

## Social Justice Annual Report 2018-2019 Unitarian Universalist Church Bloomington IN



***Social Justice permeates all programming at the UU Church of Bloomington – worship, religious education, fellowship, and special groups like Chalice Circles and the choir. Social Justice Task Forces are formed when a number of people wish to work together around a specific social justice area.***

With the support, model and how to manual from the Racial Justice and Reproductive Rights task forces the 3rd Sunday Social Justice Film Series was implemented with funds granted by the SJ Funds Committee. Each month a different task force selected a film associated with their mission and hosted the presentation.

**End of Life Task Force** believes that our cultural consciousness needs to change with respect to death, terminal illnesses, aging, grief, and other parts of the end of life and will work to do so. [Tracy Turner](#) or [Kathy Gilbert](#).

### **The End of Life Task Force Annual Report**

In the past year, The End of Life Task Force has held or co-sponsored several events addressing end of life concerns, including a group of workshops called "Dying to Know," which was held following the annual Day of the Dead service, in partnership with Bloomington's inaugural "Before I Die" festival. We had a range of sessions, as well as a screening of the movie "Coco," put on by our congregation's youth group.

In May, we partnered again with the "Before I Die" festival to present "They Were Here and They Mattered" a memorial service for those grieving of the loss of a pet, designed by Reverend Karla Kamstra,.

We have several ideas brewing for the coming year, including workshops on topics such as memorial and funeral planning, how to talk to a person who has experienced a loss, and ways to ease the challenges of talking about your wishes for end of life care with loved ones. We hope to create an opportunity for Reverend Macklin to share about her training as a death doula, possibly alongside her mentor.

After this year's Day of the Dead observance, we are considering an educational events that focuses directly on the intersection of death and social justice.



The **Green Sanctuary Task Force** promotes mindful, Earth centered living, working to educate and motivate individuals and institution to take positive steps toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions with the understanding that it is our moral imperative to care for the Earth. [Marcia Veldman](#)

## The Green Sanctuary Task Force Annual Report

The Green Sanctuary Task Force continues to be active on several fronts and to raise funds with weekly sales of fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate bars. In the fall we produced "Eating Lower on the Food Chain" flyers (also on our website) and table toppers, created by Mary Blizzard, to be used at church events at which food is served. Copies are in the Social Justice mailbox in the church office. We showed two films as part of the Social Justice Third Sunday Film Series: "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution" in September, and "Wasted! The Story of Food Waste" in April, after which our members served vegan entrees and sponsored a talk "Zero Waste Kitchen." We initiated an onsite composting project by *EarthKeepers Community Compost* (sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/UUCB-Composting>). They partner with *Made Up Mind, Inc.*, whose staff of former felons will be hauling our compostable food scraps and other items. We also launched Task of the Month which offers tips on reducing (and refusing) plastics. Members can sign up to receive monthly emails at <https://tinyurl.com/GSTF-Plastics-ToM>. And we held two successful Clothing Swaps, another good way people can reduce their carbon footprints. Green Sanctuary members also continue to support the "greening" of our church building and grounds, both by organizing and volunteering for projects and with financial support.



**Habitat for Humanity Task Force** strives to educate the congregation about housing needs of Monroe County, including purpose and accomplishments of Habitat for Humanity and other related housing groups. Congregation can contribute in many ways to help provide decent affordable housing in Monroe County. Barb Berggoetz or Kathleen Chmelewski

## The Habitat Task Force Annual Report

The Habitat Task Force was active during 2018-19, with the primary focus of increasing the number of UUsers who participate in builds and raising funds to co-sponsor a Habitat home within a few years. .

