

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

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Celebration**



***Splash of the Sacred*
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**Sunday, August 11
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Ingathering**

Sunday, June 9, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

“Getting Out of Our Minds to Come to Our Senses”

Reverend Barbara Child

At the Unitarian Universalist Association’s General Assembly later this month, delegates will renew attention to the study-action issue (SAI) adopted for 2010-14 on “Immigration as a Moral Issue,” and also the SAI adopted for 2012-16 on “Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling.” But is it only cynics who ask: So what? Are our critics right when they accuse us of being mostly just talk, people who delude ourselves into believing that adopting a well crafted statement is itself action for justice?

Sunday, June 16, 2013 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

“It’s Father’s Day, and You Know the Rules”

Reverend Barbara Child

Someone says to you, “You look more like your father every day.” And you respond the way you always do. You send your father a funny card, or a sophisticated one, or none at all. You give him a tie or socks, or you don’t. You call him on the phone or visit his grave, or don’t. It’s Father’s Day, and whatever yours happen to be, or to have been, you know the rules.

Save the Date! Summer Solstice Celebration

June 21 Friday, June 21, 6:15PM Summer Solstice Celebration with Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin Come celebrate light and warmth on the longest day of the year through song and ritual. People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Outstanding Service Award for 2012-13 Recipients Announced

Congratulations to Stephanie Kimball, Amy Taylor and the Techno Fab Five who were recipients of our congregation’s Outstanding Service Award, presented at the June 2nd congregational meeting. Stephanie is not only an amazing force for caring for our planet and curbing climate change within our congregation, but also beyond, impacting and creating interfaith networks throughout the state of Indiana. Amy’s skills, passion and can-do attitude led her to become President of our Heartland Unitarian Universalist District where she helped shepherd the groundbreaking formation of our new MidAmerica UU Region. Our Techno Fab Five--Andy Beargie, Von Welch, Jackie Hall, Steve Krahnke and Diane Port--have worked tirelessly to integrate exciting technology upgrades for our congregation that we benefit from on a daily basis.

MAM's Musings

This past Sunday I preached on the topic of *Belonging*, which spawned many a conversation. Ironically, due to time constraints, I ended up not including the reading that initially sparked my interest in this topic. Many moons ago, when I was serving First Unitarian Society in Madison, WI, a staff member read the following passage at a staff meeting; it is from John O Donohue's Anam Cara, (Gaelic for 'soul friend'.)

The heart of the matter is, you should never belong fully to something that is outside yourself. It is very important to find a balance in your belonging. You should never belong totally to any cause or system. Frequently, people need to belong to an external system because they are afraid to belong to their own lives. If your soul is awakened then you realize that this is the house of your real belonging. Your longing is safe there. Belonging is related to longing. If you hyphenate belonging, it yields a lovely axiom for spiritual growth: be-your-longing. Longing is a precious instinct in the soul. Where you belong should always be worthy of your dignity. You should belong first in your own interiority. If you belong there, and if you are in rhythm with yourself and connected to that deep, unique source within, then you will never be vulnerable when your outside belonging is qualified, or taken away. You will still be able to stand on your own ground, the ground of your soul where you are not a tenant, where you are at home.

I have carried small, worn piece of paper with these words for over fifteen years. I have held onto this writing because I both agree with it and disagree with it. Yes, I believe nurturing our interiority, our sense of soul belonging is vital, but my experience is that I am not capable of such soul awakening 24/7. Sometimes I am knocked off course or lose my balance. This, for me, is when friends and community often play a vital role. They help me course correct and help me regain my balance. If any person, cause or system outside ourselves does not nurture such course correction or balance, then steer clear.

As a minister to this congregation, my hope is that our vision "Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World" provides guidance and challenge for a healthy balance of belonging. To this end, in terms of nurturing our interiority, we will be offering a weekly meditation group on Wednesday evenings starting this Wednesday, June 5, 2013.

Hope to see you there.

MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Starts June 5!

