

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit

Building Community

Changing the World

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January 13
Rev. MAM's Annual
Science Review Sermon
9:15 & 11:15

Later the same day:
Green Sanctuary
Vegetarian Potluck--
Celebrating Roots
6:00 p.m.

February 3 & 10
Reverend Breeden
in the pulpit
Reverend Macklin will be
away from the office
February 2-12

February 10
Habitat Task Force
Fundraising Breakfast
10:15-11:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 9 – Saturday, January 12

A Labyrinth for Meditation, in the Meeting Room

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite will create a labyrinth for walking meditation in our Meeting Room this week. At the turning of the year, walking a labyrinth can create an opportunity for intentional re-centering in your life. You are invited to come seek the spirit in our labyrinth this week. It will be open during the following hours, for anyone who wishes to use it. Please enter the building at the Office entrance (west) or Portico entrance (north), and let a staff member or the labyrinth volunteer know that you are walking the labyrinth.

Wednesday, Jan 9 --	1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 10 –	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan 11 –	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 12 –	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Annual Science Review Sermon: In Harmony with Science **Subtitled: What the Higgs?!** **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin** **Special Guest Appearance: Harold Ogren**

Reverend Macklin will offer her annual review and reflections on scientific discoveries and advances from 2012. We will explore topics from such areas as human origins, environment, physics, math, astronomy, health, mind, brain, and technology. Then, as liberal religious seekers, we will ponder these things in our hearts.

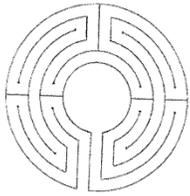
Getting Involved Fair, Sunday, January 13

Looking for a way to get more involved in church activities? Tables will be set up by groups/committees which welcome your participation. Browse the groups, find out about their activities, and meet new friends. This is a great opportunity for new folks and visitors to see the wide variety of activities available and to talk with folks from these groups. This fun event will take place after each service. Information contact Judy Bennett memcoord@uubloomington.org

Sunday, January 20, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Beloved Community: In Harmony with Each Other **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and friends**

In this worship service which occurs during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, we will explore King's notion of beloved community and how this concept plays out and does not play out in Unitarian Universalist congregations. Our Children's Choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will participate as part of the MLK, Jr weekend celebration.



MAM's Musings

On Sunday, January 6, we introduced our congregation's January theme of *harmony*. Throughout this month, we will be exploring our theme through many sources, but with a particular emphasis on Taoism. Below is a top ten list which I created as a basic introduction to Taoism. I would say this list is an oversimplification but to oversimplify Taoism feels like an oxymoron, which in and of itself, is rather Taoist. ☺

Tao Ten

- 1) The word Tao (The Way) is a Chinese name for the source that makes universal harmony possible.
- 2) The Tao is within and of nature and can be experienced directly. It is ultimate reality as well as the natural flow of life.
- 3) Taoism affirms such characteristics as: integrity, natural flow, groundedness, the strength found in humility, action in flow with timing, contentment, awareness.
- 4) In general Taoism has two camps: philosophical and religious. Philosophical is grounded in rational and contemplative. Religious Taoism involves more esoteric and mystical elements.
- 5) Tai Chi and Qui gong are expressions of Taoism familiar to folks in modern times.
- 6) Taoism is commonly thought to have come into being in the 6th century BCE.
- 7) The main text of Taoism is the Tao Te Ching
- 8) The authorship of the Tao Te Ching is attributed most often to Lao Tzu, although many current scholars question this attribution.
- 9) Taoism is a significant indigenous philosophy of China, and places life's ultimate principles in nature. Confucianism, which originated about the same time as Taoism, emphasizes harmony through the ordering of social life.
- 10) The Tao Te Ching consists of 5,000 Chinese characters which translates to 81 brief chapters. The contents range from the power of emptiness and paradox to integrity and self knowledge.

To enhance our experience of Harmony, there will be a labyrinth walk available in our sanctuary. Please see Page 1 for details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these Special Events:

Please mark your calendars for **April 7th**. We hope to have our big Stewardship celebration with all of us (both services' worth of people!) in one location on Sunday, April 7. If you know of a location that can handle upwards of 500 people for worship, food and fun, please contact me (macklin@uubloomington.org) and I will pass along the information to Stewardship co-chairs: Mary Boutain and Jackie Hall.

Also, important Heartland District Meeting in Muncie, **April 12th and 13th**. See page 4 for details.

Also, way close by, UUA General Assembly in Louisville, KY **June 19-23**. See page 4 for details.

