

# The Prologue

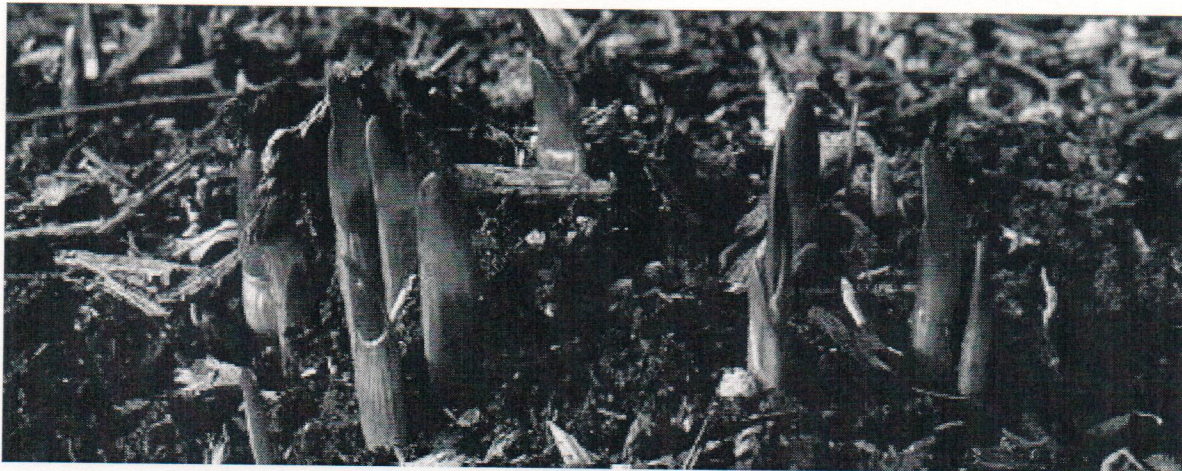
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (version 2)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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**Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World**

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

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

**The Tao of Healing**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin   Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

**Reverend Bill Breeden   Reverend Barbara Carlson**

**Reverend Forrest Gilmore   Reverend Barbara Child**

We invite you to join us in this worship service which will draw from many sources, including Haven Trevino's "The Tao of Healing." In these ever-changing and challenging times in our world, in our country, in our community and in our congregation, we will create space for healing from loss as well as creating hope in our lives. We are very grateful for the many ministers who offer their support and love for this congregation.



## **MAM's Musings**

As we experience the challenges and changes of community life as a congregation and citizens in this country, it is important to remember that each day is a journey. Recently, each day, I notice the morning light arriving a wee bit earlier as the sun's gentle light whispers its invitation of belonging and journey. Celtic spiritual teacher John O'Donohue captures the importance of each day's journey in this excerpt from his book, *Anam Cara*, which means Soul Friend:

*The Celtic world is full of immediacy and belonging. The Celtic mind adored the light. This is one of the reasons why Celtic spirituality is emerging as a new constellation in our times. We are lonely and lost. We desperately need a new and gentle light where the soul can shelter and reveal its ancient belonging. We need a light that has retained its kinship with the darkness. We are always on a journey from darkness into light. At first, we are children of the darkness. Your body and your face were formed first in the kind darkness*



*of your mother's womb. Your birth was a first journey from darkness into light. All your life, your mind lives within the darkness of your body. Every thought that you have is a flint moment, a spark of light from your inner darkness. The miracle of thought is its presence in the night side of your soul; the brilliance of thought is born in darkness.*

*Each day is a journey. We come out of the night into the day. All creativity awakens at this primal threshold where light and darkness test and bless each other. You only discover balance in your life when you learn to trust the flow of this ancient rhythm. The year also is a journey with the same rhythm. The Celtic people had a deep sense of the circular nature of our journey. We come out of the darkness of winter into the possibility and effervescence of springtime.*