Shambhala Meditation

5:30pm-6:30pm Wednesdays

Led by Sarah Flint

Ralph and Annetta Fuchs Library, upstairs

5:30-5:45 meditation instruction. 5:45-6:30 sitting interspersed with walking meditation and or Shamatha Yoga. Some cushions will be provided, but if you have one, bring your own. Chair posture fine. Advanced practitioners often choose to hear the instruction each week. Even if you must come late or leave early, please join us in this 2500 year old practice.

25% of Sunday Plate Fund Recipient Selected

Members of our congregation present at our Annual Congregational Meeting on June 2 voted to give 25% of our non-pledge Sunday morning offering during fiscal year 2013-14 to Circles Initiative, the Monroe County chapter of a national community-building model that aims to help bring families out of poverty. Low income "leaders" attend 18 weeks of training where they learn how to deal with issues of education, finance and social institutions. After this training, they are matched with 2 or 3 middle class "allies" who meet with them on a regular basis to help them reach their goals for getting out of poverty.



News from Religious Education

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, June 9th

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice cream! We are joyfully celebrating our wonderful Religious Education teachers, advisors, and mentors on Sunday, June 9th from 10:15-11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come and thank these generous volunteers (who are wearing black chalice pins)!

Sunday June 9th is our last day of Spring RE Classes. Our Fall Semester will begin on August 4th. Our preschool class will continue to explore Spirit Play in Room 103. Our children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade should grab their maps as we get ready for adventure this summer! Volunteers from the congregation will serve as our tour guides each week as we travel to a different country; learn games, sing songs, craft and much more! Class will meet in Room 210. Our first stop will be Peru with the Nelson Laird family leading the way! Please visit the Religious Education table during the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 9th to register your children for 2013-2014 school year and January intersession. A prospectus with class descriptions will be available at the table. Online registration will be available after June 9th.

Courses offered during both services for 2013-14:

World Of Wonder (Preschool)
Roots & Wings (K-2)
Holidays and Holy Days (3rd-5thgrade)
UU Action (6th-8thgrade)
YRUU (High School) *meeting day/time TBD

Summer Crafting Workshop June 15

Saturday, June 15, 2:00-4:00 PM

Do you know these stories?

Owen and Mzee, Charlotte's Web, the Starfish Thrower, The Lorax...

Adults and older children are invited to help us prepare to tell these and other wonderful stories in the coming months by making props and figures for story baskets. People of all skill levels are urged to come lend a hand. Everything from computer searches and coloring to knitting or sewing felt dolls or animals will be available to work on. Come for an hour or stay for the whole time. With Eve Cusack, Adrienne Summerlot and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite Questions? Please email Reverend Emily at mre@uubloomington.org.

Looming for a Summer Project?

Have you seen the enormous loom in our children's library? Have you been itching to get your hands on it?

We're using it to make some new mats for our preschool and K-2 classrooms. UU Youth (middle school and high school) and adults are invited to help! Instruction will be provided, and weaving can be done at your convenience over the summer.

Interested? Contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite mre@uubloomington.org and she will put you in touch with the experts!

Our Folks...

We were saddened to learn of the death of Paul Petersen this week, a member of our congregation. Our thoughts are with his family and friends as we all mourn his loss.

Our thoughts are also with the Port family upon the death earlier this week of Bob Port's mother Edith Port, at age 98. Edith sang in our choir while she was living in Bloomington; many members of her extended family are members of our congregation.

Sam Cusack will be appearing in Charlotte's Web with Cardinal Stage Company, June 8-23. Ray Fellman will appear in Old Wicked Songs with Jewish Theater of Bloomington June 8-16.

Part-time Employment Opportunities at UU Church of Bloomington

Temporary Custodian

Our Custodian Jeff Stone will be recovering from shoulder surgery June 20 through July 25, and we are searching for a paid temporary custodian during this period. Pay is \$16 per hour, and is funded for 12 hours per week during the 5-week period. Job includes lifting a maximum of 30 lbs (repeatedly, as in rearranging Meeting Room chairs), cleaning the entire building weekly, set ups of rooms for meetings, unlocking the building and making coffee on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m., and occasional unlocking and locking of the building. Submit letter of interest and resume to Church Administrator Carol Marks admin@uubloomington.org by June 10.

