

# The Prologue

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

LGBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995

Green Sanctuary since 2007



*Photo from our first UU Families Adopt-a-Stream work day on May 11 at Bryan Park.*

### Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

**9:15 am and 11:15 am**

**The Five Invitations**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

**Frank Seisho Diaz, Zen Hoshi**

We begin our worship service on Memorial Day weekend, harbinger of summer, with a Bicycle Blessing during our Time for All Ages. During the remainder of the service, Reverend Macklin and Zen Hoshi Frank Diaz will reflect upon Zen Teacher Frank Ostaseski's book *The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living Fully*. In the worship service, Mary Ann and Frank will incorporate meditations and reflections from a workshop they co-facilitated at our UU MidAmerica Regional Assembly in early April.

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

**9:15 am and 11:15 am**

**Creating Our Spiritual Home**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

Our theme for the month of June is *hospitality*. How do we create a place of

hospitality and home within ourselves? How do we offer a sense of their value to others? Author and teacher Sharon Daloz Parks once stated that "home is a place where we belong and are nurtured so we can dream." How do we create a spiritual home in these changing times? Our Rainbow Rights Task Force will offer the Social Justice Moment and our musical guests will be Voces Novae, directed by Susan Swaney.



## **MAM's Musings**

### **Ramadan Iftar Dinner**

So much gratitude and kudos to chair **Judy Berkshire** and her amazing team of volunteers who created a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our annual gathering with our friends and neighbors from the Islamic Center on May 17th.

It was amazing, as it is each year, to watch the transformation of our church building into a well organized, hospitable space for this event. Thanks also to Connections Coordinator Ann LeDuc and other staff and ministers for making this a success.

Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year for Muslims. During the entire month, Muslims fast every day from sunrise to sunset. Community Iftars break the day's fast and prayers are ways to celebrate the holiday.

Since 2001, our congregation has hosted an Iftar dinner to extend our goodwill and support for Bloomington's Muslim community. We also open our meeting room for prayer. Our congregation's role is to provide a safe, welcoming, and accepting environment.

On a personal note, I was so grateful to have our new carpet in the sanctuary which created a more sacred environment for the prayers which take place there each year. Several of the members from the Islamic community noticed this changed as well and expressed their gratitude. Thanks to our Special Purposes Fund Committee for making this important transformation possible.

Beginning last year, under the leadership of Judy Berkshire, efforts were increase to make the dinner more "green" by using stainless flatware and china plates, recycling or reusing aluminum and other serving pans, and sharing leftovers with those who experience food insecurity. With the help of the Green Sanctuary Task Force, they added composting plate scrapings to our efforts.

Such interfaith gatherings, when there is no immediate local crisis, are important times to be together and make connections with those who come to Bloomington from, literally, around the world and our town.

Peace and Gratitude,

*MAM*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Senior Minister  
macklin@uubloomington.org



## From Our Associate Minister

First, a quick note that I will be out of the office until July 1, as I take some time off and then attend the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly (in Spokane, WA, where I will be representing our congregation as well as working as the Chair of the Elections and Campaign Practices Committee).

## Save Hoosier Healthcare Campaign Kickoff

Recently, a member connected me with a community organizer working on Healthcare issues here in Indiana. Because of that meeting, we invited another person involved to our social justice circle to share updates about an important issue that's rising (and our chance to help). Below is more information - I hope that you can attend the May 29 event at the library (and then there will be other public actions in the summer and fall).

Every Hoosier has struggled to navigate our healthcare system to get the care we need. Too many of us have to choose between paying for prescriptions or medical bills or our utilities. Doctors, patients, and caregivers all have to deal with a confusing and unforgiving bureaucracy in order to provide and receive care. And it's about to get worse for all of us: unnecessary and burdensome new reporting requirements will kick thousands of Hoosiers off their healthcare next year if we don't do something about it.

