

The Prologue

May 9, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation established 1949



Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World

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

"How Goes It With Your Soul: Listening as Ministry"

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

In early April, I attended a conference entitled *Attending to Soul: A Depth Psychological Approach*, which explored the transformative possibility of suffering using Job's experience as a case history. Based on the Jungian notion that the psyche has an intrinsic religious function, this service will offer reflections on the conference content. During the service will have our May commissioning of our 2005-06 Listening Ministers.

**Special 25th Anniversary Concert by the UU Choir Brahms's German Requiem
May 15 7:00 p.m.**

Our guest baritone, Eric Howe, was the first paid director of the UU Choir, and is coming from California to celebrate with us. Sally Todd and Matthew Mazzoni will play Brahms's own two-piano orchestral reduction. Our entire 60-plus member choir will sing. Sponsored by the Raymond Murray Memorial Fund

Sunday, May 22, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Flower Communion: Giving and Receiving

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

Our children will join us for our annual intergenerational Flower Communion Service. Everyone is asked to bring a flower or sprig of green, which represents the unique gift you bring to our religious community. At the end of the service, you will leave with a different flower that represents the gifts you receive. All ages are invited (Nursery care will be available for infants and preschoolers). We'll have a few special guests for this service. Please bring a flower to share.

**Farewell Recognition Ceremony and Reception for Reverend Barbara Carlson
May 22 12:30--2:30 p.m.**

At 12:30pm we will have a *Farewell Recognition Ceremony* to honor Reverend Barbara Carlson as she prepares for her retirement at the end of June. Please be on time. Childcare for infants to age 5 will be available in Room 108 during the ceremony. A Reception with refreshments will follow the ceremony program, in which Reverend Carlson will be officially awarded *Minister Emerita* status and other gifts of recognition for her 12 years of ministry to the Unitarian Universalist Church of

Bloomington. (Bagels and beverages will be available between the 11:15am service and the *Farewell Ceremony* program.)
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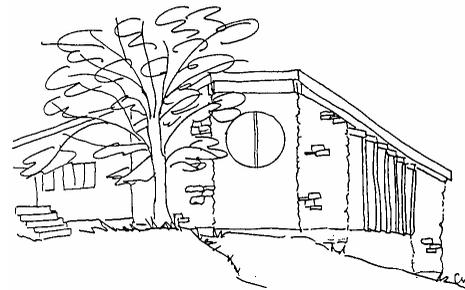
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MAM's Musings

My niece, Grace Katharine Macklin, will turn one year old next week. I am very fond of the name Grace. In memorial services, I often say these words, "A human life is holy, for it comes from grace and returns to grace." Someone recently asked me what I mean when I say 'grace.' Aside from referring to my giggly niece, I had to pause, but then I remembered the following quote from Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift from the Sea:

But I want first of all to be at peace with myself. I want a singleness of eye, a purity of intention, a central core to my life that will enable me to carry out these obligations and activities as well as I can. I want, in fact, to borrow from the language of the saints, to live, 'in grace' as much of the time as possible. I am not using this term in a strictly theological sense. By grace, I mean an inner harmony, essentially spiritual, which can be translated into outward harmony. I am seeking perhaps what Socrates asked for in the prayer from the Phaedrus when he said, "May the outward and the inner man be one."

Reverend Carlson's ministry to this congregation for the past 12 years has been filled with innumerable moments of grace. Reverend Bill Breeden and I want to offer a special invitation to all of you to join us for a "Farewell Recognition Ceremony" at 12:30pm on Sunday May 22nd (in our meeting room) as our

congregation offers our gratitude and affirmation for the gift of her ministry. A reception will immediately follow in Fellowship Hall. Meanwhile, may you find in your own life's activities those times for *a singleness of eye, a purity of intention, a central core to life that will enable you to carry out these obligations and activities as well as you can.* (Meanwhile, meanwhile, may we all celebrate the ongoing birth of giggly grace within.)

With blessings and grace,
Rev. MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Minister

Thank you!

Thank you to all our wonderful musicians and choir and to all present for your heartwarming responses to our services of worship last Sunday.

I want to tell you again how deeply honored I am by your decision to name me *minister emerita* when I retire. (June 30) There is no greater honor for a retiring minister. And after a year away, in accordance with ethical guidelines, our covenant will give clarity to our future relationship when I am in Bloomington.

In the coming weeks I will be focusing on clearing files and other aspects of transition. And, more importantly, saying "Farewell" to a people, place and time that have been without parallel.

Synchronicity and grace prevailed in the coincidence of your search for a minister when I was seeking a church to serve 12 years ago (and good judgment on both our parts! ☺). Serving you, knowing you, loving you has been, *is* amazing grace in my life.

In faith,

Barbara

Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister

Community Connections *our faith in action in the community*

Benefit Concert for Shalom Community Center May 14, 7:30 p.m. Beth Lodge-Rigal, Jason Fickel, Sophia Travis and Arbutus Cunningham will entertain this coming Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. Proceeds benefit the Shalom Center. Through June 30, Shalom Center will also continue to receive 10% of our non-pledge offerings every Sunday.

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 May 24-26, June 1-30

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

He will be out of the office May 9-15.

Our Folks...

Healing thoughts to *Laurette Frazier*, who is recovering from hip surgery on Monday, May 9.

Best wishes also for a quick recovery to *Rev. Bill Breeden*, who underwent hernia surgery Monday, May 9.

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. Please indicate on the memo line which pledge year they are for. Thanks!

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.

Adult Religious Education Proposals Due June 15

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal to facilitate an Adult Religious Education offering for the 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 June 15 for fall programs. --The ARE Committee

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

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Totl
Sunday, May 1	118	193	311
Sunday, May 8	101	192	293

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BULLETIN BOARD

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

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Campus Ministry Assistant to Attend UUA



General Assembly 2005

We are pleased that our new Campus Ministry Assistant, Heather Hansen, will be attending UUA General Assembly this year. We still need a couple more delegates to this conference in Fort Worth, June 23-27. If you'd like to learn what it means to be a "deep UU," contact Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs Chair, (332-5224). Some financial support for delegates is available.

Use--Return--Reuse

Libraries have always seemed to be one of the best community-sharing entities around -- and one of the most environmentally-friendly, too!

Our Religious Education (R.E.) youth library in Room 211 is full of great books and videos for all our UU children and families.

With summer vacation approaching, here are two reminders about the R.E. library:

*The R.E. library does not take a summer break, so continue to *use* it over vacation time with your children.

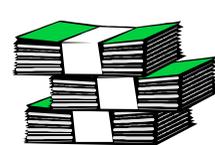
*Please *return* those books and videos that you checked out over the winter and may have forgotten, so that other UU families can *reuse* them.

We're fortunate to have a wonderful collection of stories to share with each other as a community in our church school and with our families at home. --Joanna Clees, R.E. Librarian

SAVE THE DATES:

Heartland Fall Training

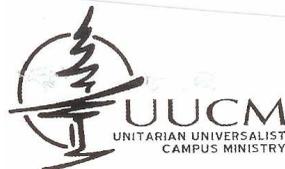
Institute: Oct 14-16, 2005 in Grand Rapids
Heartland District Meeting: April 7-9, 2006



What is the Sunday Plate?

The Sunday Plate is the cash and other non-pledge offerings that are received during the Offertory each Sunday morning. If you make a contribution by check and have not made a formal pledge, this amount is also considered to be part of the "Sunday Plate."

At the Congregational Meeting on May 1, the gathered members voted to send a portion of our Sunday Plate to the Community Justice and Mediation Center for one year beginning July 1, 2005. This year we are sending 10% of each week's Sunday Plate to the Shalom Community Center. (Total so far: \$1896) On May 1, the congregation also voted to increase the percentage of our Sunday Plate that we donate to social justice organizations in our community to 25%, so The Community Justice and Mediation Center will receive that percentage beginning July 1. This is an easy and powerful way for us to support the good work going on in Bloomington beyond our four walls.