Campus Ministry Coordinator

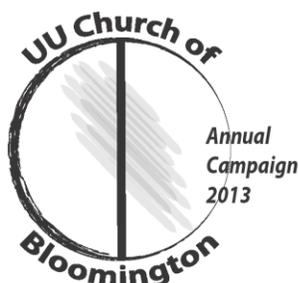
Stipend position with maximum of 300 hours per year. Pay range is \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour, dependent upon experience with Unitarian Universalist Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Skills needed: Computer and social network experience, leadership and organizational skills, ability to work independently under supervision, and sense of humor. Must be available on Sundays and able to start in July. To apply, send Letter of Interest and Resume to Reverend Mary Ann Macklin by June 15th: macklin@uubloomington.org Questions? 812-332-3695.

Office Assistant

Excellent computer skills, sense of humor, detail oriented, good organizational skills, self-starter, copes well with interruptions. One 10-hr per week, year-round permanent church office assistant position available mid-July. Will work with our current office assistant on a wide variety of clerical tasks. Knowledge of bookkeeping, social media, Adobe, and a fearless attitude about technology a plus. Work during ordinary weekday office hours, plus two or three Sunday mornings per month. Pay starts at \$9.00/hour. Send letter of interest and resume by June 19 to Ms. Carol Marks, Church Administrator, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, admin@uubloomington.org. Interviews will take place in July.

Guest Editors for June 17 and July 1 Prologues

Our Office Assistants, Monica Overman and Erica Caldwell, will be editing The Prologue on June 17 and July 1 while Church Administrator Carol Marks is away. Because they will be adding this task to their regular work, it would be very helpful if you could send your articles for those issues early. Send them to admin@uubloomington.org, with Subject line of "Prologue June 17" or "Prologue July 1". Many thanks!



That's My Church!

Does my pledge really matter?

Yes it does! We now have pledges for over \$500,000 for the coming year (2013-14). Thank you! This is a 9% increase from last year's budget – help us make it to 10%. This will help us make the changes we need to make for sustainable and fair compensation and programming scheduled for this next fiscal year. Please make your pledge today. Call the office or go to our website

www.uubloomington.org . THANK YOU!

--Stewardship Committee

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 next discussion will be on June 16.* -- Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu



Young Adult Gatherings

Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to join the next young adult lunch on Sunday, June 9. Look for Melinda Elston outside the sanctuary after the second service; we'll pick a place to eat in town. To stay in the loop on other young adult activities over the summer, join our email list by sending a message with your address to uucampus@uubloomington.org, and/or request to join our facebook group (search on

UUU). Shari Woodbury, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Coordinator, at uucampus@uubloomington.org or (812) 345-8313.

Volunteer Opportunities on Tuesdays and Fridays

Office volunteers are a great asset to the work of our congregation. If you enjoy repetitive work like stuffing envelopes, folding paper, and so forth, join us on a Tuesday or Friday to help out. We really appreciate it! Contact Erica or Monica at office@uubloomington.org to schedule a time to help.

First and Third Tuesday 2:30-3:30

Fridays 2:30-4:00

Women's Alliance Meeting - Thursday, June 6 at 11:30

Phil and Ruth Ann Cooper will tell us about their 1500 mile Indiana odyssey advocating for gay rights. Phil rode a seatless, elliptical bike - thus the tour's name Elliptical Indiana: Standing for Equality, Love and Justice. Everyone is welcome. Lunch in Fellowship Hall at 11:30, with program at 12 noon.



Exploring UU Class Meets Sundays July 14 & 21

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by Sunday, July 7 at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing office@uubloomington.org. Free child care is provided. For more information contact Judy

Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org

Green Sanctuary Task Force



Thought for Food: Food Sovereignty and Farewells

Join the Green Sanctuary Task Force for our next Thought for Food event on Thursday, June 6th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will start with a vegetarian potluck and follow with a program including a farewell to fellow GSTF member Rosalind May and a presentation by Alexandra Toledo entitled:

"Food Sovereignty: What I learned from Bolivia that matters to Bloomington".

