

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

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<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).

Sunday, May 13, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Letters to our Children: A Mother's Day Service **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden** **Erica Caldwell, Shari Woodbury** **Patricia Coleman, Edrice Baker**

In this worship service, our spring Baby Dedication will be part of our Children's Moment. We will also explore the origins of Mother's Day as well as hear from four mothers who will offer their current wisdom and hope to their children through recently written letters.

Sunday, May 20, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Flower Communion Service **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

Please bring a flower (and extras if you have them!) and join us in celebrating our congregational community through the annual Flower Communion. All ages will join us for song and ritual together as we recognize our interdependence and acknowledge transitions in many of our lives. *Special recognition and celebration of our former Director of Religious Education Cindy Port will be part of this service.* Our children's choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will perform.

President's Column

Greetings! I want to encourage all members and friends of our congregation to attend the Town Hall meeting between the services (10:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.) in the library on Sunday, May 13th. This is a time for congregation members and friends to get acquainted with the board and what we are doing. The last one we held was well-attended and very helpful to both the Board and participants.

I also want to encourage the members of our congregation to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting to be held Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. One of the benefits of membership is to be able to help choose next year's 25% plate recipient and vote upon our slate of Board members and officers. (Representatives of the candidates for the 25% Fund will be available to answer questions after both morning services on June 3.) In addition, we will vote on eight (8) proposed By-law Amendments. They were published in the Prologue on April 2, and can also be found at the end of this issue, following the Agenda for the meeting, on Page 11.

Finally, please continue to pay your pledges for the 2011-2012 pledge year and turn in your pledge cards for the 2012-2013 year to help us continue with the great work we do in this community and beyond.

Steve Dillon, President
Monday, May 7, 2012 Page 1



From the Ministers

Brava! Bravo! To the choir and orchestra under the direction of Susan Swaney for the inspiring premiere of the universal requiem, *The Flower of Departure*, composer, Cary Boyce, which was commissioned by member Harlan Lewis and performed on May 6. (Program notes are provided beginning on Page 13.) We were still enjoying the creative echo from the children's musical *BOOM!* (on April 22) and on May 6 we received another dose of magic in the ongoing song of this congregation's creative spirit. Thanks to everyone for all of your hard work and dedicated participation.

On another note, our Campus and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Rachel Johnson has been accepted to the Pacific School of Religion to begin seminary work in preparation for Unitarian Universalist Ministry. Rachel shares, "I am passionate about campus and young adult ministry and I am seeking to deepen and expand my ministry." We congratulate Rachel on this significant step on an amazing journey. This Wednesday's Vespers service will be the last one in which she will be the music coordinator. Please join us at 6:30pm in the church library, Wednesday, May 9.

Rachel will be leaving her position on August 1, 2012. We hope to hire for this position soon. The following is the information for application.

Campus Ministry Coordinator Position Available August 1, 2012 Applications Due: May 15th, 2012

This is a stipend position with maximum of 300 hours per year. Pay range is \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour, dependent on experience. Knowledge and familiarity with Unitarian Universalism is required. Skills Needed: Computer and Social Network experience, leadership and organizational skills, fundraising, rapport with college students and young adult population, ability to work independently under supervision, problem-solving, worship coordination and sense of humor. Must be available on Sundays. To apply, please send a Letter of Interest and Resume to Reverend Mary Ann Macklin by May 15th, 2012 macklin@uubloomington.org If questions, call 812-332-3695.

Peace, MAM and Bill Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



FOLLOW THROUGH!

Please continue to make payments on your 2011-2012 pledges. Also, please send in your 2012-2013 pledge cards. FORE? Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World



Baby Dedication May 13

We will be having a Baby Dedication during both worship services on Sunday, May 13th. Twice a year we hold a Baby Dedication as a congregation in order to welcome the newest young members of our community. Your family is invited to join us for this beloved celebration. Please let Adrienne Summerlot (dre@uubloomington.org) know if your family would like to participate and whether you can attend the 9:15 or 11:15 service.

--Adrienne Summerlot, Acting Director of Religious Education

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 sympathy are with Jennifer Livesay and Ken Pimple upon the recent unexpected death of Ken's brother.

Ilona Richey's husband, Thomas, died last week after an extended illness. Cards are welcome.

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.

José Toledo successfully completed the National Alliance on Mental Illness Teacher Training education program, April 20-22. Jose is excited to be able to offer this program and resources to the Hispanic community in the greater Bloomington area.

Congratulations to Cetti Cherniak's son Israel who will be graduating with honors from Edgewood High School in May and going on to study filmmaking at Ball State in the fall.

Dan Lodge-Rigal and Sam Cusack, members of the UU Church choir, will be part of the Cardinal Stage Company's *Big River*, which opens on May 10. See <http://cardinalstage.org/> for ticket information.