Join Hoosier Action, Medicare for All Indiana (formerly HCHP), and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard on May 29th at the Monroe County Public Library at 6:30 pm to launch our campaign to [Save Hoosier Healthcare](https://www.facebook.com/events/311987163020720/) (<https://www.facebook.com/events/311987163020720/>)!

## Captioning of Services Now Available

Our congregation has set up a program to provide captions during Sunday morning services. If you are interested in access to the captions (either in-person or while live-streaming the worship), please use a smartphone or other mobile device that can connect to the internet. The program works through a free app (download at: <https://ava.app.link/Xb4Snfif8P>).

Once the app is on your device and you're connected to internet, open it and watch the captioning as a guest by selecting "Join a Ava Session Now"; then, either snap a picture of the square QR code, or use the "Search by Ava Name" function to look up uubloomington. If our caption program is available, you'll see a green light and you can click to connect with us to follow along. As the program gets used to the speakers and their words, the captioning will become more accurate - so, please note that there will be mistakes in the captioning.

If you have questions or feedback, please be in contact with me, ([mcneill@uubloomington.org](mailto:mcneill@uubloomington.org))

*Rev. Scott*

Reverend Scott McNeill, Associate Minister  
[mcneill@uubloomington.org](mailto:mcneill@uubloomington.org)

**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**4:00 pm**

**In the Meeting Room**

2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, Indiana

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Childcare provided.

**SLATE of Candidates for Elected Positions  
at the Congregational Meeting on June 9, 2019**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - TREASURER: 1 Position, 2-Year Term (First)  
RICH SLABACH**

I became a member of the UU Bloomington Church on October 30, 2016. I've been involved in Chalice Circle, Earth Kin, Green Grounds, the Talent Auction, Java Crew, Wellspring, and the Men's Group. I've been a member of the Finance Committee since the Fall of 2017 and am currently the District Treasurer of a 12-step program in Bloomington. Prior to retirement, my career was in IT with an emphasis on financial reporting and controls.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - AT-LARGE: 1 Position, 2-Year Term (Second)  
SHARON WISEMAN**

I retired after a 41-year career in library science holding a wide variety of leadership positions. My husband, Dan, and I moved to Bloomington in November 2015 and immediately joined UUCB. A UU since 1985, I have held a variety of UU leadership positions elsewhere, including being a board member at Countryside UU Church in Palatine IL. I have been on the UUCB Board since 2017. Dan and I have been co-chairs of the Adult RE Committee for 3 years. I have a Master's Degree in Library Science from Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Culture and Creation Spirituality from Holy Names College in Oakland, CA. I believe in lifelong learning and in our 7 principles of our faith. Dan and I met at the IU Memorial Union in 1978 and were married 5 months later.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS - AT LARGE: 1 Position, 2-Year Term (First)  
ABBY GITLITZ**

I am a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and grew up at UUCB. I became a member in 1988 in high school to serve on the board as the teen liaison. Since then, I have served the church as board member, member of the ministerial search committee, middle school OWL facilitator, and stewardship committee member. I look forward to serving on the board to envision what the future will hold for this vibrant and loving congregation.

**SPECIAL PURPOSES FUND COMMITTEE: 1 Position, 3-Year Term  
RYAN TIMMONS**

I am completing my doctorate at IU in math education and learning sciences as well as working in online learning. We started coming to UU Bloomington

shortly after our move here in 2013. This is the first community that I have connected with enough to become a member. In the 5 years that we have been members I have been a youth mentor, taught RE classes and volunteered as a greeter. I have enjoyed feeling so welcome in this community and I feel it is my responsibility to help others who are here feel the same way. I also have a degree in Finance/Economics and a diverse background in the financial field that includes time trading options on the exchange in Chicago, time as a stock broker and 2 years running a financial analysis company in Austin, TX.

## Summer Religious Exploration

We know summer brings changing schedules and travel. We hope we can provide you with opportunities to be with familiar faces, make new friends, learn, grow, and participate together as a family if you would like! We would love to have some adult and family helpers.