Peace, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Our Folks...

Our sympathy to Peggy and John Woodcock and their family upon the passing on December 31 of Peggy's father, Harold R. (Cap) Johnson.

Our sympathy also to Maryann and George Cusack and their family upon the passing on January 1 of Maryann's mother, Marie Whisler.

Vegetarian Potluck, Sunday, January 13, 6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Green Sanctuary Task Force Vegetarian Potluck: Celebrating Roots

Eating a vegetarian diet in winter and making choices about where to eat on the food chain. Everyone's invited! See Page 6 for details.

Softly and Tenderly Glenda Breeden's reading "Softly and Tenderly" which she shared at the December 30 services can be read at www.facebook.com/uubloomington in the "Notes" section.



Religious Education Theme Month: Harmony

Theme Month: Harmony (January 6 – February 3)

Two opportunities for exploration:

1) A Labyrinth will be available for walking in our Meeting Room, January 9-12. Please see Page 1 for details.

2) Worship with Stories and Spirit Play for 3s and up Thursday, January 24, 5:30-7PM with Eve Cusack, Jessica Davis, Martha Nord and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Does your spirit need to play? Make time for yourself and/or your family this spring by joining our Spirit Play Story Group. In January, we'll be hearing a traditional Taoist story exploring the theme of Harmony.

This multi-age worship experience includes singing, story, and time for individual exploration and response to the stories through conversation, re-telling the story, spiritual practices, and art. We will close each evening with supper together. Bring food for yourself, or money for pizza if you are able to stay. Stories and Spirit Play is suitable for children and adults ages 3 and older who enjoy sitting quietly in a circle to hear a timeless story, engaging in thoughtful (brief) conversation at an age-appropriate level, and working and exploring independently in a creative, nurturing environment.

Sign up is required for attendance. Please sign up Sunday, January 13 or January 20 at the Adult Religious Education table or by calling or emailing the church office at 332-3695 or office@uubloomington.org.

Questions? Contact Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, mre@uubloomington.org

The Adult Religious Education Prospectus is Coming!

Watch your email this week for the Winter Adult Religious Education Prospectus, and consider starting off 2013 with a new class. Offerings include:

Respectful Conversations with Ruth and Phil Cooper

Humanist Forum with Harold Ogren

Wagner Seminar with Velda Kaune

Exploring the Urantia Book with Dana Bredemeyer

Paganism with Beckie Wagner

Attuning to the Sufi Path with Sharon Parsons and Sara Steffey McQueen

Aging and Spirituality with Bob Taylor and Barb Backler

Still Building Our Own Spiritual Path with Reverend Barbara Child

Spirit Play for ages 3-93 with Eve Cusack, Jessica Davis, Martha Nord, and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Questions? Call or email Reverend Emily at 332-3695 or mre@uubloomington.org



Fun & Friendship at Young Adult Lunches

All young adults (18-35 years) are invited to enjoy good food and good company at Young Adult Lunches, normally held on the 2th and 4th Sunday of each month. Meet us outside of the sanctuary after the 11:15 am service. *Our next lunch, January 13, will be in Room 212. Sura Tala will be joining us for storytelling with the theme of Harmony. We will be having a baked potato bar. Suggested donation \$3.

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Watch our email list or [facebook](#) page for details on social events.

- Shari Woodbury, Young Adult & Campus Ministry Coordinator uucampus@uubloomington.org



Grocery Cards Available Each Sunday

The Grocery Card sellers TURNIP every Sunday in the Commons between services, 10:15-11:00 a.m. Stop by and purchase a card this week! As a special fundraiser, we sell grocery gift cards each Sunday for Bloomingfoods, Kroger, and Marsh. Our budget receives a percentage of your purchase amounts in return. Easy!

UU HISTORY FOR YOU



Akhnaten And The Origins Of Monotheism

We are familiar with some Egyptian art, including the well known bust of Nefertiti and for those who attended it, the King Tut exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York some 40 or 50 years ago. Nefertiti was the queen of Pharaoh Akhnaten and their son was Pharaoh Tutankhamen (King Tut) which was proven in 2010 by DNA tests of their mummified remains. Akhnaten lived in the 18th Dynasty which was about 1370-1300 BCE. He began thinking of the Egyptian gods as minor figures derived by popular imagination from a single god whom he called Aten (some believe it was actually the god Ra that he elevated). He asked that Aten be represented by the solar disk with rays ending in hands. He described Aten as "the mother and father of all that is." The rays

represented the sun's energy that made the earth and all its life possible and some historians have argued that this makes Akhnaten the first known scientist. Sigmund Freud argued that Akhnaten was the source of origin for the Jewish God Adonai, the Greek god Adonis, and the Egyptian god Aten. He also believed Moses was a priest for Aten. Monotheism was retained by Jews, modified by Christians (with the problematic status of Jesus and the Holy Ghost), Moslems (with Allah as that deity), and the early Unitarians. After Akhnaten's death, the succeeding Pharaohs returned to the polytheistic faith Akhnaten had rejected.

