



The Prologue

January 18, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation established 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World

Inspired by the shadow-seeking groundhogs on the horizon (February 2nd), the next two worship services will explore the spiritual aspects of the "Jung" and the restless.

Sunday, January 23, 2004 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Shadow Boxing and Care for the Soul (Part I)" Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

From Swamplands to Ringwraiths, we will explore the meaning of shadow work and spirituality in our times. Drawing from the wisdom of Jung, Taoism, and poet Mary Oliver among others, we will look for the balance of light in shadow, and shadow in light. Our Choir will sing "Deep Peace" and Barber's "Sure on This Shining Night," directed by Susan Swaney.

Sunday, January 30, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Shadow Boxing and Care for the Soul (Part II)" Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

Continuing our conversation from January 23, this worship service will carry on the exploration of the shadow in spirituality. Woven within the service will be several musical selections on this topic, created and performed by guest musician, Beth Lodge-Rigal. Join us as we strive to reclaim the art of caring for the soul in the 21st century.

Faith in Action Forums 10:15-11:30 a.m. on Sundays

The Library is available for faith in action forums on Sundays at 10:15-11:30 a.m. in even-numbered months. In odd-numbered months, the Library is available for forums at the same time on the first, fourth, and fifth Sundays. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu.

February 3 Women's Alliance Features Talk on Health Care in South Africa

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, February 3 for a brown bag fellowship luncheon at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker Deborah Phelps's talk will be "A nurse's firsthand view of health care in South Africa." Hostesses are Kay Harris and Dee Lane. All the women of the church are welcome at this event. Beverage, dessert, and childcare provided.

Bazaar Nets Almost \$9,900

The 2004 Art Fair and Bazaar had a banner year, achieving a final net income of \$9,892.05. This amount is over \$3,000 more than last year's Bazaar net of \$6,530. Congratulations to everyone who donated White Elephant items and books, baked cookies and treats, worked a shift, came to shop, had lunch or dinner, or displayed a yard sign. A special thanks to the committee chairs who tended to the details so attentively. We couldn't have done it without any of you! --Joan Hongen, Bazaar Chair *The Prologue 01/18/05 Page 1*

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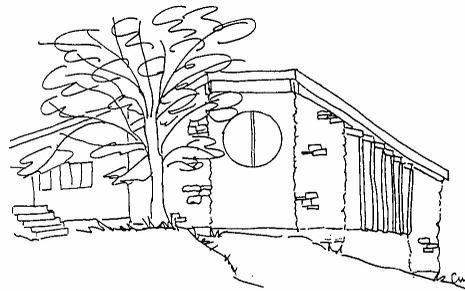
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The West Window

This morning's *Washington Post* reported the laudatory words of the President regarding the life and legacy of Dr. King. In honor of Dr. King, whose words have played a large role in transforming my heart, I simply offer to you some of his words so obviously ignored by the powerful:

"I speak as an American to the leaders of my own nation. The great initiative in this war is ours. The initiative to stop it must be ours.... A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war: 'This way of settling differences is not just.' This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into veins of people normally humane, of sending men (and women) home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."
-- From "Beyond Vietnam," April 4, 1967, Riverside Church, New York City.

I trust you will reflect on the words of Dr. King. I believe that the initiative is ours, and we must envision it in order to realize it. We need also to understand that even though we are not promised that it will be easy, no one has said that we cannot enjoy the struggle. This morning's sun reminds me of the goodness of life and the blessing of being in the midst of it.

Peace--*bill*

Rev. Bill Breeden, Co-minister

Minutiae from MAM

Hospital Stays: Help Us Help UU

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit from a minister, please contact the church office and let us know. Due to stricter regulations regarding patient confidentiality, the information regarding your patient status (even if you identify as a Unitarian Universalist) is not readily available to us. So, please call or have someone call us to let us know you are in the hospital. Thanks!

Thanks to all who attended our initial conversation regarding *Global Warming* last Sunday. Anyone else interested in this topic is invited to our next gathering, Sat., Feb. 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 n, Room 212. Please RSVP to me at 332-3695 or macklin@uubloomington.org. We will have juice and bagels, but if you want caffeine-infused hot liquid, please bring it with you (in body or cup).

We now have the brochures for "Singing Yourself Home" the overnight *Women's Retreat at Waycross Retreat Center*, which our congregation is sponsoring for our district May 6-7. Sign up soon. Cost is \$100, which includes lodging, meals and gifted facilitators from the musical group Libana. This is a wonderful opportunity for women from our community to share space, time and the warmth of friendship together. Please join us. For those of you on limited income, please contact moi, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, regarding partial scholarships.

