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**Spring Equinox Ritual**

**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Reverend Bill Breeden**

Join us for this multigenerational celebration in our Meeting Room, as we reflect upon darkness, light, and balance at this changing of the seasons. We will observe the ending of winter and celebrate the renewal that spring is bringing our way through readings, songs and ritual. The UU Children's Choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will be singing!

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**Four Questions**

**Reverend Bill Breeden**

Reflections on the identity, the vision, the dreams and the challenges of our community. This being my final full sermon before going on sabbatical, I will also reflect on the nature and need of sabbatical leaves. Join us and celebrate life.

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**Fresh Schemes of Life**

**Reverend Barbara Child, Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden**

Clarke Dewey Wells once issued this exhortation -- "God of Easter and infrequent Spring: Announce the large covenant to distant lands, drive the sweet liquor through our parched veins, lure us to fresh schemes of life." And after all, what better time is there than this to see what fresh schemes of life might lure each one of us and the congregation as well. You can expect Rev. Barbara Child to share today a little of her own schemes for her coming time with us as Sabbatical Minister and for the interim time in the life of the congregation soon to follow. Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will also participate in the service.

In celebration of Easter and fresh schemes of life, our Children's Moment will include our beloved Baby Dedication.

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**Multigenerational Show and Tell with Elders**

**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

Our Church Elders are our honored guests at this multigenerational opportunity to get to know each other better through Show and Tell. We will hear a story together, then everyone is invited to share a treasure. Please bring an item that you were given or inherited from one of your ancestors and look forward to hearing stories from people of several generations in groups of 3 or 4.
From the Ministers

On March 31, we will officially kick off for our Stewardship Campaign. As a prelude, inspired members and friends will offer Stewardship Moments in our pulpit each Sunday. Thanks to Rich Janda for his stirring words on March 17th which invited us to all sit at the table. Here’s the link to the video of Sunday’s service: http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes (Rich’s Stewardship Moment begins at minute 12:30.)

As ministers we invite everyone to embrace the reality that we are ALL the Stewardship Committee. While we do have designated folks to help organize and lead this campaign, we urge you to count yourself among those creating a positive future for our congregation. Let’s all say, “That’s My Church!”

What can we each do:

1) When we receive information via snail mail, web-site, or Facebook regarding the campaign, we can go beyond reading it. We can share and discuss it with others. That’s my church.

2) We can respond kindly and enthusiastically to Stewardship Committee requests. Remember we are them. There we are. Who’s on first? We are! Find out what support the Stewardship Committee needs. That’s my church.

3) Invite every congregational friend and member you know to join you for our ONE WORSHIP SERVICE COMMITMENT SUNDAY.

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY**
**10:30am April 7, 2013**

On April 7, 2013, we will have a meaningful multigenerational worship service, full of stories, creative music from our choir and children’s choir, reflections, inspiring stewardship moments and a time for all of us to pledge together. This worship service will be followed by an enhanced coffee hour, including food and opportunities for interaction. We will come together again for a final song and celebration.

**It will be Epic! That’s my church!**


With loving care, MAM and Bill
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden
A Note from Religious Education

Our 7th and 8th graders wrapped up Our Whole Lives and were back together again this Sunday to plan out their investigation of Neighboring Faiths for the remainder of the aspiring Semester. Many thanks to Guy and Connie Loftman and Eve and Sam Cusack for sharing their time and talents with this amazing group of kids!

A visit from the Monroe County Humane Society

OWL for 5th-6th grade starts This Thursday, March 21st

Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program will be offered this Spring with facilitators Phil Cooper and Carol McCord. Informational letters have been mailed home to registered 5th and 6th graders. If you did not receive a letter and would like to participate it is not too late. Please contact Adrienne Summerlot ASAP, dre@uubloomington.org, or 812-332-3695, ext. 202

Have you been hearing people talk about Spirit Play? Wonder what in the world it is?

Spirit Play is a story and activity-based method of religious education that we are piloting some weeks this spring in our preschool and first service K-2nd grade classes. We are looking forward to putting it fully in place in those classrooms for the fall. We also offer monthly Spirit Play evenings for 3-93 year-olds (currently full, but watch for the next offering!), and may eventually provide Spirit Play for other classes or groups if there is interest. Those plans are still being developed.

