

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

Friday, March 21

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Spring Equinox Ritual 6:15p

Friday, March 28

Pizza & Games with

Rev. Bill & Glenda Breeden

6:00p

Sunday, March 30

Stewardship Sunday

Member Celebration

Sunday, April 6

Commitment Sunday

Invest in our fUtUre!

Saturday, April 12

MidAmerica UU Regional

Annual Meeting

Monday, April 14

UU Passover Seder

Friday, March 21, 2014

6:15 p.m.

Spring Equinox Ritual

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite,

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin,

Reverend Bill Breeden

Join us for this multigenerational celebration in our Meeting Room, as we reflect upon darkness, light, and balance at this changing of the seasons. We will observe the ending of winter and celebrate the renewal that spring is bringing our way, through readings, songs and ritual. All ages are welcome.

Sunday, March 23, 2014

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

Women's History and Generosity

Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Gender may not have anything to do with generosity, but then again, the history of progressive legislation is replete with the influence of women. We're just saying. Join us Sunday as we celebrate generosity.

Sunday, March 30, 2014

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

The Generosity of Belonging

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Reverend Bill Breeden

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

The Membership Committee

Join us for this worship service in which we will honor long-time members as well as new members of our congregation. As part of our stewardship campaign we will celebrate the generosity of belonging through story, music, and reflection. Pledge cards will be available for those who will not be able to join us on April 6th for Commitment Sunday. Join us for this celebration and a special reception between services.

The North Window

Everyone take three deep breaths, and as you release each one try singing, "Welcome Spring." Sing it with gusto, sing it in falsetto, sing it in the shower, or in your birthday suit out in the back yard if you wish, but sing it like you mean it. I am only suggesting such a tactic because I really am over this winter, and at the risk of insulting the purifying winds thereof, enough is enough already! There is a group of four walking around the church looking at the needs of spring planting and beautification, and I hope their dreams are honored by southern winds that warm the coming days.

However, even if Spring is a bit shy in the face of Indiana fickleness, my heart is warmed by spirit of this blessed community. Our children made lasagna for the Shalom Center this past Sunday, and that is just one example of the many ways in which the UU Church in Bloomington expresses its commitment to "Seeking the Spirit, Building Community and Changing the World." It is that time of year again when we look inward as well as outward. We are building momentum for our commitment Sunday, the culminating event of our stewardship campaign, and we hope that every member and friend of this congregation will take time to consider the value of being who we are and where we are at this juncture in history.

The times they are a changing' wrote Dylan so many years ago, and those words were never truer than today. People of every stripe and color are raising their voices, crying out for a new direction, a renewed sense of justice, and a significant shift in the status quo. Unitarian Universalists are not alone in calling for equal rights for all with regards to marriage, voting, education and economic opportunity. We are not alone in calling for a renewed effort to heal our environment, create sustainable ways of living, and stopping the ever increasing militarization of our planet. We are not alone, but our voice is needed. That voice is dependent upon the continued support of the members and friends of this congregation. Stewardship and generosity is a way of being and an expression of our faith in one another as we make this journey for justice together.

Peace--bill

Reverend Bill Breeden, co-minister

MAM's Musings

Breathe. Breathe. Breathe. I concur with Bill's invitation above to take three deep breaths and welcome spring. As part of our generosity theme, I also invite you to take three deep breaths and consider starting a meditation practice of some kind in your life, if you have not already begun one. Meditation is good for mind, body and spirit; research shows that it can promote a healthy immune system, lower blood pressure, create calmness and increase emotional balance. It is a practice that promotes generosity and self-care.

For the month of March, we are offering a Shambhala Meditation here in Fellowship Hall at noon on Mondays. That's March Meditation Monday at Noon. I am grateful to Sarah Flint, who facilitates this noontime meditation practice which was created with westerners in mind. The hour-long practice includes sitting meditation, walking meditation and some basic yoga. Sarah begins each meditation hour with instruction. I learn something new each week which aids my own practice. Plus it is simply wonderful--a rare treat to sit with other Unitarian Universalists in silence. Henry Nouwen, author of *The Wounded Healer* wrote, "Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot occur."

Peace, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, minister

Our Folks...

