

The Prologue

Monday, April 16, 2012

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit

Building Community

Changing the World

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Live Streaming to the World – Boom!

Sunday's Gospel Music Service went live on the Web for the whole world to see!



Streaming our services and special events has been a dream of Steve Krahnke and Rev. Bill for about two years. With the help of ace sound technician Andy Beargie, and wiring expert Dietrich Breeden, they installed everything themselves.

The "dream to stream" is now a reality (with funding from the Green Spaces Initiative Capital Fund Drive). UU Bloomington is now at the forefront of outreach for the entire UU denomination. Details on Page 6.

Sunday, April 22, 2012

9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. **AND 1:15 p.m.**

BOOM! Creation stories.

A year's worth of planning, writing and creating comes to life this Sunday in the premiere of our new musical, *BOOM*. With inspiring music by Lauren Bernofsky and libretto and direction by Stephen Hammor, our kids have been soaring through the universe while choreographing creation for months. Look forward to a liturgical, meaning-making experience of creation stories from around the world enacted by an ensemble of children, huge puppets, and a chamber ensemble. There will also be an opportunity to make your financial pledge for 2012-13 during each service.

Sunday, April 29, 2012

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

Continuously Creating Spirit

**Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Reverend Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita**

In this worship service we continue to explore the theme of our Stewardship Campaign, creation, by celebrating the newly published book entitled, "Continuously Creating Spirit", which features the poems and writings of the late Rev. Dr. Clarke Dewey Wells. This collection is edited by our minister emerita, Reverend Barbara Carlson. Join us for music, reflection and inspiration.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

5:30 dinner, 6:15 worship

Family Dinner and Worship: May Day Celebration

The Bloomington Quarry Morris Dancers will provide music and lead a May Pole Dance at our Family Worship on Wednesday May 2nd. All ages can participate. Dinner provided at 5:30, worship and dance at 6:15pm. Newcomers and visitors are especially invited. Suggested donation towards dinner \$1-2 per person. Contact Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org with dietary needs such as gluten-free.

Sunday, May 6, 2012

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

The Flower of Departure: A Universal Requiem

for Soprano and Baritone soloists, Amanda Biggs and Ray Fellman
Choir and Orchestra Composer, Cary Boyce
Commissioned by Harlan Lewis for the UU Church of Bloomington Choir,
directed by Susan Swaney

Join us for the premiere of this universal requiem with texts by Sara Teasdale, Rainier Maria Rilke, Walt Whitman, and Leonardo da Vinci. Our ministers will offer brief reflections on the creation of a requiem, as part of our worship service.



From the Ministers

Boom! Our Stewardship Campaign began with a bang, a big bang! Thanks to everyone who helped with Gospel Sunday and celebration breakfast. Join us this coming Sunday for the much

anticipated Children's Musical BOOM! as the Stewardship celebration continues for the financial support of our congregation.

The following poem, celebrating the birth of the universe and the birth of our congregation, was written by Jack King for this year's Stewardship Leadership gathering on Sunday, April 1.

Boom!

In the beginning there was a
bang—the big bang.

A mere shaving taken off the smallest possible splinter
of time

and—voilà—there was in existence our universe,
glowing, growing, evolving,
and—somehow along the way—producing us!
At least, that's what I believe.

I have a well informed friend who says it's so
(Harold be his name)
and he has a lot of high powered company.

But their image of the process is, I boldly state,
not perfect.

Can there have been a “bang”
(or any other sound)

if there was no one there to hear it?
I think not!

Later, of course, some ookie thing
raised an ear-like tube above the slime
and sensed vibration.
(In its tiny CPU it hoped, no doubt,
for another ookie thing out there with a matching urge to
merge.)

Well, that was sound, but it was eons away,
at the beginning.

At the beginning, then,
what we are really talking about is a huge explosive
silence.

Unless—dare I say it—
we live in a replacement universe:
universe-point-two, or universe-point-gazillion;
at any rate, a sequel.

Then there might have been some living beings
that heard—at the moment of their disappearance—
the bang of which the physicists speak.

Surely!
Probably.

Maybe?

But I digress!

We are here to celebrate creation more recent—
the birth of this beloved community.