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.



Exploring UU Class May 20 and May 27

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 20 and 27. 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, jdscking@aol.com.

Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, June 17th, between the services, at 10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to your signing the membership book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, June 13th.

UUs Changing the World—



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Collects Food June 3

Next Bounty-full Sunday is June 3. 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

25% of Sunday Plate Funds Candidates

The Social Justice Funds Committee has narrowed down the 25% of Sunday Plate Funds to the final three: Visually Impaired Preschool Services, the Monroe County Circles Initiative, & Court Appointed Special Advocates. All congregation members who attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 3 will be able to vote on which of these three organizations will be the recipient of 25% of our non-pledge plate funds for the next year. Please make sure you attend the June 3 meeting so your vote can be counted. Below are brief descriptions of the three finalists and a short explanation of how they would use the funds if chosen.



Monroe County CASA, Inc., was established in 1983 and became an independent, non-profit program in 2009. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates, a national organization. CASA serves children up to age 18 who have been adjudicated as a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) due to abuse or neglect by their parents or caregivers. CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises community volunteers who provide advocacy services to these children, thereby ensuring that they receive needed services and find a safe, permanent home. CASA currently trains 40-50 new volunteers yearly to meet the case load. Volunteers contribute 8,000 10,000 hours of service yearly, making CASA services extremely cost-effective. CASA helps about 400 children per year,

but generally has 20-40 children on a waiting list. Additional funds would help us reduce the waiting list by paying for advertising and additional training. Other county programs have shown that advertising can significantly increase the number of people who learn about and volunteer for CASA. CASA currently holds 3 classes per year; \$900 would fund a fourth. Added visibility provided by advertising could raise community awareness to a tipping point that would ensure a steady stream of financial contributions and volunteers.



The Monroe County Circles® Initiative began locally in May of 2008 as a high impact anti-poverty strategy of the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP). It is part of a national transformative approach active in dozens of communities that partners volunteers with families in need to empower people from every economic class to solve poverty in their communities. The person or family working their way out of poverty, the Circle Leader, is a person who is highly motivated to get out of poverty and willing to make changes. Each leader is matched with 2-3 allies. Allies, several of whom are members of the UU Church, form intentional friendships with leaders, supporting them with their time, talent, and resources. In 2011 Circles engaged over 232 volunteers who contributed 5036 hours to goal attainment, networking, programming, community service

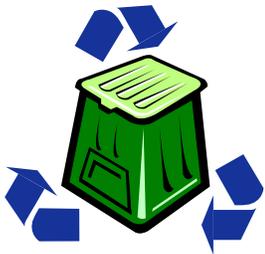
projects, meals, transportation and youth programming and generated nearly \$100,000.00 worth of in-kind donations. For every \$1500.00 donated, a circle leader receives training, support and programming to achieve their goal of moving out of poverty. This includes training the volunteer allies, class meeting expenses for participating low-income families, class materials and supplies for adult and youth programming and food for weekly meetings.



Visually Impaired Preschool Services/VIPS-Bloomington

works to assist families with the following challenges: as much as 80% and 90% of what a young child learns is learning through the use of vision, a young child (under 3) who is blind or has low vision is at risk for delays in every area of development; without early intervention to help compensate for delays, many visually impaired children struggle to achieve their full developmental potential. When a baby is born and is

diagnosed with blindness or low vision, her family is in crisis. Parents often grieve for the sighted child they expected. It can be a difficult and time-consuming task to learn how their child will interact with the world, and how they can help her learn. Families faced with these challenges need the support of specially trained early interventionists. Yet, Indiana is one of 14 states that does not offer regular early intervention for visually impaired infants and toddlers. VIPS-Bloomington is the only agency in Indiana providing early intervention for visually impaired infants and toddlers within a 60 mile radius of Bloomington. Donations to VIPS-Bloomington go to providing direct services through home visits from a teacher of the visually impaired, and purchasing educational items used in during home visits and Play and Learn (PAL) groups.



We are Composting Again, With a New Easy Rule

Please note the signs on our new compost buckets in the Kitchen (See text below). We can once again compost in the bin near the shed, but if you place compost in the bucket, YOU are responsible for being sure it is carried to the compost bin THE SAME DAY. If everyone remembers this easy rule, all will be well.

Our new compost buckets say this:

Thanks for Composting! When you place items for composting in this bucket, you are agreeing to ensure that the buckets get emptied and cleaned before you leave. The compost bin is located to the right of the shed in the back parking lot. Please do not compost meat or dairy products. - Green Sanctuary Task Force

Elder Focus Task Force Sponsors Upcoming Events:

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

Thursday, May 10th, 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

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

Sustenance and Meaning for the Spirit - class change to May 10

The Sustenance and Meaning for the Spirit class offered by Jack King and Paul Lane has been changed to May 10th (Thursday) instead of May 15th (Tuesday) as originally planned. Please let Barb Backler know if you'd like to participate. It will be at 10:00 a.m. at Barb's house - 609 N. Plymouth Rd. in Park Ridge East.

