

The Prologue

Monday, February 3, 2014

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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



Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Saturday, February 8
Soul Food Dinner, 6 p.m.

Sunday, February 9
Getting Involved Fair
after each service

Friday, February 14
Valentine's Tea, 2 p.m.

Saturday, February 15
Benefit Concert for
Interfaith Winter Shelter, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 22
Beyond the Congregation
with UUA's Tandi Rogers

Sunday, March 2
UU Board Town Meeting
12:30 p.m. Meeting Room

Sunday, February 9 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

"Communities: Old and New" High School Youth Group with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Our high school youth will be reflecting this morning on ways of connecting: past, present, and future. What role does technology play? Come and hear the thoughts, music and insights of our youth on our February congregational theme of Connection. Find out how you can participate in the work of our congregation at the Getting Involved Fair after each service this Sunday!

Sunday, February 16 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.



"Standing on the Side of Love"
Reverend Bill Breeden
Reverend Breeden will share his thoughts on the UUA's celebration of 30

Days of Love, January 18-February 16, through the Standing on the Side of Love campaign. The service will include special music from our 6th-12th graders. Here's more information on Standing on the Side of Love: <http://standingonthesideoflove.org/>



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 February 16th, between the services, at

10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the membership book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, February 12th.



What: Congregational Workshop February 22– Connections Within and Beyond the Congregation

Who: Everyone Invited

When: Sat, Feb 22, 9 am- 1 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Overall Goal per Rev. Macklin:

“Fresh eyes to help us seek new and bold ways to nurture our *connections* within and beyond the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington congregation.” Childcare available. Contact Adrienne Summerlot, dre@uubloomington.org directly if you will need childcare to attend.

Tandi Rogers, a UUA specialist with the Growth Strategies Office, will facilitate this workshop on Saturday,

February 22, meet with several smaller groups in our congregation during weekend, and preach at both services on Sunday February 23. Tandi is knowledgeable, experienced, and innovative in all aspects of congregational life. Don't miss working with Tandi! We promise you surprises that will energize you and touch your heartstrings.

Town Hall Meeting with the Board on Ministerial Transition Sunday, March 2

The Board of Directors has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on the ministerial transition for Sunday, March 2, 12:30 – 2:00 in the Meeting Room. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions about the upcoming transition. Board members will give a brief presentation on the timeline and activities associated with selecting and contracting with an interim minister, and also what to expect during the interim ministry period, including the search process for a settled minister. We will reiterate and expand on information shared at the last three congregational meetings and in the Prologue. This will be a good opportunity to engage in dialogue on these subjects. –Kathleen Sideli, Congregational President

Endings, Beginnings: Preparing for Interim Ministry

On January 25th, we hosted a workshop led by Reverend Dr. Laurie E Proctor titled “Endings, Beginnings.” The workshop focused on the transitions happening in our congregation, with Reverend Breeden retiring at the end of June, the hiring of an interim minister in August 2014, and the calling of a new minister in 2016. We learned how the search committee for a called minister, unlike the board-appointed Interim Minister Selection Committee, will be nominated and voted on by the members of the congregation.

These times of transition can be unnerving, but at the workshop we were reminded by the pillars of our community who have been through this process, some once, some many times, that the time of interim is a time of opportunity-- for self reflection, for change, and for growth.

If you have questions about the interim ministry, please convey them to any of the Selection Committee members (Abby Gitlitz: agitlitz@hotmail.com, Drew Schrader: drew.schrader@gmail.com, Von Welch: von@vwelch.com)

Photo of Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden by John Woodcock.



Soul Food Dinner, Saturday, February 8th- 6:00-8:00pm

Renee Reed is hosting our annual Soul Food Dinner!

Amanda Biggs will sing, there will be a gum-boot dance demo and the UU Children's Choir will perform. \$5 adults/ \$3 children includes African peanut stew, black-eyed peas, fried catfish, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, collard greens, and peach cobbler. Yum!

We're also seeking volunteers on Friday or Saturday to help with food prep, set up and clean up. Contact Adrienne Summerlot (dre@uubloomington.org) if you can help or if you need childcare for the event. Find the event on Facebook and invite your friends.

Fourth Friday Fellowship, February 28th- 6:00-8:00pm- Fellowship Hall

Join us for a pot luck dinner and songs. We will celebrate our theme of connection as we lift our voices for a Hymn Sing! Please bring a dish to share. Contact Adrienne Summerlot for more information.