May we experience the blessing of possibility,

MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



### Emily's Post

Dear Ones,

This morning, I was struck by the startlingly red breast of a house finch as it settled on one of our bird feeders. The finch's spring plumage is already growing in: a reminder that the season of new beginnings is nigh. It felt good this morning, in the cold of winter, to remember that newness will soon be emerging yet again in our world and our

congregation, especially while time still feels spacious for readying of the spirit. We don't need to be entirely ready just yet. Instead, it is possible to put on a pair of hand-knitted slippers and take time to breathe in the beauty of the house finch--the beauty of just beginning to get ready for all that is to come. May we not hurry ourselves through such times. In gratitude for dwelling in such spaces with each of you,

Emily

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite  
Minister of Religious Education



### Our Folks...

We mourn the passing on February 17 of Katherine Hopkins. Katherine had been a member of our congregation since 2002. A memorial service is being planned for her later this month, here in our Meeting Room.

Congratulations to Barb Berggoetz, who was recently honored at Habitat for Humanity's "Because of You" volunteer recognition event. Barb received the Leaving a Legacy Award, recognizing "a volunteer or volunteers who have made a significant and lasting contribution to Habitat's mission that will directly/indirectly and sustainably impact our mission in Monroe County."

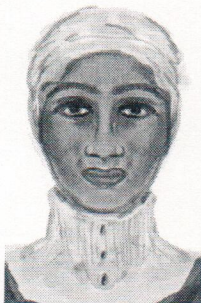
Congratulations also to Hans Kelson, who was recently nominated for a position on the Board of Trustees of the MidAmerica UU Region. The gathered delegates at the MidAmerica Regional meeting in April will vote on the slate of nominees.

### Changing the World

**Elizabeth, A Free Woman of Color**  
**A Resilience Production, featuring Gladys DeVane**  
**Saturday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Monroe County History Center**

Written and Performed by Gladys DeVane  
Historical Commentary by Elizabeth Mitchell

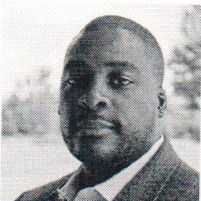




Directed by Danielle Bruce

The year is 1825. A young negro woman, known only as Elizabeth, is bound in servitude in the free territory of Indiana. This is the story, inspired by actual court documents, of her struggle against the man who unlawfully owned her and the amazing outcome of this precedent-setting court case. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Reception and Q&A session to follow the performance.

This is a Resilience Production, supported by our Racial Justice Task Force.



**"When We Vote We Win:  
African Americans  
and the Circumvention of Voting"  
Celebrating Black History Month  
Sunday, February 23, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

**Second Baptist Church, 321 N. Rogers Street**

Speaker: Jakobi Williams, Ph.D.

Ruth N. Halls Associate Professor,

IU Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies



**Social Justice Film Series  
*Briars in the Cotton Patch*  
Sunday, March 8 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Habitat Task Force and Racial Justice Task Force are presenting an award-winning documentary film, *Briars in the Cotton Patch*, at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 8 in Fellowship Hall. The one-hour film tells the nearly forgotten story of Koinonia Farm, a small

Christian community in Southwest Georgia where whites and blacks chose to live and work together, despite the brutal and frightening consequences in the years leading up to the tumultuous Civil Rights era. Koinonia, considered the most daring social experiment in the South during the last century, faced years of terror, boycotts and intimidation. The film, narrated by former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young and including comments from former President Jimmy Carter, examines events that tested the moral boundaries of a community and planted the seeds for Habitat for Humanity, The Fuller Center for Housing, and Jubilee Partners. Discussion to follow on racial equality and housing opportunities. Free pizza, popcorn and drinks. If you need childcare in order to attend, reserve by March 1 by [clicking on this link](#).



**Habitat Women Build April 30-May 16**

Habitat Women Build! We are again bringing together a UU & friends Women Build team for the 20th anniversary build from April 30 to May 16. A total of 13 teams of about 375 women in the community will finance and construct houses for two local families. Our build day is Saturday, May 2. We will be framing and putting up walls - so lots of hammering! As of Feb. 16, we have 22 members, so we need 13 more women (older than 16 years) to build and to each raise \$270. You can register at: <https://www.classy.org/team/280934>. If you'd like to support our builders, please donate any amount by contacting Barb Berggoetz, [barbberg@bluemarble.net](mailto:barbberg@bluemarble.net), or donating to our team or individual donors online.