Would you like to hear or see more? Here are two opportunities offered by Martha Nord and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, members of our Spirit Play planning group.

THIS Sunday, March 24: Spirit Play demonstration and open classroom, room 105, 12:45-1:30PM. Tea and conversation to follow.

Saturday, March 30, 3:30-4:30PM: Tea and conversation about Spirit Play in the Library. A classroom visit and demonstration will be available if requested.

Do you have a whatzit? Spirit Play Item Donations Needed!

We are gearing up for our Spirit Play classes to start in the fall. Before yard sale season, take a look through your home and see if you could spare some of the items we will need. Donations are being accepted now in Reverend Emily’s office, Room 205.

Household items: baskets (all sizes, without overarching handles), nice area rugs and mats, working ipods/docking stations, 3-5 foot wooden bookcases, CD players and headphones, CDs of spiritual/reflective music or music of world cultures and religions, child-sized wooden tables, attractive trays (all sizes), wooden boxes, small sturdy vases, carpet sweepers, child-sized brooms, dustpans, and dusters, metal or wood paper sorters or napkin holders, attractive small cups, bowls, and pitchers. Items for stories and spiritual practices: wooden figures representing people, animals and objects, small (under 6”) high quality stuffed animals/finger puppets (especially realistic ones), high quality sets of blocks (natural color: architectural blocks especially sought), other sacred objects or models of sacred places (singing bowls, Buddha statues, Stonehenge models, Zen sand gardens, finger labyrinths, etc.), Child-sized clothing from world cultures and religions, high quality items relating to religious holidays (i.e. creche sets), children’s yoga mats For the nursery: play silks, felted anything (balls, gnomes, etc.), felt animal masks, wooden push toy for the newly crawling or walking, wooden pull toy/clacker, natural musical instruments Craft items: World religions rubber stamps (cross, Star of David, mandala, yin yang, etc.), Child-sized wooden painting easels, plain child-sized smocks or aprons, mandala makers, and plain COTTON items: fabric/large items of clothing (especially blue jeans)/sheets (100% cotton) to weave into rag rugs.
That’s My Church!

When I was a child, church was very important to me. Eventually I became disillusioned with organized religion, but those early experiences held a place in my life for spirituality and fueled a quest for meaning that still drives me today. So when my first child was born, I found myself back in the denomination of my childhood, in hopes of providing such a placeholder for him as well. Before long, though, I found myself again struggling with that church’s creed: I simply didn’t believe what I was told I should.

But I did believe in something. I believed in justice, and peace, and that there was something important about the connection I felt to the earth. I believed in the transformative power of democracy and community, and that each and every person had something worthy to contribute. When I first attended the UU church, I was astonished to find that there is a religion for this!

But this religious home has proven to be far more than a placeholder for spiritual growth, for me and for my children. It’s been a refuge, a sanctuary, a comfort, and a resource. As my children have grown and been exposed to racism, sexism, homophobia and other injustices, they’ve also known this community of people who stand up for the inherent worth and dignity of every human being. As they witness the suffering of homelessness and hunger, they know that people in this community act with compassion and generosity. As they see the apathy and ignorance of people in the face of climate disruption, they have also seen this church community responding with zeal, doing their part to help solve the problem. For every sad, scary, disappointing fact of life, it seems there is a group of UUs passionate about making it better. Without that, I’m not sure how children growing up today avoid apathy or disillusion.

I don’t know what I would do without this supportive, challenging, visionary community, and that’s why I pledge my support every year. It’s not easy, with a very tight budget, but I know this place could not continue to be what it is without financial support, so I give as much as I can. I hope you’ll do the same.

–Stephanie Kimball
Our Minister’s Sabbaticals in 2013

A sabbatical leave is part of our congregation’s covenant agreement with our ministers. Sabbatical offers extended time for study, reflection, rest, and renewal—all ingredients for effective ministry. Just as importantly, our congregation will benefit when our ministers return refreshed, filled with new ideas and rekindled energy. As we’ve experienced in the past, a time of temporary change stimulates opportunities for growth and renewal for all of us.

2013 Sabbaticals for Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin:
Reverend Breeden begins his 4-month sabbatical in April. He will return at the end of July. This time frame allows him to fulfill the part of his employment agreement with the church that requires him to serve for a full year following his leave and prior to his announced retirement in August of 2014. Reverend Breeden plans to rest and continue work on his book.

