health 2009** presents five events during the week of October 5th, including a lecture on depression and bipolar disorder; a panel presentation on finding the right mental health provider for you; a public screening for depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorders; a stress management workshop; and a dance featuring Craig Brenner & the Crawdads and friends. See the poster on the community bulletin board for details. --Jane D. McLeod

### Ministers' Availability

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

On call M, W, F afternoons, and Thursdays  
[macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)  
mobile phone: 812-322-0205

She will be away from the office Oct 12-24.  
Rev. Breeden is on sabbatical, Aug-Dec 2009.

### Rev. Andy Burnette, Sabbatical Minister Friday Office Hours

October 16th, 9:00 – 12:00 noon  
November 20th, 9:00 – 12:00 noon



### Membership Coordinator Availability

Membership Coordinator Judy Bennett will be available at church in the meditation room (207b) on Thursdays 9am-11am. If you have questions please come by. Her email is [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org).

## Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden. Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has specific areas of focus. Rev. Breeden is on sabbatical through mid-December.

## New Church Directory Coming

We will be creating a new church directory in October. Please be sure to update your address, email, and phone info by October 22, to Ginger Ko at [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org). If you would be willing to read the directory online, instead of receiving a paper copy in the mail, please let us know. It will save \$\$.

## Women's Alliance Meets October 1

The Women's Alliance will meet October 1 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. Guests are always welcome.

## Chalice Coffee House Oct 30

Mark the date! The Chalice Coffee House on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm is not to be missed. Fun on a Friday with Fine Friends! Come listen to live music and poetry, and enjoy conversation with your UU companions. Meet new friends over a cup of tea or coffee and a snack. Children are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Dave Sharp, [dsharp@sharpdesigns.net](mailto:dsharp@sharpdesigns.net).

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## UUs Changing the World



### Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

#### Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Oct 4

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries: soups,

especially vegetable, pasta, canned meat - chicken, beef, spam, potatoes - canned, dried, instant. Many thanks for your generous donations; we collected 96 pounds of food on Sunday, September 6.

### CROP WALK (Communities Responding to Overcome Hunger) OCTOBER 18

Please stop at the CROP Walk table in the Commons between services on October 4, 11, and 18 to make a donation to Crop Walk or to register as a walker. You may also make a donation online at [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org). If you have questions about the Walk, please contact Harriet Pfister at 339-3364 or at [pfisterh@indiana.edu](mailto:pfisterh@indiana.edu). Let's help eliminate hunger locally and abroad, and show our community that our church is a leader in this cause! Harriet Pfister, Hunger Task Force



### Walbicus to Worship Oct. 11

The last Walbicus (Walk, Bike, Carpool

and/or Bus) to Worship for 2009 is Sunday, October 11. Let's fill the bike racks, empty the parking lot and decrease our carbon footprint!! All participants are invited to stop by the coffee table for a free Walbicus button, compliments of the Green Sanctuary Task Force. Live Green, Make the Connection!

### Clothing Swap October 31

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting a clothing swap on Saturday, October 31 from

9:00-12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Clear out your closets, freshen up your wardrobe and maybe even find a costume, all without increasing your carbon footprint. Info, Stephanie at [kimball.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kimball.stephanie@gmail.com).

### CFLs on Sale for \$1 Each

The Green Sanctuary Task Force has set a goal of selling 350 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) by October 25 to promote and support the mission of 350.org and the International Day of Action on Climate Change. 350 parts per million of CO2 is considered to be the safe upper limit of atmospheric CO2. Help us reach that goal. They're great gifts too!

### Food Inc. Film Showing October 18

Food Inc. is a powerful documentary on the industrial food system, revealing surprising -- and often shocking truths -- about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here. The Green Sanctuary Task Force encourages you to watch this film. Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 and 7:00 pm at the Buskirk Chumley Theater.