Warmly,
mam

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Co-minister
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Community Connections *our faith in action in the community*

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Presents Classes First United Church will host a "Family-to-Family Education Program" for the families of persons with serious and persistent mental illness. The curriculum has been written by experienced family-member mental health professionals and is taught by family member volunteers. Twelve classes of 2 1/2 hours each will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:00 p.m. beginning February 1. You must pre-enroll, 335-8483. Class size limited to 20. The classes are free. Details are posted on our bulletin board.

Chocolate Fest at Convention Center Feb. 5

Support the work of Options for Better Living by partaking of the Week of Chocolate. Chocolate and Wine Tasting on Sunday, Jan. 30, 5-8 p.m. at IU Art Museum, \$35/person. Chocolate Fest at Convention Center Sat., Feb. 5, 5-8 p.m., \$14/adult, children \$5. Fun music, excellent treats and great fellowship and a good cause.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Carlson's regular day off is Tuesday. She will be away Dec 13-Jan 31.
Rev. Carlson's retirement is effective June 30, 2005.

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday. Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th

Team Ministry Our congregation is served by a team ministry. Team members are Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (3/4 time); Rev. Bill Breeden (3/4 time); and Rev. Barbara Carlson (1/4 time). Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has specific areas of focus.

New Year's Resolutions:

1. Bring check/cash to church to purchase grocery cards (Kroger, Marsh or Bfoods).

2. Visit the "grocery coupon" table.
3. Recognize that 5% of your purchase is a gift to the church
4. Realize that you receive full value for your grocery cards.
Ahhh... -- Jan Skinner, BJ Lawrance

String Band Practice Thursday

The Heartland String Band will practice on the first and third Thursdays, January 20, February 3, and February 17 from about 8:40-9:30 p.m. following choir practice, in the Meeting Room. We are pro-accordion. Info, contact Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

UU Children's Choir Update

Children's Choir packet for *Hymnody* is still available in Room 204 (Workroom) at church. You can also get one from Children's Choir Director Jill Waggener at the next rehearsal. Just a reminder about the upcoming schedule, below:

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2005

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 23rd : Kg-3rd Graders, 10:15-11:00am
AND--4th-8th Graders join us from 10:45-11:00
Sunday, Jan. 30th : -3rd Graders, 10:15-11:00am
AND--4th-8th Graders join us from 10:45-11:00
Sunday, Feb. 6th: All Kg-8th Graders 10:15-11:00
Sunday, Feb. 13th: All Kg-8th Graders 10:15-11:00
Thursday, Feb. 17th : 7:00pm Run-through with Adult Choir
Saturday, Feb. 19th: Afternoon rehearsal (time TBA)
Sunday, Feb. 20th: UU Hymnody Performance!!
9:00am AND 11:15am Services
Warm-up rehearsal 8:00am

Please put these dates on your calendar!
This is a big performance opportunity and rehearsal attendance is important! If you have questions, contact Jill at: 330-8829 or jmgreen@indiana.edu Thanks!
Jill M. Waggener, Children's Choir Director

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FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#22-HOST-PAT AUNGST

GUESTS-Jean Anderson & Arda Landergren
Dolores Freiburger
Katherine Hopkins
B.J. Lawrance & Jan Skinner

#23-HOST-KATY BALMA

GUESTS-Paul & Carol Arnold
Libby & Bob DeVoe
Cookie & Bill Lynch

#24-HOST-JOHN & KAREN DESSAUER

GUESTS-Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum
John & Marjorie Crosby
Paul & Dee Lane

#25-HOST-TOM & DIANE GREGORY

GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship
Ted & Diann Lock
Ray & Rita Rust

#26-HOST-DICK & CATHY HIATT

GUESTS-Kathie & Jim Lazerwitz
Glee Noble
Dick & Harriet Pfister
Ann Watzel
Emily Wyatt & Louis Tenney

#27-HOST-ROB & JOAN HONGEN

GUESTS-Anne & Chris Haynes
Tommie & Walt Owens
Deborah Robinson & Dave Parkhurst
Sandy & Bob Taylor

#28-HOST-JEAN KNOWLTON &
VELMA HARRISON

GUESTS-Bill Baus
Don & Joan Bennett
Elizabeth Lion
Mark & Iris Esch-Williams
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis

#29-HOST-DENISE & HAROLD OGREN

GUESTS-Judy Bennett
Laura & Bob Campbell
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr
Tammy & Andy Orahoad
Lois Zimmerman

The Dinners will continue through April so if you haven't joined yet you can still enjoy several. Just call Dolores 331-2611.

