

The Prologue

July 5, 2005



Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

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

A Dark Age or a New Era?

Reverend Dr. Clarke Wells, Guest Minister

The first sign that you're living in a dark age, observed T.S. Eliot, is that you don't know you're in one. I'll take the hardest look I ever took at this land I love, make some dire judgments and share some deep hopes.

Sunday, July 17, 2005 9:00 to 11:15 a.m.

"From the Light a Dove is Born: Exploring the Creative Spirit"

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

As part of my focus on poetry and the creative spirit this month, I will explore the prolific writings of **May Sarton** (1912-1995) and **Pablo Neruda** (1904-1973). **May Sarton**, born in Belgium, grew up in Cambridge, MA; she produced over 50 books including novels, poetry, memoirs and journals. Sarton had a long association with Unitarian Universalism. **Chilean born Pablo Neruda**, considered one of the greatest Spanish-language poets of the 20th century, produced a diverse collection of poetry and writings. Neruda was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.

"To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf of sunlight, or a grain of sand. To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud. To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music. Worship is loneliness seeking communion; it is a thirsty land crying out for rain. Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the mystery beyond." Jacob Trapp (1899-1992)

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.

MAM's Musings

I decided to exercise my freedom as a United States citizen this 4th of July by joining in a *Freedom Walk for Tibet*, which started at the Sample Gates intersecting the campus and downtown Bloomington. Joining with the visiting Tibetan Buddhist Monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery, I, along with other local supporters of Tibetan Freedom, marched and chanted amidst colorful flags, signs and heartfelt chants. One of the sponsors of the march walked up to me during our 3 mile walk, and reminded me that such protests would be met with arrests in the homeland of these monks. I was reminded of the freedom on which this country was founded, and that the government is said to derive its consent from the governed, and

whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. (Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776)

As I marched that morning for Tibetan Freedom, I did march for freedom everywhere. And the voice of Universalist Minister Clinton Lee Scott (1887 to 1885), whom I had quoted in my sermon the day before, walked with and echoed in my being.,

Universalism had its rise in the time and spirit of American Independence... From the beginning, Universalists championed the reforms and movements, which are the best expressions of freedom and democracy in action. They early took a stand against slavery, were leaders in civil liberties, and in prison reform. They made the first fight for separation of Church and State, before this principle was incorporated into the Bill of Rights. [Universalism] is a living religion for living persons. (Dr. Clinton Lee Scott, September 30, 1946)

May we live well the spirit of our Universalist heritage, MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

10,000 Thanks!

The *Tao* says the world is made of the 10,000 things.

I say, "10,000 thanks" for the world of gifts you gave to me at the farewell service. Thank you to Rev. Macklin (alias *Vulcan*) and Rev. Breeden (alias *Klinton*) and to all the others for creating such a beautiful and joyful send-off. Also to Denise Breeden-Ost for an altar with some of my treasured keepsakes, and to Cookie Lynch for helping plan the service, and for her poem; and for twelve yellow roses (plus one for good measure!) presented by 12 past Presidents of the Congregation. Thanks, too, to Sally Todd and the Heartland String Band for music.

Thanks to you who sent notes and cards and photos for the Scrapbook compiled by Glenda Breeden with the handmade paper and covers by Patricia Coleman.

And for all the notes we received in the mail. Your messages touch my heart.

Thanks to Beth Hollingsworth who organized the festive feast with assistance from Pep Sobrer and Cindy Port. Thanks to Chef David Cox and the kitchen helpers, servers, and cleaner-uppers. And to all those who worked behind the scenes before, during and after.

The watercolor of our church and the check from the congregation are deeply appreciated.

The last time I "retired" I went to seminary.

Stay tuned. ☺

You are a great people. I love you.

Reverend Barbara Carlson, *Minister Emerita*

Attendance Figures

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Total
Sunday, June 26	78	113	191
Sunday, July 3	83		126
	209		

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community B&B Directory for UUs is Available

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly Homecomings) recently launched a new website at www.UUreHome.com, where entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition, which is published every year in April, is still available. For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

A Cultural Pageant of Tibet

Friday, July 8 at 7pm

Meeting Room

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington

Our Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington will be the site of a "Cultural Pageant of Tibet" this Friday, featuring the monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery.

This cultural pageant will feature the Tibetan Monks from the *The Sacred Art Tour Group from Drepung Gomang Monastery*, and will include harmonic overtone chanting of traditional prayers, accompanied by temple instruments, including horns, flutes, bells and drums. Wearing richly brocaded costumes, the monks will also perform sacred and ethnic dance, with explanations of each piece. They will also offer examples of monastic debate. This Cultural Pageant of Tibet, is open to the public. It is a non-profit fundraiser for the Drepung Gomang Monastery, and the suggested donation is \$15 (\$10 seniors and students.)

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Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (82%); Rev. Bill Breeden (82%). Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has specific areas of focus.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

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

He will be away July 3-13.

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.

