

The Prologue

April

25, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation established 1949



Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World

Sunday, May 1, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"May Day, May Day: Health Care Crisis in America"

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

The United States spends more on healthcare than any other nation, yet ironically many aspects of our healthcare system are reaching a critical condition. In this service we will explore the current health care crisis in our country, from its effect on individuals to our global community. The service coincides with the kick-off of national "Cover the Uninsured Week" May 1-8, 2005. Also, as part of this service, we will have a formal recognition of our congregation's 2004-2005 "Coming of Age" program participants. The Choir will sing "All My Trials."

Sunday, May 8, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Loving and Letting Go"

Rev. Barbara Carlson with Rev. Bill Breeden and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

A son or daughter leaves home, a friend moves away, a minister departs from a congregation...*Learning to love differently is hard... to love and let go again and again.* (Marge Piercy) The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing "Soar Away" and we will honor our mothers.

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.

Sunday, May 1: "Health Care for the Uninsured" with Dr. Rob Stone.

Annual Congregational Meeting -- *Democracy in Action!*

May 1, 2005, 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room

One of our principles as Unitarian Universalists is to govern our congregations in a democratic manner. This coming Sunday's Congregational Meeting is a part of living that principle. All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare provided in Room 108. See agenda and other important materials regarding the meeting elsewhere in this issue.

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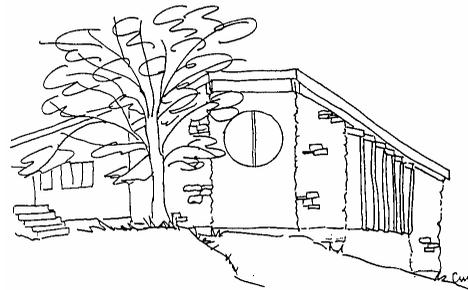
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The West Window

Just a few items.

Pursuant to last Sunday's sermon, you are encouraged to read the new edition of *Harper's* magazine with the cover story, "Soldiers for Christ." I read it Sunday afternoon, and found a chilling resonance to my sermon topic. Actually, I wish I had read it before, in order to mine some gems for the sermon. Don't miss Lapham's editorial. The rise of Christian Fascism was predicted by theologian James Luther Adams more than thirty years ago. He was not alone in his prescience, yet few people in the liberal political and religious establishments took the forecasts seriously. It is time to consider those warnings and speak clearly for the democratic principles upon which our religious tradition, and our nation, is built.

Your generosity raised over \$600 for the prison gardens, and I am checking on the possibility that some volunteers from here might be allowed to help with the making of those gardens.

Finally, morels have arrived!!!! Things can't be too bad. Enjoy the days we have, and know that there is indeed joy in the struggle.

Peace-- *bill*

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

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

"Those who like wars should be compelled to fight them."
-- Walt Whitman, poet and Civil War nurse

"Life As Teacher: Reflections on a Lifetime"

Eighteen of our wise elders have contributed to a collection of reflections on what they have learned over the years, including their religious philosophies. The collection is now available in our library in a large, white binder. Reading their inspiring stories, their careers in teaching, foreign intelligence, parenting, working for Dr. Kinsey, chemical engineering, publishing, living abroad, and more, I promise you will be informed and delighted as I have been in collecting them.

Life As Teacher is an open ended, on-going project. If you would like to contribute your story, copies of the guidelines are available and may be obtained from Rev. Carlson or Rev. Macklin. This is a treasure that can continue to grow with your participation!

Love,

Barbara

Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister

Attendance Figures (Adults and children not in R.E.)

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Totl
Sunday, April 17	104	204	308
Sunday, April 24	95	206	301

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Help for the Dying Apr 30 The Indiana Chapter of End-of-Life Choices will sponsor a program to discuss prudent steps one can take to lessen the risk of finding oneself caught in a very difficult death, Saturday, April 30, 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Room 8. For details, contact Clarke Miller.

Benefit for Shalom Center May 14 Shalom Community Center, a daytime respite and resource center for those experiencing homelessness and poverty, will host a benefit concert of music and storytelling Saturday, May 14th at 7:30 PM at the Buskirk Chumley Theater. Performers will include Beth Lodge-Rigal, Jason Fickel, and Sophia Travis, and local WFHB radio personality Arbutus Cunningham. Tickets at Sunrise Box Office. Proceeds benefit Shalom Center.

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.

Our Folks...

Healing thoughts to *Corey Dadds*, son of Julia Dadds. Corey is recovering from an injury sustained in an accident last week.

Remember Your Pledge! Before you flit away for the summer holidays, please send your pledge checks, so we are all squared away for the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Thanks!

where are the composters?

The congregation owns two cylindrical black plastic compost bins which were situated near the northeast corner of the RE Wing. They have vanished. If you have any information about our compost bins, please contact Beckie Wagner or the church office, 332-3695.



Save the Date! Special 25th Anniversary Concert by the UU Choir

Sunday evening, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Brahms German Requiem

with special guest Eric Howe, baritone
(He was the first paid director of the UU Choir.)
Sally Todd and Matthew Mazzoni will play
Brahms's own 2-piano orchestral reduction.
Sponsored by the Raymond Murray Memorial Fund.

Women's Alliance Welcomes Howard Gest -- May 5, 11:30

For the Women's Alliance May salad luncheon on Thursday, May 5, all women of the church are invited to bring a salad to serve four people. Howard Gest will speak on "Oxygen -- the breath of life." Hostesses are the incoming officers. Guests are always welcome. Childcare provided, Room 108.