Our sympathy is with Naomi Lawlis and her family as they mourn the passing on March 9 of Gene Lawlis. Both Naomi and Gene joined our congregation in 1961.

Our thoughts are also with Laura and Jerry Jesseph and their family upon the recent death of Laura's brother, Bill Stanley Bair.

Best wishes for continued healing to Ilona Richey who is recovering from recent surgery.

Adult Religious Education: Upcoming Classes

To sign up for classes, please contact the church office at 332-3695, ext. 204, or office@uubloomington.org. Child care can usually be made available if requested well in advance; contact Adrienne, dre@uubloomington.org



Extra Tai Chi Practice Session

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

Instructor Brian Flaherty, who teaches our Saturday Tai Chi class, leads an extra "Wu (Hao)" style tai chi practice session with no instruction (just practice) on Tuesday evenings in Fellowship Hall from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. All are welcome. Info, email Brian at creektivity@gmail.com



Shambhala Meditation on March Mondays at Noon

Join Sarah Flint in Fellowship Hall, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays in March for Shambhala Meditation and instruction. Sitting will be interspersed with walking

meditation and Shamatha Yoga. Please bring your own cushion. Chair posture is also fine. Even if you must come late or leave early, please join us in this 2500-year old practice.



Live to 100 and Enjoy it! Starts April 2

6 Wednesdays, April 2-May 7, 7-8:30PM, Room 210, with Al Strickholm (strickho@indiana.edu)

Do you want to remain in good health, raise Cain at public meetings, contribute long-acquired knowledge, and not be limited to a rocking chair? We will discuss the physiology of "what is life", and how to avoid assaults on its integrity to achieve these goals. Al Strickholm, a physiologist, will lecture and lead discussion on the recent plant-based nutraceutical revolution. (\$5 for

handouts to be paid to instructor at first class)



Swingtime in Art: Bright Colors, Recognizable Shapes, Jazzy Rhythms-- Apr 13

Stuart Davis Leads the Way to American Modern Art

1 session, April 13, 1-2PM, Room 210, with Carol Ver Wiebe (carolverwiebe@gmail.com)

An illustrated lecture on Stuart Davis, who has been called one of the most significant artists of the 20th Century. Find out more about the life and motivation of this artist whose large painting "Swing Landscape" is the centerpiece of the IU art museum's contemporary art collection. Carol Ver Wiebe has been giving art talks at the Ft. Wayne Art Museum for the past 15 years.



Save the Date! Congregational Retreat May 9-10 Our Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat is coming this spring-- May 9-10 at Waycross Camp. Mark it on your calendar now, and look for further information soon!

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE



2014 Stewardship Campaign
Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

Over the past 65 years, the investments of many individuals acting in accordance with their values, together with the careful stewardship of those investments, have collectively yielded the amazing congregation we are today.

With a strong financial foundation, we can:

Magnify the social justice activities of many dedicated volunteers by providing facilities, organizational, and spiritual support.

Compensate our current and future staff fairly, reflecting their importance to our large congregation and living out our commitment to be an ethical employer.

Respond to needs, interests, and passions beyond traditional worship by supporting RE for all ages, childcare, humanist forum, live streaming, small groups, coffee hour, ...

Offer fellowship, inspiration, nurturing, and the challenge to “walk the talk” on our shared journey of *Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World*.

As you plan and manage your personal resources, consider how your financial investment in UUCB will pay forward to shape you, our community, and our world. Recognizing that we are diverse in our economic circumstances, find your place on the Fair Share Giving Guide and align your budget with your values.

Like details? See the “Our Congregation” tab at <http://uubloomington.org> for a recap of our history, annual reports, and much more. Be amazed. Be proud. Be inspired.

Fair Share Giving Guide*												
Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter			Sustainer			Visionary			Futurist		
	% of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	% of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	% of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	% of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
up to \$10,000		\$1	\$12		\$3	\$36		\$5	\$60		\$10	\$120
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	3%	\$25	\$300	5%	\$42	\$500	10%	\$83	\$1,000
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250	10%	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500	10%	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500	10%	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500	10%	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750	10%	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000	10%	\$1,667	\$20,000
\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	\$15,000	6%	\$1,500	\$18,000	8%	\$2,000	\$24,000	10%	\$2,500	\$30,000

*Adapted from UUA Suggested Fair-Share Giving Guide found at <http://www.uua.org/documents/congservices/stewardship/fairshareguide.pdf>



Invest in our Future

We have a joke on the Stewardship Committee: It's easier for us to talk about sex than money. Who wants to talk about money? Regardless of where you are financially, talk of money can bring up fear, inadequacy, shame, or embarrassment. But talk about money we must.