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Celebration of Dance Feb. 25

The Celebrations Committee has chosen to honor Martin Luther King's memory each February with a program that demonstrates Diversity. This February the Celebrations Committee (CC) has chosen to prepare "A Celebration of Dance," to be held on Friday, February 25, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The CC plans to feature dances and dancers from the USA, Africa, Asia, and Europe. Some of the dances and dancers will be from our UU church and some from groups from our community. The event will be open to the community and there will be no admission charge, so plan to get here early and get the best seats! Watch *The Prologue*, the HT and listen to WFIU for further details!

Attention All Former GA

Delegates: Please join us for an informal gathering between services (Please bring your beverage) on Sun Jan 23 at 10:20 am in Room



110 (in the old wing) to discuss and update you on our current study items and help us plan to recruit delegates for GA '05 in Fort Worth. This is our last year for the "prison reform" study item and we need to review language for GA adoption. Thanks to Rev. Macklin, there is a study group forming on the new two-year study item on "global warming." (Their next meeting is Sat., Feb. 5, 9:00-12:00 noon in Room 212.) For information call Iris Kiesling 332-5224.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

Thanks so much to all of the people who volunteered to teach second semester: Charlotte Appel, Matthias Weber, Dmitri and Nicole Schonemann-Poppeliers, Bob Gonyea, Mindy King, Deborah Phelps, Heike Meya, Laura Petersen, Christy True, Carol Sidell, Katie Peebles, Pat Schrems, Connie Loftman, Martha Oakley, Denise Breeden-Ost, Martha Nord, Ruellen Fessenbecker, Janice Lilly, Angela Lexmond, Peggy Schultz, Shari Woodbury, Jane Pilgrim, Phil Cooper, Anne Veldman, Jennifer Livesay. Orientation for new teachers is Wednesday, January 19th from 5:30 – 8 P.M. (dinner and childcare included). Our veteran teacher orientation will be Tuesday, January 25th from 5:30 – 8 P.M. (dinner and childcare included).

Thanks to Christy True, Aleisha Kropf and Shelley Taylor who led the children in Yoga at both services on January 16. On January 23, we will have Art during both sessions, led by Connie Nelson-Laird, Jennifer Livesay, Antonia Curry and Phil Cooper. January 30 our theme will be Dance at both sessions, coordinated by Renee Reed and Lisa-Marie Napoli. Our second semester RE classes begin on February 6th. A Resource religious education prospectus will be sent to all registered families.

Thanks to Guy Loftman and Rev. Bill Breeden for leading the music at our MLK Day Celebration and to Jake Woollen and Nathaniel Elmer for doing an excellent job in leading the program.

We need help with planning the Family Night for Saturday, February 12. Please call Lisa Minor if you are able to help – 332-3695.

First Semester Teachers – Please return your first semester curricula ASAP so that we can

pass it on to second semester teachers. Otherwise we will have to BUY (\$\$\$\$) new copies of the curricula!

--Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

Notably for Newcomers



My wife Dee and I sent our check for tsunami relief to the UUSC, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, whose vitally important work is entirely nonsectarian.

We UUs send no missionaries over the face of the earth to convert others to our way of believing, but we do have the equivalents of missionary activities, one of which is the UUSC. Although independent of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the UUSC works in close harmony with it and shares some of its same basic, supportive constituency. Established in 1940 to rescue Jewish and other refugees from Nazi Europe, the UUSC has kept pace with the changing needs of our changing times. Kindled by compassionate imagination and fanned by a desire to share skills, resources, and goodwill with people the world around, it has carried out, over the years, a remarkable array of programs ranging from direct assistance for victims of war, repression, and natural disaster to community development and advocacy projects at home and abroad.

Newcomers might want to add the UUSC to their list of worthy charitable organizations. Behind the UUSC there is a powerful religious motivation, but it isn't one of seeking converts. It's the motivation of demonstrating that mutuality is the way to one world, one humanity. --Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

2 New A.R.E. Offerings: "Paganism" and "Understanding Christian Fundamentalism" See the Bulletin Board to sign up, or email admin@uubloomington.org

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Stewardship FAQ (Frequently asked questions) continued:

What is Commitment Sunday?

Commitment Sunday is a time when we gather together at our morning services for inspiration and recommitment to our vision and together make our financial pledges for the Church's 2005-2006 programs.

How does it work?

February 20 is Commitment Sunday. On that day our adult and children's choirs, with composer Malcolm Dalglish and other guest artists, will perform an exciting musical piece, *Hymnody of Earth*, with portions based on poems by Wendell Berry, at both services. Food will be served in Fellowship Hall all morning. In each worship service the Stewardship Committee will pass out pledge cards which together we will fill out and turn in as part of the service. Stewardship Committee members will be available before and after each service to answer questions about the process.

How much should I pledge?