Artwork by Our Members

The drawings on display in the north hallway this month were created by UU member Susi Miller. Look for the sheet nearby where you can tell Susi which drawing is your favorite! The ceramic pieces in the windows of the Meeting Room are by member Ed McEndarfer.



UU Knitters The UU Knitters will not be meeting again until the Fall. We will be picking up our needles again in October on the second Wednesday of every month, beginning at 7:30 pm. Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator memcooord@uubloomington.org.

*Elliptical
Indiana
Standing for
Equality, Love
and Justice*

**Announcing the tour,
“Elliptical Indiana: Standing for
Equality, Love and Justice”**

Elliptical Indiana will be focusing on engaging people in discussion regarding House Joint Resolution 6, HJR-6. This proposed amendment to the Indiana Constitution states: “Only a marriage between one (1) man and one (1) woman shall be valid or

... with liberty and justice for all.

We've all said it. Do we mean it?

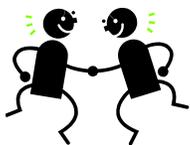


recognized as marriage in Indiana. A legal status identical or substantially similar to that of marriage for unmarried individuals shall not be valid or recognized.”

I will be touring in an ElliptiGO; you can view a demonstration video on the web site www.ElliptiGO.com



June 2nd through July 4th, collecting signatures from people who will pledge to vote against this resolution if it gets to the ballot in 2014, and hope to present these signatures to a member of Indiana’s legislature at the July 4th parade in Bloomington. Elliptical Indiana will cover the entire state, and we will be conducting workshops along the way. The workshop will present information about HJR-6, offer strategies and encouragement to participants for talking about this issue with their social networks, and provide an opportunity to practice some conversations. - Philip Cooper, pvcooper@comcast.net, Rainbow Rights Task Force



UU Men’s Group Upcoming Meetings

May 29, June 19, July 10, July 31, August 21

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



Gardening Help Invited Saturday, May 12

We would like to get together for some weeding and some discussion about the beds at church -- next Saturday, May 12, from 9:00 to noon, although we expect we'll not need that much time. You don't need to RSVP; just come if you can for as long as you can. We can get started at 9:00, but let's plan on a short powwow at 10:00. We want to survey what's there after the winter and come up with ideas and maybe even a task list for the next time. Then we can get back to work -- if there is more to do.

Yours in dirt and grass stains,
Julie and John Lawson

Used Books Welcome at Booktable



Many UUs are quite bookish, and we welcome your donations of used books at the Booktable throughout the year. If you have some gently used books, fiction or non-fiction, that would you like to share with your fellow UUs, please remember the Rolling Cart in Fellowship Hall. Just leave the books next to the cart, and we will shelve them for you. We accept all kinds of books. -- Glee Noble and Patsy Flint, for the Booktable

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

World Book Night Project

Hello from Erica Whichello. I would like to share a FREE book with you. I received this opportunity from an event called World Book Night, held on April 23, 2012. World Book Night intends to promote the value of reading, printed books, bookstores and libraries to everyone. WBN Givers go out into their communities to spread the joy of reading by giving out FREE WBN paperbacks. The book I am giving is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchet. If you are interested in a free paperback, please contact me. WBN books are intended for new readers, but all are welcome. Erica Whichello, 812-219-428, ineb321@yahoo.com

Area 10 Agency on Aging Needs Volunteers

Area 10 Agency on Aging is in need of volunteer delivery drivers for homebound meals Mon-Friday mornings. Contact Laura Kray for details at lkray@area10agency.org or Mary Boutain at mboutain@area10agency.org

The Funeral Consumers Alliance Meets May 23

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Bloomington will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday May 23 at 7:00 pm in the Roger Williams Room of the First United Church. The topic of the Educational Presentation is "Be a Wise Shopper" by Jeff Bell of the Bell Mortuary in Indianapolis. A presentation concerning Legal Considerations will be presented by Suzanne Sturgeon, a local attorney. For information please call Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or ifkiesling@aol.com.

Recommended Books By UUs (both available at our Booktable)

Continuously Creating Spirit by Clarke Dewey Wells, edited by Barbara Carlson Reverend Barbara Carlson is our Minister Emerita, and her late husband Dr. Wells served as one of our interim ministers in the 1980's. Divided by the Light by Paul and Carol Arnold. Available at <http://dividedbythelight.com/> Paul and Carol have been members of our congregation since 2003.

Do You Own a Serger? Help save the campus ministry banner!