Generous amounts of volunteer labor make much of what happens in this congregation a reality. But it also takes a significant amount of money to support the work of this congregation. Fair compensation for our ministers and staff, utilities, the mortgage, insurance, etc. all require cash expenditures, and so each year the stewardship committee asks to you consider in your heart how much of a financial contribution you and your family can make to this beloved congregation. Your pledge allows the board of directors to make suitable financial decisions for the present and long term sustainability of our congregation. Your pledge, together with the pledges of others, allows the work of this congregation to continue.

May you know the gift of giving from your heart and truly experience the joy of giving to something you value and hold dear. -- Mary Boutain, for the Stewardship Committee



Love the Inspiration and Guidance

Hello, I am Ann LeDuc and have been a member of this congregation for nearly two years. I was raised Missouri Synod Lutheran and attended Lutheran School for kindergarten through eighth grade. Nineteen years ago I married Richard LeDuc. Dr. John "Jack" Hayward, a UU minister, officiated at our wedding. Since then we have attended ten UU congregations and fellowships in eight states (Illinois (2), Michigan, Alabama, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, Wisconsin (2), Indiana).

For me, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington is the best. This congregation inspires me and has welcomed me like no other. Through this congregation, I have been given opportunities to make a real difference in our world. For example, through the Reproductive Justice Task Force (RJTF) I have become very involved in the work of our local Planned Parenthood clinic. Other congregations may protest outside the clinic, but our RJTF members are helping the women inside the clinic, during what is often a very difficult time in their lives. If you have been active in our congregation for any amount of time, you know there are many, many ways this congregation makes the world a better place.

Although our family does not have a lot of money, we have pledged more to this congregation than any other we have attended. I want to support all of the good that comes out of this congregation. I also love this congregation and the people in it and want to continue to see it thrive. When deciding how much our family should pledge to the congregation, I thought about how much money we pay to large corporations for our internet, cell phones and satellite television. I feel that this congregation is worth so much more than those corporations. I decided that our family should at least give to the congregation what we pay every month to those corporations.

I love the inspiration and guidance that Mary Ann and Bill bring to our congregation. They are truly the best ministers that I have ever had the pleasure to hear speak and get to know. I know from experience that ministerial leadership can make or break a congregation. In order to bring another wonderful minister into our congregation, when Bill retires, we need to be ready to pay both Mary Ann and the new minister a competitive wage. A good minister will have more than one congregation courting them. A competitive wage, along with our wonderful congregation community, is needed to draw a minister that will help guide and inspire our congregation for years to come.

You, the members of this congregation, have made it the vibrant community it is today. Let's make sure we keep the fire going. To quote my favorite Transitional UU Minister, Samuel Schaal, "You have not only been to church, you are the church."

Continuing Towards the Interim...

On March 9th we had a vibrant town hall meeting to discuss the ministerial transition, with over 50 members and friends of the congregation in attendance. Those present engaged in detailed questioning and discussion. Video clips from the meeting and a web page with information on the transition will appear on the website soon.

Vice President Von Welch presented the history behind the two-year interim period within the Unitarian Universalist Association and other denominations. The interim period recently expanded from one year to two years so that the congregation, with the help of an interim minister, has a chance to look ahead and consider their next called minister before beginning their search for a called minister. The two-year period is now the norm. There were no Unitarian Universalist congregations undertaking only single year interim periods in 2012.

Board Member Drew Schrader described the process for searching for a new called minister to follow the interim. Unitarian Universalist congregations decide on and call their ministers. This process will take place over the second year of the interim ministry period with the entire membership involved in nominating and electing a search committee. This committee will spend copious hours in the process of searching for a new candidate minister. The candidate will ultimately be called by vote of the congregation's members.



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, April 27th, 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 812-332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, April 23rd.



Lasagna for Shalom Center

Our children explored our theme of generosity this month with the help of members of Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors task force. During what is usually our religious education class time on Sunday, March 16, children of all ages were busy making ten lasagnas for Shalom Center. We discussed how this is a great way to share our resources and support a community organization, the volunteers and the people served. You can almost hear the spark light in these young children when they realize that helping people is fun; they'll be asking to do it again and again!

First-Ever Tour of UU Artists' Studios Thursday, March 27, 1-5pm

The Elder Focus Task Force invites the UU congregation and friends to the inaugural Tour of UU Artists' Studios on the afternoon of March 27. Expand your horizons and build UU community as you explore the fascinating worlds of artists Patricia Coleman, Lynne Gilliatt, Margaret Gohn, Barb Lund and Sandy Taylor. Share their visions in fabric, pastels, paint, pottery, watercolors and jewelry as the artists themselves guide you through their work, studios, homes and shops.

Don't miss this exciting event on Thursday, March 27, from 1 to 5 pm. We will meet at the church at 12:45 for ride assignments and directions to the five artists' studios.

RSVP to jallensworth@bluemarble.net or 935-5597 if you plan to attend. See you March 27!



Are you a Friendly Presence at Coffee Hour?

If you are willing to assist with UU hospitality, please use one of the black and yellow mugs with the welcome logo for your beverage at fellowship hour. Guests and newcomers are invited to look for friendly folks using the Welcome mugs. They would like to talk to you.



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,

March 23.

Livestreaming? The Order of Service is posted on our facebook page

If you would like to follow along with the order of service while livestreaming the Sunday service (<http://www.uubloomington.org/worship/livestream.html>), go to our facebook page, where the upcoming order of service is posted each Friday: www.facebook.com/uubloomington

YOUR FINAL ACT: CHOOSE IT WELL Sunday, April 27, 3-5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Exploring "End of Life" Topics:

Physician Aid-in-Dying, Palliative Care, and Death and Spirituality

Facilitators for our Panel will be:

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin — one of our ministers

Clarke Miller---Past President of Compassionate Choices

Dr. Rob Stone—Medical Director of Palliative Care for IU Health Southern Indiana Physicians

Please join us for another "end of life" discussion. Sponsored by: UU Caring Committee and Elder Focus Task Force Contact Person: Sharon Yarber at yarbersharon@yahoo.com or phone 336-4427



Stewardship Moment: Our collective financial investment in compensation for ministers and staff, infrastructure and supplies, social justice and outreach, provides the foundation that acts as a multiplier of many volunteer hours. We have two full-time staff (Executive Minister and Church Administrator), an eighty-percent-time Minister, two half-time religious educators (Minister of Religious Education and Director of Religious Education), a half-time Music Director, a half-time Membership Coordinator, and 15 other part-time staff who provide an amazing array of talent, skill, and dedication. Our building is

in use an average of 96 hours per week.

Stewardship is about taking care of something you value and enabling it to grow. Visit our new webpage to learn how you can invest in the future of this congregation. <http://tinyurl.com/uustewardship>

games
with Bill & Glenda **night**

Friday ♦ March 28th ♦ 6-9pm
Pizza (\$1.00 slice) and snacks provided
DICE, DOMINOES, and ASSORTED GAMES
Come relax and play with your UU community

Sponsored by the UU Youth

Join us for Pizza and Games on Friday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. and we celebrate our community with Reverend Bill and Glenda Breeden.



Member Celebration Day March 30

On Sunday, March 30th, Stewardship Sunday, we are having a celebration to welcome those who have become members over the past year, and also to recognize those who have been members for over 30, 40 or 50 years. These members will receive special recognition during our services that morning, and there will be a reception in Fellowship Hall between the services.

MidAmerica UU Annual Regional Assembly, Saturday, April 12

The following members of our congregation have committed to being delegates to the MidAmerica Assembly here on Saturday April 12th: Kathleen Sideli, Jackie Hall, Carol Ver Wiebe, Anna Wiley, Doug Cauble, Kelly Rauch, Carol McCord, Phil Cooper, David Keppel, and Sandy Dolby. In addition Amy Taylor and Iris Kiesling will be alternates in case someone cannot serve.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND
JUNE 25-29, 2014

Are You Providence Bound?