A Note from Rev. Bill on His Sabbatical plans: Well, planning is not a word I use lightly if at all, but my sabbatical will include the three “R’s” i.e. Reading, Writing, and Rehab for the Soul. I will be spending some solitary time in a cabin on Lake Gitche Gumee, otherwise known as Superior, trying to finish the first draft of a book, and resting up for my last year of co-ministry with this wonderful community of which I am thankful to be a member. Peace--bill

Pulpit Coverage:
We have completed negotiations with the Reverend Barbara Child to take on some of Reverend Breeden’s and Reverend Macklin’s preaching and teaching responsibilities during the 9-month Sabbatical period (April-December 2013), beginning Sunday, March 31.

Meet Reverend Barbara Child!
Rev. Barbara Child serves as a Ministerial Settlement Representative, coaching Unitarian Universalist congregations in ministerial search. She is also a Good Offices Minister to ministers in the Heartland District. She began her working life as an English professor, later practiced and taught law, and became a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1996. An Accredited Interim Minister, she has served congregations in California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, and Vermont. In addition to a term on the UUA Commission on Appraisal, including two years as its chair, she has served the UUA on the Interim Ministry Guild, one year as its chair; the Commission on Social Witness, four years as its chair; and the Women and Religion Committee. She holds a certificate from the Corporation for Positive Change and often uses an Appreciative Inquiry approach in short-term consultations with congregations on a variety of issues.

Reverend Child’s experience, her knowledge of our congregation, and supportive working relationship with our ministerial staff, stand to make this transitional time much easier on all of us.

Sharing the Care of the Congregation:
We’re fortunate that our Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson, in coordination with the Caring Committee and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, has agreed to be available to Reverend Macklin (during Bill’s Sabbatical) and Reverend Breeden (during Mary Ann’s sabbatical) for select ministerial assignments.
We will keep you abreast of finalized agreements for ministerial coverage, scheduling, and other events related to our Minister Sabbaticals in the coming months.

Please direct your questions to the Sabbatical Committee. We’ll be happy to respond.
Beth Lodge-Rigal (Chair) blodgerigal@att.net, John Summerlot, Deb Hutton, Doug Cauble

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**25% Sunday Plate Collection for Social Justice: Update and Plans for the Coming Year**

The collection of 25% of non-pledge monies from the Sunday plate continue to be a great success! Our contributions to the current recipient, Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) totals $4256, since July of 2012. The total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana the previous year was $7320. Thank you to all who have been adding additional cash and non-pledge checks to the collection plate. Your generosity has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the families and individuals served by our contributions.

The process for selecting the next agency to receive the 25% of Sunday plate collections is underway. An application form and a set of guidelines are now available for those who would like to submit the name of an agency that you would like these funds to support. Go to [http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/pdfs/PlateApplication.pdf](http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/pdfs/PlateApplication.pdf) or contact Linda Patton, [lmpatton14@gmail.com](mailto:lmpatton14@gmail.com). After the applications are submitted the Social Justice Funds Committee will choose three applicants for the members of the congregation to vote on at the annual congregational meeting June 2.

Those who submit applications must be able to meet the following obligations: (1) contact the agency you support to gather the information necessary to complete the application; (2) provide written information on the agency to be published in the Prologue; (3) give a brief 5-minute presentation during both services on Sunday, June 2nd, giving an overview of the organization and an explanation of how the funds will be spent.

The completed applications must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 7, to be considered. Applications are only available electronically and can be requested and submitted to Linda Patton [lmpatton14@gmail.com](mailto:lmpatton14@gmail.com). Contact Linda with any questions (cell: 812.345.0367 or [lmpatton14@gmail.com](mailto:lmpatton14@gmail.com)).


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**UU Children's Choir Spring Schedule 2013**

New & returning singers, Kg- beyond, always welcome!

Wed. March 20th: Sing for Spring Equinox Service, meet at 5:50, svc at 6:15

Sun. March 24: Rehearse, 10:30-11:00am Rm 212

Sun. March 31: Rehearse, 10:30-11:00am Rm 212

THURS. Apr 4: Rehearse 7:00-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall/Meeting Rm.