-- Elof Axel Carlson, designated historian, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington (IU Opera Theater will present Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* on Feb 22,23 and Mar 1,2. -Ed.)

Are You a Deep UU?



One way to become more invested in your Unitarian Universalism is to explore the ways our faith tradition works in the world beyond Bloomington. If you would like to be a delegate to the Heartland UU District Annual Meeting in Muncie, Indiana, April 13, contact Denominational Affairs Chair Iris Kiesling, ifkiesling@aol.com. Another exciting opportunity to learn more is the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, which is the annual meeting of all U.S. UU congregations. This year it is in Louisville, Kentucky, just 2 hours away! That meeting,

June 19-23, is also one we can send 10 delegates to. Contact Iris if you are a member of the congregation and would like to be a delegate. Some financial support is available for member delegates. You can also be a volunteer at General Assembly to save on registration costs. Information about volunteering is here:

<http://www.uua.org/ga/registration/financialaid/14930.shtml>

Anyone may attend either of these gatherings as a non-delegate. Info on the district meeting here:

www.midamericauua.org/heartland and info on the General Assembly here: www.uua.org/ga

A New Era in UUism: Proposed District Merger and Regionalization

There is a “regionalization” proposal to merge three UU districts (Central Midwest, Prairie Star, and our district, Heartland) into one MidAmerica Region. Each of the current 19 districts of the UUA has paid staff members who provide services to congregations in their district. Funding for each district comes from the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) and local congregations, and each is managed by an elected Board of Trustees. In April 2013, during the next district Annual Meetings/Assemblies, delegates will vote on whether to merge these three districts as outlined in the “regionalization” proposal. Some advantages of “regionalization” would be: promoting our UU presence; strengthening collaborative partnerships, and fostering membership growth. Be on the look-out for in-depth information about these advantages in future documents from the Regionalization Communications Committee. Questions, contact Amy Taylor, a member of our congregation who is also the President of the Heartland UU District.



UU Coffee House Friday January 25th

Fellowship Hall

Friday January 25th at 7:30pm

Music from The Gurlz with Sarah Flint. Also Hugh Kremer, Christopher Goodbeer and Sean Cortright

Listen to essays by Tom Gregory

Fun, fellowship and refreshments

Freewill donation.

Children are welcome

Info, Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

Women's Alliance Meets January 10 and February 7

Women of the congregation are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Women's Alliance, Thursday, January 10. Reverend Barbara Carlson is the luncheon speaker. Bring your lunch, we'll have desserts/drinks provided at 11:30. Great way to meet new folks and old friends!

On Thursday, February 7th the Women's Alliance will be fortunate to have Karen Green Stone and Mary Mahern present information about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Dr. Mahern is a member of our church and a primary care physician in Bloomington, and Karen is a friend of our church. She and her husband, Rob Stone, MD, lead the Bloomington chapter of Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan. Not many can say they have a thorough understanding of all features of the 2000+ page law, but Mary will be able to explain the important benefits for seniors enough so we can understand the preventive care policies, including a yearly wellness visit, long term care and other changes for seniors and when they go into effect. Karen and Rob are focusing now on the Medicaid Expansion part of the Act. Karen will explain how critical it is for our governor to support this, because it will expand coverage for up to 363,000 uninsured Hoosiers. Karen will let us know about opportunities to get involved to assure Medicaid expansion

Center for Congregations Technology and Ministry Grant underway!

As mentioned at the December 9th Congregational Meeting, we've received a \$29,034 grant from the Center for Congregations. This money matches funds from Green Spaces, the Women's Alliance, and the Cassels, Carter and Lynch families to fund nearly \$60,000 in improvements over the course of 2013. These improvements include projects by the Sound Committee: a new system for the hearing impaired, acoustic improvements and a PA system for Fellowship Hall, a new camera and a computer to allow for more professional video streaming (and a couple iPads for receiving the streaming), dimmable lighting with presets, and video projection in the Meeting Room. Other projects will improve our wireless Internet to better serve the RE wing, provide laptops and projectors for class use, new computers for the church staff and a keyless entry for the north door. If you have any questions about the grant or the projects, please talk to Jackie Hall or Von Welch, the grant coordinators.



