

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

September 4
Women's Alliance Meeting
11:30 a.m.

September 7
Caregiver Network Meeting
3:00 p.m.

September 19
All-Church Potluck
5:45 p.m.

September 21
People's Climate March
and
Interfaith Coalition of
Environmental Youth
1:00 p.m.

September 28
Getting Involved Fair

Sunday, September 7, 2014 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

A Random Moment

The Reverend Doug Wadkins

As we begin our exploration of September's theme of Deep Listening, we focus on the role of deep listening as one of the components of our shared work in the next two years, and the various ways that this time may deepen the ministry of the congregation.

Saturday, September 13, 2014 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

"Inspiring Science, Realistic Hope"

with Reverend Michael Dowd
co-sponsored by Earth Care

Science and religion are not enemies. Indeed, they must work together if humanity is to survive the 21st century. Come hear about ways to stay inspired and hopeful in the face of the large-scale challenges of our world today. This program is geared for adults and teens. Child care will be provided. (For details, see page 9.)

Sunday, September 14, 2014 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The Sanctuary of Deep Listening

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this worship service we will explore the concept of deep listening, transition and loss through reflection and music. How do we respond to others during times of illness, grief and death? What touches our soul? What sings to our spirit? Special guest musicians will be The Bloomington Threshold Choir who sings at the bedside of Hospice patients, directed by our own Melanie Turner.



All-Church Potluck Friday, September 19

Friday, September 19th at 5:45pm in
Fellowship Hall, the Membership Committee

will host an all-church potluck as an opportunity to meet new members. Please bring a dish to share. UU member **Dan Wyatt** will delight us with a selection of guitar pieces after the meal. He has an amazing variety of music that he share with us.



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The Waypoints of Our Journey

It is astonishing that it is already September! The time will fly in our two years together, and yet we will engage in many important facets of your shared life before we are done. As your interim minister I will journey with you in many ways. An essential “given” for the next two years is to assist in the ongoing shared ministry of the congregation; to minister with Mary Ann, Emily, the board and all of the leaders of the congregation to uphold the health & vitality of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. Yet, in order to make the best possible use of the unique nature of the finite time, I will return again and again to certain enduring waypoints that will keep us from wandering too far off the path into the mist of weekly busy-ness. These waypoints are consistent with the larger wisdom offered by shared experience of interims from many traditions. I shall seek to uphold these points of clarity and exploration.

Our waypoints are:

- claiming and honoring your past and engaging and acknowledging your griefs and conflicts
- recognizing your unique identity and your strengths, needs, and challenges
- understanding the appropriate leadership roles of ministers, church staff, and lay leaders and navigating the shifts in leadership that may accompany times of transition
- making appropriate use of District, UUA, and other outside resources, and
- renewing your vision, strengthening your stewardship, preparing for new growth and new professional leadership, ready to embrace the future with anticipation and zest.

These are points on a meaningful and cyclic journey in which we will explore these crucial areas in a variety of ways, and we will revisit each of these points several times in our shared journey of ministry. These points will weave into the sermons, adult religious education offerings, and participatory gatherings in the coming months. We will use these waypoints in evaluating how things are going at our midpoint. We will return to them in assessing our cumulative time together, and as you prepare to move into a new era of shared ministry with your newly called and settled minister! As an interim minister, these waypoints will help me clarify my own conclusions about our success in making meaningful use of these two unique years. The end result will be that you have a clearer sense of who you are as a congregation now, what sort of ministry makes sense for who you are and what you want and are called to do. From this strong foundation, you will know some important ways to start out right with your new minister and continue in strength with Emily and Mary Ann as well. So, roll up your sleeves... here we go!

Warmly,

Doug Reverend Douglas Wadkins, Interim Minister



MAM's Musings

As I mentioned on Sunday, I was recently inspired by Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change Co-Chair, Stephanie Kimball, in their task force's vision to attend the significant climate change march on September 21 in New York. Are you sitting in front of a computer screen right now? I pad? Phone? Please let me know if this inspires you as well. I hope many Unitarian Universalists will join in this march. Stephanie wrote, in part,

Hello Green Sanctuary Task Force,

Yesterday I took a huge leap of faith. With about 22 seats left on our bus to New York for the People's Climate March, I spoke with people at two colleges near Indy that each want to send 15-20 people on our bus. I admit I was tempted to say YES

to one of these groups and take the next three weeks off -- but instead, I put them in touch with each other and suggested they organize a separate bus, because what I really want (even more than a chance for a nap) is to get as many people as possible to New York on September 21.