Sun. Apr 7: Sing for Commitment Sunday- One Service for Everyone, Arrival time TBA

Sun. Apr. 14: Rehearse, 10:30-11:00am Rm 212

Sun. Apr 21st: Sing at Earth Day Intergen Services, end of 1st service, beginning of 2nd service. (Plan to meet at 9:45am in Room 212) Jill Courtney, Children's Choir Director, [jillmcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcourtney@gmail.com)

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**Fun & Friendship at Young Adult Lunches**

Young Adults (18-35) We have some exciting upcoming events! On Sunday, March 31 after the second service, we'll be meeting in Room 212 for a Coffeehouse! Bring your instruments, poetry, artwork, or anything else you would like to share! Lunch will be provided. On Sunday, April 7, we will be playing laser tag at Laser Lite. You may purchase lunch there. The cost of the games is $7 for 1 or $13 for 2. Hope to see you there! - Melinda Elston, Campus Ministry Assistant and Shari Woodbury, Campus Ministry Coordinator, [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org)

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**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. *The topic on March 24 is “Antifragile” and David Keppel will lead the discussion.* Harold Ogren, [ogren@indiana.edu](mailto:ogren@indiana.edu)
Volunteer with Habitat Women Build
Wednesday, May 15

We need 35 women to participate in the UU-sponsored Habitat Women Build team on Wednesday, May 15. Our team will be one of 11, including 225 women, from around the community, who will build two homes for deserving families in the Cedar Chase neighborhood on the southwest side. To participate, each woman needs to contribute or fund-raise a minimum of $250 by April 26. Habitat provides online fund-raising support. Our team will be primarily doing siding that day. We also welcome contributions of any amount from anyone who would like to help sponsor a woman who wants to build but cannot provide the entire amount. We would love to have NEW participants this year. If you're interested, please contact Barb Berggoetz, team captain and Habitat Task Force co-leader, at barbberg@bluemarble.net or 812/876-6659.

The task force also is looking for builders for Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No monetary contributions are necessary for this build or any build, except for the Women Build.

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 April 7.

WALBICUS to the April 7th:
Once in a Lifetime: ONE SERVICE!

The Green Sanctuary Task Force encourages you to WALBICUS (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to worship on April 7th! Help the environment...help with PARKING! With so many people coming to worship at 10:30am that day, *WALBICUS* will lighten our load on the earth *and* on our parking areas!

If you live too far to walk, arrange to park at a friend’s house closer to the church and walk with them! With biking, too: try parking at a location that is a reasonable bike ride from the church, and make it your weekend bike ride. Arranging a carpool with neighbors is a great way to get to know others at church better.

See you on April 7th with your walking shoes, your bikes, and your new carpool friends!

Questions? Contact Rosalind May rmay615@yahoo.com or Mary Beth O'Brien m.e.obrien68@gmail.com with the Green Sanctuary Task Force with questions or suggestions! Thank you!

Thought for Food - Our Bountiful Community!

Peter Bane will discuss his book, The Permaculture Handbook and how to put his ideas to work in our community.

Saturday, April 20th -- 2pm - 4pm -- The Meeting Room

The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change is pleased to help sponsor this lively talk and Information Expo with local food organizations that will highlight our bountiful community.

Save the date and watch the Prologue for more details!
Our Folks…

We mourn the passing on March 4 of Irv Grossack; his memorial service will be held Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. We also mourn the passing of Elizabeth Lion; her memorial service for her will be held on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. Both were long-time members of our congregation.

We also send our sympathy and healing thoughts to the family of Al and Lee Strickholm, upon the recent passing of Al's brother; to Doug and Julie Cauble--Doug's mother died on March 6; and also to Deb DeChurch and Bill Corcoran—Deb's mother, Frances Johnson, died on March 7.

We send our best wishes for quick healing to Barb Schwegman, who was recently hospitalized.

Congratulations to Alfonso Montecino, who will be honored this Thursday, March 21 at 8:00 p.m. in Auer Hall, with a concert that will include a performance by the Hammond Piano Duo of one of his works. Professor Montecino has donated his life’s work to the Latin American Music Center of the Jacobs School of Music.