A Note from Our Director of Religious Education, Adrienne Summerlot

We had a cold start to this year, but it was also a refreshing one as we were able to welcome our kids back with an Intersession full of Inquiries. Our children found their way around the kitchen, learning how to bake buried treasure muffins, read food labels and better understand nutrition. Story, science and art captivated their minds as they investigated in Spirit Play. Preschool continued to gather for stories, song and exploration. Drama enjoyed dress up and face painting, but also shared time for meditation and reenacting their own pilgrimage. Some of our 6th-12th graders are continuing to work on creating their own version of "Same Love" by Macklemore, which they'll perform on February 16th. February is here now and old friends are glad to be back together in their classrooms with new teachers and I can feel completely our theme of connection. I was fortunate to be with our UU Action class who stayed for the social justice moment and joyfully joined in and sang "This Land is Your Land." We continued the conversation of HJR-3 and human rights and I was inspired by the compassion and care of our kids. Thank you for bringing your children to spend time with us each week. Thank you to all of our wonderful intersession teachers who explored Islam and our January theme of Inquiry with our kids!

Preschool: Eve Cusack, Mary Beth O'Brien, Connie Loftman, Tess Flynn, Amy Cornell, Nikole Langjahr, and Emma DiLavore

Spirit Play: Joan Caulton, Laura Mojonier, Christy True and Madeline Rivera-Gill

Drama: Cynthia Port, Wendy Bethel, Kim Sackmann, Sarah Sackmann, and Kate Wiltz

Cooking: Heather Blair, Jenn Robison, David Cox and Jason Hill

February in Adult Religious Education: Exploring Connection

To sign up for any of these courses, please contact the office at 332-3695 or office@uubloomington.org. For more information, click here: <http://dft.ba/-7TXC> Childcare is often available if requested 2 weeks in advance.

Spiritual Foundations of Western Theatre in Ancient Greece with Paul Lane

Saturday, February 15, 10AM-noon

How did theatre begin? Hear one interesting theory in this two hour class!

Photo Op! with John Woodcock and John Summerlot

Tuesdays, February 25 and March 4, 7-9PM, Taking and making better pictures with experienced guides.

Continuing classes, always open to new participants (please sign up!):

Tai Chi: Saturdays, 10:15-11:45AM

Aging and Spirituality: Tuesday, February 18, 10AM-noon

Story and Spirit Play for ages 3-103: Thursday, February 20, 5:30-7PM

February story: Old Joe and the Carpenter--is it okay to trick people into connecting?

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Anastacia Corbit-Clarkson and Steven Clarkson, and older brother Quinn, upon the birth on December 27 of new brother Larkin Cael Corbit-Clarkson. He is almost 5 weeks old now and growing wonderfully.

Our Choir Will Perform Saturday, February 8th

at the Black History Month Concert at Second Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. Our choir will sing Nathaniel Dett's "O Holy Lord," which they shared at our services on February 2.



Getting Involved Fair Sunday, February 9th

Looking for a way to get more involved in church activities? Tables will be set up on February 9 by groups/committees that welcome your participation. Browse the groups, listen to their activities, meet new friends. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see the wide variety of activities available and to talk with folks from these groups. This fun event will take place after each service Sunday, February 9th. Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, memcoord@uubloomington.org



Valentine's Tea to Celebrate our Elders Friday, February 14th, 2-4 p.m.

You are invited to join the Elder Focus Task Force for a tea to honor our wonderful elders. We will partake of tea and an assortment of sweets and savories as we enjoy this special day. Highlights from our program include readings and music by Glenda and Rev. Bill Breeden, the poetry of Gabe Langdon, a sharing of life's current pleasures and adventures by attending elders, and the reflections of Rev. Mary Ann Macklin. RSVPs appreciated to Sue Medland at susemedland@gmail.com or [812-332-0791](tel:812-332-0791). People of all ages are very welcome. **We hope to see you there!** --Sue Medland

Greeter Orientation Feb 23

We need your help to make this congregation a friendlier place. Learn to be a greeter or newcomer welcomer. The jobs are important and fun, they take only a little time and you get to choose the time and date of the one service every month or so that you will serve. Join us at the Spring orientation on Sunday, Feb 23, 12:45 in the Meeting Room.



UU Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Our Humanist Discussion group meets on alternating Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 210. This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, and the nature of the universe. Their next meeting is on Sunday, February 9 and the topic is "Marijuana – Medicine or Hype" with Clark Brittain.