Adult Religious Education Proposals Due May 1, June 15

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal to facilitate an Adult Religious Education offering for the summer or fall. Appropriate topics: theology, UU history, spiritual growth, ethics and religion, and world religions. Proposal form at

www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc.

Please return forms to the office Adult Religious Education mailbox or e-mail to are@uubloomington.org by May 1 for summer programs and by June 15 for fall programs.

--The ARE Committee *April 25, 2005 Page 5*

Adult Religious Education to

View *The Rapture* Apr 30: With the popularity of the *Left Behind* series of books, and a six-part mini-series entitled "Revelations" running on a major TV network, the time is right to consider *The Rapture*. In this film, Mimi Rogers plays a telephone operator -- a swinger and a nihilist. She is born again, and has a vision that the end of the world is imminent. She is challenged by an unspeakable dilemma. An uncompromising drama that always inspires discussion. Peter Noble-Kuchera, WFIU film critic, will facilitate. The film is rated "R" for sex and violence. This Saturday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Childcare in Room 108.

Grocery Certificates Provide Easy Income for the Congregation

Did you know that you can purchase grocery cash cards in Fellowship Hall between the Sunday services? The church earns 5% on all purchases and you receive full value for the cards. Cards are available for Kroger, Marsh (also valid at O'Malia's), and Bloomingfoods (also valid at Encore Café and Theater Café). Bring your check or cash payable to "UU Fundraiser" on Sunday and be a part of the team to donate an additional \$4,000 to the congregation's operating budget.

-- Jan Skinner and BJ Lawrance

"Exploring Unitarian Universalism" Begins May 8

Newcomers and other interested persons are invited to register for the May 8 and May 15

Exploring Unitarian Universalism class which will meet 10:30 am-12:30 pm both days in the Fuchs Library. Class members will meet others who are perhaps new to the church and will investigate UU beliefs, history, and sources. Attendance at both sessions and advance registration are required. Child care is available. Class size will range from 6 to 15 people. Sign the registration list at the Newcomer Table in the foyer of the church. Questions? Paul Lane, 331-1867.

UUA General Assembly

2005 Our congregation is eligible to send eight (8) delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly of Congregations June 23-27. Would you like to join thousands of UUs in Fort Worth, Texas, for this inspiring convention? Doesn't Texas need a visit from about 6,000 Unitarian Universalists?! Contact Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org, or Iris Kiesling (332-5224) by April 29 for reduced registration fee. Some financial support for delegates is available.



Coming of Age Group

Celebrated This year's Coming of Age youth and their mentors will be recognized in both services May 1st and with a celebratory cake between services. Come and congratulate these wonderful young people and their wonderful mentors: Nathaniel Elmer and Scott Burgins; James Halpin and Clark Brittain; Sophie Krahnke and Connie Loftman; Harper Lodge-Rigal and Martha Oakley; Emma Loveland and Katie Lyn Peebles; Autum Martin and Deborah Phelps; Opal Mills and Lisa-Marie

Napoli; Emma Rush and Cindy Port; Jake Woollen and Dan Lodge-Rigal.

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WANTED: 1990's VW sedan or wagon with diesel engine. Denise or Sean, 339-0550.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

On April 8, I visited the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati with ministers and directors of religious education from the Heartland District. I was very impressed by the hands-on exhibits, dynamic films and innovative technology, which tell the stories of hundreds of people whose actions exemplify the cornerstones of freedom, courage, cooperation and perseverance. I would love to take a group of our older children and youth to this museum in Fall 2005, because I think that it would fit in well with our fall curriculum plan. If you would like to help with this trip, please contact me dre@uubloomington.org

This Sunday, May 1, there will be a Maypole dance and Beltaine Celebration led by Beckie Wagner at each of the services during the Religious Education program. This program is for children in Kindergarten and older. Younger children may attend with their parents, or there will be room for them in child care.

Upcoming RE Dates:

Apr 30 -- Pajamas and Pancakes

8:30-10:00 a.m. RSVP by 4/28,
dre@uubloomington.org

May 9 – RE Committee Meeting 6:30 – 8 p.m.

May 15 – Last RE Class & Brunch between the services to celebrate the teachers

May 16 – Summer Teacher Orientation, 7-8:30p

May 22 – Intergenerational Services with Flower Communion (child care for babies only – children attend the services with their parents)

Lisa

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education
Notably for Newcomers



That part of our liberal religious tradition known as Universalism developed in America in at least three distinct geographical locations. The earliest preachers of the gospel of universal salvation appeared in the latter part of the eighteenth century in what were to become the Middle Atlantic and the Southern states.

At about the same time in the rural interior sections of New England, a small number of itinerant preachers began to disbelieve and to refute publicly the strict Calvinist doctrines of eternal punishment. They discovered from their biblical studies the new revelation of God's loving redemption of all people.

From its beginnings, Universalism challenged its members to reach out and embrace people whom society often marginalized. For instance, the Gloucester, Massachusetts, church included a freed slave among its charter members. Also, the Universalists became the first denomination to ordain women to the ministry, beginning in 1863 with Rev. Olympia Brown.

Universalism was a more evangelical faith than Unitarianism. After officially organizing in 1793, the Universalists spread their faith across the eastern and southern parts of our country.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee



Paint and Gravy Day Enjoyed Apr 16

Darrell and Vivian Breeden express their appreciation to the volunteer

painters who did such a great job in painting the Commons on April 16: Judy Bennett, Karen Dessauer, Richard Torstrick, Mary Ann Williams, Kelly Craig. Next painting day will be scheduled soon. If you would like to help, call Darrell, 320-6374. 4/25/05 Page 3

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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.