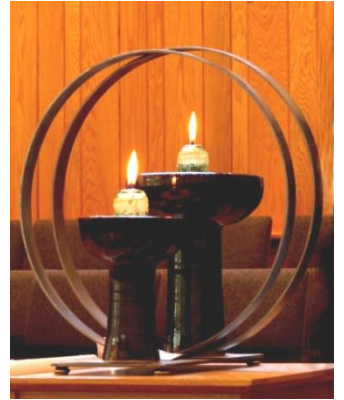


Vigiling At Life's End

Vigil: from Latin *vigilia* "a watch, watchfulness"; general sense: "occasion of keeping awake for some purpose."

I have been working with our Board of Directors to extend our congregation's sense of vigil to ministering to those who are at risk of dying alone. As a result, we are partnering with the Sacred Dying Foundation, which will offer us training and support so we can become a pilot congregation for such a ministry. We are also partnering with local Long Term Care Facilities where we can be of service to those actively dying. Our first full day training will be on **Saturday, October 8th, 2016**. I hope you will consider applying to become a Vigil Volunteer. Applications are due September 25, in my mailbox in Room 204. –Reverend Macklin



Qualities of Vigil Volunteers include:

- Compassion for those dying alone
- Ability to sit quietly with unresponsive patients
- An interest in the sacredness of the dying process
- Have not experienced a significant death in the last 12 months
- Willingness to participate in trainings and meetings
- Have participated in or are willing to participate in a death and dying class offered in our congregation
- Ability to bring calm to a space that may be noisy, sad, busy or have a foul odors
- Committed to leaving personal agendas and needs outside of the sacred space of vigil
- Ability to compassionately serve those whose spiritual beliefs and lifestyle may be different than your own.
- Understanding that vigiling is a non-scheduled type of volunteer work; the church cannot predict how many people will die in a given week or when you will be asked to serve. This is a round-the-clock ministry.
- Committed to serving on the vigil team for at least 12 months if you participate in the vigil training
- Mark your availability calendar as "available" at least two days per week for 3-5 hours per shift.
- Be an active participant at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington
- Committed to keeping all details of vigils confidential, including name/gender/illness of the dying person as well as the name of the facility where the vigil took place
- If you are a nurse/clergy/counselor, ability to leave your professional role and training outside the vigil

Vigil Volunteer Application Due September 25, 2016

Please print

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Personal Information (please circle correct response) Gender: _____

Physical Limitations: No Yes If yes, please explain: _____

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Name and phone number of two non-relative references _____

Vocational background _____

Previous volunteer experience _____

Qualities You Bring to the Vigil Program:

Languages other than English:

Volunteer availability: (Circle all applicable)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday No Preference Schedule Varies

Transportation: (How you will get to your assignment) Bus/Van Taxi/Car Svc Car Other _____

In an emergency, notify:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Telephone _____

Applicant Signature

Date

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Thank you,

Congregation's Vigil Team: Lauren Bryant, Kim Carballo, Ann Haynes, Chris Haynes, Scott Hogsed, and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin