

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949  
GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995  
Green Sanctuary since 2007



## Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

**Sunday, May 25, 2014**

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

### **Another Pass at Beauty Reverend Bill Breedon**

Reflections on the creation thereof.

**Sunday, June 1, 2014**

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

### **Confessions of a Closeted Introvert Reverend Barbara Child**

When I signed up to attend the April continuing education seminar for experienced interim ministers on the topic of "Emotional Intelligence," who knew what I was in for? In any case, I'm here to say I returned with a whole new understanding, not only of emotional intelligence but also of ministry (mine, anybody's) and church leadership besides. Oh yes, and what does **love** have to do with it? Well, just wait till you hear!

**May 23  
Fourth Friday  
Beauty in Our Backyard  
6:00 p.m.**

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

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



### **It's Not Too Late to Pledge!**

If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late! 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**." The budget for 2014-15 will go to the Board for approval on Wednesday, May 21. Final approval by the congregation will take place at the Congregational Meeting on June 8.



### **Shambhala Meditation on June Mondays at Noon**

Join Sarah Flint in the Meeting Room, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays in June for Shambhala Meditation and instruction. Sitting will be interspersed with walking meditation and Shamatha Yoga. **No meditation on Memorial Day, May 26**; will resume on Monday, June 2.



## The North Window

This month we focus on beauty, and if beauty cannot be found in the Spring, one must wonder if it is to be found at all. Transplanting Day Lilies, Creeping Charlie, and Jerusalem Artichoke on to bare banks of sand and clay, just before the Sky wept for three days, and thinking of a world in which girls and boys are kidnapped for war, I wondered that anyone in Southern Indiana could fail to be thankful for beauty.

Of course, beauty can be hard to see if one is homeless, abused, or otherwise deprived of the sustenance of life. Yet, time and time again I have been reminded of beauty by the voice of a person so situated. Furthermore I have found beauty in the life of this community as we continue to care for those around us, as well as those living in other lands.

I found this in the May 2014 *Sun Magazine*:

“What good shall I do today? What good have I done today.” (question asked by Benjamin Franklin first thing in the morning and before going to sleep.) Beautiful!

Join us in person or on the web this Sunday as we take a last pass at “Beauty.”

Peace—bill

Reverend Bill Breeden, Co-minister



## From Our Congregational President: Reverend Douglas Wadkins Selected as Interim Minister

Dear Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to announce that the Reverend Douglas Wadkins will be starting a two-year term as our Interim Minister this summer. I would like to thank the Interim Minister Selection Committee members Von Welch (chair), Abby Gitlitz and Drew Schrader, along with Reverend Macklin, for their dedicated work in bringing us to this point.

Reverend Wadkins is experienced as an interim minister as well as a called minister. He served the Bellingham, Washington, congregation for more than a decade and most recently served as an interim minister for two years at the UU Society of Cleveland. He has a Doctorate in Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary and a Masters from Brite Divinity School with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Social Justice. His BS degree from Barton College was in Music Education. We invite you to learn more about him from his website: <http://douglaswadkins.org>

Reverend Bill Breeden's last sermon at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington will be on June 15 although he will be part of the service on June 22. After Reverend Breeden's departure, our ministerial team for the next two years will be comprised of our Executive Minister, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, our Minister of Religious Education, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, and our Interim Minister, Reverend Douglas Wadkins.

There will be more information about the interim period as well as next steps in the ministerial transition in future communications.

I know you will join the board, the ministers and the staff in welcoming Reverend Wadkins to Bloomington this summer.

Kathy

Kathleen Sideli  
President, Board of Directors

Fourth Friday Fellowship

Friday, May 23rd- 6-8pm

Beauty

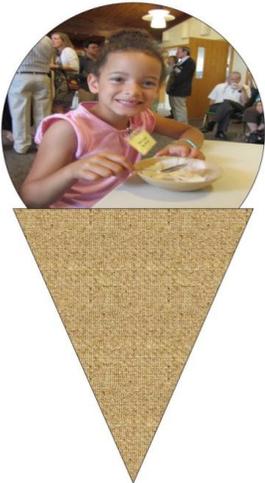


IN OUR BACKYARD

Our gardens are expanding! Allan's tomato garden, the garden tower, and a NEW small vegetable garden by the portico entrance. There will also be opportunities to sign up to help maintain the gardens during the summer! PITCH IN PICNIC 6 PM \* PLANTING 7 PM



Find this event on Facebook!

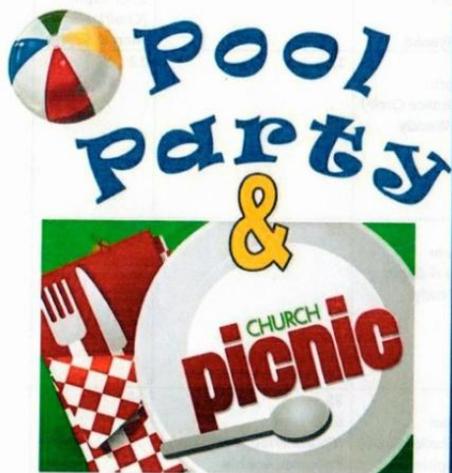


Many thanks to our over 75 teachers who shared their Sundays with us and made the 2013-2014 Religious Education classes such a treat!

This summer our kids Kindergarten-8th grade will explore under the Big Top! We are seeking teens and adults with special skills such a juggling, stilt walking, acrobatics, etc to share their talent with the kids. This is an exciting opportunity to help with our children for just 1 week or more if your schedule allows. Our CircUUs will meet on Sundays in Room 210. Please contact Adrienne Summerlot if you would like to volunteer or need more info.

Thanks to our volunteers who made our Ice Cream Social a success!

Register for the 2014-2015 Religious Education School Year beginning Sunday, June 1st in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. If your child registers by July 13th they be guaranteed their first choice in classes for our August Intersession!



EVERYONE is invited to join us for "Splash of the Sacred" Sunday, June 22nd at Bryan Park. \*5:30-7:30pm- Pot Luck Picnic -Woodlawn Shelter Bring a dish to share and table service. \*8-9pm- private pool party at Bryan Park Pool Life-guards will be on duty; parents must accompany and supervise their children. This is a great opportunity for newcomers and guests to meet members of our congregation!

**Legal notice of Annual Congregational Meeting**

June 8, 2014 4:00 p.m.

Budget approval, 25% Sunday Plate Fund Vote,  
Elections of Board, Special Purposes, and Leadership Cultivation members  
All members encouraged to attend. Childcare provided

**2014 Slate of Nominees****(election at June 8 Congregational Meeting)****Michelle Cook – Leadership Cultivation Committee**

Michelle has been attending UU Bloomington since July of 2012 and she and her wife, Jessie, became members of the church in December of the same year. Michelle has served on the Greeter/Welcomer Committee and Auction Committee for two years. She has also served as a substitute advisor to the high school youth group since the Fall of 2013 and recently joined the group as a full-time YRUU advisor. Michelle's professional life involves conducting condition assessments and trainings related to accessibility for persons with disabilities in the National Park System, and her down-time is primarily occupied by the antics of her four dogs.

**Harv Hegarty – Leadership Cultivation Committee**

Harv Hegarty grew up on a farm homesteaded by his great grandparents. He is a retired IU faculty member where he taught Strategy, Organizational Behavior, Negotiation, Leadership, and Creativity. He and his wife, Connie, are active in community activities including the Shalom Center, Wednesday Pantry, Winter Shelter, and Cardinal Theatre. He is on the Board of Amethyst House and SCORE.

**Kim Deckard – Special Purposes Fund Committee**

Kim Deckard is a native of Bloomington, Indiana, and has resided there for the majority of her life. Kim has worked in the banking industry for 23 years, holding positions such as Teller, Vault Teller, Credit Analyst and Para Lender. Kim enjoys running, biking, kayaking and raising her 6 month old son, Max. She has been a member of the UU Church of Bloomington for 3 years and loves it!

**Kathleen Sideli – Board President**

I started attending UUCB in 1989 with my husband, Dan Quilter, and two children. For the past 20 years I have had governance experience on ten boards, through my professional life of international education as well as local organizations. Most recently I have served as president of the board of UUCB. Serving this church during a time of transition planning has been challenging as well as rewarding.

**Pat Brantlinger – Board At-Large**

Patrick Brantlinger grew up in a Unitarian family in Indianapolis. After college and graduate school, he taught at IU for 38 years, chairing the English Department in the early 1990s. He was named James Rudy Professor in 2000 and received the College Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award in 2001. He is the author of several books, most recently *States of Emergency: Essays on Culture and Politics* (IU Press, 2013).

**Ann LeDuc – Board Secretary**

Before moving to Bloomington, Ann attended many other Unitarian Universalist churches, societies and fellowships in the U.S. She asserts that our UU community is exceptional. As a result, she has become very involved in our committees and task forces. She is an active member of the Habitat for Humanity Task Force, the Greeters and Welcomers Committee, and the Reproductive Justice Task Force. Ann is the current chairperson of the Religious Education Support Team.

## **25% Plate Fund Nominees for 2014-15** (to be voted on at Congregational Meeting on June 8)

**Templeton Healthy Snack Food Program:** Many children at Templeton Elementary are living in poverty and experiencing hunger on a regular basis as a result. Although Templeton is only a few miles from the Indiana University campus, it serves a significant number of students living in hotels, shelters, low-income housing or who are doubled up temporarily with other families. Approximately 75% of students there receive free or reduced lunches. The problem is growing. Two years ago, Templeton served a total of 22 homeless families. This year, they have already served 40 homeless families.

Many students eat lunch as early as 10:50 a.m. and don't get home until after 4:00 p.m., leaving them hungry throughout the school day. This impacts not only their health, but their ability to learn. Last year, Templeton Elementary received funding to help fight students' hunger through the Federal Healthy Snack Program. Teachers noticed that children learned better and were better behaved. Unfortunately, funding is no longer available. Therefore, we are asking that the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington consider donating 25% of the Sunday Plate donations to provide healthy snacks. -Laura Petersen

The mission of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington** is to, "empower ALL young people, especially those that need us most, to realize their full potential as caring, productive, and responsible citizens." We are all well aware of the issues and challenges that threaten our precious and unique community, and as more and more of our fellow citizens fail to realize their potential, we all suffer the consequences. The clubs recognize that the only way to real change is through making STRONG kids. Funds from the 25% of the plate grant will support our Indiana Kids Tutoring Program. This academic support and enrichment program provides daily tutoring and career exploration experiences to TANF youth. Educational materials, computers, classroom instructional aids, leadership staff, and career exploration field trips will be funded through your generous support. The local clubs, each day, provide more than 360 youth, an opportunity to access the mentors and program opportunities that are not accessible to them due to prohibitive costs or family culture. Club members and their families receive transportation of youth from school to the clubs, a safe and enriching environment, a healthy snack, and access to mentors and programming. Your support is appreciated. --Iris Kiesling

**Susie's Place** is a Child Advocacy Center (national designation) started in Bloomington in 2010 to investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect in a "neutral, child-friendly" atmosphere. It's forensic interviews about alleged "crimes against children" by highly trained professionals is unique, as is the collaborative, multi-disciplinary team of prosecutor's office, law enforcement, child protective services, and medical personnel supporting the **one comprehensive interview** of the alleged child victim. In the past, an alleged victim had to repeat his/her story to each professional agency, often traumatizing the child even more. Most are child victims of sexual abuse, the youngest interviewed being fifteen months. Chris Gaal, UU member and Monroe County Prosecutor, states it's a "safe non-threatening environment making it possible to obtain a neutral, thorough interview with better chances of prosecution of the perpetrator". Our 25% will purchase a "Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program" to educate about the protection of children. Director Emily Perry aims to train 300-500 adults in schools and churches, and school and community sports leaders. Costs include training materials from nationally-recognized child sexual prevention curriculum called "Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light" at \$10 each and national trainers for train-the-trainer sessions for local volunteers. --Sharon Yarber

### **Our Folks...**

Our thoughts are with Colleen Haas and Mary Boutain. Colleen's mother, Joan Haas, died last week. Joan "JoJo" often attended our services, and her bright spirit will be missed by many.

Our thoughts are also with Judy Andrews and Penny Fisher. Judy's daughter Kathleen Hancock died last week; cards are welcome.