The founders, our fabled Forty-Niners—
many still among us—
prospected in a scarred but hopeful post-war world.
Suspicious of creeds, hostile to orthodoxy,
they sought to be honest seekers of ultimate things.
And they found ears to hear.

With luck and patience and much hard work
they struck treasure more than once—
a slowly growing band of folk ready to join in,
some ways to help their young grow up informed and
open-minded,
a passionate commitment to work for peace and justice
and a better world.

And what variety! Practices and preferences,
persuasions and philosophies—they all multiplied
mightily.
Disputatious cogitators were asked to sit with quiet
meditators.
Unrepentant hippies showed up and stayed and signed
the book.
One set of tables had to serve both Ramadan and
Seder.
Used clergy of every stripe jumped ship and found
refuge here.
Bonds of community were often strained
but always enriched.

Through it all elements of that decades-ago genesis—
things we commit to do together—
have come through the refining fires and stay strong:
to serve our young,
to work for justice,
to care for one another and the earth,
to honor paths of mind and spirit and action.

We are grateful for our past.
We celebrate the present.
We commit ourselves to our future together.
Maybe?
Probably.
Surely! -- Jack King (March 2012)

Again, special thanks our Stewardship Committee,
Jackie Hall, chair, the UU Holy Rock Revival Band,
David Cox's Kitchen Crew featuring Will Watt's
Chalice Circle, Addison Sullivan and others! Thanks
for putting the fun in fundraising! Seeking the Spirit,
Building Community, Changing the World.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and
Reverend Bill Breeden

What our kids say about Stewardship:

On Sunday April 15th the 3rd-5th grade "Love Connects Us Class" explored the meaning of stewardship before attending the Sunday service with the UU Holy Rock Revival Band.

Here is what our kids said about being a good steward of our church:

"We are taking care of the church"

"Give money"

"Volunteering"

"Supporting others"

"help the homeless"

This is what the 3rd-5th graders said about why our church needs money:

"To get supplies like crayons, scissors and matches"

"All the food we eat and give to others"

"These chairs cost money and we have to have chairs so we can have church"

"All the fun things that you plan for us...like when we got to throw marshmallows"

"Electricity, heat, water"

"Childcare staff... and all the people in the office"

"for the playground and keeping us safe like with the slide"

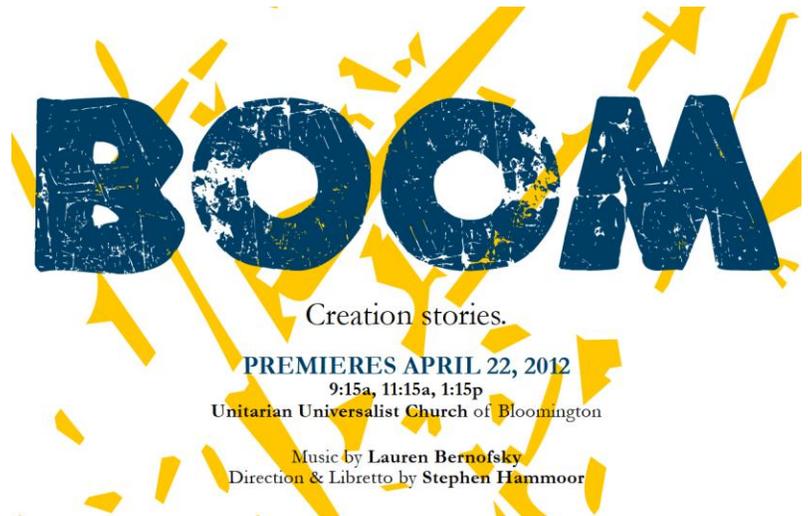
"for the ministers...because they are amazing"

"...and they are funny....oh wait are they supposed to be funny?"

Many of the children had not been asked to think about stewardship before.

Talk with your kids about why your family supports our congregation and how much you choose to give.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
dre@uubloomington.org





Stewardship Booming on April 22

Thanks to the UU Holy Rock Revival Band and Choir for the wonderful service on Sunday, April 15. The music, atmosphere and personal testimonials were moving; we laughed and we cried and sang our hearts out. In the spirit of the day many members and friends made their financial pledge for the next fiscal year (2012-13) which begins July 1, 2012. To date, the pledges total \$249,886 and give us a good start to the campaign. Thanks also to David Cox, Will Watt's Chalice Circle and the rest of the crew for the delicious all-morning breakfast. How special it is to be together and share food and fellowship. It is rumored that the biscuits and sausage-laden gravy were particularly good this year!