**Community Connections  
Our Faith in Action in the Community**



## **Making the News - A Community Conversation**

**February 29, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### **Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington - 311 S. Lincoln Street**

How does journalism work? How can you play a part in supporting a healthy and vibrant local news media environment? You're invited to a Monroe County community conversation about these questions and more.

This free "Making the News" event on February 29 will feature presentations and discussions with journalists about the news gathering process and how journalism might better serve you and your fellow Hoosiers. Spaces are limited. [Click here to register or take a survey.](#)

## **Check Your Voter Registration Status NOW!**

### **& Help Register New Voters--**

The League of Women Voters is asking EVERYONE to check their voter registration status at--<https://indianavoters.in.gov/>. There have been some voter purges in Indiana and a bill before the House would allow these for any reason. Voter suppression is a real concern in Indiana, as well as in most other states in our country.

If you would like to be trained to help register voters, the training session is Monday, March 2, from 6 to 7:30 pm at Election Central (7th Street, Suite 100). [Click here to sign up for the training.](#) After you sign up, you will receive a reminder later about your enrollment. The timeline for voter registration is:

- Now - April 6: to register voters before the primaries
- May 19 - Oct 5: to register voters before the general election

## **Answer the Census!**

The Census means a lot more to Indiana than a simple count--it's the basis for many of the funding and policy decisions that are made at all levels of government. Be sure to respond to the census form when you receive it. Our area is one of the most under-counted in Indiana. Part time census work jobs paying \$19.50 per hour are also available, if you would like to help. [Click here](#) or [here](#), or see the Social Justice table in the Commons for info.

## **Seeking the Spirit**

### **Religious Education for Adults**



#### **Shambhala Meditation Meets Mondays at 12 noon**

Join us at 12 noon every Monday in the Library for an hour of Shambhala Meditation. There is no cost to sit down with us and practice meditation. We are beginner friendly. We meet in the library at church on the second floor. Use the Portico entrance and turn right; we are in the first room on the left, the library. You can use a cushion or a chair or switch between. We stretch halfway through, and walk, then sit some more and close with some teachings in chant form. All are welcome. Info: [Contact Sarah Flint.](#)



#### **Open Mind Zen Meets Mondays at 7:00 pm**

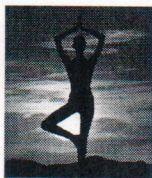
Join Frank Seisho Diaz for meditation, talks, and discussions on Zen Buddhism, Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Library here at the church. All are welcome regardless of faith or experience.

For more info: [Contact Open Mind Zen](#) or visit [openmindzenbloomington.org](http://openmindzenbloomington.org)

#### **Gentle Hatha Yoga on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm**

A gentle Hatha Yoga practice to balance the mind, body, and spirit. Tuesday evenings, from 5:30-7 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Led by Kate





Mulligan of Maxwell House Yoga.



### Traditional Taiji Meets Tuesdays at 7:15 pm

Brian Flaherty leads "Wu (Hao)" style Taiji in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm. All are welcome, even those with no previous Taiji experience. Please wear loose-fitting clothing. For more

info: [Contact Brian](#).



### UU Humanist Forum Meets February 23, 12:45 pm

On Sunday, February 23, at 12:45 pm the UU Humanist Forum will meet in Room 208. Ann Watzel will facilitate a discussion on "New Perspectives on the Economy - Duflo (Nobel Prize)." The Humanist Forum meets every other Sunday with a different discussion topic.



### UU Freethinkers Meet March 1, 12:45 pm

The UU Freethinkers bi-weekly meeting creates the opportunity for participants to raise questions and engage in open and non-structured discussion of issues of social, political, and theological/religious concern. Every other Sunday in Room 208 at 12:45 pm.



### Of Snow Days and Cancellations

When local travel conditions deteriorate due to ice and snow, please check with the leader of your group before coming over for weekday meetings here at church, to be sure our lot and sidewalks have been cleared and are safe. If schools are delayed or closed due to snow or ice, there is

a good chance our office will open late or will be closed. Always call the church (812-332-3695) first before coming over after a snow or ice event, to be sure someone is here. We post meeting cancellations and up to date information on the front page of our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and our [facebook page](#).