Ann Watzel and Pat Aungst are now living at Jill's House (a residence for proton therapy patients), working as Resident Assistants from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. each day. 751 Tamarack Trail. Guests are welcome; just call ahead.



## 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 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 332-3695 or [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org), no later than Wednesday, June 4th.



### UU History For You Fannie Barrier Williams "Religion Should Unite and Not Separate"

Fannie Barrier Williams (1855-1944) was born and raised in Brockport, New York. She was a descendant of freed slaves; her father was a barber and sold coal to local households. Her mother taught Fannie how to play piano and encouraged her career. She was the first African American to graduate from Brockport Normal School (now SUNY Brockport) and she went to the Reconstruction South to teach, when she first learned about segregation and bigotry. She returned to pursue a musical education in Boston and gave recitals. She also took up portrait painting in Washington, DC, where she met her husband, Samuel Liang Williams, a lawyer. They moved to Chicago, where both became involved in civil rights for African

Americans and women's rights. Fannie became friends with Jane Addams and was introduced to white philanthropists. Meat packer Philip Armour provided funding for a hospital for African-Americans that she founded. At the 1893 Colombian Exhibition in Chicago, Williams gave an address on the progress of African Americans since emancipation and a second address on the bigotry of White Christian churches that excluded blacks. Religion, she argued, "should unite and not separate men and women of different races." The Williamses attended All Soul's Unitarian Church in Chicago. Later she supported both Booker T. Washington's practical approach to Black employment and education and W. E. Dubois's liberal arts approach to African American education. Often she concluded her speeches with a piano recital to remind her white audiences that the arts are universal. She had no children and in her old age as a widow she returned to Brockport.



### 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. The next meeting is on Sunday, June 1, and the choice of meeting topics for the summer months will be discussed.



### Our Congregational Themes for 2014

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

How does BEAUTY help you Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World?  
(photo by John Woodcock)

## 2014 AUCTION ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

There are a few items from the recent UU auction still available for purchase. Click on this link <https://www.facebook.com/notes/unitarian-universalist-church-of-bloomington/2014-auction-items-still-available/708847852508444> for a full description of these items. Contact Arzetta Hults-Losensky at [zetta@bluemarble.net](mailto:zetta@bluemarble.net) if you wish to make a purchase..

### Dinners:

Bill & Glenda's Bon Voyage, Bon Appetit Picnic, May 31, 2014 3:00-7:00 p.m. Diane Port  
8 places available for \$125 each

Swiss Fondue Evening for 6, Nov 7, 2014 6:30 p.m. Julie Lawson  
1 place available for \$80

Greek Dinner for 8, July 13, 2014 5:30 p.m. Linda & Charlie Pickle  
3 places available for \$55 each

Seafood Dinner for 8 at European Cooking School, June 19, 2014 6:30p.m. Lois& Rick Holl  
3 places available for \$55 each

Custom Graphics & Print Media Services, Mary Blizzard  
Limited Edition 12" Fine Art Print, Seaglass Fine Art  
Racquetball Lessons (2) Stuart B. York  
Custom Made Haiku, Carol Marks  
1865 Bedroom Furniture by Ware Co., Bonnie Boulding

## 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)

**Current Membership: 500** Certified Membership as of 2/1/2014: 492

### Attendance

Sunday, May 11 9:15: 114; 11:15: 171; RE: 111 Total: 396

Sunday, May 18 9:15: 98; 11:15 147; RE: 64 Total: 309

### Online

Sunday, May 11 9:15: 28 11:15: 45 Total: 73

Sunday, May 18 9:15: 32 11:15: 34 Total: 66

### Non-Pledge Offering

5/11 - \$731; 5/18 - \$536: **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$316.89**

### Grocery Card Sales

May 11 \$2,200, income to UUCB \$106.00

May 18 \$1,575, income to UUCB \$77.75

**Staff Away Dates** for summer breaks are posted in the Workroom, Room 204 on a color-coded calendar. Rev. Macklin will be away May 21-June 1, and Judy Bennett and Carol Marks will be away June 11-24.

## 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, June 2;** 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: 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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*"Group Hug" Photo by John Woodcock*