

# The Prologue

March 28, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation established 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World*

**Sunday, April 3, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Birddogs, Red Herrings, And 'There Weren't No Ones!'"**

**The Rev. Bill Breeden**

I am not sure where this is headed, but you are encouraged to come along for the hunt.

**Sunday, April 10, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Big Sky Mind – Finding Buddha in Berkeley" Rev. Barbara Carlson**

If you continue this simple practice every day you will obtain a wonderful power. Before you attain it, it is something wonderful, but after you obtain it, it is nothing special. --Shunryu Suzuki, *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind*. Jon Peters will offer reflections on being a Zen Buddhist and a Unitarian Universalist. The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing "Past Life Memories."

## **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. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

**April 3, "Hide in Plane Site"** with Clark Brittain Deconstructing 9/11 as never before- this video will change your perception forever. Discussion to follow.

**April 10, "Two Services Discussion: Expanding the Circle"** Discussion of our two-services Sunday schedule.

## **Talent Auction Will Raise Funds, Provide Fun:**

**Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. (Chili Supper to follow)**

The Fantastic UU Talent Auction is coming Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. Come join the fun of Shopping Music by the Heartland String Band, the Inimitable Auctioneering skills of Darrell Breeden, and a delicious Chili Dinner after the auction. Bring your checkbook and your calendar. You'll want your calendar nearby so you can bid on the delicious dinners that are offered on certain dates. See the list of items and services for auction elsewhere in this issue. If you can't be at the auction, you can become an absentee bidder. We have a group of enthusiastic volunteers who will bid on your behalf. Call Jean Knowlton if you are interested in absentee bidding, 339-2047, or e-mail at [jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us](mailto:jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us).

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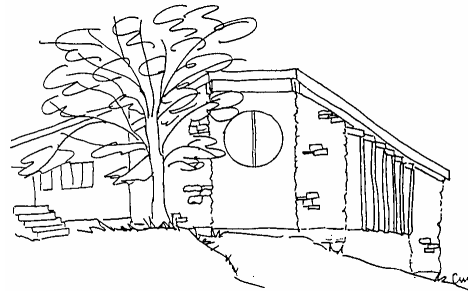
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### **Sharing a Ministerial Message**

We, your ministry team, enjoyed the following  
“Reflections on Ecclesiology” by our colleague the

Rev. Dr. Steve J. Crump. We want to share it with you. We thank Steve Crump for his wise words on the nature of the church. And we thank all of you who continually help us build together a good church and beloved community.

--Rev. Barbara Carlson, Rev. Bill Breeden, and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

*“Reflections on Ecclesiology”*

by Rev. Dr. Steve Crump

Ecclesiology is the study of what theologians call the nature of the church.

A church is not a political party where "those who don't see things my way are obviously unenlightened and uninformed." Good churches resist becoming single-issue, one-note churches because they know there is an infinite number of combinations on the 12-note musical scale. A good church will not dismiss or condemn those who thoughtfully disagree. Manners, discretion, and courtesy are qualities still honored in good churches...

A good church is not an amusement park where one emotional high after another is sought. A good church does not dispense spiritual catnip. On the contrary, while it may celebrate moments of joy, revelation or ecstasy, a good church learns to teach itself and others how to deal with the mundane in our lives...

The church is never a funeral home, but a good church has to deal with death. It has to speak about disappointments just as it celebrates triumphs.

A good church doesn't run on the semester system. No grades are ever given out. Just incompletes-- which keep us coming back to live the good life with others one more time. A good church is so, so simple, yet irreplaceable. We are called to be a good church-- together.

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Again, thanks for all you do to help us build a good church together.

Love, Barbara, Bill & Mary Ann

**Rev. Macklin's April Absence**

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin serves our congregation as part of a team ministry. Her

ministerial position is three-quarter time. She will be away April 1-22, 24-28 as part of her 1/4 time off. Please contact either Rev. Breeden, breeden@uubloomington.org, or Rev. Carlson, carlson@uubloomington.org, if you need ministerial assistance during April.



**Attention Hungry Painters**

Darrell and Vivian Breeden will make your breakfast on Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 a.m. if you are willing to help paint the Commons and Foyer area afterwards. We have completed the patching and have the paint; now all we need are willing helpers. Call Darrell at 320-6374 or Vivian at 339-7662 to make your breakfast reservation!