Habitat Task Force Fundraiser Breakfast February 10

Breakfast for a "Green" Habitat: Enjoy a hearty breakfast on Feb. 10 between services (10:15-11:15 a.m.) to help the Habitat Task Force raise money for the new Repair and Weatherization Program of the Monroe County Habitat for Humanity. We are going to sponsor a family for \$10,000 and we need just \$1,000 to complete our goal. The program improves the quality of

life for Bloomington homeowners by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes and reducing utility costs. Breakfast will cost \$7 for those over 12; \$4 for 12 and under; maximum family cost, \$20. We will be serving breakfast casseroles, scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit and pastries. The Green Sanctuary Task Force and a Chalice Circle led by Anne Haynes are supporting our efforts. -- Barb Berggoetz, barbberg@bluemarble.net.



Celebrating Roots - A Green Sanctuary Vegetarian Potluck and Movie, January 13

The Green Sanctuary invites you to share the bounty of your larder, some thought for food and enjoy the company of others at the "Celebrating Roots" vegetarian potluck on Sunday, January 13 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. You are encouraged to feature locally grown vegetables in your dish and bring copies of your recipe to share. If you didn't "put up" any food, the Bloomington Winter Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings from 9 am - noon at Harmony School is a great place to shop for it. Following the potluck we'll show *Forks Over Knives*, a movie examining the profound claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases that afflict us can be controlled, or even reversed, by rejecting animal-based and processed foods. A brief discussion will follow. Childcare is available during the film and discussion; contact Adrienne Summerlot at dre@uubloomington.org in advance. -- Marcia Veldman, marciaveldman@gmail.com.



Rainbow Rights Task Force Asks Us to Take Action on HJR-6

As a members of the Board of Directors of FairTalk we received a request to pass this letter from Dr. Bill Buffie on to as many people as we could. As a members of the UU Rainbow Rights Task Force, Ruth Ann and I are asking every member of this congregation to take the actions proposed in this letter.

We have a window of opportunity and a real possibility of being able to stop HJR-6 in this legislative session. Please read and take action. -- Phil Cooper

A Letter from Dr. Bill Buffie:

Please join the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council, Citizens Energy Group, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, and Indiana Internal Medicine Consultants, amongst many others, in publicly offering our opposition to HJR-6 -- Indiana's proposed "gay marriage ban." I strongly urge you to send a personal email, make the personal call, etc. to get people involved. Please do this for so many who are deserving of our support. I will be reaching out to many people now post holidays, but I need your help and that of social media if we are to have an impact in Indiana.

Please go to the website www.onevoiceindiana.org to (1) be educated about public health issues confronting the LGBT community (2) be challenged to think through how religion and politics interface and (3) add your voice and that of your organization to those opposed to HJR-6 -- Indiana's proposed constitutional ban against same-sex marriage or unions.

*Please help spread this message via contacts and social media as we look to build this coalition. Legislators are currently weighing all the various perspectives on this issue and it is important that our voices be heard now. It is most important to **gather many supporting organizations as well as individuals** to sign up as affiliates with OneVoice.*

Many lengthy discussions with senior Republican leaders in the House and Senate have taken place and it is evident that the ban is not yet a done deal in any sense. As supporters for the site accumulate, eventually this will be shared with our state legislators and other community leaders. Thanks. -- Bill Buffie

Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force



needs your help with Bounty Full Sundays (our monthly food drive on the first Sunday of each month) in the coming months. We are looking for volunteers to set up the table in the meeting room before first service on the first Sunday of each month. We also need volunteers who can collect the donated food and deliver to Monroe County United Ministries on the following Monday. This is a great way to get involved with the church and the community! Perfect for families with kids! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Cecelia Murphy: dianne.murphy1@comcast.net or 822-

0309. Next Bounty-full Sunday is February 3.

The UU Book Club

will meet Sunday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Elof and Nedra Carlson, ecarlson31@netzerio.com for directions. We will be discussing Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*, on which the film *Lincoln* was based. The book is a more extensive look at the major competitors for the Republican nomination for the 1860 election. Goodwin describes both the hardships and the good fortune each had in growing up (none without many tragic family losses) and how each ended up as a contender. She also contrasts this with Lincoln's horrific upbringing in grinding poverty and sorrow and how he virtually educated himself. The book follows the campaign, the very fierce debates, and Lincoln's eventual election. He picks all his rivals for the cabinets along with some Democrats. Lincoln was gifted in understanding what motivates others, how to bring out the best in them, how to allay their fears and suspicions. The book is a triumph in understanding the political process used by probably our greatest President. —Elof Carlson