Welcome to Our New Campus Ministry Assistant

We welcome a new staff member, Heather Hansen, who started work in April as our Campus Ministry Assistant. A birthright Unitarian Universalist, Heather has worked for us as a childcare provider for many years and is studying for her

Ph.D. in physical anthropology at IU. She is also a member of our congregation. We are glad she's on our team!

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From Our Director of Religious Education

Sunday, May 15th will be our last regular Religious Education class of the church year. There will be a "Thank You Teacher Brunch" on Sunday, May 15, 10:00-11:00 a.m. between the services in the courtyard. **Parents**, why not volunteer to serve and/or make something for the brunch as a way of saying thanks for all the great work our Religious Education Teachers have done in the classroom? Call Kitty McIntosh, 332-3695, by May 13th and tell her what you are bringing. **Teachers**, please R.S.V.P. with the number in your family to Lisa Minor by Friday, May 13th.

There will be a **summer teacher orientation meeting** on Monday, May 16 from 7 – 8:30 P.M. in the Library. It is mandatory for anyone who has not taught before. Come to get ideas, share ideas, and tell us how many helpers you might need. Refreshments will be provided.

Sunday, May 22 will be an intergenerational Flower Communion Service with children school age and older attending the service and those 5 and younger in childcare.

Pizza and Sex! Also on Sunday, May 22, 6-8 p.m., in Room 210 there will be a parents' informational meeting on the **Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) Sexuality Curriculum**. This is for parents of children who will be in 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in Fall 2005. This is not one of the two required parent meetings – but is informational. Our church offers the O.W.L. Sexuality curriculum in alternating years with the Coming of Age program. Please come with your questions about Our Whole Lives. Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff, our O.W.L. facilitators, are eager to meet with you to answer your questions.

Lisa

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

Notably for Newcomers



Our brief history continues by noting that some Universalist preachers followed the advice of Universalist publisher Horace

Greeley and went west. One such person was Thomas Starr King, who is credited with defining the difference between Unitarians and Universalists: "Universalists believe that God is too good to damn people, and Unitarians believe that people are too good to be damned by God." The Universalists believed in a God who embraced everyone, and this eventually became central to their belief that lasting truth can be found in all religions, and that dignity and worth are innate to all people, regardless of gender, color, race, or class.

Growing out of this inclusive theology was a lasting impetus in both denominations to create a more just society. Both Unitarians and Universalists became active participants in many social justice movements in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Unitarian preacher Theodore Parker was a prominent abolitionist. Charles Spear called for prison reform, and Clara Barton became the founder of the Red Cross. Unitarians such as Dorothea Dix fought to "break the chains" of people incarcerated in mental hospitals, and Samuel Gridley Howe started schools for the blind. For the last two centuries and into this one, Unitarians and Universalists have been and are at the forefront of movements working to free people from whatever bonds may oppress them.

---Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

Recordings of Sunday Services: New Plan for Distribution

Occasionally members and friends would like to have a recording of the Sunday service. To promote efficiency, as of May 29 we are changing our procedure for how to obtain recordings of our Sunday services.

If you are interested in a recording of a service, please come to the Workroom, Room 204, and pay \$3.00 per recording. We will make the copy for you within 10 days, and mail it to you at home. Available media include cassette tape audio, CD audio, and DVD video. The cost is the same for all these. The \$3.00 covers the cost of the mailers and postage and is not a fundraiser. Requests will not be filled without prepayment.

Current R.E. teachers should simply make their request in writing on the clipboard in Room 204. The R.E. Program will pay the postage and materials cost for you--one of the perks of being a teacher!

This new plan will get you the information you request more quickly, and eliminate the backlog of unclaimed Sunday service tapes in the office.

If you give us the *date* of the service you are interested in, it saves a lot of time!

Your Church Administrative Staff,
Carol Marks and Martha Sattinger

Web Committee Wants YOU!

The Web Committee is not just for techies. To up-date and improve our website, www.uubloomington.org, we need a variety of skills, including graphic design, writing proficiency, technical know-how, policy development, and the time and inclination to do routine maintenance. We need your help make the web an effective communication tool both

within the congregation and with those who seek a liberal religious community. Contact Libby DeVoe edevoe@indiana.edu, 336-8688 if you could help.