**Reminder: The Grounds Committee**

invites you and your favorite leaf rake to join in Spring Clean-up of the church grounds. Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Contact Julie and John Lawson for info.

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**Community Connections**  
*our faith in action in the community*

**GAYLA is Week-Long Conference for Gay Men at Ferry Beach** near Saco, Maine. July 9-15, 2005. Cost \$715 (\$650 if you register by 3/31/05). Info at [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) or [ferrybeach@ferrybleach.org](mailto:ferrybeach@ferrybleach.org). See poster on our bulletin board.

**Essay Contest for H.S. Juniors and Seniors**

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring an essay contest. Describe how your life is influenced significantly by one of our elected government bodies. Prizes of \$500 and \$300. Deadline April 15. For complete instructions see your high school guidance counselor.

**Council on International Educational Exchanges Seeks Host Families**

If you would like to provide a home for an exchange student, contact Cathy Chamberlain-Stevens at 824-4818 or [camus@bluemarble.net](mailto:camus@bluemarble.net). It is a wonderful, rewarding experience.

**Attendance Figures**

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Total
Sunday, March 20	74	151	225
Sunday, March 27	144	250	394

**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.

**Ministers' Schedules**

Rev. Carlson's regular day off is Tuesday.

**Rev. Carlson's retirement is effective June 30, 2005.**

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

She will be away Apr 1-22, 24-28

Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th

**Parish Poll: Choose Study/Action Issues for the Final GA Agenda**

More info at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

The Social Action Issues for GA 2005 have been selected. Now it is time to select the issue which will be a studied for two-years, leading to adoption as a UUA Statement of Conscience. The proposed 2005 UUA Statement of Conscience is "Criminal Justice and Prison Reform." The Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly will consider adoption of this proposed Statement during the Saturday morning plenary in Fort Worth this June. Last year the 2004 GA selected "The Threat of Global Warming" as the 2004-2006 Study Issue. GA 2006 will consider adoption of this issue. The issues for GA 2005 are listed below, with the name of the UU congregation which recommended them.

**PARISH POLL BALLOT**

Circle YES for those issues you would like to appear on the Final Agenda. Circle NO for those issues you would like omitted. Return your ballot to Room 204 by April 14.

- 1. Women's Rights Worldwide** YES NO  
(White Plains, NY & Annapolis, MD)
- 2. Safety of All Children and Youth** YES NO  
(Brooklyn, NY)
- 3. Peacemaking** YES NO  
(Wayland, MA)
- 4. Need for Affordable Housing** YES NO  
(Venice, FL)
- 5. Moral Values for a Pluralistic Society** YES NO  
(Wakefield, RI)
- 6. Ensuring Voters' Rights** YES NO  
(Arlington Street, Boston, MA)

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**Estate Planning Seminar Apr 10**

Come on April 10 at 4 PM in the Library to learn about "Investing and Estate Planning: Looking Ahead When It Can Still Make a Difference". This seminar will also include information on long term health care. The presenter is Don R. Chaudoin, CTFA, VP and Manager of the Private Client Group. He has been with Fifth Third Bank in Evansville since 1990 and has combined experience of 28 years in the trust business. Joining him will be Stephen R. Appel, JD, CFA, who is VP and Trust Investment Officer with Fifth Third Bank, where he has been since 1980.

Congregational Treasurer Andrew Appel arranged these speakers, and they are highly qualified. This program is focused on middle life people who are beginning to look forward to retirement and may no longer have college and other child-related expenses. Anyone is welcome, however. There is much to learn in this area.

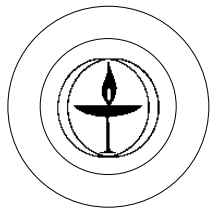
For registration, please contact the church office, office@uubloomington.org, 332-3695. More information is available from the Planned Giving Committee: Diane Gregory, Andrew Appel, Joan Caulton and Dick Pfister.

### Our Folks...

Our healing thoughts are with *Ann Watzel* who had elective foot surgery early this week.

Warm wishes for continued recovery to *Deborah Phelps* who had surgery earlier this month.