The Unitarian Universalists at Indiana University (UUIU) banner is a recycled bed sheet, tie-dyed by Rachel Johnson at Opus 2011, and painted by Rachel and Rivkah Cooke. It is a one-of-a-kind work of love! The banner is hung up outside the door of our on-campus gatherings and used for our tabling at Faith Fest and the Student Activities fair. Our banner is unraveling and needs the edges to be properly finished. If you have a serger machine and can operate it please contact Rachel at uucampus@uubloomington.org as soon as possible!



New Library Policy

Due to the difficulty we have had in the past to retrieve Fuchs Library books, we have put in place a policy to remedy a serious loss of books to the collection. This is printed here as well as posted in the library. We encourage the circulation of our books, but due need to improve returns so that others may borrow them.

1. Books are loaned out for a period of 30 days.
2. The first notification is sent out when the book is not returned in 60 days.
3. A second notice is sent at 90 days. If no response, the name of the borrower is posted in the library. After 120 days we will ask that the book be replaced by the borrower.

- The Library Committee

"The Prosecution of Judge Waite" Starring Gladys DeVane and Rev. Bill Breeden Friday, May 25 & Saturday, May 26, 7:30 p.m.

Free performances of this new play starring Rev. Bill Breeden (Judge Waite) and Gladys DeVane (Prosecutor) will be presented in our Meeting Room, followed by a reception. The 45-minute play by Jim Allison, retired IU professor, presents the modern-day prosecution of former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice, Morrison Remick Waite (1874-1888). Waite presided over the Santa Clara v. Southern Pacific decision (1886) that gave birth to the myth that corporations should be granted the same legal rights as a human being, serving as a legal foundation for the Citizens United ruling in 2010. That decision gives corporations a First Amendment right to "speak" through unlimited monetary contributions to political campaigns.

Jim Allison and his wife, Tomi Allison, spent three days in 2010 at the Library of Congress researching Chief Justice Waite's papers. Performances are sponsored by our UU Peace and Justice Task Force, the Bloomington Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and Move to Amend, South Central Indiana. Move to Amend calls for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns. For more information about the play, contact Rev. Barbara Carlson, barbarac1700@aol.com.

Grocery Cards Pay Off

Many of us share the wish that we could afford to give more to the church; here is a way for you to increase your contributions at no cost! When you purchase a grocery card, you are giving 3 to 5 % of the amount to

the church. That is \$3.00 for every \$100 Kroger card you buy and \$5.00 for Marsh/O'Malia and Bloomingfoods. (Actually the stores are making this contribution to the church by allowing us to purchase the cards we sell at the 3 or 5% discount—a deal we miss out on if we don't sell the cards!) Just consider all the things can you buy with a grocery card besides groceries — prescriptions, flowers, wine and beer, garden plants, and, yes—Theodore Barker--dog food! And Kroger shoppers can even buy gasoline with a grocery card!

On April 29, the grocery card committee--Beth Hollingsworth, Harriet Pfister, Carol Arnold, Dixie Welch, Sandi Clothier and Mary Goetze--presented a check for \$6000 from the grocery card account to the church. Just imagine how much more that could be if more of us

participated in this fundraiser. So bring your check book to church next week and buy a grocery card at the colorful table in the Commons between services.



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 May 27.*



Denominational Affairs

Members: Your Representation Is Needed!

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

See generalassembly@uua.org.

We have room for 5 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.



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 May 13.*

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>

Changes in Office Hours

Starting May 7, Office Assistant hours will be on weekday mornings, including Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m. Church Administrator Carol Marks will be in M,T,Th,F 9-4 as usual.

Red Cross Blood Drive May 26 We are 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 office@uubloomington.org.

Services Archived Online

So far, we have archived video of the services from 4/22/12 (BOOM!) and 4/29/12 (Continuously Creating Spirit). We hope to have the 5/6/12 service (The Flower of Departure: A Universal Requiem) posted for viewing soon. Here is the URL for the archives. A button on our webpage for this link will be coming soon as well. <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>

How to access your pledge info, see Page 11 of the March 19 issue of the Prologue for instructions: <http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/prologue/pdfdocs/120319w.pdf>

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, May 21; 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 21, Jun 4, Jun 18, July 2, July 16. On federal Monday 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 485.

Sun, Apr. 22, 9:15: 191; 11:15: 287; 1:15: 158 Total: 636

Sun, Apr. 29, 9:15: 123; 11:15: 173; RE: 48 Total: 344

Sun, May 6, 9:15: 216; 11:15: 268; RE: 86 Total: 570

4/22 non-pledge offering: \$780 ; 4/29 non-pledge offering: \$562 ; 5/6 non-pledge offering: \$923

Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: \$566

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. 22 \$1925, income to UUCB: \$95.75; Apr. 29 \$2550, income to UUCB: \$126.50; May 6 \$3125, income to UUCB: \$143.25

MEMBERS: Remember to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. In the Meeting Room.