Our stewardship month continues with three special Booming services on Sunday April 22 at 9:15, 11:15 and 1:15. Our children will present the musical Boom. There will be another opportunity to join with fellow members and friends to make your financial commitment toward being able to continue to 'Spark the Sacred in Southern Indiana' and 'Fan the Fire of Commitment' for our ministers and staff. By now everyone on our mailing list should have received a mailing with letters from the ministers and the stewardship committee and the stewardship brochure for this year. More information is available on our website www.uubloomington.org and then select Pledge Drive 2012-2013. An information sheet, "Financial Support of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington," is available there and also in hard copy at church.

To be eligible for 'Park of the Sacred' drawing with 12 winners, submit your pledge by 12:30 pm on April 29th. In each of the next 12 months starting in July, one of our pledgers will have the honor of a special 'Park of the Sacred' parking spot up close to the building on Sunday morning. It could be you, if your pledge is in on time! Pledging is available online at www.uubloomington.org or by contacting the church office as well as at the Sunday services on April 22 and 29.

We understand that it takes all of us together to continue to Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World. – Jackie Hall, for the Stewardship Committee

Communications Workshop April 28

Mark your calendars! All are invited to a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, April 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to hear from the Communications Committee about:

- How to get your **church news published**
- Social media** and the church
- The church **web site**
- The **newsletter**
- Signs** on the church grounds
- Who should speak** for the church?

Info, Contact Anne Haynes, Leadership Cultivation Committee, 336-3221



photo by John Woodcock

UUs Changing the World—



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Collects Food May 6

Next Bounty-full Sunday is May 6. Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but they currently have a special need for the following items: fruit juice, baking mixes (especially muffins), canned fruit (especially Mandarin oranges, pears and apple sauce), beans (black, great northern, navy, etc.), and pudding and jell-o mixes.

Remember to Buy Macaroni for Shalom Center! We have promised to donate 75 pounds a month through December 2012. --Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force, Anne Graham, Chair

All Day Dine and Donate Event at Michael's Uptown Cafe Wednesday, April 18th

Hunger and homelessness are on the rise in Monroe County. The Shalom Center is the only agency in the county to provide breakfast and lunch daily, serving more than 2,200 hot meals each month. The Hunger Task Force and Homelessness Task Force are co-sponsoring a Dine and Donate event on April 18th from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Michael's Uptown Cafe on Kirkwood in downtown Bloomington. The Uptown is donating 10% of sales to Shalom Center.



Back-ordered LED lights are due April 22nd

There has been a surge in demand for LED light bulbs, which meant we only received part of our order on April 1st. The bulk of our order –over 100 bulbs– is expected by Earth Day, April 22nd. Please bring a check to the Green Sanctuary Task Force table in Fellowship Hall between services on the 22nd and pick up your bulb order. We have a list with what each person ordered. (We will also have ten extra bulbs, five warm white and five “neutral” white 60-Watt-equivalent, for sale that day if you didn't get a chance to place an order.) The cost is \$27.50 each.

Checks should be made out to the UU Church with “LED” written in the memo line.

Questions? Feel free to contact Molly O'Donnell at MollySOD@gmail.com



HABITAT WOMEN BUILD: Thirty women, almost all from our own congregation, have stepped up to join the UU Women Build team that will be participating in the community-wide Habitat build of two homes in the Cedar Chase neighborhood on the southwest side of Bloomington. We still need FIVE

women to complete our team, so we'd love to have other women at UU consider this rewarding and fun experience on Weds., May 9. The homes are built by women, and financed through donations or contributions of at least \$250 from each volunteer on the build. The deadline for joining and submitting the \$250 is April 27. Please contact team leader, Barb Berggoetz, at barbberg@bluemarble.net or at 812/876-6659, if you'd like to join.



2012 Indiana State PFLAG Conference April 21 in Bloomington

(PFLAG is Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.)