9:15am - Early Risers Breakfast Club (Preschool-Adult)

11:15am - Spirit Play for All Ages (Preschool-Adult), Makerspace (Kindergarten-Adult)

## Save the Date- Splash of the Sacred Picnic & Potluck

Sunday, September 1st. Find out more on Facebook, invite your friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1145739992295214/>



## Pledge Update for Fiscal Year 2019-20

There's still time to make a pledge for the coming year! Our goal is \$670,000 in pledges, and so far we have received pledge promises for \$588,615 from 296 families and individuals in our congregation. Many thanks to all of you who have already made a pledge. Our hope is that by reaching our goal, we can become a more responsible employer and give raises to our hourly workers, as well as support the vision of our congregation in other ways by making a difference in our community and the world. If you would like to participate with your financial support and help us Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World, [please click here and make your pledge online by June 9.](#)

(If you prefer, we are happy to receive your call to the church office letting us know your pledge amount: 812-332-3695, ext. 200.)

## Interested in the UUA General Assembly? (June 19-23)

...but can't travel all the way to Spokane, Washington to experience it in person? You can join those attending the 2019 GA by video and participate as an off-site delegate. With today's electronic media you can hookup with all the activities going on at GA as well as vote. If interested, please talk to Iris Kiesling or Rev. Scott McNeill



(mcneill@uubloomington.org).

## **Alert** from the MidAmerica UU Regional Office: **Scammers Posing as Congregation Leaders**

Friends,

Several UU congregations in our region have reported that their members are receiving scam emails that are requesting gift card donations for a charitable cause. At least one person in the MidAmerica UU Region has lost money to these scams.

A good rule of thumb with emails you're not expecting is to: (1) contact the sender through another channel (call, text, visit website) and (2) not click on a link (or send money, gift cards, etc.) without clarifying that the email is from a trusted source.

For more on this particular gift card scam, [click here](#). To get a better sense of what to look for when receiving unsolicited emails, try this [Google Phishing Quiz](#).

## Seeking the Spirit

### Religious Education for Adults



#### **Shambhala Meditation Meets Mondays at 12 noon**

Join us at 12 noon every Monday in the Library for an hour of Shambhala Meditation, walking meditation, and Shamatha yoga with Sarah Flint. Beginners welcome to participate in this 2500-year-old tradition.

For more info: [Contact Sarah](#).



#### **Open Mind Zen Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm**

Join Frank Seisho Diaz for meditation, talks, and discussions on Zen Buddhism, Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Library here at the church. All are welcome regardless of faith or experience.

For more info: [Contact Open Mind Zen](#) or visit [openmindzenbloomington.org](http://openmindzenbloomington.org)



#### **Traditional Taiji on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm**

Brian Flaherty leads "Wu (Hao)" style Taiji in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm. All are welcome, even those with no previous Taiji experience. Please wear loose-fitting clothing.

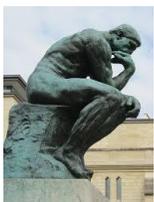
For more info: [Contact Brian](#).



#### **Yoga Takes a Break, Will Begin Again June 4**

Gentle Hatha Yoga Class on Tuesdays  
with Kate Mulligan

5:30-7 pm Tuesdays, in Fellowship Hall, starting up again on Tuesday, June 4. A gentle hatha yoga practice to balance the mind, body, and spirit. Please bring a yoga mat or large size bath towel. The class is free and you may join at any time, but please register by calling or emailing the church office: [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org) or 812-332-3695.



#### **UU Freethinkers Meet May 26, 12:45 pm**

The UU Freethinkers bi-weekly meeting creates the opportunity for participants to raise questions and engage in open and non-structured discussion of issues of social, political, and theological/religious concern. UU Freethinkers meet on every other Sunday in Room 208 at 12:45 pm, after children's Religious Education classes end.



## UU Humanist Forum Meets June 2, 12:45 pm

On Sunday, June 2, at 12:45 pm the UU Humanist Forum will meet in Room 208, after children's Religious Education classes end. Elof Carlson will facilitate a discussion on "Responding to Issues with Incomplete Facts." The Humanist Forum meets every other Sunday, with a different [discussion topic](#).