Our Habitat Task Force members are: Barb Berggoetz and Kathleen Chmelewski, co-chairs, Connie Nelson Laird, Nedra Carlson, Jackie Hall, Angela Lexmond, Mary Blizzard, Kathy Sideli, Brian and Pearl Springfield, Dian and Ed Robbins, Nicole Motz, Tracy James, Dirk and Susan Herr-Hoyman, Laura Hannam, Deb Martin, Sandy Davoren, Richard Stumpner and Licia Weber. Others have voiced an interest in joining and/or volunteering for builds and fundraisers and contributing money. The task force meets on the first Sunday of most months, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Our objectives/funds: Educate the congregation about local housing needs, including the purpose and accomplishments of Habitat and other housing-related groups; support Habitat by providing volunteers, food and raising money for builds and its needs, including equipment. As of May 2019, we had \$6,573 in our account.

During the 2018-19 year, the task force:

- Participated in the Habitat Women Build on May 3, 2019, with Barb Berggoetz and Lauren Bryan organizing a team 40 UU and other women, contributing about \$19,000 to help build two homes.
- Sponsored an Easter breakfast on April 21 between services at UU and earned \$1,350, with the help of a Chalice Circle and many task force volunteers.
- Created regular monthly Habitat build days for UUsers on third Saturday, beginning in March 2019, with online sign-ups. Builds have attracted from four to 8 people so far.
- Sponsored a take-home chili and corn bread event to raise money on March 3 in memory of Lloyd Orr, earning \$658 to put toward our house sponsorship.
- Sold handmade crafts at the UU Holiday Bazaar in December, earning \$1,287; made Christmas trees and cookie/soup jars as a task force.
- Brought in new Habitat CEO Wendi Goodlet to do social justice moment in March.
- Sponsored a Trivia Chili Cook-Off event on Nov. 3 (with chili sales on Sunday), earning \$1,082.
- Organized a UU table at Habitat's More Than Houses event in November.
- Participated in both Getting Involved Fairs.
- Parked cars for IU football game in September, making \$947 for total task force share.
- Donated \$2,400 to the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in August 2018 and four people traveled to South Bend to work for the day.
- Participated in a Habitat build on Aug. 25 with nine volunteers in the Cedar Chase neighborhood.
- Provided lunch for workers at Builders' Blitz build day on Aug. 21.
- Increased our task force membership and Facebook postings.



**Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force** engages in projects to reduce hunger in our community: monthly Walnut Grove Pantry, Christmas baskets for MCUM, Bountyful Sunday Food Drives , staffing Shalom breakfast once a month. [Mary Blizzard](#)

### **The Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Annual Report**

The past year was another successful year for the HFOHN Task Force. We continued the activities that have been so successful for us in the past including our work with the food pantry at Walnut Grove Apartments, and we were able to add a few new projects as well.

- **\* Holiday Basket Food Drive.** (November 2018) Annual food drive for MCUM's Emergency Food Pantry. Individuals and families at the church can donate a "holiday basket" to benefit a local family in need. A basket is actually 2-3 days worth of groceries, which can include the fixings for a holiday meal. In 2018, our congregation donated 74 holiday baskets. UU has, by far, been consistently the biggest donator of baskets in this food drive.
- **\* BountyFull Sunday Food Drive.** We held our twice yearly food drive to benefit MCUM's Emergency Food Pantry. This year's food drives collected 1,184 pounds of food.
- **\* Fiber Arts Booth at Holiday Bazaar.** (December 2018). HFOHN runs a booth selling hand knitted and hand made fiber items (scarves, hats, quilts, etc.). Members and friends of the congregation make these items and donate them to the sale. In 2018, the booth brought in \$2332, a portion of which was donated to MCUM Emergency Services. Another portion of the money was set aside to acquire food from Hoosier Hills Food Bank to supply the Walnut Grove Food Pantry. This has become the biggest fund raiser for us.
- **IU Football Parking.** HFOHN did not participate in this fund raiser this year.
- **\* Walnut Grove Food Pantry.** In March 2015, HFOHN began running a monthly food pantry at Walnut Grove Apartments in Bloomington. Food from Hoosier Hills Food Bank is delivered to the site and task force members and other volunteers from the church setup and run the food pantry on the 3rd Friday of each month. Thanks to our fundraising from the Holiday Bazaar and the SJ Grant Award, we have been able to "buy" (at 18 cents per pound) food from HHFB to supplement the foods dropped off by the HHFB truck. In December, we were able to put together Holiday Food Baskets for pantry goers, which included canned hams, fresh fruit, granola bars, chocolate and more. RE had the children decorate grocery sacks for this project and the pantry clients seemed very appreciative. So far, this has been a great opportunity for us to work directly with people experiencing hunger. It has also been a great opportunity for this task force to expand our work with members and friends of our own congregation who volunteer at the pantry each month. We have been able to host several Chalice Circles who volunteered, several youth from the church and many others. Without the support of these volunteers, we couldn't sustain this much-needed food pantry. We collected and distributed thousands of pounds of food from HHFB and were able to serve 495 individuals this past year. That when including their family members equaled 795 individuals.
- **\* Hot Breakfast at Shalom.** This is a new program that we began in February of this year. On the second Wednesday of every month, 3-4 volunteers go to the Shalom Community Center at 6:30 am to prepare and serve a hot breakfast for the clients. Usually they are served a cold breakfast in the form of cereal and

