

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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## Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

**April 30**  
**Beltane Celebration**  
7:00 p.m.

**May 1**  
Pizza supper &  
**May Pole Dance**  
5:30 p.m.

**May 4**  
**Goods and Services Auction**  
Colonel Darrell Breedon,  
auctioneer

**May 9-10**  
**All-Church Retreat**  
Register by 4/27

**May 18**  
**Flower Communion**

**June 8**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
4:00 p.m.

**June 22**  
**Splash of the Sacred**  
**Pitch-in and Pool Party**  
5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**

**9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

**A Celebration of Trees:  
Intergenerational Earth Day Service**  
**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**  
**with special guests Carrie Newcomer and**  
**Tom Roznowski**

Come celebrate our beautiful earth and its forests and trees in this intergenerational service filled with stories, time for reflection and exploration, and especially SONG, with guests Carrie Newcomer and Tom Roznowski, along with the UU Choir.

And please plan to attend the Earth Fair after each service, where you can pick up a free tree or shrub to plant, learn more about what you can do to keep our Indiana forests healthy, sign up for our Earth Celebrational retreat May 9-10, and learn much more about caring for our planet.

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

**9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

**Beauty does as beauty is**  
**Reverend Bill Breedon**

Join us on this first Sunday of May, a month with the fitting theme of "Beauty." It has inspired artists as disparate as Picasso and O'Keeffe. It has driven some to madness and some to compassion. We seem to know it when we see it, but have difficulty holding it in our hands. Perhaps we will find beauty in being together. And at 12:30 p.m.: Lunch followed by the amazing **Goods & Services Auction!** See Page 6 for details.



**Pledged Yet?**

**We are Counting on You!**

**Pledge Total Currently \$445,960**

As of 10:30 a.m. on April 21 our pledge total so far for 2014-15 was just about \$446,000. Many thanks to all of you who have already pledged. If you have not yet pledged, please call 812-332-3695, ext. 200 with your pledge, send the info in an email to Church Administrator Carol Marks at [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) or pledge online. See our Stewardship webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/uustewardship> or go to the Donate page (tab to the far right at the top of the page) at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and click on "I want to make a Pledge." **Every pledge helps—we appreciate your participation!**



## From the Ministers

Wow! Spring is well worth the wait. The songbirds make no apology, nor do the redbuds, the dogwoods, and the frogs. After all, cosmic time is not determined by human expectations, and we can all be thankful for that. That is not to say that human expectations are of no value. To be sure, our expectations shape the way in which we experience this cosmic adventure, this magical reality of life. Springtime certainly raises our expectations of joy, warmth, and celebration.

Speaking of which, we are expecting a great time at the **Earth-Celebrational, All-Congregational, Inter-Generational UU Retreat** which will take place on **May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>** at **Waycross Camp** in Brown County! We will be canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, and celebrating life together. Reverend Bill and Glenda will facilitate a campfire sing-along, and there will be ample time to just soak up the beauty of this wonderful life.

**Have you registered yet?** If not, we encourage you to do so yesterday. Well, right now will do just fine and you can do it by clicking this link:

[http://www.uubloomington.org/images/2014\\_The\\_Registration\\_Earthcelebrational.pdf](http://www.uubloomington.org/images/2014_The_Registration_Earthcelebrational.pdf)

**Retreat Scholarships** are available for those who need them, so this is a no-brainer. Contact Reverend Macklin for scholarship assistance, [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org) . Details on Page 4.

Another opportunity for fun is the **Annual UU Goods and Services Auction** on **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>!** Lunch will be available after the second service. Bidder registration opens at 1:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 2:00! There will be deals too good to pass up, and our auctioneer, Darrell Breeden will be assisted by his twin brother and at least two lovely assistants. It will be a hoot with lots of loot and bargains for all. Join us for this annual fund raiser.

In the meantime, our gratitude for the generosity you all share with this congregation. Thanks for your pledges to support the work of this congregation as we enter the homestretch of our stewardship campaign.

Walk in joy and beauty, give thanks, and share the good news, aka “gospel,” of universal love and peace.