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### Expanding the Circle

It's time to evaluate our two-service Sunday format. How is it going for you? Share your ideas during meetings at 10:15 and 12:30 on Sunday, April 10. What's working well? What needs improvement? Were there any surprises? What do you want us to know? Can't come April 10? Put your comments in the Suggestion Box in the Commons April 3-10, call a member of the committee, or email twoservices@uubloomington.org. We want to hear from you!

Expanding the Circle Committee:  
Jackie Hall and Connie Loftman co-chairs,  
Chris Clothier, Libby DeVoe, Beth Lodge-Rigal, Guy Loftman, Cookie Lynch, Jean Umiker-Sebeok

### Midsummer Maine Magic! July 29-31

A weekend in mid-coastal Maine hosted by the Brunswick UU Congregation. Information about this activity filled weekend with wonderful people in a beautiful area is on the bulletin board. Dick and Cathy Hiatt attended last year and highly recommend it. They will be glad to speak with anyone about it. 339-7388

### Habitat Women's Build Bake Sale Nets Over \$1,000

Many thanks to all who contributed to our fundraiser for the Habitat Task Force Women's Build on Easter Sunday. Over \$1,000 was raised to support this special event.

### From Our Director of Religious Education

April 8-10 -- Heartland District Annual Meeting in Cincinnati

April 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m. RE Committee Meeting (childcare provided--please let Lisa Minor know if you need it)

April 15 -- Social Justice Potluck & Sing Along

April 17 -- Intergenerational Earth Day Service

April 22 -- No School for MCCSC -- Celebrate Earth Day!

April 23 -- Potluck and Games night

April 30 -- Pancakes and Pajamas

Thanks to everyone (Kitty McIntosh, Cheryl Crees, Martha Nord and the middle schoolers (YUUMS)) for helping with the Easter Egg Experience.

I will be attending the Annual Meeting in Cincinnati as a Religious Education Consultant for the Heartland UU District. I attended a training in May 2004 and another training a week ago. I look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things I learned.

We have *three* upcoming family friendly events -- the Social Justice Potluck and sing along on April 15, the Celebrations Potluck and Games night on April 23 and Pancakes and Pajamas on April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to help with any of these family-friendly activities, please let me know, 332-3695, dre@uubloomington.org.

We hope that you all had a great time at the large group activities on March 13 and March 20. People Tree will offer movement classes in preparation for the Earth Day Service (April 17) on April 3rd and April 10th, 12:45-2:45 in Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to attend (under 5 must be accompanied by an adult) Bring your instruments and a sack lunch! People Tree is a performing arts troupe working with the Bloomington Circus Collective to create an interactive educational environment.

On Sunday, May 1, Beltaine, Beckie Wagner of our congregation's chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans will offer another earth-centered

large group religious education class for our children.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

### Notably for Newcomers

In an essay called *The Five Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism* (so called because of the



five smooth stones that David used to kill Goliath), the revered liberal

theologian James Luther Adams once said that even today religious liberals similarly refuse to go out armed with heavy creeds and doctrines in confronting the giant evils of the world. Instead they carry only five well-worn principles of progressive religious living:

(1) The conviction that revelation is not sealed, that truth and right are still revealed. Scripture is useful, but never God's final word.

(2) Relationships between people should be covenantal; that is, they should rest on mutuality and persuasion, not on coercion and power-over.

(3) We share a human obligation to work toward what Dr. King called *The Beloved Community* of love and justice.

(4) Merely thinking ourselves virtuous and well-intentioned won't get us there. We must forgo notions of the immaculate conception of our own virtue and instead practice the organization of power and the power of organization in order to realize the social incarnation of the good we love.

(5) With all the universe provides and with the openness of history, we are never justified in an ultimate pessimism, but must ever keep faith with the future.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee p. 3



## Annual Canvass Campaign

**Update** Thank you, thank you, thank you to ALL who have turned in their pledge cards and made their

financial commitment to the ongoing work of our liberal religious community. To date, 292 families have made pledges totaling \$304,702.

We are still short of last year's final total of \$315,000 and need to have the remaining pledges turned in very soon. The Finance Committee and the Board will be proposing the budget for next year soon and need accurate information about our income.

Please let your voice be heard; put your \$\$ where your heart is and support our future work together. Make your pledge now!