### Baby Dedication Ceremony Oct. 11

Our congregation offers several ceremonies each year to celebrate the babies of our community with a dedication ceremony. October 11, 2009 will be the autumnal dedication ceremony. If you would like your baby included in the October 11th ceremony, contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) or Rev. Macklin, [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org). The ceremony will be available for both services. Please let us know which service, 9:15 am or 11:15am, (or both) you would like to participate in by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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### Bring Shoes or a Book to Family Worship October 7th

Everyone is welcome to enjoy dinner as a family at church on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, especially newcomers. A Pasta bar dinner will be served (with gluten-free and vegan options) \$1 suggested donation per person. Family Worship will occur from 6:15-6:45pm; this interactive service is designed for those with young children. Rev. Emily Manvel Leite will lead worship about "Growing and Changing". Families are invited to bring a donation of used children's shoes or books to help others in our community (details follow).

As Unitarian Universalists we teach our children to use our "helping hands and loving hearts" to change the world. We hope your family will be able to use this opportunity to talk about what it means to put our UU beliefs into action.

The Children's Task Force is collecting children's shoes for Head Start Preschools. Head Start has a need for gently used sneakers or boots, toddler sizes through child's size 5 for kids to use on the playground while at school, must have closed toes and closed heels, suitable for running and climbing. The Friends of Prisoners Taskforce provides children's books for the Monroe County Jail waiting room; children are allowed to take books home from the waiting room if they find one they like. Share what you have outgrown and help others in need. We hope you can join us!

Cindy Port, DRE  
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, MRE

### Fellowship Potluck Dinners October

#1 Hosts: Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet Aungst, Pat DeVoe, Libby & Bob Flint, Patsy Richman, Nancy & Jana Anna  
#2 Hosts: BJ Lawrance & Jan Skinner Baus, Bill Gitlitz, Abby Reed, Renee & Stephanie Burks Wittenburg, Doris & Harlan Lewis  
#3 Hosts: Cyndi & Dale Nelson Biggers, Maureen & Tony Reilly Freiburger, Dolores McGahey, Beverly Peek, Mike & Cindy  
#4 Hosts: Ted & Diann Lock Cassidy, Karen & Jack Chaffin, Jon Halford, Don & Mary Andrus-Overley Parkhurst, Dave  
#5 Hosts: Petersen, Paul Hiatt, Cathy & Dick Rob & Joan Hongen Lion, Elizabeth Schau, Natalia & Duane  
#6 Hosts: Tommie & Walt Owens Churchill, Sandy & Fred Holl, Lois & Rick Rice, Harlan Watzel, Ann  
#7 Hosts: Ray & Rita Rust Cusack, George & Maryann Hall, Jackie & Lloyd Orr James, Julie Ogren, Denise & Harold Routsong, Nejla

If you have not yet registered for these dinners and would like to participate, complete a registration form (see a literature rack at the church) and send it to the coordinator, Dixie Welch.

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## **Touched by Cancer Support Group to Begin Oct. 11**

Our congregation's Caring Committee is offering a group for cancer survivors. This group will provide space and time for persons who have experienced or are experiencing cancer first-hand. The group will be facilitated by Will Watt and Ian Woollen who are both cancer survivors and local therapists. The group will meet the second Sunday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., October 11 through May 9. Please contact Ginger Ko in the church office, [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org) to register. Space is limited to 12 participants. If you have questions, please contact either Ian Woollen (339-5655) or Will Watt (829-7255).



### **Earth Note: The 10 Best List**

The following list represents the 10 best companies on the planet based on their

overall social and environmental records:

1. Seventh Generation
2. Working Assets
3. Eden Foods
4. Organic Valley
5. Clif Bar
6. Honest Tea
7. Patagonia
8. Tom's of Maine
9. Ben & Jerry's
10. Aveda

Source: The Better World Shopping Guide, by Ellis Jones (based on 5,000+ hrs. of research & 1000+ companies evaluated) For more detailed data & to see different product category ratings: [www.betterworldshopper.org](http://www.betterworldshopper.org).

