

The Prologue

June 6, 2005



Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, June 12, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

**" Conscientious Objector
+ Religious Faith
= Congressional Medal of Honor"**

Rev. Bill Breeden

A remarkable story of faith and courage from World War II.

Sunday, June 19, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Peace Outside the Box: Toward a Paradigm of Change" John Crosby

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

The Library is available for faith in action forums on Sundays 10:15-11:30 a.m. in even-numbered months. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu.

Sunday, June 12: "What is a 10,000 Villages Store?" Mary Embry on what it would take to have a store in Bloomington. See tenthousandvillages.com for info.

The Adult Religious Education Summer Movie Series Adult Religious

Education proudly welcomes you to participate in our movie discussion series, held in Room 105 at 10AM once a month. We invite you to bring a brown bag lunch and offer your thoughts in the discussion following the movie on Saturday, June 18. Childcare is provided in Room 108. Bring lunch for your children, also!

The gritty truth of the life of a privately owned firearm unfolds in the story of a man hell-bent on tracking down the brutal history of the gun responsible for his daughter's murder. "*An American Gun*" portrays the last, best performance of James Coburn as the father whose mind will not be at peace until he finds the gun's last owner.

Who is responsible for the utilization and history of a firearm in America? Could the daughter's death have been prevented? Should control of a weapon's ownership be more scrutinized in this country? How do firearms end up on the black market? We look forward to your participation!

The West Window

Summer arrived last Sunday with 92 degrees and hail! That's "hail" not "hell," although it was hot enough to bring to mind that final destination prescribed by some for those of us who disagree with them. I've decided to take my chances. While recovering from my recent surgery, I had far too much time to be horizontal in front of the TV. I spent a good bit of it watching C-Span and the workings of our government. I was often reminded of what Gandhi said, when asked about Western Civilization, "I think it would be a good idea." Who knows? Perhaps when "Western Civilization" finally arrives it will bring peace.

Speaking of peace, our own John Crosby will be presenting an award-winning sermon on that subject at the UU General Assembly this month in Fort Worth, Texas. John's sermon won the Dana McClain Greeley award presented by the United Nations Office of the UUA. A few of you will be there to hear it. The rest of us will have the opportunity to hear it on June 19th when John will be in our pulpit. (By the way, to my knowledge, Texas Governor Perry will not be signing any legislation at the annual gathering of our religious community.)

Finally, as we enter the month of June, I am reminded that the end of our fiscal year is close. I checked the balance owed on my 2004-05 pledge, and figured a way to meet it by the end of the month. I encourage all of you, members and friends, to remember that this remarkable community is here because you give generously. Now is a good time of the year to think of your generosity and play a part in improving the financial health of our church for the benefit of our grandchildren. Enjoy the summer. Stay cool. There is enough hot air around for all.

Peace--bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

Farewell Ceremony and Reception for Reverend Barbara Carlson Scheduled for JUNE 26, 4:00-6:00 pm

On June 26th beginning at 4:00 pm we will have a Farewell Recognition Ceremony to honor Reverend Barbara Carlson as she prepares for her retirement at the end of June. On June 26, 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. Childcare for infants to age 5 will be available in Room 108 during the ceremony. A reception will follow.

Please note this revised date and time, JUNE 26, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm! The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00 pm.

Attendance Figures

	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<u>11:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Totl</u>
Sunday, May 29	96	156	252
Sunday, June 5	97	146	243

Scrapbook Table for Rev. Barbara Carlson

During coffee hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on June 12th and 19th, I will be at a table in fellowship hall with paper and pens for those who wish to write Rev. Barbara Carlson a note, sonnet, limerick, haiku, joke, memory, to include in her scrapbook. You may bring your memorabilia to me at that time, as well, or put them in Rev. Bill's mailbox in the office. Deadline: June 19th! Thanks, Glenda Breeden

Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Homes Needed for Two Foreign Exchange Students

Two teenage boys (one from Lebanon and the other from Iraq) who have been selected to attend high school here in Bloomington are in need of host families willing to take them in for the coming year. Contact Cathy Chamberlin-Stevens at camus@bluemarble.net

Red Cross Offers Classes, Volunteer Opportunities

The Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross offers summer classes in First Aid, CPR, Babysitting, and Intro to Disaster Services, among others. There are also volunteer opportunities as Lifeline Installers. Contact info: 332-7292. Details posted on our bulletin board.

Juneteenth Celebration June 25 Juneteenth, the oldest known celebration of commemorating the ending of slavery in the U.S., will be celebrated at Bryan Park on Saturday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. Details are posted.

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. She will be away until June 10.

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

She will be away through June 30. She *will* be present at Rev. Carlson's retirement celebration June 26, however.

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

Water Service is August 28

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures for our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Sunday, August 28.

Thanks for Your Pledge Many thanks to all of you who have been sending in your summer pledge checks. This makes for a happier cash flow for the congregation in the summer months!

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Jenny Kulow, daughter of *Ruellen Fessenbecker and Carl Kulow*. Jenny recently placed 11th in the Indiana State Track Meet in the 3200 meter run (2 miles!)



Talking Religion June 14

If the road sign said "Heaven" one way and "Discussion About Heaven" the other, which would you choose? Let's

discuss our personal beliefs about some of the great unknowables. We'll seek inspiration from each other. We'll draw on the Humanist Manifesto, the Nicene Creed, Bertrand Russell's Liberal Decalogue, the Ten Commandments, Zoroastrian beliefs and our UU Principles. We'll seek answers to questions like, "How do we know what is good and bad conduct?", and "How do we get ourselves to be good?" All in one easy session! Tuesday, June 14 from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., in the Fuchs Library. Advance registration is appreciated, but not required. Sign up at church or email office@uubloomington.org. Led by Guy Loftman.



Summer Solstice and Full Moon Ritual June 19

Our congregation's chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans will sponsor a Summer Solstice and Full Moon ritual on Sunday, June 19. Ceremonies will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The event is open to the entire congregation and the Bloomington community. We will celebrate the longest day and take note of the beginning of the return of the darkness. The full moon marks a time of concluding activities and mindfulness about other activities that need to happen in our lives. Bring yourselves and your circumstance and some food to share with others after the ritual. All are welcome.



What's Recyclable?

Our stalwart cleaning contractor sorts and delivers the church's recyclable trash to the Recycling Center each month.

Recycling bins are located on the north wall of the Trash Room, off the Kitchen. Please note the list of recyclable items on the list posted on the Trash Room door. We can no longer recycle pizza boxes because the food residue attracts vermin. We want to reduce, reuse, and recycle as much as possible, but need to be sure we don't put non-recyclables in with items that can be recycled. Thanks for your help.

Ready To Sign The Book?



If you have participated in the Exploring Unitarian Universalism class and are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, June 19 in the Meditation Room (Room

207B) at 10:30 am. Please contact Dee Lane at 331-1867 no later than Monday, June 13 if you want to sign the book on Sunday, June 19. Dee Lane, for the Membership Committee

Adult Religious Education Proposals Invited

It is not too late to submit your proposal for a fall offering for Adult Religious Education. Appropriate topics are theology, UU history, spiritual growth, ethics and religion, and world religions. UUs make it fun and easy - they love controversy and a chance to express their opinion. The proposal form is available at www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc. The form can be returned to the office or e-mailed to are@uubloomington.org. --Marjorie Crosby, ARE Co-Chair

Youth Groups Will Re-convene in September

Our YUUMS, Young UU Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) and YRUU, Young Religious UUs ages 14-20, will begin meeting again on Sunday evenings in early September. For information on these programs, contact Barbara Moss, bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, maschrad@indiana.edu.

DRE Position Available in Fort Wayne

at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne, Indiana. A flexible schedule is offered for a 12 to 15 hour-per-week Director of Religious Education, Aug 1 to June 15 (46 weeks). Salary range is \$7,500 to \$8,500. A liberal religious outlook is necessary and a college degree in education or religion is preferred. Further info is posted on our bulletin board.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

June 12 – First & Second Services

Preschool & Lower Elementary – Beth Lodge-Rigal & Russell Boulding– music
Upper Elementary – Lisa Minor – Heifer Project

June 19 – First Service

Preschool – Matthias Weber – Creation Stories and Myths
Elementary – Peggy Schultz & Dorothy Sowell – Green Eggs & Ham

June 19 -- Second Service

Preschool – Christine Wagner & Ann Kamman – Creation Stories & Myths
Lower Elementary – Debby Hebernick & Dorothy Sowell – Father's Day
Upper Elementary – Alice Dobie-Galuska & Tom Wilson – belly dance

****Very important note on Childcare**– If you take your children to the childcare room, be sure to sign them in so that the childcare staff knows which children they are in charge of.

May 29 I presented information to the children on Heifer Project's Read to Feed. I gave children a book, bookmark, folder for collecting pledges and information on which animal they might want to purchase. We will be continuing to talk about Heifer Project this summer during our Sunday Children's Chapel in Fellowship Hall after the Children's moment. If you want more information or want a packet for your child, please see either me or Kitty.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be an assistant in a RE class this summer. Your response was wonderful! We still need someone to share their passion with the elementary age children on June 26 (first service) and August 7th (second service) and 9 more assistants. Special thanks to Jim Thurmond and Bob Gonyea who put up the playground fence on Sunday morning, June 5.

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education



Notably for Newcomers

this was lost; I've called Paul and left a message.

---Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, June 12, from 12:15-2:15 in Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch and beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share ideas and concerns about staying connected with our adult children. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@att.net

DRE Relations Committee

To strengthen the quality of our Religious Education program, the Director of Religious Education Relations Committee serves as a support mechanism for the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and as a communication network between the DRE and the congregation. The DRE Relations Committee functions to acknowledge the sometimes isolated nature of the DRE's job, to offer support, to help with problem solving, to advocate for the DRE and to relay negative and positive information to her in a constructive manner. The committee is newly active, and we welcome and appreciate congregational input. The members of this committee are Carol Hostetter (339-5779), Adam Leite (333-9822) and Janice Lilly (339-4419). Please feel free to contact any of us.

Join the UU Coaching Network !

The UU Coaching Network (UUCN) is growing and invites you to join! This non-profit association is a community of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion. To learn of its mission and how you can benefit from membership, please visit www.uucoachingnetwork.org . If you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a resource to find the right coach for you. Lisa Martelli, UUCN, Board of Trustees, Baystate Coaching, lisa@baystatecoaching.com www.baystatecoaching.com

YUUMS Group Helps the Homeless

A group of our Young UU Middle Schoolers (YUUMS), pictured below, recently participated in a fundraising walk for the homeless.

[labyrinth]



“Healing Heart/Healing Body” Sharing Circle

Saturday, June 18 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Come join Rev. Barbara Carlson and Syndee Earheart in the Meeting Room for a “Healing Heart/Healing Body” Sharing Circle on Saturday, June 18 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. You are encouraged to come with a healing intention for your heart, body, family, community, country, or world. There will also be an opportunity for the “laying on of loving hands.” If you would like more information, please call Syndee at (812) 333-LOVE.

UU Bulletin Board

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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.