

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

**June 8
Congregational
Annual Meeting**

4:00 p.m.

**June 22
Splash of the Sacred
Pitch-in and Pool Party**

5:30 p.m.

**August
Reverend Douglas Wadkins
begins his interim ministry
here**

Sunday, June 8, 2014

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

For the Love of Poetry

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

In this worship service, we will continue our exploration of this month's theme, love. Reverend Breeden and Reverend Macklin will offer their final reflections together as a co-ministry while journeying through love and poetry. Our 25% candidates for the 2014-2015 Sunday Plate Recipient (to be voted on at the afternoon's congregational meeting) will also make presentations and be available for questions between services.

Sunday, June 15, 2014

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

Gospel Music Sunday

Reverend Bill Breeden



It's Not Too Late to Pledge!

If you have not yet pledged, it is not too late! Please call 812-332-3695, ext. 200 with your pledge, send the info in an email to Church Administrator Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org or pledge online.

See our Stewardship webpage at

<http://tinyurl.com/uustewardship> or go to the Donate page (tab to the far right at the top of the page) at www.uubloomington.org and click on "I want to make a Pledge."



Shambhala Meditation on June Mondays at Noon

Join Sarah Flint in the

Meeting Room, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays in June for Shambhala Meditation and instruction. Sitting will be interspersed with walking meditation and Shamatha Yoga.

MAM's Musings



In ancient Roman myth, the Janus image looks to the future and the past. Janus was the symbol of endings and beginnings, transition. The month of January is named in his honor. In present day Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington times, our fiscal calendar ends in June and begins in July, thus “June-us”, looking back and forward at the same time.

Janus

With Reverend Breeden’s retirement occurring this month, I find myself looking back to honor the many memories I have of our co-ministry. From late night discussions about a pressing congregational issue while standing under the stars in the church parking lot, to laughter and tears on a Sunday morning; from pastoral visits to social justice action; from weddings and memorials to baby dedications; from miscommunications to needed communications; from phone calls, emails, Facebook, texts, shouts down the hall to myriads of meetings, problem solving sessions and occasional rants--we have shared the rich road of our co-ministry together with all of you.

If Bill and I had been called as a co-ministry together, I would be leaving now too. However, we were called at different times and our co-ministry developed over the years, resulting in a different model. So it is not often that a co-minister bids adieu to a colleague in such a fashion as we will all experience here in June. It is a time of sadness and letting go, of honoring and change. I must recognize that I will not answer a message from future colleagues with such Bill/MAM lingo as “What the Hell?!” or “Get it on, Muffin!”; I will not find a golf partner with the same pizzazz for the game as we share; I will not have the same puppet parlance as Theodore Barker and Olympia Brown Bear developed. I could go on. And so I look back with gratitude and invite all of you to do the same.



“June-us”



On June 8th we will offer reflections for the last time as a co-ministry; “For the Love of Poetry” will be our topic. On June 15th Bill will preach on “The Mooning of Moses” as part of a celebratory Gospel Music Sunday. On June 22nd we will create honorable closure around Reverend Breeden’s ministry through words, song and ritual and the Splash of the Sacred. Meanwhile, it is June and next month is July. And so we look forward to our new fiscal year at the same time.

I am in conversation with our new Interim Minister, Reverend Doug Wadkins, as we create the timetable for his arrival. He will first meet the congregation on Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3. Reverend Wadkins’s first sermon will be August 10th when our choir returns from its summer hiatus. I will be here throughout July with a few guests in our pulpit, so I will be taking off a few weeks here in June. As we look forward and back, may we remain grounded in the present.

In gratitude, *MAM* Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Photos by John Woodcock

Summer Under the Big Top



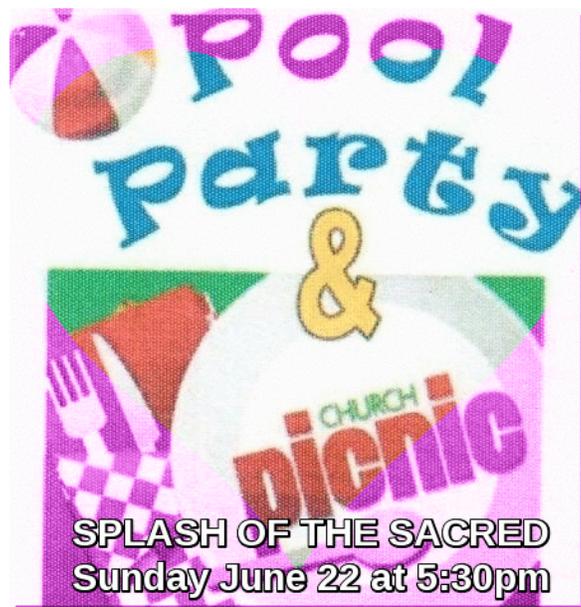
The RE Circus is Coming!

Preparations for our 1st Global circUUUs are underway. Ann Dorwin introduced our children Kindergarten-8th grade to diabolos, spinning plates, juggling and devil sticks. We learned about where in the world these skills originated and how they evolved. Many of the kids picked up on the skills very quickly. Each week the kids will have a chance to learn and practice. We will be having signups for the main acts beginning this week. We hope that whether you are here occasionally or for the whole summer you will join us for the fun under the big top!



Registration for the 2014-2015 Religious Education

School Year began Sunday, June 1st in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Children registering by July 13th will be guaranteed their first choices in classes for our August Intersession!



EVERYONE IS INVITED!

SPLASH OF THE SACRED

Sunday June 22nd Bryan Park

5:30-7:30pm potluck Woodlawn shelter

Bring a dish to share and table service.

8-9pm private pool party. Life guards will be on duty;
parents must accompany and supervise children

Newcomers and guests are welcome !

Summer Offerings from Adult Religious Education:

Sharing Poetry, facilitated by Bob Taylor

The purpose of this class is to read poems to each other with possible discussion. At each meeting participants bring two or three poems that they like, to read aloud. Discussion of the poem may follow. Members will be provided with internet poetry resources and will be introduced to the work of different poets. If you are interested, please email Bob, bstaylor1@comcast.net, who will coordinate a first meeting to decide on monthly dates.

Honoring Reverend Bill through Work for Justice

We hope many members of our community will take time in June to honor Bill's ministry and his strong voice for justice by working in our community as volunteers. If you already do volunteer work, we invite you to wear a "Bill sent me" button (pick one up at the church anytime it is open) and to think of your work this month as honoring his ministry. If you have time to try something new, we encourage you to visit the Bloomington Volunteer Network, <http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer>, and find a project to try, and/or to watch our facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/uubloomington>, for projects we'll be doing together. Wear your Bill button, and please go to the link on the celebrations page to report the hours you spend: <http://drewschrader.wix.com/billcelebration> — we hope to honor Reverend Bill through many hours of working for a better world. We'd also love to gather your stories and photos of doing work for our world while wearing your Bill buttons—please send them to Reverend Emily Manvel Leite at mre@uubloomington.org.

Do you have a little extra time this summer?

You are warmly invited to try out Spirit Play for Grown Ups with Eve Cusack and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite. We are a small group of adults and high school teens who meet on second Mondays to explore our congregational theme through story, spiritual practices, and art. Join us June 9 from 6:30-8:30PM as we explore the theme of Love. If you have any questions about this program, please email or call Reverend Emily at mre@uubloomington.org or 333-9822.

Legal notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

June 8, 2014 4:00 p.m.

Budget approval, 25% Sunday Plate Fund Vote,
Elections of Board, Special Purposes, and Leadership Cultivation members
All members encouraged to attend. Childcare provided

2014 Slate of Nominees

(election at June 8 Congregational Meeting)

Biographies of the slate of nominees appeared in the May 19 issue of The Prologue:

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/prologue/pdfdocs/140519w.pdf>

Michelle Cook – Leadership Cultivation Committee (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2017)

Harv Hegarty – Leadership Cultivation Committee (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2017)

Kim Deckard – Special Purposes Fund Committee (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2017)

Kathleen Sideli – Board President (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016)

Pat Brantlinger – Board At-Large (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016)

Ann LeDuc – Board Secretary (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016)

Proposed Bylaw Changes at June 8th Congregational Meeting

(to be voted on at Congregational Meeting on June 8)

These bylaw changes were sent to all members electronically or by paper mail on May 23, 2014.

Two bylaw changes are proposed by the Board, with the support of the Ministerial team, for vote of the members at the June 8th congregational meeting, to be held in the Meeting Room at 4:00 p.m. The first is to change Reverend Macklin's official title from "Executive Minister" to "Senior Minister" to align it with common usage across UU congregations nationally. The specific changes are to change "Executive Minister" to "Senior Minister" in Sections 4.1, 4.9, and 4.10, and to change "executive limitations" to "senior minister limitations" in Section 4.11. The second change is to update the postal address of the UUA in section 13 to "24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210" to reflect their recent move.

25% Plate Fund Nominees for 2014-15

(to be voted on at Congregational Meeting on June 8)

Full descriptions of these nominees appeared in the May 19 issue of The Prologue:

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Templeton Healthy Snack Food Program nominated by Laura Petersen

Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington nominated by Iris Kiesling

Susie's Place nominated by Sharon Yarber

Our Delegates to UUA General Assembly

As of June 2, Von Welch, Patrick Brantlinger, Shari Woodbury, and David Keppel are our delegates to the UUA General Assembly in Providence, Rhode Island, June 25-29. If you are interested, we have delegate openings even for one day attendance. Rev. Bill Breeden will also attend. For more information contact Iris Kiesling at ifkiesling@aol.com or 325-4348.

Free Hugs and Chocolate Kisses!

Drop by Fellowship Hall between the services this Sunday, June 8th for free hugs and (chocolate) kisses! (Raisins too if chocolate isn't your thing.) Look for the balloons held by members of the Sunday evening Chalice Circle to get your hugs and/or kisses, and feel free to pass them along. –Martha Foster



Spencer Pride Festival June 7

So you think you know what goes on at a gay pride festival? Then you haven't been to a Spencer Pride Festival!

This year's theme on June 7 is Focus On ALL Families. In addition to our 75 marketplace vendors, there will be a petting zoo, bounce house and slip & slide. What other pride festival can boast of 30 minute animated shorts for children at a restored historic theater? What other pride festival has fabulous raffle items like tickets to Holiday World, Six Flags and the Exotic Feline Rescue?

Can't you just smell the elephant ears, funnel cakes and kettle corn? Listen to that fabulous singer!

Come on out and join us on Saturday, June 7 from 10am to 5pm. Spread a blanket on the lawn and enjoy the entertainment while you munch on the goodies from our wonderful food vendors. –Judi Epp

The Spencer Pride Festival is supported in part by our Rainbow Rights Task Force, Phil Cooper, Chair.

Habitat Builders in El Salvador

Our thoughts, encouragement, and admiration are with 10 members and friends of our congregation who have traveled to El Salvador to build houses this week.

Community Connections

“Ask Me Anything!” June 8

Building on the interest and valuable learning that occurred at the First “Ask Me Anything!” event, we warmly invite you to participate in the second multi-faith, get-to-know-you, community night of sharing Sunday, June 8, hosted at the Pourhouse by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church. Come learn more of various faiths. It will be an evening of food, fun, thoughtful conversation, and great companionship. Finger foods/deserts and basic drinks will be provided by SOCC/Pourhouse. Please, no alcohol or tobacco. This event is intended for adults; there will be no child care available.

Date/Time: Sunday, June 8th, 2014, 7:00-8:30p.m., Location: The Pourhouse Cafe, 314 E. Kirkwood Ave

Questions? Ask at Facebook Event: <http://goo.gl/J3ali5>

--Dan Enslow (Bahá'í) and Dave Baer (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

New Monarch Waystation Welcomes Butterflies to UUCB

Check out our newly planted Monarch Butterfly Waystation, southeast of the building, by the bike rack! This mostly perennial garden includes milkweed to feed monarch caterpillars and nectar plants for adult butterflies. Monarch habitat is being drastically reduced due to development and the use of glyphosate herbicides (such as Roundup) on farm fields, roadsides, and yards. To learn more about monarch conservation and how you can help -- including how to start your own Waystation -- visit www.monarchwatch.org, or talk to Sean or Denise Breeden-Ost, dbreedenost@gmail.com.



Our Folks...

During June, Deborah Rush's art works will be on display here in our North Hallway. Deborah's watercolor paintings reflect her connections to this community, ranging from a landscape of a family cemetery to a portrait of a waitress at a favorite coffee shop!

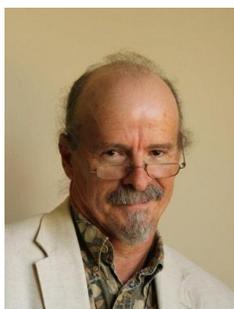
Peggy and John Woodcock have a photo show opening at Gallery Group on Friday, June 6, (a Gallery Walk day). They would love to see UU friends there. Gallery Group is located on East 6th Street half a block east of the Square. The show is invitingly titled "Now See Here!"



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 8th, 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, June 4th.



UU History for You

Rev. Bill Breeden and the Social Activism of the UU Church

Bill Breeden was born in 1949 in Washington, Indiana. He was an identical twin and, with brother Darrell, joined seven other siblings. As children they called each other "8" and "9." Their parents were Nazarenes, an evangelical denomination with lots of singing, which Bill's father enjoyed. Bill's father was a self-taught engineer who worked for the local gypsum mines. In 1967 Bill and Darrell were encouraged by their mother to study for the ministry because three of her sons were already in the military and she hoped her youngest sons would be spared conflict. Bill studied in Tennessee and supported himself in a supermarket. While throwing out over-dated foods, he encountered a black woman who changed his life. She asked him to let her sort through the discarded food so she could feed her children and herself. Up to that time Bill did not know there was real poverty in America. He graduated from college and Seminary and was ordained in the Christian Church (DOC). He served two parishes in Missouri. On December 7, 1979 Bill met Phil Berrigan, a ex-priest and peace activist who became a friend and mentor. Soon he went to Washington, D.C., to pray for peace in the Capitol rotunda, resulting in his first arrest for protests. He later lived with his wife Glenda and their two teenage children in a tepee in Brown County. His daughter Denise Breeden discovered the UU Church of Bloomington through friends at Harmony School. Before long Bill and Glenda joined the UU Church of Bloomington, and in the year 2000 he served as a part-time minister during Reverend Barbara Carlson's sabbatical. In 2001 he joined the ministerial team as co-minister with Reverend Carlson and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin. After Barbara's retirement, he and Mary Ann continued in co-ministry. He said "It was a place where I could say what I believe without being fired for it." Furthermore, he found a church whose DNA included social activism and a hunger for justice. After 13 plus years at UUCB, he is retiring to explore writing, music, itinerant speaking, a little golf, fishing, and simply being a human being.

-- Elof Carlson, Congregational Historian



UU Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Our Humanist Discussion group meets on alternating Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 105 (temporary location during June and July). 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. The next meeting is on Sunday, June 15.

UUCB Book Discussion Group meeting on June 29

Our next UUCB Book Discussion Group will meet at Elof and Nedra Carlsons' on Sunday, June 29, at 3:00p.m. We shift to fiction and Anne McDermott's short novel *Someone*. For those who like to get a book reserved in the library or read ahead, the next non-fiction book will be Stephen Greenblatt's *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*.



Our Congregational Themes for 2014

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| 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 does LOVE help you Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World?
(photo by John Woodcock)

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

Current Membership: 500 Certified Membership as of 2/1/2014: 492

Attendance

Sunday, May 25 9:15: 97; 11:15: 152; RE: 81 Total: 330

Sunday, June 1 9:15: 87; 11:15: 150; RE: NA Total: 237

Online

Sunday, June 1 9:15: 41 11:15: 22 Total: 63

Non-Pledge Offering

5/25 - \$581; 6/1 - \$511: **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$273.12**

Grocery Card Sales

May 25 \$1,925, income to UUCB \$94.25 June 1 \$2,025, income to UUCB \$97.25

Staff Away Dates for summer breaks are posted in the Workroom, Room 204, on a color-coded calendar. Judy Bennett and Carol Marks will be away June 11-24.

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, June 16; 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 June 16, July 7, July 21, and August 4.

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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“Butterfly” Photo by John Woodcock