Alexandra spent a week in March on a Food First Food Sovereignty

Tour <<http://www.foodsovereigntytrips.org/>> in Bolivia, thanks in part to support from the GSTF. She will share what she learned about how the way we eat here in Bloomington is intimately connected to the way of life in Bolivia. We'll be exploring and discussing food sovereignty all over the world, starting here at home.

Childcare is available after supper; contact Adrienne Summerlot at dre@uubloomington.org in advance. For other questions, contact Alexandra Toledo at almabuck@indiana.edu.

Free Home Energy Audit to Benefit You, and Green Sanctuary

The Green Sanctuary Task Force has arranged with Energizing Indiana for the church to receive \$25.00 for every household* that has them perform a free energy audit. Though not as thorough as a full audit, they spend about two hours checking from your basement to your attic, assessing your windows and doors, furnace, air conditioner and major appliances. They also will install aerators in your sinks, low-flow showerheads, and replace nine existing incandescent lamps with CFLs as needed. The funds will go toward conservation projects or improvements to our church facility that will save energy and money.

To enroll, just click on (or type in) this link and fill out your name, street number, zip code and phone number to check your eligibility: <http://tinyurl.com/uuhomeaudit>

*To qualify, the resident (home owner or renter) must be a Duke or Vectren customer; the house must be at least ten years old and not have had an audit in the past three years.



Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

The next bountiful Sunday is July 7. Please bring non-perishable foods to donate to Monroe County United Ministries. -- Anne Graham, Chair



Habitat Task Force News

Habitat Task Force: A team of 37 women, including about 30 from our congregation, had a great time painting, putting up siding, making a porch and other jobs on May 15 at two homes built in the Cedar Chase neighborhood for the Habitat Women Build. Our team donated or raised about \$11,918, helping Habitat raise a total of \$145,000, which also

will help build a Habitat home in El Salvador. We were helped by donations of about \$1,075 from several Unitarian Universalists, whose funds were used to sponsor women for the build. See photos of this event on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/uubloomington>

Many thanks to all the women who participated - some of whom have done so for many years - and to those who donated to this wonderful community-wide cause.

Habitat Task Force members also would like to thank those who ate the dinner we prepared after the congregational meeting. We raised about \$500, which we will use for future Habitat projects.

--Barb Berggoetz, task force co-chair



UU History for You

Jane Addams and the Role of Settlement Houses

Jane Addams (1860-1935) was born in Cedarville, Illinois, where her father was a wealthy banker, factory owner, and agribusiness man. He was also a friend of Abraham Lincoln. Addams's mother died when she was 2 years old and her father remarried when Jane was 8. Jane was a sickly child with tuberculosis of the spine that caused severe scoliosis. She did her undergraduate work in Illinois but after her father died she and her sister went to medical school in Philadelphia. She dropped out to have surgery for her illness. She sought ways to find a satisfactory life and on a trip to England visited a settlement house. She thought this would be a great innovation for American immigrants. At Chicago she rented Hull House and began converting it into a settlement community which offered classes, lectures, public health programs, immigrant assistance, musical activity to give the poor a sense of culture, and outreach programs to help immigrants find work and housing. She was a Presbyterian in

her youth but in Chicago she attended Unitarian services. For Hull House she made secularism the rule because of the multiple faiths of the poor. She admired Teddy Roosevelt and campaigned for him when he ran for president. She also became a peace activist and fought hard for the League of Nations. In 1931, she won the Nobel Prize for Peace. She never married but had romantic relations with two women during her life.

-- Elof Axel Carlson, Congregational Historian

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

- Go to <https://www.churchdb.com/churchDB/Login.asp?iOrgzKey=49>
- 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.
- Enter your user ID and password at the login screen (see above URL), and click Login button

Things you can do in the database:

- Look up someone's contact info in the directory
- Check your own Stewardship pledge payment info and print your own statements
- Check your own family contact information for accuracy and make needed changes, including changing your username and password
- See photos of everyone who had their photo taken in October 2012
- Make your own up to date pdf directory, save to your computer, or print it out.

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.

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!