## Building Community

### Thank You to Ramadan Dinner Volunteers

To those who signed up and showed up or those who just showed up, thank you for your volunteer efforts at the Ramadan dinner on Friday, May 17. Together we welcomed our guests in our church facility made lovely with flowers and tablecloths, smiles and hugs, tables loaded with delicious entrees and divine desserts. Mother Nature graced us with a clear evening and near-full moon to light the grounds. For me the evening held a bit of enchantment and a reminder that "with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world." (Max Ehrmann, Desiderata) I hope you felt the same.

--Judy Berkshire

### Leftover containers

There are several containers for leftovers remaining after the Ramadan Dinner. If you donated those and would like them, **please pick them up in the kitchen by Sunday, May 26**. Anyone on the caring committee preparing meals for church members in need may also find some of these containers useful for meal delivery.

### Monday, May 27th from 10 am-1 pm at UU Bloomington

#### Interfaith Friends: Saving the Earth

Join Beth Shalom, First Christian, First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal, and Unitarian Universalist Churches for an Intergenerational Memorial Day Environment Event.

Lunch is provided; please bring a dessert to share (no nuts). Story, Hands on Activities, and Fun! Find this event on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/2288145214741090/>

### Garden Tower Caretakers Needed

[Sign Up Here](#) to Help Feed, Water, and Harvest



The UU Church was given a garden tower which our children helped put together on the patio outside the main kitchen. Families can enjoy the lettuces (now!), stevia, and ever-bearing strawberries planted in the "pockets" all summer. Wiggler worms in the central compartment will turn vegetable and non-citrus fruit scraps into nutrients for the plants.

**Here's how you can help:**

- The worms need to be fed food scraps twice a week throughout the growing season.
- As food scraps are added, the tower needs to be rotated 90 degrees to the right.
- Liquid in the bottom drawer needs to be poured onto dirt at the tower top to recirculate nutrients that drain into it.
- And unless we've recently had an inch of rain, the plants need to be watered - from the top - twice a week, by filling the nearby green

watering can three times. You can fill the watering can at the main kitchen sink or use the spigot under the kitchen windows. (Tool to turn the spigot on is in the shelf on the hose reel near the terrace.)

You can sign up to help for a week (or two!) at [tinyurl.com/UUCB-GardenTower](http://tinyurl.com/UUCB-GardenTower)  
Questions? See Molly O'Donnell, Adrienne Summerlot, or Kitty McIntosh.

### **Garden Plot Available with Labor Barter**

Want to grow vegetables this summer but don't have a sunny garden plot at home? We have a tilled area just north of the portico entrance available for a member of the congregation to use. Free compost and access to water in exchange for watering and weeding a small area of the church grounds nearby.  
Contact Molly O'Donnell if you are interested, 812-345-7399

### **UUs needed at Spencer Pride**

We need volunteers to represent the our church in our Spencer Pride booth. Sign up [here](#) if you can help out in the booth on June 1. This is an easy and fun way to experience Spencer Pride and show let the LGBTQ+ community know that we welcome and support them. Questions? Contact Ann LeDuc [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org) or Jay Sissom [jsissom@jsissom.com](mailto:jsissom@jsissom.com).



### **Women's Alliance Welcomes Elizabeth Mitchell Thursday, June 6**

Local historian and playwright Liz Mitchell will be the guest speaker at the Women's Alliance on Thursday, June 6th, with her talk on "Trailblazing Indiana Women." [Click here for details.](#) Join us at

11:30 am in Fellowship Hall with a brown bag lunch. The presentation begins at noon, followed by a brief business meeting. The hostesses for the month, Sylvia King and Diane Gregory, will provide drinks and dessert. Everyone, including women, men, and gender non-binary persons, is welcome.

### **UU Singles First Friday Game Night, June 7 7 to 10 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Come as you are, bring a friend, and (optional) feel free to bring games and/or

snacks to share as well! Upcoming dates are Friday, June 7th and Friday, July 5th (subject to possible 4th-of-July rearranging).

## **Garden Enthusiasts, Let's do the Garden Walk together! Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 am**

Join the UU Gardeners at 10 am on June 8 to carpool and enjoy the Bloomington Garden Walk together. We will depart from 810 S. Jordan Ave (the home of a congregant). Tickets can be purchased at any of the vendors listed here: [bloomingtongardenclub.org/vendors](http://bloomingtongardenclub.org/vendors), or at the gardens on the day of the walk. Email Ann LeDuc at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org) if you plan to join us.

## **Adopt-a-Stream Work Days at Bryan Park 2nd Saturdays at 10:00 am**

The Families with Young Children group adopted Bryan Park stream. The May participants vanquished garbage along the stream and its banks, even removing a (matchbox) car! We enjoyed working outside together on this all-ages community service project. For our June 8 cleanup, we will be focusing on invasive species removal -- there are lots.

**Next work day:** Saturday, June 8.  
Contact [Anna Knust](#) for more info.



## **Help make the 4th of July Parade a big success again this year! Join Us for Parade Prep and Pizza Night:**

### **Thursday, June 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

We'll visit and eat pizza together while making signs for the 4th of July Parade. Mark your calendar! The first parade prep and pizza night will be Thursday, June 13, 6:00-7:30 pm in room 208. Our theme this year is our 7th Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. [Email Ann LeDuc](#), Connections Coordinator, if you would like to eat pizza. Additional work night dates: Thursday June 20 and 27, 6-7:30 pm.



## **Mark your calendar! Hike at T.C. Steele on June 15**

The UU Hikers will hike at the T.C. Steele historical site in Brown County on Saturday, June 15. This is approximately a 2 mile hike. We will meet at the old east side K-mart parking lot (behind Bloomingfoods) at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the trail. Mary Reardon will lead this hike. If you have questions, or would like to be added to the UU Hikers email list, contact Ann LeDuc at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org).

## **Upcoming Events for UU Young Adults (Ages 18-35)**

Mark your calendars and join us for these fun upcoming events to connect with other young UUs! Questions? Email Ann LeDuc at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org).

### **Lunch Out on June 23 and July 28:**

Let's go out to lunch after second service. We will meet in the Commons after

the second service and carpool to a nearby restaurant. Bring a friend!

### **Continuing Conversations, Starting August 25:**

We will gather after second service to go further in-depth into Sunday's sermon topic. Starting August 25 at 12:30 pm in room 112 or 110, depending on availability. The plan is to gather on every second and fourth Sunday each month. Food will be provided. This is open to anyone ages 18-35, so bring a friend! Free childcare is available if requested two weeks in advance by emailing [rea@uubloomington.org](mailto:rea@uubloomington.org).

### **Come Learn about Unitarian Universalism Two Sundays, July 7 and 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

The next Exploring Unitarian Universalism class will be held on July 7 and 14, 2 to 4 pm, in the church library. This class is a great opportunity to learn about the UU Principles and how we live into them, the history of this church, all the ways to get involved here, and what it means to be a member of the church. **To sign up for the class**, just email Ann LeDuc at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org). Plan to attend both dates, since different material will be covered in each session. Members of our congregation, Abby Gitlitz and Carol McCord, will guide us on our journey. We ask for completion of this class before becoming a member of the church. Everyone, ages 14 to 100+, is welcome! **Free childcare** is available if requested before June 21; please email [rea@uubloomington.org](mailto:rea@uubloomington.org).

### **Make UUCB Dementia Friendly Sunday, August 18, 1:00 pm**

We will hold a training on becoming a Dementia Friendly Location on Sunday, August 18 at 1:00 pm in the church library. The goal of this training is to help us learn how to better support members of our community who are living with dementia, as well as their caregivers. The training will be provided by the Alzheimer's Resource Service of IU Health. Food will be provided. If you would like to participate in the training, [email Ann LeDuc](mailto:Ann.LeDuc@uubloomington.org) or call her at (812) 332-3695.

## Changing the World



Our current 25% Sunday Plate recipient, [Spencer Pride](#), sent us this update and thank you after receiving their 3rd

quarter gift: "We have two urgent projects pending; the roof over our meeting room is leaking and must be replaced, and we need to match Town of Spencer funding to have our hazardous sidewalk replaced this summer. We have applied for grant funds

for these repairs and your generous gift will help to keep us from coming up short. ... We hope that you will come out to visit our center and see what we have accomplished on our building renovations. Meet some of our volunteers and give us a chance to thank you in person..." [Read their full letter here!](#)

### **25% Sunday Plate Nominees for 2019-2020**

[Click here to read more](#) from each of our nominees!

- [Harmony School](#)

Serving 220 children from Pre-K through 12th grade, Harmony does not receive any public funding or vouchers and therefore is very reliant on scholarship funds. Over 40% of the students are economically disadvantaged

and 80% receive a scholarship in order to attend Harmony. Funds raised from UU Bloomington would help make it possible for the school to educate and empower students from all backgrounds and incomes.

- [Team First Book of Monroe County](#)

Our mission is simple and focused: "To provide the children from low income families in Monroe County with free new books that they can own and take home." Funds from the 25% collection plate would be used primarily to fund preschool programs at Headstart, MCUM, and county Title I preschools because we believe that literacy begins at home.

- [Volunteers in Medicine](#)

VIM is a FREE clinic for low-income medically underserved adults living primarily in Monroe County. VIM is the only source of free dental services in the county. If the VIM proposal is selected, UUCB funds will be used to help VIM continue to fund dentures - and support confident smiles, improved health, and enhanced life opportunities.



**Help Us Fight Hunger!**  
**DONATE** to the  
**Mega Yard Sale to Fight Hunger**  
**Saturday, June 1st**  
**1510 E. Maxwell Lane**  
**7 am to Noon**

Donated items may be dropped off at the above address from Wed, May 29 through Fri, May 31. Have large items to donate? Call Mary Blizzard at 812-333-8957 to make arrangements for pick up.

*Please note: Do not drop off items at the church!*

Sponsored by Help Feed Your Hungry Neighbors UU Task Force



## EarthKeepers Community Compost Program New Collection System Starts June 2

Representatives from EarthKeepers will be in Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, May 26th, to answer questions and help you sign up for their new pick-up/drop-off system. **Starting on June 2nd** there will be a drop off cabinet (pictured below) next to the small shed on the south side of the church parking lot for your food scraps and more.\*

Starting June 1, you will be able to sign up and pay on their website here: [tinyurl.com/UUCB-compost-dropoff](http://tinyurl.com/UUCB-compost-dropoff). There will be two options: pay per bucket, or sign up for a monthly subscription.

1. **Per-bucket rental:** Exchange a full bucket for an empty one on Sundays
  - On Sundays the drop-off cabinet will be unlocked between 10:00 and 11:15 am.
  - Drop off the full bucket at the cabinet.

- Rent an empty bucket in Fellowship Hall between services:  
\$3.00 for each new 1.5-gallon bucket  
\$6.00 for each new 5-gallon bucket

**2. Monthly subscription: \$12 for four weeks of unlimited drop-off service**

- Monthly subscribers will be given a 1.5 gallon bucket and a code to unlock the cabinet.
- Empty the bucket into the cabinet's bin, any day and time.
- Take the emptied bucket home, clean as needed, and reuse.



\*They will take dairy, meat & bones as well as raw and cooked vegetable scraps, cooked grains, eggshells, pet food, tissue, paper towels, napkins and other food-soiled paper & cardboard. See a full list of compostable items on the Green Sanctuary page on the church website: [tinyurl.com/earthkeeperscompost](http://tinyurl.com/earthkeeperscompost)

--Molly O'Donnell, Green Sanctuary Task Force



**3rd Saturday Habitat Builds  
Saturday, June 15, 8 am to 4 pm**

Our Habitat Task Force is continuing to organize monthly build groups at Habitat homes on the third Saturday of the month. Please consider signing up for one or more of these builds (no donation necessary) by registering at: [tinyurl.com/uucbhabitat](http://tinyurl.com/uucbhabitat). Anyone over age 16 can participate for a full or half-day. No experience is required and training is provided; lunch is also provided. The sites and work will vary from month to month. Upcoming dates are June 15, July 20, August 17.