--Carol Marks, Church Administrator

## Building Community



### UU Men's Group Meets on the Third Tuesday

#### Next Meeting is Tonight, Tuesday, February 18

Our UU Men's Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month here at the church in Room 110. The meeting is open to all men of the congregation. If you would like to attend, please contact Dan

Wiseman at [connect1947@att.net](mailto:connect1947@att.net). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (No childcare for this meeting.)



### Join our RE Team: We are hiring a Religious Education Assistant

Do you like to organize, want to work with awesome volunteers, and enjoy being around children and youth? [Click here for a detailed job description](#). Apply by

February 21st! This is a part-time job, 20 hours/week. Contact Adrienne Summerlot at [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) for more information.

## Drop-in Childcare on Wednesdays





On Wednesday evenings, from 6-8 pm, we are offering free drop-in childcare in Room 108. Parents must remain on site, on our grounds or in the building. Please use the Courtyard Entrance. The Meeting Room is available for meditation and walking the labyrinth. We hope to provide a moment for parents to breathe deeply, have a cup of tea with a friend, or sit in silence before running children to the next event. For more info contact [Adrienne Summerlot](#)



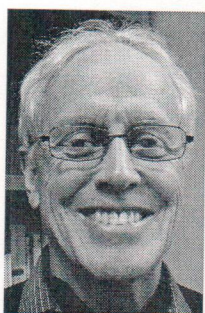
**Game Night February 21** UU singles February game night will be on Friday, February 21st, from 7 pm to about 9:30 or 10, in Fellowship Hall.

**Potluck March 1** The next UU singles potluck will be Sunday night, March 1st, at 5:30 p.m., at the home of Allison Tomusk, 8707 East Brock Road. (Allison's is the first driveway on the left. Go over the creek on the driveway and park in the yard on the right.) Please bring a dish or drinks to share. There will be no singles lunch after church on that day. If you'd like to carpool to Allison's, we will meet in the church parking lot at 5:00. Please contact Marie Deer at 812 391 0900 by 3 p.m. on March 1st to let us know if you want to be part of the carpool.

## Our Newest Members

We welcomed a bunch of new members recently.

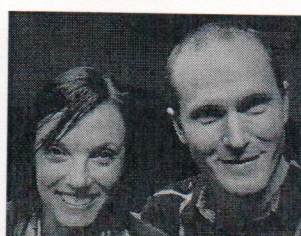
[Click here to read their biographies.](#) And [click here to read one more!](#)



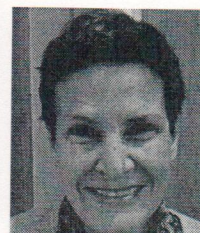
Malcolm Dalglish



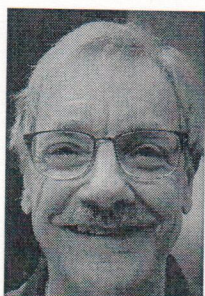
Darlene Jolley



Scott Hyslop  
Patricia Winterton



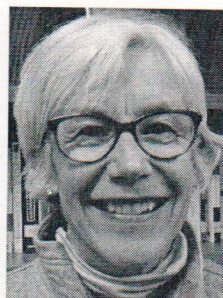
Patricia Lopes



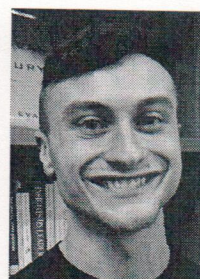
Brian O'Donnell



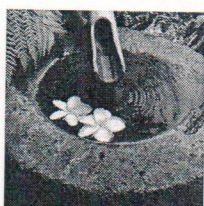
Laura Petersen



Amy Wolf



Dalton Gibson



## Gardeners' Gathering this Sunday, February 23

Join other gardeners this Sunday to share plans, ideas, stories, and questions. Join us in Room 112 at 10:30 AM. We gather on the fourth Sunday of each month during coffee hour. If you would like to be added to the Gardeners' email list, email [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org)