- April 21st 8:30 am Registration, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Program

- Theme: Validating the VOID (Voices of Indiana Diversity), - Indiana University Mobley

Auditorium. Feel free to call for details: Cathy Wyatt | President | 812-829-7896

White River Valley PFLAG | P.O. Box 585 | Spencer, Indiana 47460

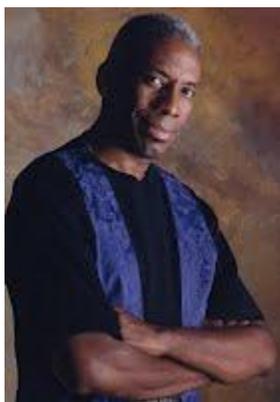
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**From Tim Brennan,
Treasurer of the Unitarian Universalist Association
On Refusing to Support “Stand Your Ground” Laws**

Imagine my shock when I learned that each step of my recent Amazon transaction was providing revenue that supports the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC. ALEC is the organization that has promoted the “stand your ground” laws highlighted in the tragic shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Florida; Arizona-style, anti-immigrant legislation; laws that undercut voter registration in communities of color; and anti-environmental legislation. Amazon, Visa, Federal Express, and UPS all provide substantial support to ALEC. Please join the leadership of our denomination in asking Amazon, Visa, Federal Express, and UPS to cut their ties with ALEC. In faith, Tim Brennan, Treasurer, Unitarian Universalist Association

For more information, and to sign the petition, please go to <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/join-me-in-standing-for-what-we-believe/>



**Registration Open for
2012 Living Legacy Civil Rights Pilgrimage**

The next Living Legacy Civil Rights Pilgrimage is scheduled for October 6-13, 2012, and registration is now open. This unique bus trip will be visiting historic sites and meeting veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, and will also be spending time together and with guests exploring what racism, white privilege, and barriers to equality look like today in Southern towns we visit---and in our own hometowns. Info, www.uulivinglegacy.org

Don't miss your chance to be on the bus! Register early – costs are discounted for those who register before May 15th.

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How can you watch the live broadcast of our services on Sunday morning? It is as simple as going to our home page, www.uubloomington.org, on your computer, and clicking on the Live Streaming button during the service. The direct link you can save is <http://www.techwerks.tv/264PlayerLIVE.php?type=live&clientID=933> Of course, this is no substitute for the real thing; we can't wait to see you at church on Sunday morning. But when circumstances prevent you from attending, please join us in spirit as you experience the live service in your home, hotel room, or wherever you happen to be. (Don't forget you can also share the link to our services with friends and family!) Soon, video archives of our services will also be available on our website in case you miss one. Fantastic.

For Adult Religious Education Class Info, see

http://www.uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult_RE_Prospectus_Spring2012.pdf

Class registration is still open.

How to access your pledge info, see Page 11 of the March 19 issue of the Prologue, here:

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/prologue/pdfdocs/120319w.pdf>



Earth Kin Preps Trees for Earth Day on April 20

Join Earth Kin for the Great Wrapping Extravaganza on Friday, April 20th at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be wrapping tree and shrub seedlings that are to be given away to the congregation on Earth Day, April 22. We need volunteers to help separate, wrap and tag. We laugh a lot and enjoy the task and one another's company. All members and friends of this congregation are invited to join in the fun. We will be sharing the space with the children who will be rehearsing BOOM and eating a snack. It is shaping up to be a very memorable evening. Expect to spend about 2.5 hours of your time. It might even include some food--I'm still working on that part. --Beckie Wagner

Committee and Task Force Annual Reports Due May 11

Chairs of Task Forces and committees are invited to submit brief reports of the work of their committees to be included in the Annual Report to the Congregation which will be presented at the Congregational Meeting the first Sunday of June. The report must be compiled in May, and so the deadline is Friday, May 11. Send reports to Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org, or to Erica Caldwell and Ginger Ko at office@uubloomington.org

Our Folks...

Our thoughts of comfort and love continue to be with Denise and Harold Ogren who were in a serious car accident on April 6th. Family, friends and congregation members are supporting them during their recovery and rehabilitation. Cards can be sent to their home.

We are joyful that Dale Nelson is home and recovering well from surgery. Welcome home Dale and Cyndi.

Our thoughts of healing are also with Adrian McCord and his parents Lori and Jason McCord; Adrian was at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis for tests this week.