**Will You Join Us in Reducing Our Reliance on Single Use Plastics? May: Plates and Plasticware**

The new [Task of the Month Program for Reducing Plastic Use](#) focuses on a single category of plastic each month, allowing participants the time to try alternatives and establish new habits. Each month, you'll receive an email with suggestions for reducing (and eventually eliminating) that month's target type of plastic. [Click here to sign up!](#)



Plastic is everywhere, and for good reason: it's convenient, inexpensive, lightweight, durable, and helps keep food fresh. Unfortunately, it is also piling up in our landfills, where it essentially lasts forever, and in our oceans, where it kills sea life. For a while, many of us thought that recycling plastics was a reliable way to make use of discarded plastic, but we now know that is not the case. Instead, we must reduce demand.

-- Stephanie Kimball for the Green Sanctuary Task Force

**Kids Clothing Collection**

The International Outreach Task Force will be making its biannual trip to Kenya in September. The group will visit the three places that our task force supports: Ndethya, the Kathonzweni women's agricultural cooperative; Msamaria Mwema, a small AIDS orphanage in Kibiciku; The Spurgeon School in Kibera with 500 students.

Children's clothing donations will benefit the orphanage and the school. We need K-12 clothes. (There are no infants or very young children.) In particular we need boys clothes and teen clothes for both boys and girls. The collection will be from now until August 25th.

There is an IOTF bin in the hallway for any donations. They will be carried to Africa by our local travelers.

In addition to the clothing collection, the task force will be distributing the funds that we have raised in the last two years. The task force goes to visit the school, the orphanage, and the co-op to talk to the local people running these places and to see and understand what they need. We respect their perception of their needs and verify that donations are being used for their intended purposes.

## **Buy Grocery Cards on Sunday and Support the Church**

We have grocery gift cards for sale in the Commons every Sunday between services. The participating grocery stores send a percentage of your purchases back to the church to support our operating budget. We have gift cards for Bloomingfoods, Lucky's, and Fresh Thyme, and you can register your Kroger Plus card [by clicking here](#). Our Kroger organization ID number is EW763.

## **Community Connections: Our Faith in Action**

### **Cubamistad Talk on June 18, 6 pm**

Our Refugee and Immigration Support and Education task force is hosting an event with Cubamistad on Tuesday, June 18 at 6 pm in the Library here at church. Cubamistad is sponsoring a stop by IFCO-Pastors for Peace as they promote human rights for all. All are invited to a pitch-in meal as we learn more about the current aggression against Cuba and the continuing struggle to achieve peaceful and benign relations between Cuba and the United States. The speaker will be Luis Barrios, a professor at John Jay College and president off Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization's board. Since 1992, Pastors for Peace Caravans have taken both people and humanitarian aid to Cuba from the U.S. without a license, as a profound act of conscience and solidarity. --Cynthia Roberts

### **Youth Art Camps at Bloomington Creative Glass Center July 8-12**

The Bloomington Creative Glass Center is holding a youth Art Camp this summer from July 8th-12th, 2019. There will be two concurrent sessions running: Explorers, for students entering the 3rd-6th grades, and Discoverers for students entering the 6th-8th grades. The title of the camp is "Adventures with Magical Animals" and will have learning activities that explore the historical use of animal imagery and symbolism across a number of cultures. The instructors will demonstrate and teach many glass art processes. The students will also participate as a team to create a work of art in tandem with an area nonprofit organization to give back to the community. At the end of the camp, there will be a festive gallery opening to display all of their works of art.