Childcare provided.

(4th notice)

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Meeting Room

Sunday, June 3, 2012

4:00	Welcome and Call to Order	President, Steve Dillon
4:02	Chalice Lighting and Opening Words	Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden
4:07	Introduction of Parliamentarian: Guy Loftman	Steve Dillon
4:09	Board of Directors' Report/Governance Review	Vice President, Carol McCord
4:14	Executive Minister's Report	Rev. Macklin
4:20	Green Spaces Capital Campaign Report	Libby DeVoe, Andrew Appel
4:25	Special Purposes Fund Report	Clarke Miller
4:30	Social Justice Task Force Report	David Keppel
4:35	Determination of Quorum/Report	Secretary, Chris Haynes
4:36	Minutes/Motion to Allow Board to Approve Minutes from the Meeting of the Annual Meeting at a Future Board Meeting	Steve Dillon
4:38	Vote on 25% Plate Recipient	Bob Flynn
4:45	Presentation and Vote on Slate of Candidates, Leadership Cultivation Comm.	Steve Dillon and Chris Haynes
4:50	Motions to Amend Bylaws 4.1, 4.2, 4.8, 4.11, 5.2, 5.3, 5.7, 9.0	Steve Dillon and Chris Haynes
5:00	Recognition of Retiring Board Members	Carol McCord
5:05	Special Services Award Recipients	Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden
5:10	Report and Vote to Approve Operating Budget (2012-2013)	Treasurer, John Lawson
5:20	Announcement of the 25% Plate Recipient	Steve Dillon
5:22	Ministers' Remarks	Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden
5:27	Closing Words and Adjourn	Rev. Macklin and Steve Dillon

Bylaws Changes Proposed by Board of Directors

The following Bylaws changes will be voted on at the June 3 Congregational Meeting. (Sunday, June 3, 2012, 4:00 p.m.) We are required to provide proposed Bylaws changes to the membership at least 10 days in advance of the meeting where they will be acted upon, so here ya go! All members are encouraged to attend the meeting on June 3. If you have questions about these proposed changes, please contact Congregational President Steve Dillon, pres@uubloomington.org. These changes were also published on April 2, 2012.

[1. Motion to Amend By-Law 4.1](#)

Current Section 4.1:

4.1 Number. There shall be a Board of Directors that includes the following four officers of the Church Corporation; The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus three members At-Large. Lead minister(s) are ex-officio non-voting members of the Board.

Proposed Change:

4.1 Number. There shall be a Board of Directors that includes the following four officers of the Church Corporation; The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus three members At-Large. The Executive Minister is an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

Reason for Change: To be consistent with prior By-Law Amendments regarding the Executive Minister.

[2. Motion to Amend By-Law 4.2](#)

Current Section 4.2

4.2 Terms of Office: Board Members at large are eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms as Board Members. Each member of the Board shall serve for the designated term or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Proposed Change:

4.2 Terms of Office: The three Board members at large serve two-year terms. No Board member may serve more than six consecutive years. Each member of the Board shall serve for the designated term or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Reason for Change: To allow for proper succession of the Board members in the smaller, visioning, and policy Board.

[3. Motion to Amend By-Law 4.8](#)

Current Section 4.8:

4.8 Executive Committee. To take any action which may be required between meetings of the Board of Directors, the Board may by a majority vote of the whole Board designate four or more of its members to constitute an Executive Committee which shall have and exercise such authority of the Board in the management of the Corporation as the Board may specify; but the designation of the Committee and delegation thereto of this authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors or any member thereof of any responsibility imposed by law by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Proposed Change: Delete the entire Section

Reason for Change:

No need for Executive Committee since size of Board was reduced. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time by the minister(s), The President, or any two Directors pursuant to By-Law 4.6.3.

[4. Motion to Amend By-Law 4.11](#)

Current Section 4.11:

4.11 Reports to the Board. The Minister(s) and the Director of Religious Education shall make regular periodic reports to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Change:

Delete the entire Section.

Reason for Change:

Outdated procedures. The Ministers make regular reports to the Board.

[5. Motion to Amend By-Law 5.2](#)

Current Section 5.2:

5.2 Election of Officers. During even numbered years, President and Vice President shall be elected. During odd numbered years, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected.

Proposed Change:

5.2 Election of Officers. During even numbered years, President and Secretary shall be elected. During odd numbered years, Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected.

Reason for Change:

To allow for proper succession of the Board officers in the smaller, visioning and policy Board.

[6. Motion to Amend By-Law 5.3](#)

Current Section 5.3:

5.3 Term of Office. The President and Vice President will each serve one two-year term in their respective offices and they are not eligible to serve in their respective offices for two consecutive terms. The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualify. No person shall be chosen as an Officer who is then in the concluding year of six or more consecutive years of service as a Director.

Proposed Change:

5.3 Term of Office. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are eligible to serve two consecutive two-year terms in their respective offices.

Reason for Change:

To allow for proper succession of the Board officers in the smaller, visioning, and policy Board. To allow for the President and Vice President to serve in their respective offices for two, two-year terms for more continuity of leadership and to allow for proper transition into leadership roles. Also, this makes the officers' terms consistent with the at-large Directors' terms pursuant to By-Law 4.2.

[7. Motion to Amend By-Law 5.7](#)

Current Section 5.7:

5.7 Finance Committee. The Church shall have a Finance Committee of seven members to advise and assist the Treasurer concerning budgetary and other financial matters. Four members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, one per year, and shall have four-year overlapping terms. The other three members shall be President, Vice-President and Treasurer, who shall be the chair. Paid professional staff members shall not be eligible to serve on the Finance Committee.

Proposed Change:

5.7 Finance Committee. The Church shall have a finance committee consisting of the Treasurer, who will be chair, and three or four members appointed annually by the Board of Directors. Paid staff members are not eligible to serve on the Finance Committee.

Reason for Change:

Need to reduce size of the committee and to include non-Board members with financial expertise to better advise on budgetary and other financial matters.

[8. Motion to Amend By-Law 9.0](#)

Current Section 9.0:

9.0 Reports of Officers and Committees.
All Officers, Directors, and committees shall report in writing to the Board of Directors at least once a year. Such reports shall be kept on file and ready for convenient reference and inspection by Members of the Church.

Proposed Change:

9.0 Congregational Meeting Minutes and Board Meeting Minutes
All congregational meeting minutes and Board meeting minutes shall be kept on file and available for convenient reference and inspection by members of the congregation.

Reason for Change:

To update By-Law to be consistent with other policy changes and By-Law Amendments. Minutes should be kept on file in the office and on-line for convenient reference and inspection.

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Program Notes for The Flower of Departure: A universal requiem by Cary Boyce

This requiem, commissioned for us by Harlan Lewis, was premiered by our choir and orchestra on Sunday, May 6, and was an amazing experience for everyone. We ran out of orders of service, so we thought you might like to have another copy of the notes for the piece. We hope to have an archived video of the May 6 service available for viewing at <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes> soon.

The Flower of Departure A Universal Requiem

Commissioned by Harlan Lewis on behalf of
the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

For two millennia, musical settings of the Roman Catholic Requiem texts have stood as monuments to human creativity and human will to honor the dead. Some composers have skirted particular issues of theology by omitting certain texts, such as the *Dies irae* (Day of Wrath). Some others without a Catholic viewpoint have undertaken similar works, notably Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem* (A German Requiem), which still derives from biblical texts

in German. What's missing, even to the present day, however, is a musical setting that speaks to those who do not necessarily cleave to a particular theological view, and yet would be mindful and resonant with a "secular Requiem."

This project addresses that need. Here is a "universal requiem," a work to honor those who have passed while comforting the living, for those who may not necessarily ascribe to the Roman Catholic or other ostensibly religious rituals—and yet who may well find power, resonance, and comfort in the ritual and the musical experience. *The Flower of Departure* uses parts of the traditional Requiem (Introit, Kyrie, Gradual, Dies Irae, Offertory, Sanctus, Communion) as a model. Texts indicate some similar functions (the nature of the service, the readings, etc.), but the content and meanings differ.

Rituals of how we honor the dead and comfort the living help us to define who and perhaps even what we are as humanity—as thinking and self-aware beings possessing temporary corporeal residence in the cosmos. This work sets texts that speak of the human journey: we are born, we live, we love, we work, and we ultimately return to the ocean of time.

—Cary Boyce

The Flower of Departure explores two primary themes of the human condition: earthly life and its cyclical nature, and the meaning-making impulse that leads us to contemplate our place in the cosmos. The piece consistently implies a flowering or expansion of our understanding from the personal to the global to the universal.

I. There Will Be Rest, text by Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

There will be rest, and sure stars shining
Over the roof-tops crowned with snow.
A reign of rest, serene forgetting,
The music of stillness holy and low.

I will make a word of my devising
Out of a dream in my lonely mind.
I shall find the crystal of peace – above me
Stars I shall find.

I. There Will Be Rest begins with the individual looking to the stars for perspective. The opening motive opens out from a unison, and there are similar mirror-image motives throughout the piece. The text "I will make a world of my devising out of a dream in my lonely mind" is set as a complex fugue followed by a return to the opening motive and an inverted (mirror) setting of the "serene forgetting" text. The movement ends with a cascade of overlapping voices singing, "Above me stars I shall find," gradually slowing, slowing, and coming to rest. It is interesting to note that this movement ends, as several of them do, a half step away from where it began.