*Mary Ann and Bill*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



**Fourth Friday Fellowship-  
Friday, April 25th- 6pm**

**Join us for a screening of Jose Toledo's  
documentary "Unfreedom"**

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall  
Potluck pitch-in supper at 6:00 p.m. with film at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion to follow film, led by Jose Toledo

Childcare provided at 6:30 p.m. Find this event on Facebook!

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1585882598302971/?Ref\\_dashboard\\_filter=upcoming](https://www.facebook.com/events/1585882598302971/?Ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming)



**Help Us with a Group Hug on April 27**

Our 6th-8th grade classes are working on some inspirational videos which they hope to share with the congregation once they are complete. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed words on post-its for their "fire of commitment." Special Request: this Sunday, April 27th, immediately after the 9:15am service, we ask everyone (kids too) to join us in the courtyard for a group hug. We will video tape this for our project!

Bunnies visiting on April 20. Photo by Adrienne Summerlot

**May Pole Dance**

**Thursday, May 1st- 5:30pm**

Come dance with us! Join us at 5:30pm for pizza dinner, \$1/ slice. Wear your spring finery and dance the traditional May Pole dance with us.



**REMINDER: Intergenerational Service this  
Sunday, April 27th.**

Children should attend service with their parents. Childcare will be available for young children and babies.

**High School Youth Group always welcomes new participants!**

Our high school youth meet on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, and all high school youth are welcome! Here are some upcoming events. Sunday, April 27: visiting Bethel African Methodist Episcopal congregation. Saturday and Sunday May 3-4: Camping Trip! Contact Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

[mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org) if you'd like details.



### Shambhala Meditation on April Mondays at Noon

Join Sarah Flint in the Meeting Room, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays in April for Shambhala Meditation and instruction. Sitting will be interspersed with walking meditation and Shamatha Yoga. Please bring your own cushion. Chair posture is also fine. Even if you must come late or leave early, please join us in this 2500-year old practice.



**Congregational Retreat May 9-10 -- Register by April 27!** Our Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat is May 9-10 at Waycross Camp and Conference Center in Brown County. Registration is now open and space is limited, so register early. Here is the registration form: <http://dft.ba/-8v73> Please print it, fill it out and bring it to the church, or email a scan of it to [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org) There are also paper forms available in the office. You may pay by check or online by credit or debit card at our Donate page at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) Choose **Retreats: All Church Retreat** in the Fund drop-down list. Questions about online payments, call 812-332-3695. Info about the retreat, contact Ruthann Cooper at [racsings@comcast.net](mailto:racsings@comcast.net) Registration deadline is April 27.

### 25% Sunday Plate Fund for Social Justice: Nominations Due May 1

The donation of 25% of our non-pledge contributions from the Sunday plate continues to be a great success! Our contributions to the current recipient, Monroe County Circles Initiative, total \$3792 in the first two fiscal quarters. The total donated to Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) last year was \$8,533. 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 nominating the next year's local non-profit agency to receive the 25% of Sunday non-pledge plate collections has begun, the deadline is May 1. An application form and a set of guidelines are now available for those who would like to nominate an agency that you would like these funds to support. After the applications are submitted the Social Justice Funds Committee will choose three applicants for the congregation to vote on at the spring congregational meeting on June 8 at 4:00 p.m.

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 3-minute presentation during both services on Sunday, June 8, 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 May 1 to be considered. Applications are only available electronically and can be requested from and submitted to Millie Jackson ([milliecm@gmail.com](mailto:milliecm@gmail.com)). Contact Millie with any questions.

The Social Justice Funds Committee: Steve Mascari, Ellen Tamura, Millie Jackson, & Bret Earheart.

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Bloomington, Indiana, Inc.  
Annual Report to the Congregation  
Sunday, June 8, 2014

## Annual Reports Due May 15

All committee and task force chairs are invited to submit annual reports of their group's work for the past year, since May 2013, to be included in our Annual Report to the Congregation at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8, 2014. Please send your reports to Carol Marks at [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by May 15. A good length for these reports is 100 to 200 words. If you would like to look at past year's reports for inspiration and reference, they are located here: <http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/annualreport.php>



## 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 27th, 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 or [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org), no later than Wednesday, April 23rd.