pastries, but our volunteers prepare scrambled eggs, Tator Tots, and sausages and serve between 80-100 people. The money for this breakfast comes out of the Hunger Task Force budget.

- **Winter Shelter Snacks.** HFOHN has provided snacks for the clients at Wheeler Mission winter shelter on several occasions. We are working with Marlin Howard to develop this into a regular contribution from our task force.
- \* **Yard Sale Against Hunger.** This will be held June 1st of this year and depending on how well we do, it may become an annual event to support our activities. We are asking members of the UU congregation to donate items to this sale which will be held at Mary Blizzard's house, 7am - noon. All left over items will be donated to Opportunity House which supports MCUM.
- \* **Backpack Buddies Food Drive.** Vicki Pierce, Executive Director of the Community Kitchen of Bloomington, contacted us in regards to a desperate need for food for their program called Backpack Buddies. We will be holding a food drive for this cause at the church on August 25th. We have donated to this program in the past and we see that it may become an annual event for us. The way in which it will differ from our usual Mega Food Drives is that there will be specific items to donate and that it is child oriented.
- Denotes task force activities that directly involve the congregation. Prepared by Mary Blizzard



The **Homelessness Task Force** works with agencies to provide services/support to homeless people, to develop strategies dealing with issues related to homelessness including hunger and unemployment, and to end homelessness. Alan Backler

### **The Homelessness Task Force Annual Report**

The major activity of the Homelessness Taskforce, this year, has been to operate the Interfaith Winter Shelter (IWS) at Wheeler Mission on the second Saturday of each month from November 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Because Wheeler Mission was gradually taking over the total operation of the winter shelter, many fewer volunteers from UUCB and other churches staffed the shelter from 7:30 PM until 7:30 AM on those nights. Many of those staffing the shelter were from Wheeler. Some of the UUs volunteered on other nights as well.

Bill Breeden served as site director (9:00-11:30 PM) when UUCB was responsible for staffing the shelter. He providing continuity to the operation of the shelter.

The taskforce worked closely with other UUCB groups to serve the needs of people in our community experiencing poverty and homelessness. Chalice Circles provided hot meals for guests (40-60 people) on the nights that UUCB was responsible for running the overnight shelter. We worked with the Hunger Taskforce to supply coffee, macaroni, and spaghetti to Shalom Community Center every week, year- round. We worked with organizers of the Bazaar and Auction to distribute left over articles to agencies serving the needs of the less fortunate in Monroe County.

Now that Wheeler Mission has taken over the operation of the overnight shelter for men and women experiencing homelessness, the responsibilities of the religious communities involved with the shelter since its beginning in 2009, including UUCB, are more limited, though there are still opportunities to volunteer at the overnight shelter. We will always be looking for volunteers to work at the shelter on the second Saturday night and Sunday morning from November through March.