Congratulations to members and friends Dan Lodge-Rigal, Sam Cusack, Matt Zink and Richard Torstrick, who are all part of the Cardinal Stage Company's upcoming production of "Big River," which opens May 10. For ticket info: <http://cardinalstage.org/>.



If you would like us to include an item of a pastoral nature (weddings, births, illnesses, condolences, special achievements, etc.) in your life in an issue of The Prologue, please send the info to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org by 10:00 a.m. on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month.



Heartland String Band Rides Again April 19

The UU Heartland String Band will practice old-time, Celtic, and Appalachian tunes together on the Third Thursday of the month, April 19 and May 17, 6:00-6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All string band players are welcome to join our convivial crew. If we don't take the Road to Lisdoonvarna, we might go Over the Waterfall...

Info, Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org





Women's Alliance May 3

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. for brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Our program presentation will be from the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living with Suzie Rimstidt. This is our annual salad luncheon and members are asked to bring salad for four. The Alliance Board will bring drinks and desserts.

The Elder Focus Task Force Sponsors Upcoming Events:

April 17th, 2:00 p.m. - Pat Reitemeier will do a weaving demonstration. Library

April 26th, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Elder Spring Luncheon Gathering with Dr. Lee McKinley as the featured speaker - "How Old Are You Anyway?" in Fellowship Hall

May 9th, 7:00 p.m. - Celebrating Mothers - facilitated by Jean Knowlton and Barb Backler, in the Room 207B

May 15th, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon - A small group who would like to talk about "Sustenance and Meaning for the Spirit." - facilitated by Jack King and Paul Lane, at Barb Backler's, 609 N. Plymouth Rd

June 13th, 7:00 p.m. - Celebrating Fathers, in the library - facilitated by Will Watt, Alan Backler and Bill Breeden



UU Men's Group Upcoming Meetings

April 17, May 8, May 29, June 19, July 10, July 31, August 21

Contact Russ Boulding for meeting locations, jrb-eeh@bluemarble.net



Exploring UU Class May 13 and May 20

The Exploring UU Class is an opportunity to learn more about this congregation and the organization and tradition of which we are a part. It's intended for persons preparing to join this church and for the merely curious. The next Exploring UU Class will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, May 13 and 20. Sign up (space is limited) at the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Free child care provided. For more information contact Jack King, 332-9682, jdskking@aol.com.

Remember Your Song, Awaken Your Creative Power

UU Women's Conference June 1-3

UU Women's Connection, 54th Annual Spring Conference, June 1-3, 2012, at Pilgrim Park Retreat Center in Princeton, Illinois. Come! Explore! Find your voice! This weekend is not just about "singing," but learning that when The Heart Leads your intentionality creates beauty in the world. No musical experience necessary. Register online at www.uuwomensconnection.org



For Stewardship info, see our [new Stewardship pages](#) at

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/stewardship.php> and

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/StewardshipBooklet.pdf>

To make your pledge online, go to

<https://www.churchdb.com/churchdb/donate/uucb/donate.asp>

Our current pledge drive is for our **Operating Budget for 2012-13** (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013).

Denominational Affairs

Members: Your Representation Is Needed!



The Heartland UU District Annual Assembly March 30-31 in Lansing, Michigan was attended by Iris Kiesling and Amy Taylor from our congregation. Iris will have a re-cap of the weekend for the April 16 newsletter.

UU General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, June 20-24, the "Justice GA"

See generalassembly@uua.org.

We have room for 3 more member delegates, either in Phoenix or off-site. Contact Iris Kiesling 812-332-5224, 812-325-4348, email: ifkiesling@aol.com

Even if you cannot be present physically at General Assembly (GA) in Phoenix this year, you can participate in the business of GA in Phoenix by serving as off-site delegates. Every off-site delegate will count as one of a congregation's delegates.

Off-site delegates are encouraged to register early to take full advantage of the training and orientation activities well before GA begins. Info at <http://www.uua.org/offsitega>. Registration is open until June 8, 2012.