## Are you a Friendly Presence at Coffee Hour?

If you are willing to assist with UU hospitality, please use one of the black and yellow mugs with the welcome logo for your beverage at fellowship hour. Guests and newcomers are invited to look for friendly folks using the Welcome mugs. They would like to talk with you.



## UU Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Our 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. Their next meeting is on Sunday, May 4, and the topic is "Us versus Them" with Sandy Dolby leading the discussion.



## Panel Discussion Explores End-of-Life Topics April 27

Join us for a friendly panel discussion on Sunday, April 27 from 3-5 p.m. on:  
Physician Aid-in-Dying, Palliative Care, and Death and Spirituality

Facilitators for our panel will be:

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin — one of our ministers

Clarke Miller---Past President of Compassion and Choices of Indiana

Dr. Rob Stone—Medical Director of Palliative Care for IU Health Southern  
Indiana Physicians

In Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by: UU Caring Committee and Elder Focus Task Force Contact Person:  
Sharon Yarber at [yarbersharon@yahoo.com](mailto:yarbersharon@yahoo.com) or phone 336-4427

## Thanks from the MidAmerica UU Region

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the MidAmerica Regional Meeting April 12 a success. All of the staff and Ministers, Jackie Hall and the many Social Justice volunteers, and Chalice Circle members: Doug Cauble, Jan Armstrong, Marlin Howard, Sandy Dolby, Carol Ver Wiebe, Vince Molica, Sandra Hernshaw and Patsy Flint. A special thank you to Marlin Howard and Amy Crozier for overseeing the kitchen and food service for the day. With Gratitude, Bill Sasso, MidAmerica President and Amy Taylor, Board member.

## Goods & Services Auction

### Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

#### *A Note From Arzetta:*

Whenever I hang out with fellow UU's, I always have a good time. Whether it's at the All-Congregational retreat, the Splash of the Sacred, or a movie with popcorn, we just like having fun together. So come to the Goods and Services Auction on Sunday, May 4 and have some fun.

I remember my first auction. There was a beautiful art piece by Sandy Taylor. We wanted it, but someone (Guy Loftman, I think) kept out bidding me. At one point Bill Breeden had to say, "Arzetta, you don't have to bid against yourself." I just wanted to get the next higher bid in before Guy did! Sandy's art piece still hangs in our house today.

You won't want to miss Darrell Breeden as auctioneer extraordinaire. And our very own "Vannas," Glenda and Ruellen, will be there to present the auction items. Offerings include delectable dinners, Haikus, and nice pieces from around the world. The auction is on Sunday, May 4. There will be soup and bread for lunch after the second service. The live and silent auction will follow. Hope to see you there.  
–Arzetta Hults Losensky

*Luncheon (modest cost) 12:30*

*Registration 1:30*

*Live & Silent Auction 2:00*

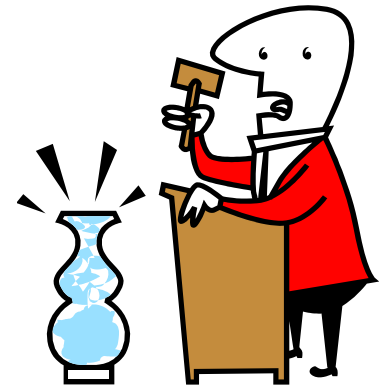
Don't miss this delightful afternoon of auction and delicious food at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington! This is an entertaining and important fundraiser for our congregational budget. Once again our auctioneer will be the inimitable Darrell Breeden, ably assisted by his brother Bill. **Here's the Catalog of Amazing and Amusing Items to be Auctioned:**

<http://www.uubloomington.org/images/2014AuctionCatalog.pdf>

Paper copies also available at church.