Congratulations to Shari Woodbury, who saw the Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy of the UUA in Boston last week. A first-year seminarian, Shari has been granted Candidate status - a significant milestone in the ministerial credentialing process. She was also recently awarded the George White Memorial Scholarship. Shari will be completing a chaplaincy internship at IU Health - Bloomington this summer, before beginning a two-year, half-time internship with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus, Indiana, in the fall.

Upcoming Dates to Remember
March 20 – Spring Equinox Celebration, 6:15 p.m.
March 31 – Baby Dedication, RE Classes visit a mystery Easter guest!
April 3 – Multigenerational Show and Tell, 5:30 p.m.
April 7 – That’s My Church! One special all-ages service at 10:30 a.m. No Religious Education classes

Diaper Drive: Disposable And Cloth
The Children’s Task Force is hosting a diaper collection drive. Please consider taking a trip down the baby aisle on your next grocery trip and tossing a bag of disposable diapers in your cart. On your next trip to church you can drop them in the collection box in the hallway near the Social Justice Table. Any size or brand of diaper will be used by a child, so you can’t go wrong, but sizes 4 and 5 are the most-requested. The diapers will be going to the Shalom Center and onto the bottoms of deserving children in our community.

But wait there is more! There will be a second collection box for new or gently used CLOTH diapers. Did you know a family can save $2000 per child by using cloth diapers? There are mothers in our community devoted to using cloth diapers who cannot afford the up front cost. This is where Heiny Helpers comes in. Check out the website: www.heinyhelpers.org for more information about this wonderful local group. The Green Nursery, a local business, will give a 10% discount for the purchase of diapers going to Heiny Helpers.

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, April 1 ( الموصى) ; deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Articles received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication will appear 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: Apr 1, Apr 15, May 6, May 20, June 3, June 17. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

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We Want to Know What You Think About Family Worship
Love it? Does a time conflict make it impossible? Do you have ideas/suggestions? Please take 2 minutes to fill out this very quick survey http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WNPNKFS

Baby Dedication, Easter Sunday, March 31st
Would you like to have your baby welcomed into the world by our congregational community? Please contact Adrienne Summerlot She can reserve a spot for your family for either the 9:15am or 11:15am service!

Writing cinquains at the UnBirthday Party

Women’s Alliance April 4
Women of the congregation are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Women’s Alliance, Thursday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided.

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 April 21st , between the services, at 10:30am 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 812-332-3695, ext. 209, or memcoord@uubloomington.org , no later than Wednesday, April 17th.

Attendance and Offering
We have 490 certified members, as of 2/1/2013. Current membership is 497.
Sun, February 10, 9:15: 115; 11:15: 204; RE: 129; Total: 448
Sun, February 17, 9:15: 104; 11:15: 186; RE: n/a; Total: 290
Sun, February 24, 9:15: 123; 11:15: 225; RE: 111; Total: 459
Sun, March 3, 9:15: 181; 11:15: 279; RE: n/a; Total: 460
Sun, March 10, 9:15: 84; 11:15: 181; RE: 45 Total: 310
Sun, March 17, 9:15: 112; 11:15: 163; RE: n/a Total: 275
2/10 non-pledge offering: $651; 2/17 non-pledge offering: $518; 2/24 non-pledge offering: $904; 3/4 non-pledge offering: $903
Total to be donated to VIPS: $744
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 Cards Available Each Sunday
You can't BEET grocery cards for a handy way to shop and benefit the congregation too! The Grocery Card sellers are in the Commons between services, 10:15-11:00 a.m. each Sunday. 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!

Artwork This Month  The photographs in the Commons and north hallway are by John and Peggy Woodcock, the spheres in the windows are by Margareth Gohn, and the quilt in the Meeting Room is by Sandy Hill.

UU Coffee House Friday March 22
Fellowship Hall, Friday March 22 at 7:30pm
Music from Rev. Funky, Jennifer and Jason Blankenship, Bill and Glenda Breeden, and Sandy Dolby and Ilse
Fun, fellowship and refreshments. Freewill donation.
Children are welcome.

Info, Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net
Seeking the Spirit  Building Community  Changing the World

Heartland UU District Meeting April 12-13: "Claiming the Future"

You are invited to join us at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, Indiana, on April 12-13, 2013, for a very special Heartland District Annual Assembly.