UU Young Adults (ages 18-35) Meet for Worship on Campus Every Friday

Unitarian Universalists at Indiana University will gather on campus every Friday, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Contact Rachel at uucampus@uubloomington.org for location. All young adults 18-35 are welcome to attend. The first 30 minutes is an informal worship followed by deep listening, discussion, and event planning. Please join our facebook group for the most up-to-date news:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/16976627368/> If you have any questions, please email Rachel Johnson, Campus and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, at uucampus@uubloomington.org



Young Adult Lunch 2nd and 4th Sundays

All young adults (18-35 years) are welcome to attend our Young Adult Lunches that take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Meet us outside of the sanctuary after the 11:15 am service. There we will determine as a group the best place to go out for lunch somewhere within the town of Bloomington.

Please email Rachel at uucampus@uubloomington.org if you have any questions or are interested in being a lunch facilitator or if you would like to organize any UU young adult events. Any friendly young adults are encouraged to step up into leadership! *Next lunch is April 22.*



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternate Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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. *Next meeting is April 29.*

Remember to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m. In the Meeting Room.

Childcare provided.

(2nd notice)

Our Newest Members

We welcome the following new members of our congregation, who signed the Membership Book on Sunday, April 15.



Margaret Overman and Lance Smith

Margaret Overman and Lance Smith moved with their son, Keats, to Bloomington from Burlington, Vermont, in the summer of 2011. After being exposed to Unitarian Universalism in Burlington, they are thrilled to have found such a warm, active, and welcoming community at the UU Church of Bloomington. They look forward to learning the art of UU social justice work, building community with other families and participating in the life of this thriving church.



Ann and Richard LeDuc

Richard, Ann and Elizabeth LeDuc moved to Bloomington after a one-year stint in Middleton, Wisconsin. Their more permanent home, prior to moving to Wisconsin, was in Millstadt, Illinois, near St. Louis, Missouri. Richard is a native of Arcata, California. His professional expertise is in bioinformatics and proteomics. He is the new manager of the National Center for Genomic Analysis Support at IU. When not at work, Richard enjoys writing and playing fantasy role-playing games, jogging, reading, hiking, and playing with Elizabeth. Ann grew up in Chester, Illinois. She holds a master's degree in Technology for Training and Development. Currently, she spends much of her time getting their new home in working order. When not unpacking, she enjoys gardening, walking, jogging, cooking and making small stained glass projects. Their daughter

Elizabeth attends kindergarten at Rogers Elementary. She is planning to be a geologist or an entomologist (maybe both) when she grows up.



Helmut Hentschel

Biography of Helmut Hentschel in 75 words or less.....this is hard! Married for 33 wonderful years and it just keeps getting better. Two fantastic kids, three absolutely brilliant grandkids... ask me. Just relocated to Bloomington less than a year ago and love it. Retired Army Officer and currently working as a financial advisor at the local office of Merrill Lynch. Searching for spiritual light. Think I've found some on hill overlooking Assembly Hall in B'Town. (75 words to this point)

P.S. His soul yearns for the day when the choir sings a Grateful Dead tune.



Lisa Sideris

Lisa Sideris fell in love with Bloomington as an undergraduate at IU. She eventually received her doctorate in religious studies from IU in 2000. In 2005, after living in large cities not conducive to her personal sanity, she returned to IU to join the Religious Studies faculty, where her research focuses on environmental ethics, and science and religion. She and her husband Robert, a native of Canada, have a six year old son named Ridley.



Dan and Cathy Wyatt

Dan and Cathy Wyatt live in nearby Spencer and have 5 adult children. Dan has been a frame carpenter and worked independently since he was 17 years old. Now a master carpenter, Dan commutes to Zionsville where he serves in all aspects of maintenance of a large estate. Dan is also a guitarist mastering everything from good 'ole finger-style pickin' to his love for the classics. Cathy is employed at I.U. and is a recent graduate of Indiana University with a Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies. An affiliate of The Office of Community Health Engagement, Cathy serves as a research assistant and as a guest speaker on issues surrounding Domestic Violence,

Batterer Treatment and victim recovery. Dan and Cathy are volunteers and members of White River Valley PFLAG and Spencer PRIDE.



David and Rhonda Gatzke

After meeting as crew members on the Delta Queen steamboat 30 yrs ago, Rhonda and Dave embarked on a lifelong journey. Today we happily embark upon another adventure- joining UU and the community in Bloomington with joyful expectation for continued spiritual growth and social awareness. Both work as engineers. Playtime is spent primarily hiking and bicycling. Having raised a son and daughter who both now live in CO, they especially enjoy reuniting with their children during active trips to Colorado.