Of course, the danger is that we'll end up with multiple half-filled buses from Indiana, with high price tags and even worse carbon footprints. PLEASE DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!

BUS TRIP DETAILS: We'll leave from the UU parking lot on Saturday evening (September 20) probably around 8pm. We'll drive through the night, arriving in NYC around 9am. The march starts at 11:30 on the edge of Central Park, and is about 2.5 miles long. At the end of the day (by 6pm at the latest) we'll hop back on the bus and head home, arriving back at the Church around 7am. The bus will be equipped with a restroom, outlets, and wifi! Tickets are only \$25 each due to a generous donation. If you wish to avoid Eventbrite charges, you may pay by check; email me for instructions!

Contact me if you need more info, then head to our Eventbrite page (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bloomington-bus-to-peoples-climate-march-tickets-12406099979>) and reserve your ticket today!

If you absolutely can't go on the march yourself, there are still things you can do to help:

1. TALK THIS UP with your friends and family. Like our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BloomingtonBus>, invite your friends to like it, tweet the bus details; do whatever you do to help get word out!
2. DONATE.
3. VOLUNTEER your services.

In solidarity for a cooler climate,
Stephanie (kimball.stephanie@gmail.com)

If you cannot afford the ticket and want to go, please contact me at macklin@uubloomington.org! Do not hesitate. We want our voices to join with the multitudes for our earth. I have two weddings that weekend so will be unable to go on the bus. However, I will be attending the Interfaith Coalition of Environmental Youth on Sunday, September 21, at 1:00 p.m. on the Monroe County Courthouse lawn, at the corner of Kirkwood Avenue and Walnut Street, to stand in solidarity with the marchers in New York. Please join us and spread the word.

Peace and love, *MAM* Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Senior Minister

P.S. Thanks to participants who made our first Adult Spirit Crafting class a success. Eighteen participants created Spirit Boats and shared meaningful stories of joys and sorrows in the process.



Camp Piomingo Middle School Retreat for the MidAmerica Region, September 27-28

Good news! The deadline has been extended for registration for the Middle School Retreat for the MidAmerica Region for seventh and eighth grade September 27-28 in Kentucky. **Participants now have until September 8 to register.** Please contact Adrienne Summerlot if you are interested in going. We currently have four youth and would love to have more take advantage of this great opportunity. Scholarships are available through Mid America and additional support may be available from our Religious Education programming as well.

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing and is encouraged. You can find the registration form for the entire year on the web at <http://www.uubloomington.org/re/youth/index.php>

Religious Education Assistant Position Available at Unitarian Universalist Church

This very part-time position, 5-10 hours per week, requires availability on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. Necessary skills include the ability to work in a fast-paced environment, strong organizational skills, being database savvy, a team player, and having experience with children and working in childcare or leading a classroom. Pay starts at \$9.50/hr. For a complete job description, contact: Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education.

How Can You Help? Did you know there are over 15 different ways you can share your time and talents with the children and families in our Religious Education program? If you are interested in helping, please follow the link on Sign Up Genius and find the right one- time opportunity for you!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&useFullSite=true&URLID=10C0A48ACA82CABFE3-volunteer>

Adult Religious Education Classes and Groups August/September 2014

Exciting learning opportunities abound! To register, contact the church office at office@uubloomington.org or [812-332-3695](tel:812-332-3695). Childcare is available if requested by two families. Contact Adrienne Summerlot at dre@uubloomington.org.

Spirit Play for Grown-Ups: Deep Listening

Monday, September 8, 6:30-8:30PM (meets monthly)

with Eve Cusack & Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Deeper exploration of a story for adults. Includes art exploration and spiritual practices.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Family-to-Family Education Program

with Laura Jesseph

12 Tuesdays, **7:00-9:30PM**, beginning **September 16**.

Please note: Pre-registration is required. Maximum of 18 participants.

For families and friends of people with mental illness.

Aging and Spirituality

Tuesday, September 16, 10:00AM-12:00 noon (meets monthly)

facilitated by Carol Verwiebe and Penny Fisher

This class explores aging. Members will participate and suggest topics.

Stories and Spirit Play for Ages 3-103: Deep Listening

Thursday, September 18, 5:30-7:00PM (meets monthly--includes dinner)

with Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Songs, story, conversation, art, spiritual practices, and a pizza dinner. Please register!

Sharing Poetry

with Bob Taylor

Friday, September 19, 10:00AM-12:00 noon (meets monthly)

The purpose of this class is to read poems together. Bring a poem you love.

Be Response-Able!

with Edgar DeJean

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00-8:30PM

Explore two essential human capabilities: compassion and spirituality.

Spiritual Crafting: Topic to be announced

with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Sunday, September 28, Time to be announced

Random Violence and Quick Decisions

with John Summerlot

Monday, September 29, 7:00-9:00PM

How to respond if you encounter random violence.

Traditional Taijiquan (“Tai Chi”)

Weekly, **Saturday 10:15-11:45AM**, instruction and practice;

Tuesdays **6:15-7:15**, extra practice. Fellowship Hall

Instructor: Brian Flaherty, creektivity@gmail.com with Christy True

This class introduces the practice of the “Wu (Hao)” style of taijiquan.



Shambhala

Meditation on Mondays at Noon

Join Sarah Flint in the Meeting Room, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays, September 8 and onward, for instruction and Shambhala Meditation. Sitting will be interspersed with walking meditation and Shamatha Yoga. Some cushions will be provided, but if you have one, please bring your own. Chair posture fine. Advanced practitioners often choose to hear

the instruction each week. Even if you must come late or leave early, please join us in this 2500-year-old practice.

Caregiver Network Meeting September 7

Are you caring for an elder or person with a disability either here or from a distance? This could be a spouse, partner, sibling, adult child, or good friend. If you are a caregiver, we would like to hear from you about challenges of caregiving as well as the gifts it brings; support you have or need; resources available; and any other topic you bring to the table. This will be our follow-up meeting from May and we invite you to come on Sunday, September 7, from 3:00-4:30 in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Yarber at 336-4427 or yarbersharon766@gmail.com.

Exploring UU Class Meets Sundays, October 12 and 19, 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, October 12 and 19 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by Sunday, October 5, 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.



Women’s Alliance Meeting Thursday, September 4

Please join us on Thursday, September 4, for our monthly Women’s Alliance meeting at which Denise and Sean Breeden-Ost will describe how and why they started the Monarch Butterfly Waystation at our church last spring and share tips on how we might develop one in our own yards. **Brown bag lunch is at 11:30, program at 12:00, short business meeting following. All are welcome.**

Our Folks...

Our hearts and thoughts are with Scott Hogsed and Ray Fellman. Scott’s father, Jack Hogsed, died on Sunday. A memorial will take place later in the week.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to six people who signed the membership book on Sunday, August 24.



Steve Pollitt – I grew up in a choir loft in Eastern Massachusetts, the only place in New England where I belonged. I got a BA in philosophy of science and came to Bloomington forty years ago. I am a construction contractor specializing in finish work; and an amateur musician, playing primitive woodwinds, singing in our choir and composing new Universalist, Unitarian and Earth Mother hymn tunes.

Ben and Angie Kleptz have lived in Bloomington for the last six years. Ben is a software developer and Angie is a speech therapist. They have been married for 12 years and have three beautiful daughters: Rylan age 8, Cally age 7, and Pheobe age 4. Their family loves spending time on Lake Monroe and enjoying the outdoors. They recently finished their scuba diving certifications and are excited to put their new skills and knowledge to use. After living in Indy and Lafayette, Ben and Angie feel like they have found their true home here in Bloomington. Ben and Angie both grew up in the Catholic Church; however, they have not felt like they had a spiritual home until they found the UUCB. They are excited to raise their girls in this liberal religious community.



Sandra Roberts Freund moved from Memphis, Tennessee, to Bloomington 22 years ago with her husband, Don, and her children, Stefan and Dara, and Cathy the cat. Her father-in-law, Vince Freund, and parents, Rosella (Petty) Roberts and Harry Roberts, soon followed. Since 1992, she taught music at St. Charles School, founded the Youth Musical Theater Ensemble at the Bloomington Playwrights Project, founded the Sycamore Book Club, joined the Y, grew a garden, went to as many arts events as possible, cared for her parents (now deceased) and began to sing with the UU choir. She currently is a grandmother of three amazing girls, retired but continues to do music workshops, is a on the Board of Directors at the BBP, still goes to the Y, book club, hiking, and arts events and has finally made the

decision to become a member of the UU! As she told Bill Breeden during his last month as minister, "Sue Swaney got me to the UU church but you and Mary Ann have kept me coming! I want to become a member to have a vote in your successor!" Sandra values and hopes to help the the mission of the UU Church of Bloomington by seeking and sharing the spirit of love and social justice, building community, and singing in the choir.



Catherine Gossett moved to Bloomington from Pennsylvania during the blizzard of '76. That spring it rained 18 days in a row and Catherine realized her new home was going to have to be attuned to the weather. As an avid gardener, Catherine enjoys seeing the interplay between the recent weather patterns and its effect on growth. This reminder of the connectedness of all earth's systems is a sustaining factor Catherine's life. Her dream is to be the wind that moves the clouds. Catherine has raised six children in Bloomington and, although they have scattered across the country, each one returns to Bloomington with the recognition of what a special place it is.

Autumn McCoy is an Event Coordinator. She previously owned a farmers market and cider mill in Oregon and her own landscape business and is a stone mason by trade. She loves to camp, hike, bike, and rollerblade. The summer of 2010 she and her son Elijah rode bicycles from Seattle, Washington, to Los Angeles, California - 1600 miles. Autumn resides in Bloomington and has three fabulous children; Neil, Hannah, and Elijah, and the most wonderful grandson, Memphis.





UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Committee Meets Monday,

September 8 The first Bazaar Committee meeting of the year is Monday, September 8, from 7-8pm in Room 210. Anyone interested in joining us, please feel welcome. We are looking for people who will partner with us, learn our jobs, share the fun, and help carrying on this very

special UU Bloomington tradition, now in its 56th (!) year. For more information, please contact Julie Lawson juliakarini8@gmail.com or [812-606-2732](tel:812-606-2732) or Joanne Henriot jhenriot@indiana.edu or flag us down between services!



Getting Involved Fair: Sunday, September 28th

Looking for a way to get more involved in church activities? Tables will be set up by groups/committees which welcome your participation. Browse the groups, listen to their activities, and 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 on Sunday, September 28th. --Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator



UU Paid Service Connections

The Elder Focus Task Force would like to create a list of Resource People who would be available to offer services to our church members, elders and non-elders. We have heard from our members that sometimes they need services and would be willing to pay for these services, but they would prefer to hire someone who is a member of our UU Church. This could include people who would do light housecleaning, plumbing, electrical work, construction or repairs, raking leaves, personal care, pet care, etc. If you have signed our membership book and have specific skills and you're interested in being on this list, please describe the service you would like to offer and how long you have been a member of the church. The list would be available on our web site. In order to avoid liability we would ask the person who is hiring and the person hired to sign a disclosure online, stating that they do not hold the church responsible for any obligations between the parties, or other problems that might arise. If you're interested in offering a service, please send your information to Barb Backler, Elder Focus Task Force chair at bbackler@gmail.com.



Chalice Circles

Chalice Circles, our program of small group ministry, is beginning its ninth year. Marlin Howard and Joyce Poor participated in a Chalice Circle last year. They have written the following testimonials in support of Chalice Circles.

I am a relatively new member of UUB. During my first year I heard about Chalice Circles but figured that I didn't know enough about the church to join one. Over the following year, I talked to a friend from the church whom I respect and was told what a valuable experience it was. In my second year, I signed up.

I went to my first meeting not knowing what to expect. I still felt wobbly in my understanding of what exactly membership in a Unitarian Universalist Church meant and what the belief system was. What I discovered in the Chalice Circle was that the circle was another venue to explore exactly that. What did I believe and what path was I following? The Chalice Circle made me think in a very non-threatening environment. The topics were broad and led easily to tangential thoughts. I think one of the most valuable insights I heard at one meeting was that Unitarians are *creedless*. That idea fit me to a "T".

An additional value was that the Chalice Circle was a relatively small group which allowed me to get to know other members of the congregation well. We always had very pleasant conversation, and I left with a feeling of genuinely knowing a few more people. As an aside, one of our projects gave me yet another opportunity to work in the church kitchen! I have signed up for my second Chalice Circle and look forward to continued growth.

-- Marlin Howard

It was my first year with the UUs, and I saw sheets in the foyer to sign up for a Chalice Circle. Curiosity got the better of me and I asked just what I would be signing up for should I decide to give it a try. One answer was that it is a like a small, personal ministry; another was I would meet several members at a time and place agreed upon, where we would explore ‘Deep Listening’, get to know each other, and study a program of questions and subjects together.

I was not sure what Deep Listening meant. If you listen, you listen, right? Not necessarily. As it turns out, Deep Listening was a new concept for me and thus, it seemed difficult. Basically, when I would listen, I would do so for a bit, then jump right in with a question, a suggestion, or even a solution, and others would do the same. This turned “listening” into “conversation,” and that was not the point.....

The point was to listen, really listen, to someone else, and to not interrupt. That was a BIG bump in the road for me. But as time went on, I realized that I was not only listening, but I was actually hearing what someone else wanted/needed to say. Everyone who wished to spoke and the group really listened.

Thus were friendships forged, ideas were explored, laughter happened, tears might even be shed. It was difficult at first as old habits can be hard to break, but I am working on it and am thinking about Chalice Circle No. 4 for me. --Joyce Poor

For information about how you can join a Chalice Circle, contact Alan Backler, 812-340-1323 or at abackler@aol.com.



UUKNITTARIANS Group Restarting

The knitting/crochet group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00pm. All skill levels welcome. Make something for the bazaar or finish up something you are making for yourself. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday evening every month until April. Come and join us! Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator

Intergenerational Fiber Arts Group

with Paul and Jenae McElwain, Fridays September 12, 19, and 26 4-5:30PM, rooms 208 and 210.

Adults and/or children are invited to come learn to weave or enjoy weaving and possibly other fiber arts in this intergenerational fiber arts group. Take advantage of the knowledge and resources available to weavers and future weavers in the congregation! Please let us know you are coming by calling (332-3695) or emailing (office@uubloomington.org) the church office. Come by for one week or several!



Book Discussion August 31

The UUCB Book Discussion group will meet Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the home of the Elof and Nedra Carlson. The book is Elizabeth Kolbert’s *The Sixth Extinction*. She argues that human practices of hunting and gathering, the agricultural revolution, and the industrial revolution have led to mass extinctions of plants and animals that will only get worse if we continue to ignore how nature works.



UU Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternating Sundays

Our Humanist Discussion group meets on alternating Sundays at 12:45 p.m. upstairs in Room 210. This group offers 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, **September 7; Meryl Englander and David Keppel will lead a discussion on “Realism vs. Idealism in Foreign Policy.”**

Unitarian Universalists to March for Environmental Justice

On September 21, an estimated 1 million people, including thousands of Unitarian Universalists and UUA president Reverend Peter Morales, will gather in New York City for the People's Climate March. As world leaders gather for the United Nations Climate Summit, marchers will demonstrate a commitment to working together to face the challenges of climate change. The main event will be a march from Columbus Circle to 11th Ave. between 34th and 38th Streets, followed by a gathering for UUs at Community Church of New York. See Reverend Macklin's column for information about filling the bus from Bloomington and other responses locally.



Rainbow Rights Task Force

Marriage Equality Decision Expected Soon

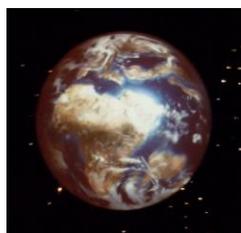
Be ready. The 7th Circuit Court could announce the decision in the marriage equality cases soon. Regardless of the decision there will be a rally on the courthouse square, southeast corner, Kirkwood and Walnut. It will begin at 6 PM. FairTalk, an allied group, will be spearheading the organization of this rally. So, be aware, be ready, share when you hear, and come to celebrate or rally to continue the effort.

UU Booth at Pride Summerfest

Look for our UU booth at the first annual Pride Summerfest, Saturday, September 5, 1:00-7:00PM on Fourth Street between College and Walnut.

Teen Dance Party at Pride Summerfest September 6

Prism Youth Group is sponsoring a Teen Dance Party as part of the Pride Summerfest. The Rainbow Rights Task Force has been sponsoring their group meetings at our church. This would be a good opportunity for our youth to meet and mix. So, if you are a teen and looking for a Saturday night activity, here you go. Parents and youth advisors if you could share this it would be appreciated.



Save the Date! Saturday, September 13th, 2-3:30PM Inspiring Science, Realistic Hope with Reverend Michael Dowd. Co-sponsored by Earth Care

This program, geared for adults and teens, builds on Reverend Dowd's most recent TEDx talk, "[Reality Reconciles Science and Religion](#)".

Science and religion are not enemies; indeed, they must work together if humanity is to survive the 21st century. Given our impact on Earth's climate, the seas, and other species, humanity is about to experience what could be called *The Great Reckoning*. The good news is that this will also be *The Great Homecoming*: the prodigal species coming home to Reality. This presentation will focus on 6 points of agreement held in common by tens of millions of religious and non-religious people across the globe — and how to stay inspired in the face of changing climate and other large-scale challenges.

Reverend Michael Dowd is an outspoken religious naturalist, evolutionary theologian, bestselling author, and inspiring science and religion speaker. Michael's bio and publications: <http://www.thegreatstory.org/MD-writings.html>.

Please invite others inside and outside our congregation: The most effective way to invite others to this event in a way that makes it easy for them to invite their friends too, is to CUT & PASTE this event into an email message and send it to local friends and family. Subject: Sep 13, 2pm: Inspiring Science, Realistic Hope.

Attention Social Justice Leaders: Apply for Funds, Now!

The Social Justice Funds Committee encourages all social justice task forces, organizers, workers, and leaders to apply for our church's Fall Grants Funding. Current grant fund balances are:

Small Grant Fund A: \$2,409.75

Large Grant Fund B: \$3,563.31

If you have a social justice activity you'd like to turn into reality that involves our church, this is your opportunity to apply for funding to implement it. We encourage you to be creative, involve the congregation in planning and submit an application.

Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of congregation members, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit.

Grant application deadline is Oct 1. Request applications from Millie Jackson (milliecmt@gmail.com).

Social Justice Fund Committee: Millie Jackson, Jana Anna, Ellen Tamura and Steve Mascari.



September is a busy month for the Green Sanctuary Task Force!

1. On Saturday September 13th, at the Farmers Market, members of the Monroe County Energy Challenge will be explaining our application process for the Georgetown University Energy Prize and asking for public feedback. If you are interested but cannot make it, see Molly O'Donnell.

2. On Saturday September 13th, from 2:00pm - 3:45pm, there will be a FREE Program: "Inspiring Science, Realistic Hope" with Reverend Michael Dowd: Saturday, co-sponsored by our Green Sanctuary Task Force and Earth Care.

This program, geared for adults and teens, builds on Reverend Dowd's most recent TEDx talk, "Reality Reconciles Science and Religion," and also expands on material in his bestselling, bridge-building book, Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World, which was endorsed by 6 Nobel laureates and other science luminaries, including noted skeptics and atheists, and by religious leaders across the spectrum.

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Child care will be provided.

3. On Sunday September 21st, from 1:00 to 2:00 on the southeast corner of the courthouse square, all are invited to the Bloomington Climate Gathering to support the UN Climate Summit and the People's Climate March in New York City.* Sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition of Environmental Youth (ICEY) and Earth Care, opening words will be given by Reverend Mary Ann Macklin. Please join us and spread the word! QUESTIONS: contact Molly O'Donnell at mollysod@gmail.com or Reverend Emily Manvel Leite.

*Rather take a bus to New York and join the march? There may still be seats available. Contact Stephanie Kimball at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com.

Next Issue: Monday, September 15; 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: September 15, October 6, October 20, and November 3.

Viewing Sunday Services Online:

Livestream the Sunday Service at <http://www.uubloomington.org/worship/livestream.html> at 9:15 & 11:15

Archived Sunday Service video recordings from the last two years are at

<http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>



Hospitality for Those with Allergies

As a courtesy to our friends and members who have allergies to fragrances, we are designating the west section of the Meeting Room (next to the sliding glass doors and tall narrow windows) as Fragrance Free. Please do not sit there if you have used any fragrances. Anyone else is welcome to sit in this area. Thank you for your consideration.

Community Connections

Our Faith in Action in the Community

Opportunities to Give and Volunteer: Interfaith Winter Shelter Crowdfunding Campaign

The Winter Shelter has launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise the funds needed to operate the Shelter. Crowdfunding is carried out on the internet and our campaign can be found at www.igg.me/at/InterfaithWinterShelter. Please check it out. You can watch a short video about the Bloomington Interfaith Emergency Winter Shelter and learn more about the campaign. There are 'perks' that will be given to those who donate via the IGG campaign. Only credit/debit cards may be used online; however, the shelter can still accept cash and check donations. The campaign is live for 45 days, **starting July 7th and ending August 21st**. We are attempting to fund the entire shelter (\$35,000) and more for this season and beyond! If you prefer to contribute by check, contact Alan Backler of our Homelessness Task Force, at abackler@aol.com

Summerfest Pride Festival September 5 & 6 is the first of its kind for Bloomington, as there has not been a summer celebration for PRIDE in Bloomington before now. Info:

<http://www.bloomingtonpride.org/summerfest.html>. Volunteers are needed to make it happen! We are primarily looking for volunteers on Saturday, September 6.

Volunteer application is here: <http://www.bloomingtonpride.org/volunteers.html>. Please let me know if you have any questions. Kyle Hayes, Hayes.kyle2@gmail.com



It's Not Too Late to Pledge!

If you have not yet pledged for the fiscal year that just started on July 1, it is not too late! Please call 812-332-3695, ext. 200 with your pledge, or 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." Please call the office if you have questions, 812-332-3695.



Macaroni for Shalom! Our congregation has been supplying Shalom Center with elbow macaroni and spaghetti for the past couple years and this need continues. Please pick up a box or two of each the next time you grocery shop and place them in the drop box in the Commons. Thank you for helping to feed our hungry neighbors!

Winter WomanSpirit 2015, February 6-8, Hartland, Wisconsin

The theme speaker at this year's MidAmerica Region women's conference "Healing Words: Called to Consciousness" is Mary Pierce Brosmer. Brosmer is creator of Women Writing for (a) Change, which supports women and girls who are working to commit life to language, for healing and renewal. At Lake Country Unitarian Universalist Church in Hartland, Wisconsin. Reg fees: through 9/15 - \$150, through 12/31 - \$175, through 2/1 - \$200, Feb 2-6 - \$225. For info: www.womenandreligion.org, or uuwandr@gmail.com

Livestreaming Sunday Worship?

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: 505 Certified Membership as of 2/1/2014: 492

Attendance Sunday, August 24 9:15: 117; 11:15: 174; RE: 117 Total: 408
Sunday, August 31 9:15: 104; 11:15: 137; RE: 92 Total: 333

Online Live Stream: Sunday, August 31 9:15: 25 11:15 28 Total: 53

Non-Pledge Offering: 8/24 - \$605; 8/31- \$554 **Total to be donated to Susie's Place - \$289.73**

Grocery Card Sales: 8/24 \$925, income to UUCB \$46.25; 8/31 \$2,300, income to UUCB \$115.00



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 **Deep Listening** help you Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World? [photo by John Woodcock]

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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Many thanks to the amazing volunteers who filled our very first August Intersession with energy and fun for the children to unleash their creativity.