Delegates to Heartland's District Assembly are being asked to decide the future governance that will move us into a vision of a new era in Unitarian Universalism in MidAmerica. Your Heartland Board encourages you to learn more about regionalization and how we believe it will benefit our congregations, http://www.midamericauu.org/regionalization

Please click here http://www.midamericauu.org/heartland-da for more information or to register.

If you are interested in being a member delegate from our congregation, please contact Iris Kiesling ifkiesling@aol.com as soon as possible. Registration fee support is available for delegates. Delegates should complete a paper registration form (in Room 204) and provide it to Church Administrator Carol Marks so that the church can register you and pay your fee.

General Assembly Louisville, Kentucky June 19-23

Enjoy the amazing experience of learning and worshipping with 4,000 other Unitarian Universalists at UUA General Assembly in Louisville this June. Info here: http://www.uua.org/ga/

Housing reservations are now open, and the convenient rooms go quickly, so reserve soon. Registration and some expense support available for member delegates from our congregation. Contact Iris Kiesling, ifkiesling@aol.com right away if you are interested in being a delegate from our congregation. We need one more member for a full delegation of 10. Delegates should complete a paper registration form (in Room 204) and provide it to Church Administrator Carol Marks so that the church can register you and pay your fee.

RSVP Soon for the March 29 Tour of the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center

Friday, March 29 - Tour of Tibetan Cultural Center - meet at church at 1:00 p.m. This tour is being designed especially for us, and the folks at the Center are extremely accommodating. Don't worry if you're not a strong walker. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Jeanie McElwain if you plan to join us, epiphany@whidbey.net or 812- 828-9371.
Margaret Fuller and the Origins of the Women’s Movement in The United States

Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was born in Cambridge Port, Massachusetts, of Unitarian parents. Her father was a lawyer and later a Congressman. Margaret was the first of eight children. She was taught by her father with the same rigor as John Stuart Mill was taught by his father and she learned several languages and a considerable sampling of the works of Western Civilization. She was not well versed in social graces so her father sent her to a finishing school. This provided contact with other women and Fuller became a hostess of soirees where women could enjoy intellectual conversation.

Her father died in 1835, leaving Margaret with her siblings to raise. She helped earn income teaching and writing. She was a gifted writer, a successful translator of Goethe and other notables, and through her essays she came to Emerson’s attention. He found her mind captivating and asked her to become editor of The Dial, the magazine of the Transcendentalist movement. In 1845 she wrote Woman in the Nineteenth Century, a manifesto for women’s rights which helped launch the woman’s movement at Seneca Falls in 1847.

She left shortly afterwards for Europe and followed Garibaldi’s efforts to unify Italy. She wrote a manuscript on his life and career which she took back on the ship as it sailed for the U.S. in 1850. A hurricane hit the East coast near Long Island, New York, and her ship was dashed and broken apart near Fire Island; Fuller perished with the passengers and crew, along with her manuscript. —Elof Carlson, Congregational Historian

Register by April 1

Unitarian Universalist District Women’s Retreat:
The Second Half of Life: The Eight Gateways of Wisdom
Friday, May 17 – Saturday, May 18, 2013
Waycross Episcopal Camp and Conference Center (near Trevlac)

In this overnight retreat we will explore Angeles Arrien’s book, The Second Half of Life: Opening the Eight Gateways of Wisdom. “When you find the courage to change at mid-life,” Angeles Arrien teaches, “a miracle happens. Your character is opened, deepened, strengthened and softened. You return to your soul’s highest values. You are now prepared to create your legacy: an imprint of your dream for our world—that can fully come true in The Second Half of Life.” Reverend Mary Ann Macklin will facilitate this retreat with help from friends. The registration cost of $100 includes: double room occupancy, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast & lunch. Registration is now open to women from the Heartland Unitarian Universalist District. Space is limited to first 60 registrants. Please see Page 11 of the January 22 Prologue for registration, or print out an registration form at http://www.uubloomington.org/Retreat_Reg_form.pdf. If you have questions regarding the retreat, please contact Sheri Benham, Retreat Registrar at sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org or (812) 336-7196.