**This Sunday!**

**Young Adults (18-35) Continuing Conversations with Free Lunch**





All young adults are welcome to join the discussion and eat delicious food. This Sunday, February 23, you will have a choice between ordering from Moe's Southwest Grill, or eating Aver's Pizza. If you would like to order from Moe's, email Ann at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org) to get the group ordering link. We will gather after second service at 12:30 PM in Room 112. Thanks to a generous donation to our Young Adult program, we are able to buy lunch for all who attend. This is open to anyone ages 18-35, so bring a friend! The Young Adults meet every second and fourth Sunday at 12:30 pm. Free childcare is available if requested one week in advance at: <http://bit.ly/childcarereq> Questions? Contact the Connections Coordinator at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org)



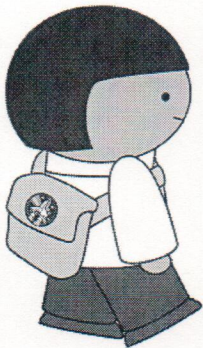
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### Help Us Welcome International Students

As part of our Young Adult and Campus Ministry, we would like to create a welcoming environment for international students ages 18-35. If you would be willing to occasionally share a meal with an international student, provide transportation assistance, or would enjoy providing English language assistance, please let Ann LeDuc know at [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org) or visit Renate Kasak at the Getting Involved Fair on March 1.

### The Getting Involved Fair Continues

The February/March Getting Involved Fair will continue this Sunday, February 23, and March 1, 10:30-11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Fourteen groups will be featured this Sunday, and a different set of fourteen on March 1. See you at the fair! -- Ann LeDuc, Connections Coordinator



### Hike with Us on Leap Day!

On February 29, Leap Day, we will hike at Pate Hollow, near Lake Monroe. There is a 3.3 mile and a 6.2 mile option. Meet us at the old east side K-mart parking lot, behind Bloomingfoods East, at 12:30 pm to carpool to the trailhead. We will cancel if the roads are icy, it rains, or the temps are too cold. Let me know if you plan to join us by emailing [connect@uubloomington.org](mailto:connect@uubloomington.org). --Ann LeDuc, Connections Coordinator



### Unitarian Universalism Beyond Bloomington:

- MidAmerica UU Regional Meeting April 18
- UUA General Assembly June 20-28

Join Dan and Sharon Wiseman and other members of our congregation at the MidAmerica UU Regional Meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford, Illinois, on Saturday April 18th. If you are a member, consider representing our congregation as a delegate, to make our voice heard! Registration is due NOW! [Click here for info.](#)

The UUA General Assembly of Congregations is in Providence, Rhode Island, June 20-28. [Click here for info on this conference.](#) So far we have one delegate, Hans Kelson. Our membership grants us eleven (11) delegates. Also, anyone may be an offsite delegate and livestream the proceedings. You can stay home, use your computer, but you MUST REGISTER in order to have access to all the meetings.

For more information on how to become a delegate to either conference, please contact Iris Kiesling 812-332-5224 or [irisfkiesling@gmail.com](mailto:irisfkiesling@gmail.com). Our congregation pays for delegate registration and some other expenses. Registration is due NOW for both organizations.







## UU Summer Camp June 28-July 4, 2020

Consider joining fellow UUs this summer in the Missouri Ozarks at the annual Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA). The week-long camp offers many workshops and activities for families, couples and singles of all ages. Dr. Glen Thomas Rideout will lead the daily Morning Celebration service on this year's theme: "To Breathe on Purpose." Come gather with hundreds of other UUs in the beautiful forests and rolling hills of the Missouri Ozarks at YMCA Trout Lodge, where you can connect with old friends, make new ones and participate in a wide variety of activities. Get all the details at [muusa.org](http://muusa.org).

## Our February Artists are

### Susan Herr-Hoyman and Mary Blizzard

**From Susan:** My life with the art world began about 10 years ago when I picked up a pencil and paintbrush and started to draw and paint flowers and birds. Since at its roots my art is self-taught, I call it folk art. My love of nature inspires what I produce.

**From Mary:** Know that place where you can go where time and the earth dissolve around you, flowing freely in a process that you know not where it will end. An escape, a meditation, a mantra that is solely yours, visualizing through your eyes alone: that is why I draw.