Red Cross Blood Drive May 26

We are interested in holding a Red Cross blood drive here at the church on Saturday, May 26, 10:00am to 2:00pm. We hope at least 30 people will participate. If you think you might be interested in donating blood, let us know at admin@uubloomington.org.

What's Going On?

Be an informed member of our congregation! 1) Read The Prologue, 2) Attend Congregational Meetings (Next meeting is Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. Childcare provided.), 3) Read the Meeting Minutes. Congregational Meeting minutes and Board of Directors meeting minutes from the last several years are now posted on our website at <http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/govt/board.php> March 2012 Board minutes are now up: <http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/govt/mtgmins/2012-03-21BdMin.pdf>

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, May 7; deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to admin@uubloomington.org The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. Dates of the next few issues: May 7, May 21, Jun 4, Jun 18. On federal holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

Attendance and Offering We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012. Current membership is 486.

Sun, Apr. 8, 9:15: 139; 11:15: 172; RE: 86 Total: 397

Sun, Apr. 15, 9:15: 123; 11:15: 222; RE: 121 Total: 466

4/8 non-pledge offering: \$877; 4/15 non-pledge offering: \$1042;

Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: \$ 480

Our members voted in June 2011 to give 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Planned Parenthood of Indiana, July 2011 through June 2012, to help with its work in our community. For info on Planned Parenthood, visit <http://www.ppin.org>

Grocery Card Sales: Apr. 8 \$2150, income to UUCB: \$95.50; Apr. 15 \$1550, income to UUCB: \$75.50.

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Monday, April 16, 2012
Return Service Requested



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| 4/18/2012 | 6:00 PM Leadership Cultivation Committee | 4/22/2012 | 10:00 AM YUUMS Class hang out time |
| | 6:30 PM Technology & Ministry Grants Initiative Wrkng Grp | | 10:15 AM Earth Fair |
| | 7:00 PM UU Board of Directors | | 10:35 AM First Steps at 10:35am and 12:35pm |
| 4/19/2012 | 9:00 AM Membership Coordinator Office Hours | | 12:30 PM Parent Talk |
| | 4:00 PM New Hope Board meeting | | 12:45 PM Denominational Affairs Cmte |
| | 6:00 PM Heartland String Band practice | | 12:45 PM Asserting the People's Rights |
| | 6:30 PM BOOM Rehearsal | | 1:15 PM BOOM Children's Musical |
| | 7:00 PM Attuning to the Sufi Path | | 1:30 PM Chalice Circle - A. Backler |
| | 7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal | 4/23/2012 | 12:00 AM Carpet Cleaning and Deep Cleaning Day |
| 4/20/2012 | 10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group | | 9:30 AM Membership Coordinator Office Hours |
| | 12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting | | 7:30 PM Voces Novae Chamber Choir |
| | 6:00 PM Bloomington Storytellers Guild | 4/24/2012 | 12:00 AM Carpet Cleaning and Deep Cleaning Day |
| | 6:00 PM Earth Kin Tree-wrapping Extravaganza | | 12:30 PM Library Committee Meeting |
| | 6:30 PM BOOM musical practice | | 5:00 PM Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Dinner |
| | 6:30 PM Communications Committee | | 6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal |
| | 10:00 AM | | 7:00 PM National Alliance on Mental Illness Family to Family Education Program |
| 4/21/2012 | Bright Body Bright Mind | 4/25/2012 | 6:30 PM Singing Meditation - Adult Rel. Ed. |
| | 10:30 AM Live to 100 and Enjoy It | | 6:30 PM |
| | 1:30 PM | | Technology & Ministry Grants Initiative Wrkng Grp |
| | Reiki Clinic | 4/26/2012 | 11:30 AM Elder Focus Spring Luncheon |
| | 4:00 PM BOOM musical practice | | 7:00 PM Chalice Circle - Jeanette and Gayle |
| 4/22/2012 | 8:15 AM Childcare | | 7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal |
| | 8:30 AM UU Choir Rehearsal at 8:30 and 10:30am | | |
| | 9:15 AM Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15 | | |

Additional calendar info at www.uubloomington.org