Friday Office Helpers Needed

We would welcome volunteers to come and help us on Friday afternoons in the church office. We need one or two people each Friday from 2-3:30 p.m. to help us fold and assemble the orders of service and take care of similar clerical tasks. Please contact Erica or Monica at office@uubloomington.org or 812-332-3695, ext. 204, to sign up for a Friday or two!
UU Active Elders’ Calendar – March-May 2013

March 19  Aging as a Spiritual Practice, 10:00 a.m.
March 20  Bakehouse East Coffee Meetup, 10:30 a.m.
March 29  Tour of Tibetan Mongolian Cultural Center, 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Jeanie McElwain if you plan to join us. epiphany@whidbey.net or 812- 828-9371

April 3  Dinner & Worship, 5:30 p.m.
April 9  Elder Focus Spring Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
April 16  Aging as a Spiritual Practice, 10:00 a.m.
April 17  Bakehouse East Coffee Meetup, 10:30 a.m.
April 30  McCormick’s Creek State Park, 11:00 a.m. meet at church
May 15  Bakehouse East Coffee Meetup, 10:30 a.m.
May 16  Amble along the B-Line Trail & Lunch, 11:00 a.m.
May 21  Aging as a Spiritual Practice, 10:00 a.m.
May 30  Wine Tasting and Conversation, Oliver Winery, 1:00 p.m.

For information on these events, please contact Barbara Backler, bbackler@indiana.edu

Partial Listing of Upcoming Congregational Events

| 3/20/2013  | 10:30 AM Active Elders Coffee Meetup |
| 5:45 PM   | UU Children’s Choir |
| 6:15 PM   | Spring Equinox (Ostara) Celebration |
| 6:30 PM   | Social Justice Circle |
| 3/21/2013 | 12-3 PM Library Hours - Come and Use Our Library! |
| 5:30 PM   | Spirit Play |
| 6:00 PM   | Heartland String Band practice |
| 6:00 PM   | RE Class: Paganism |
| 7:00 PM   | RE Class: Attuning to the Sufi Path |
| 7:00 PM   | O.W.L Parent Orientation for 5th-6th grade |
| 7:00 PM   | RE Class: Still Building Our Own Theology |
| 7:00 PM   | UU Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/22/2013 | 10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group |
| 7:30 PM   | UU Coffeehouse |
| 3/23/2013 | 10:00 AM Talents & Services Auction Cmte |
| 3/24/2013 | 10:30 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal |
| 10:30 AM  | First Steps - Intro to UU |
| 12:30 PM  | First Steps - Intro to UU |
| 12:45 PM  | Humanist Forum |
| 2:00 PM   | Exploring Unitarian Universalism |

| 3/24/2013 | 10:00 AM Life Stories Writing Group |
| 3/29/2013 | 10:30 AM First Steps - Intro to UU |
| 3/31/2013 | Baby Dedications at Both Services |
|           | 10:00 AM Deadline for The Prologue 4/1/13 Issue |
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. All the photos we took this fall have now been uploaded and can be viewed after logging on to the database. Here’s how:

To access our online database church directory, your own pledge records, and the full calendar, follow these steps:

a. Go to https://www.churchdb.com/churchDB/Login.asp?iOrgzKey=49
b. If you don’t have a username and password already, click “Retrieve User ID or password: Click Here” and the system will send you your info in an email within 5 minutes.
c. Enter your user ID and password at the login screen (see above URL), and click Login button

You’re in!

Things you can do in the database:

1. Look up someone’s contact info in the directory
2. Check your own Stewardship pledge payment info and print your own statements
3. Check your own family contact information for accuracy and make needed changes, including changing your username and password
4. See photos of everyone who had their photo taken in October 2012
5. Make your own up to date pdf directory

The database requires you to change your password every 6 weeks. There will be an alert about this ahead of time when you log in. Questions? Please contact one of our Office Assistants, Erica Caldwell or Monica Overman, office@uubloomington.org, or 812-332-3695, ext. 204.

New Voicemail System Now in Place – Here are Our Extension Numbers

We now have our new voicemail system installed, and you may leave a message for a specific minister or staff member at the following extensions at anytime during the outgoing message at 332-3695.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, 201
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, 203
Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education, or Kitty McIntosh, RE Assistant, 202
Carol Marks, Church Administrator, 200
Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, 209
Susan Swaney, Music Director, contact at music@uubloomington.org (quickest way to reach her) or you may call her at home; her home number is in our directory.

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 )

We are also 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.

Video Archives of Past Services are found here, including the service on March 17, 2013:
http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes