



Learning to Slow Down Thursday, April 16, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BLOOMINGTON

The Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Senior Minister

The Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education



A message from the UUCB board of directors

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Dear beloved community of the UU Church of Bloomington, 2020 has been a year of great upheaval for this congregation. As each new thing unfolds, we find ourselves gathering together to support each other and our Bloomington community and ask, in the words of West Wing President Jeb Bartlett, "What's next?" This is a congregation full of vision and hope and we are clearly ready to look ahead and deal with anything thrown our way.

But we are also a congregation that has been through a lot, changed a lot, and lost a lot. It is important that we make time to heal from the past before we leap into the future.

In the congregational information session after the resignation of Associate Minister Scott McNeill, our regional representative from the UUA encouraged us, as a congregation, to take time and sit with the changes we have been through. He encouraged us not to take on anything new. The surge of Covid 19 did not allow us this option. But all of us, ministers, staff, lay leaders, and congregants alike, still need to recognize that we need a space to breathe.

UU MidAmerica Region Congregational Life Consultant Rev. Sharon Dittmar was going to be a guest in our pulpit March 29 to preach on the subject of, "What does it mean to be a congregation in transition?" Since she was unable to come and be with us, she has recorded a three-minute video for us that we have included in this email. We

urge you to watch using the link below.

As a congregation, we are strong and we are resilient as we face the future together and learn to slow down.

Stuart Yoak, President

Abby Gitlitz, Vice President



A video message from Reverend Sharon Dittmar:
[What does it mean to be a congregation in transition?](#)

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