*Donor and purchaser receipts will be available on auction day and are available from the auction committee. Absentee bidding is also available if you cannot attend.*

Childcare provided during the auction. Questions? Contact the 2014 Auction Committee Co-Chairs: Michelle Cook (812) 361-0366 / [mc586788@yahoo.com](mailto:mc586788@yahoo.com); Wendy Bethel (614) 477-1660 / [webethel@gmail.com](mailto:webethel@gmail.com)



### Spring Grounds Clean Up May 3

May 3rd is our grounds work day at the church, between 9:00 AM and noon. Come join in the fun! Included will be Weeding, Mulching, Planting, and lots of Fresh Air and Fellowship. Contact Molly O'Donnell for details.

### GA Delegates and Others Attending: Register by April 29 for Reduced Fee

GA delegates and other planning to attend UUA General Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island, in June are reminded to register this week to save \$50 on the registration fee. Delegates (you know who you are) should fill out a paper registration and bring or email a copy to Carol Marks at [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by April 24 so that the church can pay their registration fees. We are also looking for 2-3 more delegates. Please contact Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs, [ifkiesling@aol.com](mailto:ifkiesling@aol.com) immediately if you are interested.



## Celebrate Earth Day at the Earth Fair April 27

The Green Sanctuary invites you to the Earth Fair on Sunday, April 27 after each service. We'll be giving away four varieties of shrubs and trees (buttonbush, red bud, American plum and hazelnut), providing you opportunities to take action on climate change, learn about forests, sign up for the retreat, and simply enjoy good conversation about the wonders of this planet Earth and how we can best care for her.

For more information contact Marcia at [marciaveldman@gmail.com](mailto:marciaveldman@gmail.com).

## Reproductive Justice Task Force Meets April 28

Reproductive Justice Task Force will hold their regularly-scheduled meeting on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9pm in the Library. We will have check-in from our various small group projects, and consider new ones.

–Melinda Swenson

## Bountiful Commitment Sunday Food Drive a Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Bountiful Commitment Sunday Food Drive on April 6. We were able to donate 1,023 pounds of food to the Monroe County United Ministries' Emergency Food Bank! This smashes all previous records for food collected in one day by this congregation. In fact, it would normally take us 5 months to collect this much food. Thank you!

Also, many, many people pitched in after the second service to load cars to transport the food to MCUM - a huge heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped us carry food and load the cars!

Don't forget the next Bounty Full Sunday Food Drive is Sunday, May 4th. Mark your calendar and help us fight hunger in our community!

Thanks again, Anne Graham, Chair-- Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force



## Reproductive Justice Snack Project

Thank you to everyone who has donated snacks for the Reproductive Justice Snack Project. Through this project, we are providing juice boxes, granola bars, other individually wrapped, non-perishable snacks to reduce the number of times patients need to walk past the protesters outside the Planned Parenthood clinic. Donations may be placed in the basket in the commons marked "Snacks for Planned Parenthood." To volunteer, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/kl5ekpj> or contact

Ann LeDuc at [a\\_leduc@msn.com](mailto:a_leduc@msn.com).



## Sleeping Bags, Tents, and Rain Gear Needed

Until November, there is no low-barrier shelter open to those experiencing homelessness in Bloomington. Until a shelter is found, we are in need of sleeping bags, tents, tarps, ponchos and other protective gear. You may place your donations in the box outside the Meeting Room. All donations will be taken to the Shalom Community Center on a regular basis. Thank you. -- Alan Backler, for The Homelessness Task Force



## Beltane Celebration April 30

Come and join Earth Kin in celebrating Beltane on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Beltane or May Day is the final of three spring fertility festivals and it represents the time of year when the sun is finally released from the bondage of winter. Like Samhain, Beltane is "no time," meaning that on this day, the veil between the two worlds is at its thinnest. Earth Kin's Beltane celebration will be lighthearted and fun, as is as means of honoring the energies of the season. All are encouraged to dress in their best spring garb and to bring flowers to decorate the space. –Brooke Opel, [bopel88@gmail.com](mailto:bopel88@gmail.com)