(Susan's and Mary's artwork will be on display in the Commons and North hallway during the month of February.)



## WhaleCoast Alaska 2020 with Alaska UUs

Have you ever wanted to visit Alaska? If so, WhaleCoast Alaska 2020 is for you! Four Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental and spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. For complete info go to: [www.WhaleCoastAK.org](http://www.WhaleCoastAK.org), email [dfrey@whalecoastak.org](mailto:dfrey@whalecoastak.org) or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more. We would love to share our Alaska with you! (Local UU Jackie Hall had a great time on this trip--ask her for details! --Ed.)

## Buy Grocery Cards on Sunday and Support the Church



Did you know that we have grocery gift cards for Bloomingfoods and Fresh Thyme for sale in the Commons every Sunday between services? Pick one up before your Sunday afternoon grocery shopping! We buy them in bulk at a small discount, and sell the cards as a fundraiser to support our operating budget.

You can also [click here to register your Kroger Plus card](#) with their Community Rewards Program and send a percentage of your purchases to the UU Church - our organization ID is EW763. During the last quarter (September thru December 2019) we received \$424.87 from Kroger, with 135 UU households participating.



## Inconvenient Traffic Pattern on the Bypass Beginning February 17 and Continuing Through May

Beginning yesterday, Monday, February 17, the 45/46 Bypass northbound by the new hospital will be single lane for a month (through March 17). Then it will flip to a single lane south bound for a month (through April 17). Then it will be a single lane both north and south for a month (through May 17). This is to change the curbing/lanes and



install a traffic light at the intersection of the new hospital entrance. [Click here for more info.](#)

## Our Ministers



### **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, our Senior Minister**

can be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 812-332-3695, ext. 201. [macklin \(at\) uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)



### **Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, our Minister of Religious Education,**

can be reached at 812-332-3695, ext. 207, and is available by appointment on Wednesday and Friday mornings. [mre \(at\) uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)



## **Our Covenant of Right Relations**

In June 2017, our members affirmed a Covenant of Right Relations. [Click here to read it.](#)

## **----- Deadlines for Publications -----**

**Order of service and Friday UU Update:**

Thursday, 9 am, to [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org)

Prologue: Date of publication, 10 am, to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org)

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## **Pertinent Details:**

Office hours: M-F, 10 am-4 pm

Calendar: For our full calendar of events, visit [uubloomington.org/calendar](http://uubloomington.org/calendar).

Facebook: Many church events are also posted on our [Facebook page](#).

### **Prologue Publication Schedule:**

The deadline for articles is 10 am on the date of publication, which is **the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

Send articles about church matters to [Carol Marks](#).

Upcoming issues: Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19

## **Livestreaming Our Sunday Services**

View a live broadcast of our Sunday services (9:15 and 11:15 am):

On our website: [uubloomington.org/live-stream](http://uubloomington.org/live-stream)

On our Facebook page: [facebook.com/uubloomington](https://facebook.com/uubloomington)

*Have a problem viewing or hearing the service?*

Email our media team, [media \(at\) uubloomington.org](mailto:media@uubloomington.org), or call the church office at 812-332-3695.

## **Links to Archived Services to View Online**

- Quickly find recent services here: [Direct Links to Service Videos \(9:15 service\)](#)



- Or, scroll down on our main [Livestream Page](#) for full archives of both services and other events (memorials, concerts, etc).

**Membership: 527 certified members; 545 current members.**

**Attendance:**

Sunday, February 9      9:15 - 117   11:15 - 173   RE: 38      TOTAL: 294

Sunday, February 16    9:15 - 101   11:15 - 129   RE: intergen   TOTAL: 230

**Non-Pledge Offering:** February 9: \$711   February 16: \$544

***Total to be donated (25%) to Volunteers in Medicine: \$313.80***

**Grocery Card Sales:** (Bloomingfoods, Lucky's Market, or Fresh Thyme)

February 9: \$300   February 16: \$400

***Total income to UUCB: \$35.00***

During the last quarter (October thru December 2019) we received \$446.72 from Kroger, with 134 UU households participating.

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