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternating Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 210. This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, and the nature of the universe. *Next discussion is January 13.*

The forum on Jan 13 will be organization for 2013 and selection of topics for the next three months. Attend this meeting to volunteer a topic and participate in the vote. Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu

Southwest UU Women's Conference, February 22-24

At the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas

with keynote speaker Kimberly Dark, Storyteller / Speaker / Performance Artist / Activist / Scholar and musician Kit Holmes, Grammy Award Nominee / Multi-Instrumentalist / Singer-Songwriter

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT EXPIRES JAN 12

Registration info: <http://www.swuuw.org/conferences/conference>

Women and Maidens 13 and older - please join us at the Omni Bayfront Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas, February 22-24, for lovely views of the "sparkling city by the sea" in the Coastal Bend of Texas. The Omni overlooks a beautiful marina and is located near the South Texas Museum of Art. Spend two days prior and two days after the conference, at the conference rate, to take advantage of the long weekend to relax, enjoy excursions and visit the beaches on North Padre Island. The Omni offers free transportation from the airport to the conference, and free parking for hotel registrants. For more information, contact convener Debbie Cannatella at conference@swuuw.org. See <http://www.facebook.com/events/187290508046532/> for details!



Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community-- if you feel at home here-- join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, February 3rd, between the services, at 10:30 am in Room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the membership book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett,

Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, January 30th.

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

Did Citizens United matter in 2012?

At \$6 billion, the 2012 election shattered all records. 90% of the candidates with the bigger war chest won. Citizens United mattered in 2012, and revealed more clearly than ever the urgent need for public financing of elections. You can help by supporting a nationwide movement toward a constitutional amendment to roll back Citizens United.

What: An "Occupy the Courthouse Rally" to mark the third anniversary of Citizens United. Co-sponsors: Move to Amend-South Central Indiana (MTA-SCI), Democracy Matters, and Common Cause/Indiana.

Where: Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 46 East Ohio, Indianapolis.

When: Friday noon, January 18, 2013.

Why: We hope to use this occasion to build a coalition with our neighbors to the north. After the rally we will join for lunch. Please notify friends who might wish to attend the rally.

For more information, query [_movetoamendssi@gmail.com](mailto:movetoamendssi@gmail.com)

Spirituality and Drum Workshop Here Feb 2-23

4-part Spirituality and Drum workshop: *Winter Journey of the Spirit* led by Colleen Haas.

2/2 Session I The Blue Hour

2/9 Session II Snow Tracks & Underground Tunnels

2/16 Session III Dreamtime

2/23 Session IV Moonbeams & Tides

In Room 210, 3-5 p.m.

Workshop begins Feb 2, registration deadline is Jan. 25. For more info see the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance, or contact Colleen: Colleen.Haas@indstate.edu

Artwork in the Windows in January

The artwork in the windows for the month of January is the work in clay of Ed McEndarfer, member of the congregation.

"Enticing, Entertaining, Engaging Elder Events" Calendar:

- The third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. (starting January 16th) we will gather for coffee at the Bakehouse on the east side of town on Third Street. Sue Medland will host.
 - January 24th at 2:00 p.m. we will gather at church to view the Oral History of Cookie and Bill Lynch. (Hopefully, this will be the first of many showings of our oral histories, the project that Bill and Cookie Lynch started.) Snacks will be provided.
 - A Friday in February – a Lorraine Hawking-inspired tea with scones and crumpets and a possible presentation on tea.
 - In March we will have a tour of the Tibetan Cultural Center.
 - March 27th is our spring luncheon at church.
 - In April we will have lunch at McCormick's Creek and watch the birds and maybe go for a short walk.
 - In May we will visit Oliver Winery – drink wine and gather for good conversations.
 - A trip to the IU Art Museum will happen sometime in 2013.
- Questions, contact Barb Backler.

Administrative Items:

Livestream of the Sunday services is at:

<http://www.techwerks.tv/264PlayerLIVE.php?type=live&clientID=933> at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. each Sunday (or click on the green button at www.uubloomington.org)

Beginning Friday, January 11, we will be posting the order of service announcements for the coming Sunday on our facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/uubloomington> , in the "Notes" section, so if you are livestreaming you'll have that info available as well. You don't have to have a facebook account to read our facebook page. It's public.

CALENDAR

This is **not** a complete listing of all our events in the next two weeks. See www.uubloomington.org and click on "Full Calendar" for additional event information.

1/9/2013	12:00 PM Hope for Prisoners Meeting 1-4 PM Library Hours 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee 7:30 PM UUKnitarian Knitting Group	1/16/2013	10:30 AM Enticing, Entertaining, Engaging Elder coffee meetup
1/10/2013	11:30 AM Women's Alliance 7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal	1/16/2013	1-4 PM Library Hours 6:00 PM Leadership Cultivation Cmte 7:00 PM UU Board of Directors
1/11/2013	10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group	1/17/2013	1:15 PM Elder Focus Task Force 6:00 PM Heartland String Band practice
1/13/2013	10:15 & 12:15 Getting Involved Fair 10:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:30 PM Young Adults/Campus Ministry Lunch 2:00 PM Exploring Unitarian Universalism 2:00 PM Rainbow Rights Task Force w/Fair Talk Board 5:30 PM YRUU 6:00 PM Green Sanctuary - Vegetarian Potluck Supper	1/18/2013	all day ASIST Suicide Prevention Training 10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group
1/14/2013	6:45 PM RE Class: The Creative Soul of Richard Wagner	1/19/2013	all day ASIST Suicide Prevention Training
1/15/2013	10:00 AM RE Class: Aging & Spirituality 5:30 PM Habitat Women's Build dinner mtg 6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal	1/20/2013	9:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal 2:00 PM Exploring Unitarian Universalism 3:30 PM Coming of Age Program 5:30 PM YRUU
		1/21/2013	5:30 PM Caring Committee Meeting
		1/22/2013	10:00 AM Deadline for The Prologue newsletter 6:30 PM RE Committee

Attendance and Offering

We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012. Current membership is 508.

Sun, December 23, 9:15: 100; 11:15: 143; RE: 54; Total: 297

Sun, December 30, 9:15: 48; 11:15: 151; RE: n/a Total: 199

Mon, December 24, 4:00: 68; 7:00: 233; 9:00: 12 Total: 313

Sun, January 6, 9:15: 112; 11:15: 195; RE: 26 Total: 334

12/23 non-pledge offering: \$549; 12/30 non-pledge offering: \$379; 1/6 non-pledge offering: \$782

Total to be donated to VIPS: \$427.50

On June 3, 2012, our members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Visually Impaired Preschool Services - Bloomington through June 30, 2013. VIPS-Bloomington is the only agency in Indiana providing early intervention for visually impaired infants and toddlers within a 60-mile radius of Bloomington.

For info in VIPS, visit <http://www.vips.org>

Grocery Card Sales: December 23 \$1650, income to UUCB: \$80.50;
December 30 \$875, income to UUCB: \$41.75;
January 6 \$2100, income to UUCB: \$96

Next Issue of this newsletter: Tuesday, January 22; deadline for articles **10:00 a.m.** Articles received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication will be used in the next issue. Please send articles regarding congregational events and projects to admin@uubloomington.org The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. Dates of the next few issues: Jan 7, Tues Jan 22, Feb 4, Feb 18, Mar 4, Mar 18. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

Office Hours Change for Jan 7-11

Because of our meeting schedule this week, the administrative staff will be available during the following hours: Mon 1/7—9-4, Tue 1/8—9-4, Weds 1/9—9-4, Fri 1/11—9-4. On Thursday there will not be administrative staff hours; however, other staff members may be present; call 332-3695 to double check before you come over. As always, in case of a pastoral emergency, please call Reverend Macklin, 812-322-0205, or Reverend Breeden, 812-360-1779.

Offices Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 21

We will not be open for regular office hours Monday, January 21. In case of a pastoral emergency during this time, please call one of the ministers: Reverend Macklin, 812-322-0205; Reverend Breeden, 812-360-1779.

New Directories Available for Members and Friends

Members and Friends: Remember to pick up your new green 12-13 congregational directory in Room 204, the church office. Please initial next to your name in the office copy when you pick yours up. This directory information about everyone in our community is also available 24/7 on our online database, and is updated on nearly a daily basis.

“Mathematics expresses values that reflect the cosmos, including orderliness, balance, harmony, logic, and abstract beauty.”

--Deepak Chopra



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