## UU History for You

### Abner Kneeland: The Last U.S. Citizen Convicted of Blasphemy

If I had to resurrect one of my favorite UUs, I would put Abner Kneeland (1774-1844) up there with Michael Servetus and Joseph Priestley. He was born in Gardner, Massachusetts, and raised a Baptist. He converted to Universalism when he was 22 and went through a hectic life, fathering 12 children, surviving three of his four wives, and leaving a wake of outrage among his parishioners and readers as he lobbed one mental bombshell after another, questioning their (and his) beliefs. He was an abolitionist, a feminist who favored women's rights to birth control, divorce, keeping their own names in marriage, owning property, and having custody of their children. He said there was nothing immoral about interracial couples having children. He wrote books and articles promoting these social views and described the Trinitarian religions as "nothing more than a chimera of their own imagination." He became a pantheist and said "God and nature are synonymous." He preached that "our duty is living as long as we can... providing as much happiness as we can while we live." He published a free thought journal, *The Investigator*, in 1832. His views were considered blasphemous under Massachusetts Law. He argued that his arrest violated the US Constitution, his right to preach religion, and the freedom of the press. He was found guilty and the judge condemned him "a cantankerous and inflexible heretic." Emerson and Channing supported him, but most ministers agreed with the verdict. He served 60 days in jail. – Elof Carlson, Congregational Historian

### Livestreaming? The Order of Service is posted on our facebook page

If you would like to follow along with the order of service while livestreaming the Sunday service (<http://www.uubloomington.org/worship/livestream.html>), go to our facebook page, where the upcoming order of service is posted each Friday: [www.facebook.com/uubloomington](http://www.facebook.com/uubloomington)

### New UU Family Camp in Michigan!

**Chalice Sparx** UU Camp for families runs July 10-15<sup>th</sup> at Ronora Lodge & Retreat Center in Watervliet, Michigan, only 100 miles from Chicago. Keynote speaker is award -winning songwriter, performer, and lay-preacher Joe Jencks. Visit [www.chalicesparx.org](http://www.chalicesparx.org) for more details and to register for this new camp for UU families located in southwestern Michigan. Additional info, contact Michelle Richards, [richards.michelle@frontier.com](mailto:richards.michelle@frontier.com)

**Current Membership: 495      Certified Membership as of 2/1/2014: 492**

#### Attendance

Sunday, April 13	9:15: 116;	11:15: 172;	RE: 91	Total: 379
Sunday, April 20	9:15: 173;	11:15: 215;	RE: 106	Total: 494

#### Online Livestreaming

Sunday, April 20	9:15: 72	11:15: NA	Total: 72
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#### Non-Pledge Offering

4/13 - \$593; 4/20 - \$972:      Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$391.33

#### Grocery Card Sales

April 13	\$850, income to UUCB \$42.50
April 20	\$1,525, income to UUCB \$76.25

### Has Unitarian Universalism Made a Difference in Your Life?

Here is a great way to spread the word: **Like** our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/uubloomington](http://www.facebook.com/uubloomington) and if you like something special that you see there, **Share** it! Friends far away might enjoy hearing about our activities and livestreaming our services.





## Our Congregational Themes for 2014

January: Inquiry	July: Hospitality
February: Connection	August: Creativity
March: Generosity	September: Deep Listening
<b>April: Honesty</b>	October: Inheritance
May: Beauty	November: Possibility
June: Love	December: Hope

How do you use HONESTY to Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World?  
(photo by John Woodcock)

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It would be helpful if the office had an emergency contact name and phone number for our members and friends. If you would like us to keep this information on file, please email Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org), or call the office at 812-332-3695.

## Viewing Sunday Services Online:

**Livestream** the Sunday Service at <http://www.techwerks.tv/264PlayerLIVE.php?type=live&clientID=933>

**Archived** Sunday Services are at <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>

**Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, May 5;** 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](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org). The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions, and is edited by Carol Marks, Church Administrator. Dates of the next few issues: May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21.

**Calendar** of all our congregational events can be found at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) Click on "Full Calendar" and then on the date you are interested in. You can also search for a specific event!

## The Prologue

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