In addition, many of those involved with homelessness from UUCB are looking for new opportunities, for example:

- Some of us are working with an IU English professor and her students to capture stories of homeless veterans.
- In a related project, we are beginning to work with Wheeler Mission and an other IU professor, to help better inform the public about homelessness and do research on homelessness projects.
- We are also planning to work with our affiliated community minister, Rev. Forrest Gilmore, who is the Executive Director of the Shalom Community Center, on projects related to homelessness.

These are exciting times, as we reimagine what the Homelessness Taskforce is all about and what we can do to support those experiencing homelessness. Jim Harvey, Marlin Howard and Alan Backler serve on the task force. Jim and Alan serve on committees for the Shalom Community Center. Alan served on the Board of the Interfaith Winter Shelter. Marlin volunteers at Shalom every week and works at the shelter at least twice a week. He also served as volunteer coordinator for UUCB at the winter shelter.



The **Hope for Prisoners Task Force** works on projects based on recognizing humanity of those in prison and their families. The goal of this task force is to serve and advocate for individuals during incarceration and their return to this community, and also their families and support systems with a major effort to support KAP, Kids with Absent Parents. [Chris Haynes](#)

### **The Hope for Prisoners Annual Report**

The mission of this task force is to work with the community to initiate, coordinate and encourage efforts to aid both incarcerated and released people in Monroe County and the State. Partnering closely with New Leaf New Life, the task force was involved in programs to reduce recidivism, by helping with housing, job searches, fighting addictions, and developing skills to aid successful reentry to the community.

KAP: Kids with Absent Parents is the major new initiative of the task force. KAP provides programs for the children of incarcerated parents and their caregivers, which include lunch, followed by separate and simultaneous enrichment programs for the children and their caregivers. This is made possible by a pool of over twenty active volunteers and partnership with Girls Inc. of Monroe County, which provides the facility. Typical bi-monthly participation is 12 to 18 kids from 7 or 8 families. Those interested in contributing to this program with their time or financial support please contact Mary Goetze at (812) 327-0144, or email [kidswithabsentparents@gmail.com](mailto:kidswithabsentparents@gmail.com).

The task force has involvement with two other dynamic community initiatives: Courage to Change, <http://couragetochangehouse.com>, which provides transitional housing for sober living and MUM: Made Up Mind, <http://mummadeupmind.org>, which assists the development of ex-offenders who have made up their mind to stay out through transitional life training and hands-on work experience, thus breaking the cycle of homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. An essential part of this is providing supervised employment for the first few months, providing a variety of services. If you need assistance with such things as lawn care, landscaping, painting, gutter cleaning, car detailing, furniture repair or residential moving, etc. please contact them.

We maintain our involvement with the long-standing New Leaf--New Life (NLNL) organization, <http://www.newleafnewlife.org>, which provides support and volunteer-led programming for inmates in the Monroe County jail, as well as support for released individuals returning to our community through the Transition Support Center. Opportunities for involvement include financial contributions and volunteer support for jail programming. One such is the Read to Me program, led by Mary Goetze, in which incarcerated parents read books to their children that are delivered to the child as a CD with accompanying book, with hundreds distributed in the past year. For information about other NLNL initiatives and volunteer opportunities, such as jail Bingo, contact Chris Haynes at 812-360-0296 or [chaynes56@gmail.com](mailto:chaynes56@gmail.com).

-- Chris Haynes, Coordinator



The **International Outreach Task Force (IOTF)** expand and improve cross-cultural and international understanding through hands on involvement with projects fulfilling local needs in developing countries. Currently three projects are in Kenya: **Claire Robertson**



The **Just Peace Task Force** worksto promoate peace and justice in the world, recognizing the essential role of grassroots organizing in creatinga consensus for a new foreign and military policy. **David Keppel**

### **The Just Peace Task Force Annual Report**

In 2018-19, the Just Peace Task Force continued its focus on the nuclear arms race. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, we held a vigil on Courthouse Square with the theme "No More Nagasaki." Forty-five people attended a program which included a benediction by Rabbi Brian Besser of Congregation Beth Shalom, koto flute music performed by Alain Barker, poetry read by Antonia Matthew, reflections on the experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors by Heather Blair, and a talk on the new nuclear arms race by Just Peace member David Keppel.