II. The Flower of Departure, text by Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)

Somewhere blooms the flower of departure
Scattering constantly the pollen that we breathe.
For even in the first arriving wind
We breathe departure.

II. The Flower of Departure This brief movement is really an invocation, and the text contains the seeds of many of the ideas we encounter in the piece. Musically, we hear mirror-image counterpoint, modal scales, and half-step tension between f and g-flat. The "I" of the first movement becomes "we," as we begin to contemplate the universality and inevitability of departure. It is sung by a chamber choir.

III. The Night in Silence, text from "When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd" from *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman

The night in silence under many a star,
The ocean shore and the husky whispering wave whose voice I know,
And the soul turning to thee O vast and well-veil'd death,
And the body gratefully nestling close to thee.

When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd

I mourn'd and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

Dark mother always gliding near with soft feet,
Have none chanted for thee a chant of fullest welcome?
Then I chant it for thee, I glorify thee above all,
I bring thee a song that when thou must indeed come, come unfalteringly.

Approach strong deliveress,
When it is so, when you have taken them I joyously sing the dead,
Lost in the loving floating ocean of thee,
Laved in the flood of thy bliss, O death.

Come lovely and soothing death,
Undulate round the world, serenely arriving, arriving,
In the day, in the night, to all, to each,
Sooner or later delicate death.
(The night in silence under many a star...)

III. The Night in Silence directly addresses Death as “dark mother” and “strong deliveress.” Death is to be welcomed, a “loving, floating ocean.” Harmonically, the piece undulates indeterminately, again exploiting half-step relationships, but blossoms into stable triadic harmonies at the direct invocations (“O vast and well-veiled death” and “Approach, strong deliveress”) and at the moments of return (“gratefully nestling close to thee” and “ever-returning spring”). Cary imagined a Latin-inspired rhythm underlying the piece, which is exploited more fully in the *Offertory*.

IV. Dies Irae, text from traditional Latin sequence and Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), trans. Byron Stayskal

Sequence translation:

The day of wrath, that day will dissolve the world in ashes as foretold by David and the sibyl.
How much tremor there will be!
The trumpet, scattering a wondrous sound through the sepulchers of the regions.
Death and nature will marvel, when the creature arises.
The written book will be brought forth, in which all is contained, from which the world shall be judged.
What am I, miserable, then to say? which patron to ask, when even the just may hardly be sure?
Once the cursed have been rebuked, sentenced to acrid flames: call thou me with the blessed.
I meekly and humbly pray, my heart is as crushed as the ashes: perform the healing at my end.
Tearful will be that day on which from the ashes arises the guilty man who is to be judged.

Prophecy of the cruelty of man
Selections from Leonardo's notebooks,
Leonardo da Vinci, trans. Byron Stayskal

Animals are seen upon the earth
Who are ever fighting among themselves
With heavy losses and frequent death on every side.
They have no limits in cruelty and spite.

With ferocious limbs they cast to earth
so many trees of the great forests throughout the world.
And when they've feed and filled themselves,
the nourishment of their desires is only this:
to give to every living thing anxiety and death
and toils and wars and fits of rage.

Through their boundless pride
they wish to lift themselves to heaven,
but their limbs' excessive weight holds them far below.
Nothings remains upon the earth beneath the waves or under ground

that's not harassed, displaced, and spoiled,
moved from one land to another.

The very bodies of men become the transport and the tomb
of living creatures' bodies which though now dead were once alive.

O World! Why is it then that you do not gape open
to cast men down into deep fissures of bottomless pits and caves,
never more to show beneath the sky a monster so pitiless and cruel.

IV. *Dies Irae* is a brilliant combination of styles that slyly translates the Latin texts' dire warnings of hellfire into an indictment of the greed of humanity. The chant-inspired music of the Latin text (punctuated by angry explosions) is interrupted by a sinister strip tease, signaling the "unmasking" in Leonardo da Vinci's 500-year-old "Prophecy of the cruelty of man." The entire strip tease integrates a repeated 4-note bass line, known in musical history as the "lament bass." As in Baroque pieces, the upper parts create clashes of dissonance over the insistent, repetitive bass line. The *Dies Irae* movement is the only harmonically stable movement in the piece, beginning and ending in the same key, and Cary has described it as the crux or dramatic fulcrum of the Requiem.

V. The *Offertory* is a jazzy instrumental version of *The Night in Silence*, creating a symmetrical structure around the *Dies Irae*. Its swinging rhythms and soloistic use of the winds expand on the musical ideas presented in the earlier movement.

VI. Kosmos from *Leaves of Grass*, text by Walt Whitman (1819-1892)
Who includes diversity, and is Nature,
Who is the amplitude of the earth,
and the coarseness and sexuality of the earth, and the equilibrium also,
Who has not look'd froth from the windows, the eyes, for nothing, or whose brain held audience with
messengers for nothing;
Who contains believers and disbelievers —
Who is the most majestic lover;
Who holds duly his or her triune proportion of realism, spiritualism, and of the aesthetic, or intellectual,
Who, having consider'd the Body, finds all its organs and parts good;
Who, out of the theory of the earth, and of his or her body, understands by subtle analogies all other theories.
The theory of a city, a poem, and of the large politics of These States;
Who believes not only in our globe, with its sun and moon, but in other globes, with their suns and moons;
Who, constructing the house of himself or herself, not for a day, but for all time, sees races, eras, dates,
generations,
The past, the future, dwelling there, like space, inseparable together.

VI. *Kosmos* returns to the meaning-making impulse introduced in *The Flower of Departure*, and is also sung by a chamber choir. A viola soloist (playing a very virtuosic part) embodies the restless questioning while the orchestra punctuates with chords that move outward (the bass descends and the treble instruments ascend), expanding like the cosmos itself. The singers hold the center and try to make sense of it with Walt Whitman's complex text.

VII. *There Will Be Rest* represents both the cyclical structure and the flowering. The first movement is repeated in its entirety, expanded with the soloists embroidering the texture with reminiscences of earlier movements. We return to the beginning, with a greater understanding of the "loving, floating ocean" to which we all eventually return.

Bulletin Board:

BEEKEEPING MENTOR SOUGHT. Just installed bees in two hives; newbee beekeeper Dave Parkhurst seeks a mentor to help him keep them happy. Contact dfparkhurst@comcast.net (333-2945).

HOME HOSPITALITY FOR CHINESE STUDENTS

Hello friends. We are looking for people interested in hosting students from China's Zhejiang University this summer for the weekend of Friday, July 20th (6pm) to Monday, July 23rd (8am). The 19-22 year old students will be on an American Studies Program. We'll offer an array of activities if you're not sure what to do. Have an interesting international experience! Contact: Genevieve Pritchard, gpritcha@indiana.edu, 812-856-1885

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| 5/9/2012 | 9:00 AM Chalice Circle lunch prep for Habitat
6:30 PM Technology & Ministry Grants Initiative Wrkng Grp
6:30 PM Vespers with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
7:00 PM Celebrating Mothers - Elder Focus Task Force | 5/16/2012 | 6:00 PM Leadership Cultivation Committee
6:00 PM Special Purposes Fund Cmte
6:30 PM Technology & Ministry Grants Initiative Wrkng Grp
7:00 PM UU Board of Directors |
| 5/10/2012 | 10:00 AM Sustenance and Meaning for the Spirit - Elder Focus
7:00 PM Chalice Circle - Jeanette and Gayle
7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal | 5/17/2012 | 4:00 PM New Hope Family Shelter Board Mtg
6:00 PM Heartland String Band practice
7:00 PM RE Class: Attuning to the Sufi Path
7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal |
| 5/11/2012 | 8:00 AM Annual Reports of TF, Cmtes, due
10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group
12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Drum Circle - Earth Kin | 5/18/2012 | 10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group
12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting |
| 5/13/2012 | 8:30 AM UU Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM Baby Dedication at both Services
9:15 AM Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
9:30 AM UU Children's Choir
10:15 AM UU Board Town Hall Meeting
10:30 AM UU Choir Rehearsal
12:45 PM Humanist Forum
1:00 PM Stafford Music Academy Recitals
1:30 PM Chalice Circle - A. Backler | 5/19/2012 | 1:00 PM Stafford Music Academy Recitals
1:30 PM Reiki Clinic |
| 5/14/2012 | 6:30 PM Chalice Circle Facilitator Group
6:45 PM RE Class: Creative Soul of Richard Wagner
7:30 PM Voces Novae Chamber Choir | 5/20/2012 | 8:30 AM UU Choir Rehearsal
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10:15 AM Intl Outreach Bake Sale Fundraiser
10:30 AM UU Choir Rehearsal
12:45 PM RE Class: Asserting the People's Rights
1:30 PM Chalice Circle - Will Watt
2:00 PM Exploring Unitarian Universalism
3:00 PM Dell Douglas Recital |
| 5/15/2012 | 6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal | 5/21/2012 | 10:00 AM Deadline for The Prologue, admin@uubloomington.org
5:30 PM Caring Committee Meeting
7:30 PM Voces Novae Chamber Choir |
| | | 5/22/2012 | 6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal
7:00 PM RE Class: Humor, Do We Need It? |

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