UUA General Assembly in Providence in June

Members: As you plan for 2014, please think of attending the UUA General Assembly in Providence Rhode Island in June 25-29, 2014. The theme is "Love Reaches Out." Please see www.uua.org/ga and talk with Iris at the Denominational Affairs table during the "Getting Involved" fair after each service on Feb 9th. Iris Kiesling 332-5224 ifkiesling@aol.com.



Habitat Task Force Plans for Spring

The Habitat Task Force is planning several activities in the next few months for which we could use some help. We are scheduled to provide about 12 workers for an upcoming build on Saturday, March 29. Anyone can participate in this build (without any cost) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Training is provided for any tasks that are involved and Habitat

supplies all necessary tools, lunch and drinks. Please contact Barb Berggoetz, barbberg@bluemarble.net, if you would like to build that day.

We are looking for 35 women to participate in the annual Women Build, a nine-day building blitz when teams of women from all over the city build two houses. We are building in the Broadview neighborhood, just north of Country Club Road. So far, our team has nine women, so we need more to complete the team. In order to participate, you need to fund-raise or donate a minimum of \$250 by April 22. Habitat has a fund-raising template online to send to friends and family members. We hope to fill the team by the end of February. Please contact Barb if you'd like to participate or if you can donate funds to help someone else complete the fund-raising goal.

The Habitat Task Force is also planning a fundraising breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20 between services, so put that on your calendar. We're raising funds to send a group of Unitarian Universalists to El Salvador to participate in a Habitat build there in late May for nine days. If you're interested in learning more about that opportunity, please contact Connie Nelson-Laird at cnelsonlaird@gmail.com. We are also looking for volunteers to donate baked goods and fruit for the breakfast and to help prepare and serve on April 20. Contact Ann Leduc, a_leduc@msn.com, if you're interested in learning more about how to help on April 20.



Rainbow Rights Task Force The Status of HJR-3 and Contact Information for the Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee

HJR-3 Update

What has happened?

HJR-3 has passed the House with only the first sentence which defines marriage.

Where is it now?

HJR-3 is in the Senate where it will follow the 3 step or 3 readings process:

1. Hearing, possible amendments and a vote to move or not to the full Senate;
2. Floor action; with amendments or not, discussion, and vote;
3. Floor discussion and a vote

What could happen?

A "No" vote on the resolution anywhere along the path through the Senate would kill the resolution. Any attempt to amend the Indiana constitution would have to begin from scratch in the 2015 legislative session.

A "Yes" vote on the resolution as presented to the Senate would mean it passed the first of two consecutive legislative sessions required to advance it to the ballot. The resolution could not reach the ballot until 2016.

Now it gets complicated!

The resolution could pass the Senate with amendments. In this case the resolution would then go to a Joint Conference Committee to work out the differences. Each chamber would have to vote to approve any changes in what they had previously voted to pass.

There are two possible amendments.

1. First is an amendment which reinserts the second sentence. If this passes, then HJR-3 would be on the ballot this year as a referendum and if approved by a simple majority of voters would become a part of the Indiana constitution.
2. Second is an amendment which changes the language in the first sentence and/or adds additional sentences which differs from the original HJR-3. If this passes, the resolution will have begun again but could not reach the ballot until 2016. **More →**

If the amended version which has been presented to both chambers by the joint conference committee fails in either, the resolution is dead. Any attempt to amend the Indiana constitution would have to begin from scratch in the 2015 legislative session.

What to do?

Write your Senator. Senator Mark Stoops has been a vocal opponent of this resolution; thank him. Senators Bray, Steele, and Waterman represent the surrounding districts, and all voted for it in 2011. If you are a constituent, please contact them. Scheduling a personal meeting with them is the most effective route.

Write, email, or call the members of the Rules committee. See contact information below. Participate in the Freedom Indiana phone banks. The next one will be here in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9. This is a very effective way to amplify the power of your voice by empowering constituents in other districts to use their voice. **Call 812.269.2580 to get scheduled.** If you can, attend the hearings held by the Rules committee. Wear red so a strong presence of solidarity is visible. This hearing will most likely occur in the week of Feb 10.