We are looking for a few more members from our congregation to serve as delegates to the UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Providence, Rhode Island, on June 25-29. We would like to have commitments by early April so that we can plan our finances and get important information for the conference. Thank you. Iris Kiesling [812-325-4348](tel:812-325-4348) or ifkiesling@aol.com

UU Bloomington Goods & Services Auction

Sunday, May 4th, 2014

Luncheon (modest cost) 12:30

Registration 1:30

Live & Silent Auction 2:00



Don't miss this delightful afternoon of auction and delicious food at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington! This is an entertaining and important fundraiser for our congregational budget. See this link for the donation form and more information:

<http://www.uubloomington.org/images/UUDonationForm2014.pdf>

Donor and purchaser receipts will be available on auction day and are available from the auction committee. Childcare provided during the auction.

Questions? Contact the 2014 Auction Committee Co-Chairs

Michelle Cook (812) 361-0366 / mc586788@yahoo.com

Wendy Bethel (614) 477-1660 / webethel@gmail.com

UU History for You

The Peabody Sisters And The Transcendental Unitarian Movement

The Peabody sisters were Massachusetts women who played a major role in promoting Unitarian beliefs through their interests in the arts, the Transcendental movement, and teaching. Their father was a physician and dentist, more of a dreamer than a practical person, with many business failures. Their mother Elizabeth Palmer was a teacher, a Unitarian who taught her girls how to survive in a man's world by becoming educated. **Elizabeth Peabody** (1804-1894) followed her mother's advice and opened schools for girls using European methods that favored discovery rather than rote learning. She introduced the kindergarten to the United States. She also opened a bookstore in Boston and used it for intellectual soirees. Emerson was impressed by her writing skills and she became editor of his magazine, *The Dial*. She never married. **Mary Peabody** (1806-1887) liked writing children's books and through Elizabeth she met and married Horace Mann who served in Congress and was President of Antioch College. Mann promoted public school education in the United States. Mary served as his secretary for many of his educational activities. **Sophia Peabody** (1809-1871) was the most artistic of the three sisters. She painted and sculpted and was recognized for her art in Boston. She met and married Nathaniel Hawthorne and they adored each other. Sophia had frail health and while they were visiting London, England, she died.



Elizabeth Peabody



Mary Peabody



Sophia Peabody



Children's Task Force Seeks Additional Leadership

We are seeking a co-leader for the Children's Task Force. Past projects have included providing snacks and volunteers at Templeton Elementary School, supporting Court Appointed Special Advocates, collecting diapers for needy families, and supporting other organizations in Bloomington that make life better for our children. Laura Petersen is seeking a co-leader for the Task Force. Please contact her directly if you are interested, lc897@att.net



Habitat Task Force

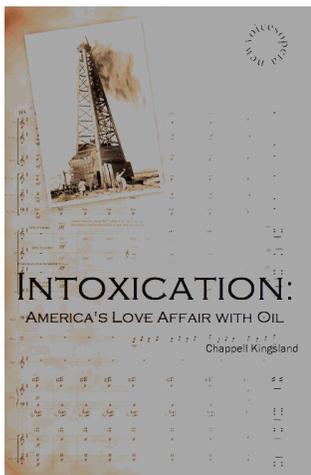
El Salvador Fundraiser Breakfast April 20

Habitat El Salvador Breakfast: Bring your appetites to church on April 20, Easter Sunday! The Habitat Task Force is hosting a hot and hearty breakfast to help finance about 10 UU members' trip to El Salvador in June for nine days. We will be helping the local Habitat chapter to build a home for a family, as part of the Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County's support for its sister chapter there. The breakfast of casseroles, eggs, roasted potatoes, baked goods, fruit and juice will cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

We are also going to sponsor a 35-member female team for the annual Habitat Women Build in Monroe County on May 16. Our team has about 30 members now, but we are looking for a few more women and donated funds to help sponsor women. Each builder has to donate or fund-raise a minimum of \$250 by April 25. If you'd like to participate or can donate funds, contact Barb Berggoetz at barbberg@bluemarble.net.

Thanks for your continued support of the UU Habitat Task Force.

If You Missed it the First Time



The Green Sanctuary Task Force invites you to watch a video of the wonderful 2013 production of *Intoxication: America's Love Affair with Oil*, an opera in two acts.

Music by Chappell Kingsland, formerly of our congregation

Libretto by Ben Allen-Kingsland, Produced by New Voices Opera

Saturday April 5th at 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Fuchs Library. Please use the north portico entrance.

Sign up at the GSTF coffee/chocolate sales table between services or RSVP to Molly O'Donnell, 812-219-5388 or mollysod@gmail.com to reserve your spot. (Seating in the library is limited to 30.)

Members of New Voices Opera, a student organization of singers and producers, will give a brief introduction. And you are welcome to stay for coffee or tea, or to bring wine or a dessert to share, for a discussion after the film. We will have DVDs and CDs of the opera and fair trade chocolate bars

for sale, as well.

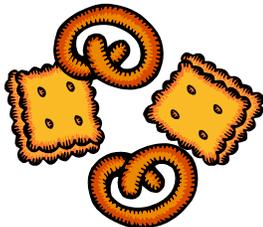
And **Save the Date** for another GSTF film later in April as part of our Earth Day celebration: On April 26, 7:00 PM, also in the Library, we will be showing the stunning film, *Chasing Ice*. This documentary by Jeff Orlowski documents the Extreme Ice Survey of glaciers receding in Greenland, Iceland and Alaska by a team lead by photographer James Balog.

Used Books Welcome at the Booktable You are welcome to donate used books to our used book cart at the Booktable in Fellowship Hall. Income from the sale of used books helps support our Booktable and our Library.

Art in the Commons The beautiful photographs on display in the Commons and North Hallway this month are by John and Peggy Woodcock.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It would be helpful if the office had an emergency contact name and phone number for our members and friends. If you would like us to keep this information on file, please email Judy Bennett memcoord@uubloomington.org, or call the office at 332-3695.



Reproductive Justice Snack Project

The Reproductive Justice Task Force invites the congregation to donate snacks to be given to Planned Parenthood patients on Thursdays. These snacks will reduce the number of times patients need to walk past the protesters outside the Planned Parenthood offices. Juice boxes, granola bars, and other individually wrapped, non-perishable snacks are needed. Donations may be placed in the basket in the commons marked "Snacks for Planned Parenthood." Volunteers are also needed to set up and

take down small snack tables inside Planned Parenthood on Thursdays. This is an interfaith effort with the Quakers and First United Church. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Ann LeDuc at a_leduc@msn.com.

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action in the Community

Monroe County United Ministries Fundraiser April 6 Tickets are now on sale for Monroe County United Ministries' 10th annual "Spring into Action!" Luncheon and Auction, Sunday, April 6, 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25; Please see Diane Gregory or Byron Bangert, both of whom serve on the MCUM Board, to purchase your tickets.

Chamber Singers Concert Based on the Life of Anne Frank April 12-13

The Bloomington Chamber Singers will be performing a concert on Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 based on the Diary of Anne Frank. Several UU choir members sing with the BCS and would love to have you attend. See Sandy Dolby or Iris Kiesling for tickets and information.

Buy Spaghetti or Macaroni for Shalom Center

Donation basket is in the Commons. Thanks for helping!

Interested in becoming a Foster Care Parent?

Contact : 866-521-3010 or Visit www.staging.fostercareselect.com
[Therapeutic foster care services and adoption services](#). Working with children with history of emotional and behavioral disorders. Caring, experienced Foster Care Select staff will help your family restore a safe and healthy home environment.

Attendance

Our certified membership as of 2/1/2014 was 492. Current membership = 495

Sunday, March 9	9:15:	104;	11:15:	197;	RE:	106	Total:	407
Sunday, March 16	9:15:	96;	11:15:	168;	RE:	83;	Total:	341

Non-Pledge Offering

3/9 - \$775 3/16 - \$679: **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$366.48**

Grocery Card Sales

March 9	\$2,450, income to UUCB \$87.25
March 16	\$1,825, income to UUCB \$122.50



Our Congregational Themes for 2014

January: Inquiry	July: Hospitality
February: Connection	August: Creativity
March: Generosity	September: Deep Listening
April: Honesty	October: Inheritance
May: Beauty	November: Possibility
June: Love	December: Hope

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

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>

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, April 7; 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: Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19.

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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