Many of our members and friends pledge 5% of their income to the church and some give more. Any amount you pledge will be gratefully accepted. About one week before Commitment Sunday you will receive a packet of information that will include a letter from the Ministers and a brochure explaining the Stewardship Campaign.

Why should I pledge and not just put money in the basket on Sundays?

We can more accurately forecast Church income and prepare a fiscally responsible budget if we know how much money members and friends are going to give during 2005-2006.

What happens if I cannot be there on February 20?

You may sign your pledge card before or after the service the following Sunday, February 27. If you are unable to be at church February 20 or 27, or if you would like a personal visit to discuss your pledge, call Diane Gregory (876-9362) or Jackie Hall (332-6451).

What if I have more questions? Anyone on the Stewardship Committee welcomes questions, comments, or suggestions - Joan Caulton, David Cox, Libby DeVoe, Diane Gregory (co-chair), Jackie Hall (co-chair), Harlan Lewis, Connie Loftman, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Carol Marks, Denise Ogren, Lloyd Orr, Jan Skinner.

Our Folks...

Our best wishes for quick healing are with **Jean-Paul Darriau**, who is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Carol Marks may be heard reading her poetry on *The Poet's Weave* on WFIU on Sunday, February 6, 11:45-11:50 a.m.

Congratulations to **Fresca Sobrer** for her recent outstanding performance in the title role of Michael Smith's "Julie D" at the Waldron.

Yearning to Broaden Your Knowledge of Unitarian Universalism?

If you are a member, consider becoming a delegate to the Heartland UU District Annual Meeting (April 8-10 in Cincinnati) or UUA General Assembly (June 23-27 in Fort Worth). Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Kay Montgomery, UUA Executive Vice President for Administration. Some financial support for delegates is available. Contact Iris Kiesling, 332-5224.

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Tree Talk, Anyone?

As you know, the maple tree outside our Meeting Room window still stands, due to weather and other circumstances that have delayed its removal. It will be gone before long, and we will need to make decisions regarding its replacement. An initial meeting for discussion will be held this Sunday, Jan. 23rd, at 12:30 in the Library. If you cannot make that meeting, do not panic; there will be more, and we will not act in haste.

Peace--*bill* Rev. Bill Breeden

New member in Dec 2004

Angela Smith is a graduate student in the final year of the Marriage and Family Therapy program at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and is enrolled in the Masters program in Education at IU. She enjoys spending time with husband, Joshua Walgenbach, and their two daughters, as well as reading, dancing, canoeing, and talking with friends.

Talent Auction 2004:

Thanks to all the generous people in our church, we had a wonderfully successful auction last April, but some of the business from last year is still pending. It would be nice to have it all done by April 3, 2005, the date of the 2005 Talent Auction.

Did you buy something at the auction, and have not collected it? Now is the time to call the donor to collect.

Did you offer something at the auction that has not been delivered? Call the buyer(s) now and arrange when this will be done.

Thanks.--Jean Knowlton, 2004 Talent Auction
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Coming of Age News

On Martin Luther King Day, several of the Coming of Age (COA) youth (junior high age) and mentors gathered at the church for lunch and then went together to The Rise, transitional housing for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and poverty, to present a program of stories, songs and activities to some of the elementary aged children there. We can be extremely proud of our young people, who showed real caring and maturity and had a good time providing a service together. The youth and mentors who attended were Nathaniel Elmer, James Halpin, Sophie Krahnke, Harper Lodge-Rigal, Emma Loveland, Autum Martin, Jake Woollen, Connie Loftman, Martha Oakley, Katie Peebles, Deb Phelps, and Dan Lodge-Rigal. Many thanks for your work and enthusiasm!
--Martha Nord, COA coordinator

Adult Rel. Ed. Books Available for Review

Several copies of the books required for upcoming Adult Religious Education classes can be reviewed on Sundays at the Booktable in Fellowship Hall. Additional copies will be ordered as needed.

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Parking Options on Sundays

Please remember that in addition to parking on all sides of our building, we can also park on Jordan Avenue, just a short walk to the south of the church property, on Sundays. The IU police have promised not to ticket us on Sundays.

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LET US NOT LOOK BACK IN ANGER,
NOR FORWARD IN FEAR, BUT
AROUND IN AWARENESS.

– James Thurber

Courtyard Design Committee

Formed A new committee is forming to consider long range plans for our courtyard. The courtyard is our only remaining green space, is one of the first things most people see when they drive in and holds untapped potential!! How could it be a more imaginative playful integrative community-building space? If you or your group have ideas they can be emailed to Cindy Port, cport@stonebelt.org . Youth and children are especially encouraged to contribute!! --Cindy Port

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