

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949
GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995
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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

June 21
Social Justice Event
Shalom Center
1:00-3:00 p.m.
or
3:00-5:00 p.m.

June 22
Splash of the Sacred
Pitch-in and Pool Party
5:30 p.m.

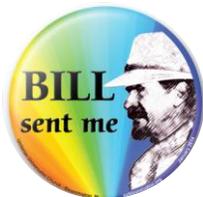
August
Reverend Douglas Wadkins
begins his interim ministry
here

Honor Reverend

Bill We still need several people to help at our final social justice event celebrating

Reverend Bill's ministry with our congregation this Saturday--we will be painting at Shalom Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 3:00-5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Older kids and youth are welcome! Sign up here:

www.signupgenius.com/go/409054DAEAC2CA02-honoring.



Friday, June 20, 2014

6:15 p.m.

Summer Solstice Celebration

Reverend Bill Breeden, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Celebrate light and warmth on the longest day of the year by joining us for this seasonal service of ritual and song. Please bring a flower or two for our altar if you would like to. People of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Sunday, June 22, 2014

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

Love Will Guide Us

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Reverend Bill Breeden, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Join us for this worship service in which we will honor and offer well wishes to Reverend Breeden for his retirement. The choir will make a special June appearance for this distinctive time. Farewells will also be addressed by Olympia Brown Bear and Theodore Barker. Please join us as love guides us through this time of transition.

Also join us for the All Church Picnic and Splash of the Sacred (details here and other places).

Sunday, June 29, 2014

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

The Paradox of Love

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Inspirational speaker Mary Morrissey writes "Have you ever struggled to find work or love, only to find them after you have given up? This is the paradox of letting go. Let go, in order to achieve." Really? We will explore various paradoxes in love, letting go and life.

Sunday, July 6, 2014

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

Do You See the Worth In Me?

Shari Woodbury

We will begin exploring our July theme, hospitality, with a UU perspective on hospitality for those in our community who need it most – people experiencing homelessness. Drawing upon her service learning experience at the Shalom Center, congregation member and minister-in-training Shari Woodbury will lift up the voices of homeless people in fact, story and song.

Sneak peek at http://youtu.be/kUsrb_Gku7g.

The North Window



Since last Sunday was my penultimate service as one of the called ministers of this congregation, next Sunday will be the ultimate, i.e., final service of my settled ministry here at the UU Church of Bloomington. It is fitting that the north window out of which I have pondered over the words for this column for several years is splattered with tears from the sky. The rain started just as I began to write. I say it is fitting for the sky to cry, because I have been shedding tears often over the past weeks as I have read notes from adults and children of this beloved community. All have been wonderful to read, and although I cannot possibly respond to each one, I wish everyone to know that your thoughts, prayers and affirmations are greatly appreciated.

Now comes thunder and lightning, equally fitting because I love storms and have always seen them as signs of new life. They have often occurred in times of change and have filled me with anticipation for what is coming next. I have witnessed several tornadoes, sat through one hurricane and have given thanks for the sunshine that followed every one. And so it is with the inevitable sadness of leaving after these many years as one of your ministers. It just comes with the territory as does the joy of tomorrow.

I want to say that these have been among the happiest years of my life, and the most fulfilling in terms of vocation. This congregation is “Top Shelf,” and it is not a crowded shelf. I encourage friends and members of this congregation to heed the words of our beloved Senior Minister, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, “Breathe, Breathe, Breathe.” Breathe in the memories we have to carry in our hearts, and breathe out love for this community. Breathe in the sweet aroma of the blood sweat and tears given for social justice both locally and in places faraway, and breathe out love for this community. Breathe in forgiveness for yourself and for others, and breathe out love for this community. And once more, breathe in a deep sense of belonging here, now and in the future, and breathe out a resounding “Yes! We will be here for many generations, striving to *Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World.*”

I will be away for a time, let’s say for a full church year as an estimate. As stated in yesterday’s sermon, this is not an exile, it is a wise choice, and an affirmation of my covenant as a Minister in full fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. I need time to re-define myself, pursue new avenues, and adjust to not being the called minister of this congregation. That cannot happen overnight. You need time as well, to focus on what is ahead and get excited about it. My wife and daughter will still attend as they wish, but please use the coming months to get to know them rather than to inquire about me.

It has been a joy to work with the staff and leadership of this congregation, and finally, I have been the luckiest of ministers to work with my co-minister Mary Ann Macklin, now Senior Minister of this amazing congregation. We have learned together how to be more human, more open, more accepting of our differences, more appreciative of our strengths, and more forgiving of our weaknesses. I love her as a colleague, a person, a very close friend, and I hope for many more years of her ministry when I return as a member, and Minister Emeritus of this congregation.

Join us this Sunday for celebration in worship, a pitch-dinner at Bryan Park and the Splash of the Sacred at the Bryan Park Pool. I promise you will see a retired minister do the least graceful back flip from a diving board you have ever seen.

Peace—bill



The RE Circus Is Coming!

All clowning around aside, our circUU is only six weeks away! Parents, if you haven’t visited the Doodle Poll already to sign up, please do it as soon as possible [Doodle: UU Summer CircUU](#). The last three Sundays of July will allow the kids to perfect their skills for the big performance. We also could use a few volunteers on Saturday, August 2nd to help prepare snacks for the kids, paint faces, etc. Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org if you can help.

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!



SUNDAY- JUNE 22nd



5:30-7:30pm -Pot Luck Picnic
Bryan Park- Woodlawn Shelter
Bring a dish to share and your own table service
*Newcomers and visitors welcome!

SPLaSh of the Sacred

8-9pm Private Pool Party at Bryan Park Pool
Come and splash and play or sit poolside and chat!
*Children must be supervised by their parents



Honoring Reverend Bill through Work for Justice

We will be doing two last social justice collections to honor Reverend Bill's ministry at the congregational picnic, 5:30-7:30PM on Sunday, June 22, at the Woodlawn Shelter at Bryan Park. We'll be collecting:

1. Fabric for quilt-making by prisoners.
2. Spray cleaners for general household cleaning for Monroe County United Ministries to distribute to families they serve--this is their area of greatest need right now.

Thank you for bringing either or both of these along. Together, we really can make a huge difference. Questions? Call or email Reverend Emily Manvel Leite 333-9822 or mre@ubloomington.org.

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.

Exploring UU Class Meets Sundays, July 13th and 20th, 2014

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held on Sunday, July 13 and 27, from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by Sunday, July 7, at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing office@uubloomington.org. Free child care is provided. For more information contact Judy Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org.

NOTES from the Minister Emeritus Working Group (MEWG):

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister Emeritus-to-be:

As of July 1, Bill will be the Reverend Emeritus, by unanimous vote at the Congregational meeting on June 8. His UUCB email will be shut down and we are all asked to not contact him in any way, until he rejoins us. He will be practicing a Ministry of Absence to find his own unique path into retirement and to help us transition to new church ministries.

Glenda Breeden:

Glenda Breeden, wife of Rev. Bill Breeden, was not called to the UUCB (as spouses are in some denominations); nor will she be practicing a Ministry of Absence. She will be attending church and participating in activities as herself. To respect her wishes and autonomy, PLEASE do not, in any way, ask her about Bill. Glenda joins us in our shared church community on her own spiritual journey.

Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita:

Barbara is in the process of selling her Bloomington home and moving to Louisiana to live close to her children and grandchildren. When she is settled, and after we have welcomed Interim Minister Rev. Doug Wadkins and gathered again to begin the year ahead, we will welcome Barbara back for a celebration of appreciation and good wishes in September.

UUCB MEWG: Deb Hutton, Jack King, Clarke Miller

Silent Auction to Support Death Row Inmate

The Friends of Prisoners Task Force is offering two cabins made by Chad Fulks, an inmate on Federal Death Row in Terre Haute, Indiana. The cabins were made for Reverend Bill Breeden, who has been Chad's spiritual advisor and friend for seven years. The cabins are made from different types of paper. Bill does not have room in his cabin for these cabins, and is clearing out his office at the church. The cabins will be displayed again this Sunday, and the winning bidders can take them home after the second service. All funds will go to support Chad who has to provide his own toiletries, art supplies and items from the commissary.

Make a Call and Stand with Citizens' Climate Lobby for the Climate

Over 600 volunteers from Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) will be in Washington, D.C., on June 24 lobbying members of Congress to address climate change. Marcia Veldman, Jana Perea, and Robert Meitus from the Green Sanctuary Task Force and the local CCL chapter will be among those present. CCL is asking people concerned about climate change to contact their members of Congress on June 23 requesting serious Congressional action on climate change.



CCL is hosting a brown bag lunch and call party at the **Westside Bloomingfoods annex (enter through parking lot to the North of store) from noon-1:30 on Monday, June 23**. Stop by during your lunch hour, have lunch with friends, learn about CCL, and make a few calls to your representatives and senators in D.C. We will provide the call information and answer any questions you might have. If you cannot make it to this event, please consider making calls on your own sometime during June 23. Full information is available at: CCL (bit.ly/1lb9kwD).

You can learn more about CCL at citizensclimatelobby.org. Thanks you for contributing your time to save our climate for this and future generations!

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

We welcome new members Mike and Celeste McGregor, Patricia Reitemeier, Christine and Richard Linnemeier, Emma DiLavore, and Jim Tarnowski to our congregation. They all signed our Membership Book on Sunday, June 8. We are glad they are with us!



Mike McGregor

Mike McGregor hails from Evansville, Indiana. After living in Washington, DC and Boulder, Colorado, he moved to Bloomington in 1985 to join the I.U. Department of Telecommunications. Mike is the proud parent of two wonderful boys (men now), two adorable grandsons, and two fine step sons. He and his big-hearted and fun-loving wife, Celeste, will soon celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary. In his spare time, Mike enjoys music (he sings in the choir) and theatre.

Celeste McGregor

Celeste McGregor was born in California, but has spent the majority of her life as a Midwesterner. She lived in Evanston IL, Oshkosh, WI and Minneapolis, MN before making Bloomington her permanent home in 1984. Celeste shares the same wonderful family as Mike McGregor, has been working for Big Brothers Big Sisters for 8 years, enjoys cooking, baking, traveling, music, and visiting with friends. Celeste is grateful to have found a spiritual home within UUCB.

Jim Tarnowski



Emma DiLavore



Biographies for Jim and Emma are not available at this time.



Patricia Reitemeier

Pat is an artist and weaver. She came first to I. U. and Bloomington -- and the UU Church -- as an undergraduate in comparative literature, and then three more times until returning permanently for a busy retirement. During the intervening years of marriage, study, and having children, she received her Ph.D. and taught and sojourned through Columbus (OH), New Orleans, Boston, and Los Alamos (NM) before coming back to Bloomington permanently for a busy retirement. ... Her daughter, Regan Carney, is a ceramic artist and teacher in Bay St. Louis, MS; her son, Devon Carney, is the Artistic Director of the Kansas City, MO, Ballet.



Christine Linnemeier

Christine Savage Linnemeier is a native of Bloomington, and a graduate of IU in Biology. She is married to Richard Linnemeier and has a 28 year old son, Micah. She loves nature, animals, hiking, birdwatching, music, photography and travel. Raised Episcopalian, she is an agnostic who has dabbled in Eastern and Pagan traditions. She began attending UU services about a year and a half ago and only wishes she had found the church earlier.

Richard Linnemeier

I was born, raised, and have lived in Bloomington with the exception of four years at Ohio Wesleyan University, four years at the IU School of Dentistry and three years at Ft. Sill Oklahoma. I have traveled to 38 countries. I retired from 26 years of dentistry and started growing my

beard in 2009. I manage some rental properties, work out at the Y, read write, carve limestone and study and appreciate our beautiful world while walking our elderly lab "Mojo".



Flowers for the Meeting Room

Thank you to Ann Robins for providing flowers for the meeting room. If you have flowers to share, please call Sandy Taylor at 336-7369 or 322-5870 to make arrangements for your flower contribution.

Ramadan Iftaar Celebration July 13

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and the most blessed month of the year. Muslims all over the world abstain from food, drink and other needs during the day, purifying the soul, re-evaluating life, and refocusing on God. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace, as they strengthen ties with family and friends. They discipline themselves as they refrain from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Join your fellow Unitarian-Universalists as we share in this period of self-restraint with our Muslim neighbors on Sunday, July 13. Doors open at 8:30 and the joint meal will be served as the sun goes down. Childcare will be provided.

Please sign-up at the church commons between services to help-out with one of the most cherished social events on our UU calendar. Last year an Egyptian man came up to me as we were cleaning-up and exclaimed "Why have I never heard of these Unitarians? This was so wonderful and when I return to Egypt next month, I shall tell everyone about these Unitarians!" I think that is an endorsement of which we can all be very proud! See you on July 13!

For information contact Abby Downey (abdowney46@gmail.com) or Erin Hollinden (ehollinden@yahoo.com).



“Bewitched by Love” to Benefit Fairview Elementary’s Literacy Program

On Sunday, June 15, Gregory Wang, piano, Anna Singer, soprano, and Richard Lewis, baritone will perform selections from Broadway and opera. The concert will take place at Fairview Methodist Church, 600 W. Sixth Street, at 2:00 p.m. Free-will donations will be accepted to benefit Fairview Elementary’s literacy program. A reception will follow the concert. The program is supported in part by the City of Bloomington Art Commission’s Arts Project Grant Program.

Our Folks...

Our thoughts are with Mary Boutain, whose father died recently.

Jack King is in the hospital, Room 3207. Card are welcome.

The photography of Sean Breeden-Ost, Glen Breeden-Ost, Jack Ost and Karl Ost will be displayed at El Norteno during the month of June. The images celebrate Fungi, Frogs, Fish, and Fancy.



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 29, during which Sandy Dolby will lead a discussion on “Why do we have rituals?”

Military Personnel Support

In our efforts to become recognized as a Peace Advocate Congregation one of the criteria is Military Personnel Support. A few weeks ago The Herald-Times printed an editorial response to a letter. In the response a listing of resources for veteran support services was presented. The link is presented here so that we, as a congregation, might have access to it to share. In the circle we are our brother's (and sister's) keeper. http://www.heraldtimesonline.com/news/opinion/help-counseling-out-there-for-veterans-families-who-need-it/article_b659310c-7bff-595c-9902-bb1852ad36b0.html

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*.



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."



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 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, June 8	9:15: 108	11:15: 160	RE: 78	Total: 346
Sunday, June 15	9:15: 161	11:15: 221	RE: 83	Total: 465

Non-Pledge Offering

6/8 - \$633 6/15 - \$385 **Total to be donated to Circles Initiative - \$254.50**

Grocery Card Sales

June 8 \$1,325, income to UUCB \$63.25 June 15 \$2,100, income to UUCB \$105.00

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, July 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: 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!

The Prologue

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