## **Grocery Certificates Coordinator Position Available**

Raise funds for the church in an easy way! Become the co-coordinator of the grocery cards fundraiser. Responsibilities include:

- \* Sending schedule reminders to sellers
- \* Filling in as a seller when needed
- \* Promoting the fundraiser to the congregation
- \* Assisting co-coordinator when needed

Please contact Sheri Benham at [sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org](mailto:sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org) or 336-7196 for more information.



### **Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar Dec. 4 and 5 UU Groups Space**

#### **Application Deadline: Nov. 1**

The 51st annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. UU task forces and other non-profit groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by November 1st. Space is limited as you know, so we appreciate your cooperation. Please contact Julie Lawson 335-1856 or [juliakarin.i8@gmail.com](mailto:juliakarin.i8@gmail.com), or Joanne Henriot 323-9941 or [jhenriot@indiana.edu](mailto:jhenriot@indiana.edu) for applications or if you have questions.

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## **Reclaiming the Commons Conference Here October 9-10**

As a part of our Adult Religious Education programming, on Saturday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. here in our Meeting Room, David Bollier, Annenberg Foundation Scholar, whose recent books include *Silent Plunder: The Private Plunder of our Common Wealth* and *The Viral Spiral*, will deliver the major address of the conference, *Reclaiming the Commons*. Scott Russell Sanders will introduce Dr. Bollier. A panel moderated by Elinor Ostrum, Professor at Indiana University, will include representatives from IU Law School, Bloomingsfoods, and others.

Selections from "Hymnody of Earth" by Malcolm Dalglish (text by Wendell Berry) will be performed by Voces Novae, Susan Swaney, Director. Refreshments by Bloomingsfoods. Sponsors include Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, UU Green Sanctuary Task Force and Adult Religious Education, Monroe Co. Religious Leaders, Monroe Co. NAACP, Bloomingsfoods, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, and others.

The focus of this Conference is the many resources that people collectively own—forests, minerals, government research and development, the broadcast airwaves, public schools, cultural spaces—that are being increasingly taken over by private business interests, often with the complicity of the government. This trend represents a modern "enclosure of the commons" – a vast appropriation of common assets that is siphoning revenues from the public treasury, shifting ownership and control from public to private interests, and eroding democratic processes and shared cultural values.

On Friday evening, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Scott Sanders will offer readings

from his recent book, *Conservationist Manifesto*, and a film entitled "Journey to Ladokh" will be shown. The film is a documentary of an ancient culture with a long tradition of a shared commons (water and other resources) that is being thrust into "modernization" with negative consequences.

Both these events are free! Bring your friends!

--Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita

## **Nursing Home Visits 101-- Workshop Saturday, Oct. 3**

Our Elder Focus Task Force will offer a "Nursing Home Visits 101" workshop on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am to 11:30am in our church library. Clarke Miller (former Nursing Home Administrator) and Reverend Macklin will facilitate this workshop as a means to educate, support and encourage those who might be interested in making visits to our congregation members who are in nursing homes. We hope that those who are already making such visits will also join us, so we can share together the rewards and challenges of this ministry.

## **Art in the Windows**

John Crosby's carved and painted ducks, with handcrafted stands by Steve Lessmann, will be on display in the Meeting Room windows through the month of September.

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## Elder Focus Task Force Harvest Ingathering Lunch September 30

Everyone is welcome to the HARVEST INGATHERING sponsored by the Elder Focus Task Force on Wednesday, September 30th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert if you're able. We'll explore some of the topics that came up at the May Elder Brunch. RSVP to Barb Backler ([bbackler@indiana.edu](mailto:bbackler@indiana.edu)) or 876-8368.

## UU Children's Choir Rehearsal Sunday, October 4

UU Children's Choir will sing next in the services on October 11. Upcoming schedule: questions- contact Jill Courtney; [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu) or call 330-8829.  
Sun. 10/4: 10:15-11am, Library  
Sun. 10/11: Sing in Sunday Services: (RSVP to Jill which service (or both) your child will be singing!)  
8:30: Meet in Rm. 212 for warm-up/rehearsal; Sing Prelude & Gift of Music in 1st Service  
10:30: Meet in Rm. 212 for warm-up/rehearsal; Sing Prelude & Gift of Music in 2nd Service.