Contact <http://bloomingtoncreativeglasscenter.org/classes/camp.html> to enroll.

## **UU History for You**

**HOW A UNITARIAN GEOLOGIST SUPPORTED THE EVOLUTIONARY WORK OF A UNITARIAN NATURALIST**



**Charles Lyell (1797-1875)** was born in Kinnordy, Scotland and died in London. His family was independently wealthy. Young Lyell loved nature walks and reading in his father's library. At Oxford he chose geology as his favorite study but went to London to become a lawyer. His vision deteriorated, so he dropped law and became a full-time geologist. His 3-volume text *Principles of Geology* went through ten editions. He argued that "the present is a key to the past," and each past geological era was produced by slow accumulation of changes. The process is called uniformitarianism. He rejected that these

eras were a consequence of new creations by God. He was Unitarian in his beliefs and felt God had a role to play in the origin of life and the universe. He did not accept Darwin's theory of evolution through natural selection until he was preparing his 10th edition of *Principles of Geology*. He became friends with Darwin, who used Lyell's books on his trip around the world, confirming many of Lyell's predictions.  
--Elof Carlson, UUCB historian

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## New Deadlines for Order of Service and Friday Update Info

### Thursdays at 9:00 am

In March, our staff shifted the rhythm of their work week to hold the weekly staff meeting on Thursdays. We ask everyone to please send us information for the Order of Service as well as the Friday Update by 9:00 am on Thursdays. Please send info to admin (at) uubloomington.org.

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## Contact a Minister



**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, our Senior Minister,** can be reached at 812-332-3695 (ext. 201) and is available by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.  
Email: macklin (at) uubloomington.org



**Reverend Scott McNeill, our Associate Minister,** can be reached at 812-332-3695 (ext. 209) and is available by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons.  
Email: mcneill (at) uubloomington.org  
For pastoral emergencies, please call Scott at 812-727-0919.



**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, our Minister of Religious Education,** can be reached at 812-332-3695 (ext. 207) on Wednesday and Friday mornings.  
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## Our Covenant of Right Relations

In June 2017, our members affirmed a Covenant of Right Relations.  
[Click here to read it.](#)

### Pertinent Details:

Office hours: M-F, 10 am-4 pm

Calendar: A link to our full calendar of events is [on our website](#).

Facebook: Many church events are also posted on our [Facebook page](#).

### Prologue Publication Schedule:

The deadline for articles is 10 am on the date of publication, which is the **1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month**.

Send articles about church matters to [Carol Marks](#).

Upcoming issues: June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16.

### Livestreaming Our Sunday Services

View a live broadcast of our Sunday services (9:15 and 11:15 am):

On our website: [uubloomington.org/live-stream](http://uubloomington.org/live-stream)

On our Facebook page: [facebook.com/uubloomington](https://facebook.com/uubloomington)

*Have a problem viewing or hearing the service?*

[Email our media team](#) or call the church office at 812-332-3695.

### Links to Archived Services to View Online

- Quickly find recent services here: [Direct Links to Service Videos](#) (9:15 service)

- Or, scroll down on our main [Livestream Page](#) for full archives of both services and other events (memorials, concerts, etc).

- Each Friday we will post the direct link for the previous Sunday's service at the end of the Friday UU Update.

- Direct links to the most recent Sunday services: [May 12](#) [May 19](#)

**Membership: 533 certified members; 538 current members.**

#### Attendance:

Sunday, May 12      9:15 - 77    11:15 - 137    RE: 24    TOTAL: 214

Sunday, May 19      9:15 - 101    11:15 - 125    RE: 9    TOTAL: 226

Non-Pledge Offering: May 12: \$479    May 19: \$544

*Total to be donated (25%) to Spencer Pride: \$255.64*

Grocery Card Sales: (Bloomingtons, Lucky's Market, or Fresh Thyme)

May 12: \$625      May 19: \$1,025      Total income to UUCB: \$91.00

During the first quarter of 2019 (January thru March) we received \$413.73 from Kroger, with 129 households participating.

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