Put on a big smile

and join the friendly UU Greeters and Newcomer Welcomers! Greeting and welcoming at the Sunday service

are great ways to make friends and help those attending feel welcome. There will be an orientation program for new greeters and newcomers on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at 7:00 PM in the church Library. No prior experience is necessary. Call Mark Day at 336-3094 or sign up in the Commons after service, or just come!

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Those who signed our Membership Book April 17, 2005:

Marni Lynne Dickson Marni is a proud Canadian--born and raised! She studied geography and geology in Canada and moved to Bloomington in 2001 to work for the Geological Survey. Since then she has met many friends, including her husband-to-be (August 2005), and is happy to call Bloomington home. Marni enjoys the outdoors through hiking, camping, and gardening; and loves to relax through reading and music. 812 360-9728 mldickso@indiana.edu

Bobbi Lahre I grew up in a small Indiana farming community, and am a descendent of the German plain peoples. My religious upbringing was strict Baptist, or as we called it, lapsed Amish. I was shunned from the congregation as whispers of my transgender nature spread, and in bitterness I did not go to church for 34 years, until a glbt-led congregation

in Kansas City found me last year. Christ's message of unconditional love struck a chord in me, and I have decided to return to my alma mater, lead a holistic life free of shame, and help others deal with gender issues from within this religious community.

6521 Snug Harbour Lane, Unionville, IN 47468
812 961-2084

Kelly Marie Rockhill I am a copywriter at AuthorHouse and my husband is part owner of Rockhill Lawn Care. Both Indiana natives, we moved back after 4 years in the San Francisco Bay Area to be around family, buy a house, and enjoy Bloomington's close-knit community. This church has provided a spiritual community that I have been searching for since I fell out of step with my childhood Catholicism. We have a baby due in December, so the time is right to increase my spiritual strength and my humanistic awareness.

825-6287 6940 W. May Rd, Bloomington, IN 47403 krocksauce@yahoo.com

Stephanie Wilson

Stephanie Wilson enjoys biking, running, reading, and tea parties. When she's not at her day job, Stephanie often hosts tea parties for her company, Serendipity Teas. Her "day job" is with Intel Corporation. Stephanie develops training for Intel, and works out of her home. Stephanie and husband, Tom, moved to Bloomington recently after 7 years in New Mexico. Both Illinois natives, they are delighted to spend spring in Bloomington! 502 W 13th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404
812 418-0766 stephw7@insightbb.com

Tom L. Wilson In no particular order or sequence: inquisitive, eclectic blend, quiet, edgy, facetious artiste, ecoterraist, loving life partner, partly saint/partly sinner, adventurous, chatty, aspiring chef, believer of mystery and pluralism, recycler, sense of humor, quasi-

runner, frolicsome, bicyclist, wise, conservationist, metaphysician in training, altruistic, narcissistic, enigmatic, gardener, and, oh so much more!
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May 1 Election Results

At the May 1 Congregational Meeting, the gathered members voted affirmatively on the following slate:

Board of Directors 2005-06

*President: Chris Clothier (2005-2006)
*Vice President: Jason Hill (2005-2006)
*Secretary: Dorothy Sowell (2005-2007)
Treasurer: Andrew Appel (2004-2006)
Past President: Anne Haynes (2005-2006)

At Large:

Steve Dillon (2004-2006)
GK Rowe (2004-2006)
*Dick Hiatt (2005-2007)
*Karen Jewell (2005-2007)
*David Cox (2005-2007)
*Marion Sinclair (2005-2006)
*Chris Judge (2005-2006)

Nominating Committee:

Harlan Lewis (2003-2006)
Ruellen Fessenbecker (2004-2007)
*Mary Beth O'Brien (2005-2008)
(Past President and Vice President of the Congregation also serve on Nominating Committee.)

Special Purposes Fund:

Diane Gregory (2003-2006)
Harlan Lewis (2004-2007)
*Bob Port (2005-2008)

(President and Treasurer of the Congregation also serve on Nominating Committee.)

*means these people were voted on at the meeting on May 1, 2005. Terms begin July 1 and end June 30.

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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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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