Theodore Barker remembers to fasten his seatbelt on the way to Mexico with Rev. Breeden.

## Dr. Murry Special Guest in Our Pulpit on October 4

On Sunday, October 4, in celebration of our congregation's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we welcome Reverend William R. Murry to our pulpit, who was our minister from 1977 to 1980. He indicates that our congregation was very helpful to him in learning about being a Unitarian Universalist minister. While he was in Bloomington he served on the board of Planned Parenthood and helped to found Bloomington Hospice. He served River Road Unitarian Church in Bethesda, Maryland, and was later President and Academic Dean of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, retiring in 2004 to Annapolis, Maryland. Publications include "A Faith for all Seasons: Liberal Religion and the Crises of Life (1990) and "Reason and Reverence: Religious Humanism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" (2006). There will be a welcome reception for Rev. Murry on Saturday, October 3, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fuchs Library at church.

## Our Folks...

Reverend Breeden sent a note recently to say they have arrived safely in Mexico and are having fun adventures.

Congratulations to Carol Marks, who was heard reading her poetry on WFIU on Sunday, September 27.

### Attendance

Sun, Sep 20, 9:15:	99;	11:15:	191;	RE:	128	
					Total:	<b>418</b>
Sun, Sep 27, 9:15:	94;	11:15:	174;	RE:	80	
					Total:	<b>348</b>
Sun, Sep 20 non-pledge offering:					\$	407
Sun, Sep 27 non-pledge offering:					\$	494
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club						<b>\$ 225</b>

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## What Does The Membership Coordinator Do?

If you are new to the church, or if you have been around for a while, and have some questions about programs, task forces, or how to join the choir, you need to contact the Membership Coordinator, Judy Bennett. Judy can give you information about opportunities, and put you in contact with people that you would like to meet. Look for Judy on Sundays between the services at coffee hour. You cannot miss her eye-catching hat! She is also available in the sanctuary after the second service. During the week Judy can be reached by calling the church phone number 332-3695, by email [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org) or by visiting her in room 207B for coffee or tea on Thursdays 9am-11am. Judy Bennett, [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org)

## Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If you would like to officially become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, October 18 between the services at 10:30 am in room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements for signing the membership book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [stephw3@yahoo.com](mailto:stephw3@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, October 14.

## Tuesday 9K Walk: October 6

Don Halford organizes a 9K walk every Tuesday. If you would like to participate, contact Don, [dhalford@acm.org](mailto:dhalford@acm.org)

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## Requesting and Utilizing Childcare Note for Committee and Task Force Chairs:

Because of continuing growth in demand for childcare at our wonderful church events, we ask everyone's help with the following guidelines.

**SCHEDULING** - Whenever possible, let Carol Marks know you need childcare for an event by the 20th of the month before the event. Our childcare coordinator Kelly Martel schedules childcare shifts a month at a time, during the last week of the (preceding) month. Requests must be made 14 days in advance. This is to insure that we have sufficient staff to cover all requests.

**CHECK IN WITH CHILDCARE - NEW!** Please check in with the childcare staff in Room 108 before your event begins. Staff should arrive 15 minutes before the meeting or event.

Introduce yourself to the staff, let them know where your meeting or event will be in the building, how many children you are expecting, and tell them what to do if no children arrive after the first 20 minutes or so. Is it okay for them to leave after 30 minutes or do you want them to check in with you before they go? Do you expect anyone to arrive late? Releasing the staff early if childcare is not needed after all will help us save on our childcare budget.

**CANCELING CHILDCARE** - If canceling childcare for an event, send an email to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) and [kellymartel@comcast.net](mailto:kellymartel@comcast.net)

This redundancy will help us receive the information in a timely manner.

**CHECK THE CALENDAR ONLINE** - Check the church calendar online at "Full Calendar" at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) to see if childcare has been scheduled for an event.