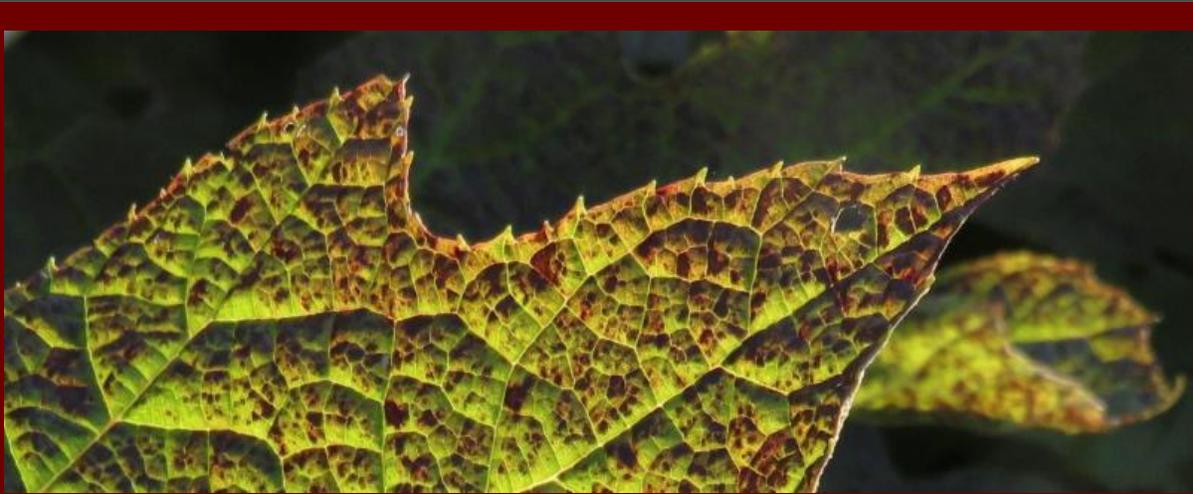


Friday UU Update

Friday, October 27, 2017

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana



Tonight's Film Screening of "Tomorrow" is Canceled!

Cynthia Bretheim apologizes for not being able to get permission from the film maker's agent to show "Tomorrow," the documentary, at UU this evening, Friday, Oct. 27. It will not be shown after all due to copyright permission issues. Please have a nice evening anyway. Best, Cynthia

Sunday, October 29, 2017

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Celebrating Our Ancestors

**Reverend Scott McNeill, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite,
and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

As we begin the seasonal transition into deep fall, our community joins with many others in the world to use ritual to remember those who have died and left an imprint upon us.

We invite everyone to bring a memento of a loved one who has died, in order to participate in our congregational ritual. This loved one might be a family member, friend, pet, or beloved public figure.

Our Community Continues to Move Toward Justice

We are aware that graffiti ("KKK") was painted on the retaining wall outside of the church. It's already been removed. This incident affirms our strong commitment to racial justice.

On Oct 29 and Nov 6, we're hosting a class, "How to Talk to Kids About Race &

Racism" (infant-Kindergarten). [Please register here.](#) *Note* that childcare is already full for this event, unfortunately. This is the second part of a series this fall (the earlier sessions focused on school-aged children) and we're grateful to Dr. Nyama McCarthy-Brown for partnering with us.

Next February, we will have another round of "Beloved Conversations". More information about the program can be found here: <http://www.meadville.edu/BCCurriculum>. Info on how to signup will be shared with the UUCB community soon.

We have a strong team on our Racial Justice Task Force, who are working hard on many projects. Learn more about their work: <http://www.uubloomington.org/racial-justice-task-force/>. Thank you to everyone who continues to move our community and world toward justice.

Our Folks...

Our sympathy is with Sandy Dolby, upon the death of her brother Richard Dolby on October 19.

This week in Religious Education

For our service this Sunday, children are encouraged to bring a memento of a loved one who has died to participate in our congregational ritual. After an extended stay in the service, our preschool to 5th-grade children will be continuing their exploration around loved ones who have died. Our 2nd service Harry Potter and UU will be delving into Defense Against the Dark Arts this week as they face their fears while learning how to fight Boggarts. High School Youth Group will share a potluck and explore loss.

How to Talk to Young Children about Race Begins Sunday

This session of How to Talk to Kids about Race, with Nya McCarthy-Brown, will focus on babies through kindergarteners. It will be held in the Library on Sundays, 10/29 and 11/5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. [To register, click here.](#)

Purchase tickets for November 5 showing of "Jackson" on Sunday, October 29

Tickets for the film "Jackson" will be for sale during fellowship hour this Sunday, Oct 29. The event, on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. at the John Waldron Auditorium, is sponsored by the Reproductive Justice Task Force and Monroe Co NOW, and is about the last abortion clinic in Mississippi.

Coat Collection for Refugees Continues October 29

New neighbors in Indianapolis being assisted by Exodus Refugee have arrived without any winter clothing. Thanks to all who've shared so far with our new neighbors in Indianapolis. Please consider donating any used hats, gloves, coats or jackets you are no longer using. All sizes are needed and will be greatly appreciated. These items can be brought to church through Sunday, October 29.

--Debbie Fish, Refugee and Immigration Support and Education Task Force

How Will Our Grounds Serve Our Congregation's Vision? Brainstorming Session November 1

How might our outdoor spaces here at church help us to Seek the Spirit, Build Community, and Change the World? The Green Grounds Committee will hold a brainstorming session, 9:30-3:30, on November 1st here at church. Join us in learning and imagining. Contact Molly O'Donnell for information, mollysod@gmail.com or 812-345-7399, or register [here](#).

Women's Alliance Meets November 2nd

The Women's Alliance meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag lunch. The November 2nd guest speaker is Shelly Dobson, Director of All-Options Pregnancy Resource Center. The hosts will be Carolyn Emmert and Barb Backler. All are welcome.

Exploring Unitarian Universalism Class - Nov. 5 and 12

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Are you considering becoming a member of this church? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held on Nov. 5 and 12, 2-4 p.m. Please plan to attend both Sunday sessions, since different material will be covered in each session. We ask for participation in this class before signing the membership book. Register before Nov. 1 at the Welcome Table, or by emailing Ann LeDuc at connect@uubloomington.org.

Fall Diaper Drive Ends November 12 for All Options Pregnancy Resource Center

Bring diapers this Sunday!! Diapers can be donated year round but this is a special giving opportunity. Box for donations is in the Commons. Sponsored by the Reproductive Justice Task Force.

IU Habitat Rake-a-Thon Fundraiser

Our Habitat task force is supporting the IU Habitat Chapter's Rake-a-Thon fund-raiser in November. If you would like student volunteers to rake your leaves for a donation to Habitat, please sign up by signing up here: <http://tinyurl.com/Rake11-3>. For a later date, change the last numbers to 11-4, 11-5, 11-10, 11-11 or 11-12.

Double Bag It! HOLIDAY MIRACLE FOOD BASKETS

It's Holiday Food Basket time again! Each year in November our congregation donates 75% of the holiday groceries that Monroe County distributes. That's amazing! [For details, click here](#). There will be a sign up sheet available in the Commons starting this Sunday.

Cheerful Volunteers Wanted for the Bazaar

We need lots of cheerful volunteers to help at the Bazaar on December 1 and 2 -- click here <http://bit.do/2017Bazaar> to sign up to help! -- Melinda Pettijohn

For More Information see the [October 17 issue](#) of our newsletter, The Prologue.

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