Here is the **contact information** for the members of the Rules and Legislative Procedure Committee. The phone numbers are for the Legislative Assistants. Call them and let them know your opinion of HJR-3. -- Rainbow Rights Task Force

Republicans (all voted for HJR-6 in 2011): State House business hours phone 800.382.9400 ask for Senator David Long, Chair 317.232.9416 Senator.Long@iga.in.gov District 16

Thomas Wyss 317.232.9807 Senator.Wyss@iga.in.gov District 15

Edward Charbonneau 317.232.9494 Senator.Charbonneau@iga.in.gov District 5

Douglas Eckerty 317.232.9466 Senator.Eckerty@iga.in.gov District 26

Brand Hershman 317.232.9840 Senator.Hershman@iga.in.gov District 7

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James Merritt 317.232.9533 Senator.Merritt@iga.in.gov District 31

Brent Steele 317.232.9814 Senator.Steele@iga.in.gov District 44

Democrats (all voted against HJR-6 in 2011): State House business hours phone 800.382.9467 ask for

Senator Timothy Lanane 317.232.9427 s25@iga.in.gov District 25

James Arnold 317.232.9532 s8@iga.in.gov District 8

Jean Beaux 317.232.9534 s34@iga.in.gov District 34

Lindel Hume 317.232.9523 s48@iga.in.gov District 48

Mailing address: Senator _____ 200 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Community Connections
Our Faith in Action in the Community
Buy Spaghetti or Macaroni for Shalom Center
Donation basket is in the Commons. Thanks for helping!



Our Congregational Themes for 2014



January: Inquiry
February: Connection
March: Generosity
April: Honesty
May: Beauty
June: Love

July: Hospitality
August: Creativity
September: Deep Listening
October: Inheritance
November: Possibility
December: Hope

How do you use CONNECTION to Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World?
(photo by John Woodcock)



Where We Belong

A concert of songs and stories about connection to people and place

With: Amanda Biggs, Bill Breeden, Darrell Breeden, Denise Breeden, Glenda Breeden, Sarah Flint, Kent Johnston, Charlie Jesseph, Dan Lodge-Rigal, Beth Lodge-Rigal, Sophie Krahnke, Steve Krahnke, Jane McLeod, Dave Sharp, Richard Torstrick, Tim Tryon, Licia Weber

Saturday, February 15, 7:30 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington
Meeting Room

Tickets at the door
\$10 general admission or by donation
All proceeds to benefit the Interfaith Winter Shelter

Special Fundraising Concert for the Interfaith Winter Shelter February 15

\$10 general admission or by donation. See above poster for list of mostly Unitarian Universalist performers!



Goods and Services Auction Sunday, May 4 *Save the Date!*

Join us for lunch (for a modest cost) after 2nd service on May 4th and stay for the auction; registration begins at 1:30 and bidding starts at 2:00! Don't miss this entertaining congregational fundraiser! Contact Wendy Bethel or Michelle Cook for more info. Childcare provided during the auction.

New Directories Available in Room 204

Members and Friends are invited to pick up a copy of the updated **ORANGE** directory in Room 204 on Sundays or during weekday office hours (M-F, 10-4). As always, members and friends of the congregation are also welcome to access this information online on our password protected database.

Next Issue of this newsletter: Tuesday, February 18; deadline for articles **10:00 a.m.** Articles received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication will appear in the next issue. Please send articles regarding congregational events and projects to admin@uubloomington.org. The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions, and is edited by Carol Marks, Church Administrator. Dates of the next few issues: Feb 18, Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 7, Apr 21 *Monday, February 17 is Washington's Birthday, a federal holiday, and so our offices will be closed. The second February Prologue will be published on Tuesday, February 18.*

Viewing Sunday Services Online:

Livestream the Sunday Service at <http://www.techwerks.tv/264PlayerLIVE.php?type=live&clientID=933>
Archived Sunday Services are at <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>

Attendance

Our certified membership as of 2/1/2014 was 492. Current membership = 492

Sunday, January 26 9:15: 101; 11:15: 163; RE: 126 Total: 390
 Sunday, February 2 9:15: 113; 11:15 171; RE: 110 Total: 394

Online Livestreaming

Sunday, January 26 9:15: 34 11:15: 80 Total: 114
 Sunday, February 2 9:15: n/a 11:15: 47 Total: 47 +

Non-Pledge Offering

1/26 - \$534; 2/2 - \$678: **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$311.71**

Grocery Card Sales

January 26 \$1,800, income to UUCB \$86.00
 February 2 \$3,300, income to UUCB \$163.00

Calendar of all our congregational events can be found at www.uubloomington.org Click on "Full Calendar" and then on the date you are interested in. You can also search for a specific event!



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