Call the office, 332-3695. or stop by and pick up a pledge card, fill it out and return to the office. Pledges are also accepted via phone or email, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org). If you have questions about the pledge drive, anyone on the Stewardship Committee would be glad to help. Joan Caulton, David Cox, Jackie Hall, Diane Gregory, Harlan Lewis, Connie Loftman, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Denise Ogren, Lloyd Orr, Jan Skinner, Caroline Altman Smith, or Carol Marks.

## Annual Reports Due April 15

Committee chairs are invited to submit 150-200 words in the form of a brief annual report of the work of their committees over the past year. Send these to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by April 15. Reports will be compiled and included in the Annual Report to the Congregation, which will be distributed on May 1.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS for April

#39-HOST-JEAN ANDERSON &

ARDA LANDERGREN

GUESTS-Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr

Paul & Dee Lane

Kathie & Jim Lazerwitz

#40-BILL BAUS

GUESTS-B.J.Lawrance & Jan Skinner

Dave Parkhurst & Deborah Robinson

Sandy & Bob Taylor

Lois Zimmerman

#41-HOST-DON & JOAN BENNETT

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Karen Dessauer

Ray & Rita Rust

Emily & Louis Tenney

#42-HOST-LIBBY & BOB DE VOE

GUESTS-Paul & Carol Arnold

Judy Bennett

Jennifer & Jason Blankenship

John & Julia Lawson

Ann Watzel

#43-HOST-TOM & DIANE GREGORY

GUESTS-Rob & Joan Hongen

Velma Harrison & Jean Knowlton

Tammy & Andy Orahood

#44-HOST-ANNE & CHRIS HAYNES

GUESTS-Ted & Diann Lock

Nick & Mary Pendergrass

Dick & Harriet Pfister

#45-HOST-MARK & IRIS ESCH-WILLIAMS

GUESTS-Katy Balma

Katherine Hopkins

Denise & Harold Ogren

#46-HOST-GLEE NOBLE

GUESTS-John & Marjorie Crosby

Elizabeth Lion

Cookie & Bill Lynch

Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis

#47-HOST-TOMMIE & WALT OWENS

GUESTS-Laura & Bob Campbell

Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum

Dick & Cathy Hiatt

Caroline & Christopher Smith

These are the last Dinners until the Fall. Be sure to register to join us then. Lots of good food and fellowship. 3/28/05 Page 4

## Celebration of Games and Dance

### Family Night, Sat., April 23

Saturday, April 23, 2005, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the Celebrations Committee and RE will sponsor a Celebration of Games, Dance, Pot Luck and Family Night. Several Board Games like Apples and Oranges will be set-up. Foosball, Table Tennis, safe Dart Board, Pool, a new Twister on video tape will be featured, and a game of Magic Cards will be available for those who are interested in playing. There will be a Poker Table and a Euchre Table. A Bridge table can be arranged if requested. A new addition will be a Conversation Table for those who just want to talk. And, by popular demand, the IU International Folk Dancers will join us to give lessons. For those individual and families who plan to attend the Pot Luck please bring a dish to serve 6 to 8. Sign up sheets will be posted Sunday, April 3rd. It is a time for individuals to gather together to eat, talk, play, smile, laugh and be with one another. See you Saturday, April 23.

## Heartland Delegates Meet Sunday, April 3

Delegates to the Heartland UU District Annual meeting in Cincinnati April 8-9 will meet Sunday, April 3 at 12:15 p.m. in the Library. We will review proposed agenda items and budget. Please remember: It will be an hour later in Cincinnati (than it is here) on April 8! Everyone is welcome. Iris Kiesling 332-5224

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## News From The Heartland UU District Board of Trustees

Your district Board of Trustees works under a Policy Governance model of nonprofit leadership. Under this model, the Board establishes prioritized outcomes for member congregations to be accomplished through District programs and services and gives the District Executive limitations policies (statements of what she cannot do) within which to accomplish the desired outcomes. The District Executive then works with our Lifespan Religious Education Program Consultant and Office Administrator and Program Council & Consultant Teams to develop and implement programs to accomplish these our goals. This model gives the District Executive broad authority, responsibility, and accountability for accomplishing the goals. It frees the Board to work on strategic issues of vision.

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The Rev. Bill Breeden  
[breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org), mobil 360-1779

### 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.

### Prologue on the Webpage?

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