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, June 17; 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: June 17, July 1, July 15, Aug 5, Aug 19, Sep 3 (a Tuesday) and Sep 16. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed. The office will also be closed on Thursday, July 4.

Staff Directory You may leave a private message for a specific minister or staff member at the following extensions at anytime during the outgoing message at 332-3695.

Staff Member, _____ Phone Extension, _____ Email Address

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, 201, macklin@uubloomington.org

Reverend Bill Breeden is on sabbatical and unavailable until July 28.

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, 203, mre@uubloomington.org

Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education, 202, dre@uubloomington.org

Kitty McIntosh, RE Assistant, 202, rea@uubloomington.org

Carol Marks, Church Administrator, 200, admin@uubloomington.org

Erica Caldwell, Monica Overman, Office Assistants, 204, office@uubloomington.org

Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, 209, memcoord@uubloomington.org

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.

Attendance and Offering

We have 490 certified members, as of 2/1/2013. Current membership is 504.

Sun, May 26, 9:15: 106; 11:15: 182; RE: 76 Total: 364

Sun, June 2, 9:15: 127; 11:15: 180; RE: 98 Total: 405

Non-Pledge Offering

5/26 - \$570; 6/2 - \$580

Total to be donated to VIPS - \$288

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: May 26 \$1200, income to UUCB \$60; June 2 \$800, income to UUCB \$40.

Website Move and Email Interruption June 25-27

To improve the flexibility and management of our web presence and our email, we will be moving our web presence and email June 25-27. During this time, the website (www.uubloomington.org) and email for ministers and staff will not be available. We expect to be back up and running by Friday, June 28. Please keep this interruption in mind when contacting ministers and staff during this transition. The phone system will be working during this time. All our email and website addresses will stay the same; they will just be hosted in another "place" on the web. These improvements are part of our Technology Grant; many thanks to Von Welch for assisting with this transition.

Selected Upcoming Events

For a complete calendar, go to www.uubloomington.org

Weds, June 5

3:00 p.m. Monthly Life Stories Writing Group
5:30 p.m. UU Meditation Practice

Thurs, June 6

11:30 a.m. Women's Alliance
1:30 p.m. Elder Focus
6:00 p.m. Green Sanctuary Potluck and Program:
"Food Sovereignty"

Fri, June 7

10:30 a.m. Life Stories Writing Group
11:30 a.m. UU Staff
12:00 n UU Staff and A-Team

Sat, June 8

2-4 p.m. Recital
4:30 p.m. Chalice Circles Facilitators Dinner

Sun, June 9

10:15 a.m. Ice Cream Social – Thanking our
Religious Ed. Teachers
5:30 p.m. UU High School Youth

Mon, June 10

12:00 n Sabbatical Committee

Weds, June 12

1:00 p.m. Music sorting
5:30 p.m. UU Meditation Practice

Thurs, June 13

6:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Grade Movie Night

Fri, June 14

10:30 a.m. Life Stories Writing Group
6:00 p.m. Auction Committee
6:30 p.m. Drum Circle

Sat, June 15

4:00 p.m. Reproductive Justice Task Force
Film and Discussion

Sun, June 16

10:15 a.m. International Outreach Bake Sale
10:15 a.m. Garage Sale Committee
10:30 a.m. Membership Book Signing
12:45 p.m. Humanist Forum
5:30 p.m. UU High School Youth

Mon, June 17

10:00 a.m. The Prologue deadline
5:30 p.m. Caring Committee

Community Connections

June 16 Pitch-In Dinner with Music by Grant Peeples

Place: Jesseph's Dome, 2129 S. High St. Parking: Childs School

Time: 6:00 pm EAT! 8:00 pm MUSIC! Local talent with featured artist Grant Peeples, a folk singer from Florida. Don't miss it! Vivian's Famous Lentil Soup and Laura's Famous Lasagna! Everyone bring salad or dessert or favorite dish. Iced Tea provided.

Suggested Donation: \$15.00 or what you can afford. (No admission charge for children) Contact Darrell Breeden, darrell7thson@gmail.com, for further details.



The Prologue

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