On March 24, 2019, Anthony Wier, Legislative Secretary of Friends Committee on National Legislation, spoke at the Church on "The Myth of Usable Nuclear Weapons."

Wier's powerful talk included graphics showing the impact a so-called "low yield" nuclear weapon would have on Bloomington and a discussion of the drive by the Trump administration to acquire "usable" nuclear weapons, as well as Congressional and public efforts to stop this dangerous program.

Plans for months to come include a resolution by the Bloomington City Council on the nuclear arms race. We hope more Church members will become involved in our work.

David Keppel, Chair, Just Peace Task Force [keppel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keppel@sbcglobal.net)



The **Racial Justice Task Force** joins UU communities across the US, and with faith, arts, and civic organization around the city and state, to educate, organize, and take action on racial justice issues.. **Martha Foster**

### **The Racial Justice Task Force Annual Report**

The work of the UUCB Racial Justice Task Force continues to broaden and deepen in its current manifestation. We have continued work begun in previous years, and initiated some major new projects in support of racial equity in Bloomington and beyond.

#### **Events and Activities with UU** during the 2018-19 year:

- Task force members organized and served food for a reception for the presentation of *Resilience: Stories of Monroe* in October 2018, and staffed the ticket sales and collection table at the performances
- Task Force members participated in fall football parking fundraising
- Task Force Co-Chairs and members presented SJ Moment, prepared bulletin board, tabled at Getting Involved fairs, etc., and offered brochures and sign-up sheets for the Task Force
- Racial Justice Task Force helped organize and launch Third Sunday Social Justice Film Series with Reproductive Justice Task Force, including developing a comprehensive handbook for any Task Force sponsoring a film event.
- Task Force scheduled and presented several films as part of the Third Sunday Social Justice Film Series
- Task Force Co-Chair worked with the UUCB Library to establish a Racial Justice shelf in the library
- Task Force Chair and Co-Chair attended the 2018 GA in Kansas City, Missouri as delegates for UU Church of Bloomington
- The Task Force was awarded two scholarships for a fundraising workshop presented at the Rowe Center in Massachusetts. Martha Foster and Rosemary Hart attended the workshop.
- Leaders participated in Social Justice Circles with leadership from other task forces

#### **Collaborative Work with Other Bloomington Organizations:**



- Endorsed, along with the NAACP Branch, Guy Loftman and Ruth Aydt's report on the analysis of data from the Monroe County court system on racial disparity in sentencing and incarceration. Attended press conference for public release of report.
- Task Force members participated in planning, and provided food for a reception, for an Interfaith Celebration held at the Bethel AME Church on March 31, 2019. Event was organized by an interfaith committee including members of the Bloomington Area Interfaith Alliance.
- Task Force members continued to work with the Monroe Country branch of the NAACP, attending monthly meetings and the NAACP annual Freedom Fund Banquet in October 2018. The Task Force actively promotes individual NAACP memberships and provides application forms at the UUCB
- Task Force member Claire Robertson arranged for a display of the Mothers of the Movement posters at the First United Church of Bloomington.

### Ongoing projects:

- The Racial Justice Task Force continues to support BLUU financially, providing a matching grant of \$2,500 for the UU Church of Bloomington's pledge for the Promise Campaign. A total of \$5,000 was sent to BLUU in the spring of 2019.
- The Task Force is the sponsor for a collection drive for Babies and Bailout, conducted by BLUU in collaboration with the Bloomington Black Lives Matter organization.

May 2019, Martha Foster, Chair; Earon Davis, Co-Chair; Racial Justice Task Force



The **Rainbow Rights Task Force** seeks to work with and for the congregation in the area of LGBTQ rights and concerns. Amy Makice



The **Reproductive Justice Task Force** promotes an active liberal voice to educate ourselves and the community, advocates for reproductive justice, and connects with community partners to ensure reproductive justice for all women and men. Nan McKinley or Deborah Meader

### The Reproductive Justice Task Force Annual Report

The RJTF mobilizes around the concept of reproductive justice as *"the right to bodily autonomy, to have children or not have children, and to parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities"*. We educate, advocate and connect within the church and with outside community partners to support and advance reproductive justice for all.

### Ongoing Work

- Task force member serves as legislative liaison for entire membership. Liaison monitors anti-choice *and* pro-family bills during legislative sessions and reports out to task force with “action items” (e.g. phone calls, letters, testimony, committee watch/observation, rallies, etc.).
- Statehouse/City/County Council meetings. Face-to-face meetings with representatives and supportive presence and public comment for PPINK and All-Options PRC.
- PPINK:
  - volunteer as clinic escorts
  - supply umbrellas for clinic escorts
  - supply food and hand warmers for clinic escorts
  - “Snack Stewards” provide snacks/drinks to patients awaiting abortions
  - provide scrub uniform bottoms to the clinic for women in need
- All-Options PRC:
  - volunteer as peer counselors and talkline support
  - biannual diaper drives, traditional and online drives utilizing All-Options Amazon Wish List.
  - Annual Hoosier Abortion Fund drive
  - promote Practical Support Network, a new project that trains volunteers to
  - provide rides and other support to women seeking abortion access

### **Education & Outreach**

- Partnered with PPINK for the “Hoosier Days of Action” Statehouse lobbying event.
- Screened “Better Birth Days” , a virtual townhall addressing issues surrounding maternal mortality. This was part of the Third Sunday Social Justice Film Series. The event was followed by a workshop and discussion facilitated by MARA (Maternal Advocates Resource Alliance).
- Nominated PPINK Volunteer Clinic Escorts for the 2019 City of Bloomin’ Be More Awards.

### **Fundraising/Donations**

- Football parking - \$538.42
- February bake sale - \$756
- Hoosier Abortion Fund (HAF) - \$2372 (includes \$500 Repro JTF match)
- Annual grant for Snack Stewards - \$300 for food and beverages purchased (plus items donated by congregation)
- All Options Diaper Drives - in-kind donations of 678 diapers/wipes in the fall drive.
- Donated \$378 to the Practical Support Network
- Donated \$378 to MARA
- In-kind donation to PPINK - umbrellas and foot/hand warmers

### **Future**

- Continue ongoing projects:
  - Legislative monitoring and action (local, state and national levels)
  - Football Parking
  - Bake sale
  - PPINK
    - Snack Brigade
    - Annual grant application (\$300) to purchase food/beverages
    - Clinic Escorts

- Refresh supply of scrubs for patients as needed
  - All-Options
    - Hoosier Abortion Fund campaign
    - Fall and Spring Diaper Drives
- New projects:
  - Monitor the implementation and work of state's Maternal Mortality Review Committee, mandated by 2018's Public Law 48.
  - Continue 2nd season of "3rd Sunday Social Justice Film Series" .

Submitted by: Nan McKinley & Deborah Meader, Co-chairs May 13, 2019



**Refugee Task Force** goal is to support refugees and immigrants living in Bloomington and work cooperatively with efforts of the Interfaith Alliance and the Bloomington Refugee Support Network. **Deb Fish**

### **The Refugee Task Force Annual Report**

When Kris Roehling moved to Indianapolis, Barb Backler stepped up to be a co-chair with Debbie Fish. We accomplished the following:

- Coat drive for immigrants in Indianapolis
- Booth at the campus-community town hall titled "Borders, Bans, and Babies: America's War on Immigrants" on March 27th
- Participate in monthly meetings of the IJTF (Immigration Justice Task Force) that is made up of people from various churches and other organizations in Bloomington; led by Christie Popp.
- Emailing notes from the IJTF meetings to the UUB list serv
- Hosting movie of the month night on May 19<sup>th</sup> showing "The Visitor"; raising money through sales of handmade jewelry by Judy Allensworth
- Hosting World Refugee Day event at UUB with BRSN
- Communicates with UU connection in Chicago to help find overnight housing for asylum seekers needing to appear in Chicago court

Submitted by Debbie Fish, co-chair

### **Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) - 2018-2019 Annual Report**

Fall SJ Grants Campaign In October 2018, SJFC sought grant applications for funding consideration by the church's SJ grants fund. The following grants were recommended to and approved by Special Purposes Fund Committee: Afirca: A different story \$600 Third Sunday Social Justice Film Series \$1500 Grant account setup and reimbursement protocols were updated for ease of tracking and oversight. Grant guidelines and SJFC oversight were updated for Fall 2016 Campaign. Spring 25% Plate Fund Campaign In March 2019, SJFC sought nominations for non-profit agencies to be the recipient of 25% of undesignated Sunday Plate funds for July 2019-June 2020. 1. Harmony School,

by Barb Backler, Kathy Boone 2. Volunteers in Medicine, by Melinda Swenson 3. Team First Book Monroe County, by Patty Callison, Carolyn Emmert 4. New Hope for Families, by Alan Backler SJFC selected the first three on the above list to present to the congregation for a vote at the June 2019 congregational meeting. SJFC is using multiple avenues to educate the congregation about these agencies including tabling a display between services throughout May. SJFC Members: Anna Beaucamp, Steve Mascari, Kelly Rockhill, Denise Ogren, RuthAnn Cooper Advisor: Jackie Hall

## 2018-19 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Social Justice Film Series

### September

Film: *Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution*

Director: James Redford

Sponsoring TF: Green Sanctuary

Com Partner:

Attendance: 35-40

Film's Synopsis: Filmmaker Jamie Redford embarks on a personal journey across the US to meet pioneers of clean energy technology, often finding them in some very unlikely places.

### October

Film: *13<sup>th</sup>*

Director: Ava DuVernay

Sponsoring TF: Racial Justice

Com Partner: Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ).

Attendance: 20-25

Film's synopsis: An in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequity.

### November

Film: *Reverend Ernest D. Butler: Rebel With a Cause*

Directors: David Guadaitis, Larry Laswell and Alan Backler.

Sponsoring TF: Racial Justice

Com Partner: Family of Reverend Ernest Butler.

Attendance: 55-60

Film's synopsis: Documentary about grass roots civil rights activist, the Reverend Ernest Butler, with a focus on his years in Bloomington as pastor of the Second Baptist Church.

### December

Film: *Come Sunday*

Director: Joshua Marston  
Sponsoring TF: Racial Justice  
Com Partner:  
Attendance: 45-50

Film's synopsis: The true story of a Pentecostal bishop who lost his flock and the backing of church leaders after he began to question core beliefs of his religion.

### **January – Cancelled due to inclement weather.**

### **February**

Film: *Happier Birth Days*

Producers: WFYI Side Effects Public Media

Sponsoring TF: Racial and Reproductive Justice TF's

Com Partner: Maternal Advocates Resource Alliance (MARA)

Attendance: 20-25

Film's synopsis: A Panel Discussion of the Postpartum Period featuring Indiana experts who share their insights on how to improve health outcomes for mothers and their children.

### **March**

Film: *The Day After*

Director: Nicholas Meyer

Sponsoring TF: Just Peace

Com Partner:

Attendance:

Film's synopsis: On the brink of nuclear war, a shadow looms over a small town in Kansas as residents go about their daily lives. When the unthinkable happens and the bombs come down, the town's residents are thrust into the horrors of nuclear winter.

### **April 21**

Film: *"Wasted! The Story of Food Waste"*

Director:

Sponsoring TF: Green Sanctuary

Com Partner: Fable Farms and IU Prof. Nikki Pohl

Attendance 20-25

Film's synopsis: Every year 1.3 billion tons of food is thrown away, adding up to one third of all food grown for human consumption. Filmmakers explore the reasons for this waste and look for ways to fix the problem.