Keep Those Pledges Comin' ☺

Many thanks to all of you who have been sending in your summer pledge checks. We are slowly catching up to where we should be in pledge income for this time of year, and everyone's attention is greatly appreciated!

Our 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*, bross.indiana@sbcglobal.net for YUUMS, or for YRUU, *Margie Schrader*, aschrad@indiana.edu.

Our Folks...

Our Healing thoughts are with *Marcia Harlow* who broke her ankle last week, while watering her garden.

The paintings of *Cem Basman* and *Patricia Coleman* are on display at Encore Café through July 31 as part of the BloomingArts series.

Exploring UU Class Begins Sunday, July 10

The July 10 and July 17 Exploring Unitarian Universalism class will meet from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Fuchs Library. Class members will meet others who are perhaps new to the church and will investigate such things as UU beliefs, history and sources. Any questions, call Paul Lane at 331-1867.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

Bring Your Fire to the Green Sanctuary Taskforce on Global Climate Change!

Please come to our meeting on Sunday, July 10th at 1 PM in the church Library. Summer heat is a reminder that climate change is upon us - with implications for all aspects of our lives. (See the articles in *The New Yorker* 4/25-5/09.) The General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association has voted to make climate change its social justice issue for 2005-6. Our taskforce is exploring how our congregation could take action to become a Green Sanctuary. (The question will later come to a meeting of the full congregation.) Our taskforce needs people with diverse interests and talents, including religious education, lobbying, technical expertise, and practical initiative in energy conservation. All are very welcome. Please visit or join us on the 10th, or for more information contact David Keppel 331-2815 keppel@sbcglobal.net <<mailto:keppel@sbcglobal.net>> David Keppel 1308 North Maple Street #22 Bloomington, IN 47404-3367 (812) 331-2815

How Sharing Our Building Benefits the Congregation

One of the ways we reach out to the Bloomington community as a congregation is by sharing our beautiful building with a variety of activities that are consonant with our Mission Statement. In addition to providing space for many different musical events, we also have hosted yoga workshops, environmental groups, social workers' meetings, and lots of non-member weddings and ceremonies of union.

All these groups give back to the congregation, mostly by making a financial donation in return for use of space. The Finance Committee determines the amount of the financial donation we request, adjusting amounts from time to time.

Members of the congregation may also reserve church space for non-church events. If they are pledging members, they make a reduced donation in return for use of space (about half of what non-pledgers pay). Some community social justice-related groups also may use our building for events or meetings for a reduced amount, after applying for assistance to one of our Social Justice Task Forces. Scheduling for all events (both church and non-church) is done by the Church Administrator, Carol Marks.

The result of all this is three-fold. 1) We make it possible for more good work to happen in Bloomington by providing space. 2) Our sharing is good public relations for our congregation. The Congregational budget benefits by receiving income from the donations people make in return for use of our space.

All questions about use of our facilities should be directed to our Church Administrator, Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org, 332-3695.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

We need YOU to help us explain our UU beliefs to the children and youth in this congregation! Sign up to teach this fall at the RE table in the commons. The teacher orientation is on August 27th.

Religious Education classes for July 10th

1st Service:

Preschool – Matthias Weber –Lightning and Thunder (tentative)

Elementary –Bob Flynn and Armin Moczek-Frisbee

2nd service

Preschool – Yara Cluver and Jon Peters - Cooperation

Lower Elementary – Noretta Koertge, Cindy Brandes and Emma Rush-Moving Air

Upper Elementary – Christy True, Daniel Reed, and Sharon Yarber-African Dance and Drumming

July 17th

1st Service:

Preschool – Matthias Weber and Rhonda Baird-Seasons (tentative)

Lower Elementary –Regina DiLamore and TBA - Yoga

Upper Elementary-Beth Lodge Rigal and Pam MacLaughlin-Song Writing

2nd service

Preschool – Christine Wagner and Ann Kamman

Lower Elementary – Noretta Koertge, Cindy Brandes and Emma Rush-When the Earth Moves

Upper Elementary – Beth Lodge Rigal and Pam MacLaughlin-Song Writing

We still need assistants for
July 17th first service with Regina DiLamore (yoga)

July 31st first service with Tom Wilson (paper airplanes)

August 7th second service with Katie Peebles (UUs around the world)

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education



Notably for Newcomers

Rev. Carlson shared this with me, and I want to share an edited version with you. Rev. Suzanne Meyer writes that some people think church is like a dose of penicillin. When something is ailing your soul, go get a shot of church to fix you right up. In actuality, church is like vitamins, the regular use of which builds you up. Participation in a community of faith won't ensure troubles never come your way, but it may help to bolster your emotional, spiritual, and human resources in advance of hard times.

Some people think church is like McDonald's. Drive up to the window and order what you need. Give me some spirituality with a side order of ethics, and make it snappy! In truth, church is like your mama's kitchen. If you want something, get up and fix it yourself. Church is a cooperative institution., Everyone is expected to participate in the creation of community. The church exists to teach us how to serve, not how to place our orders.,

Some people think church is like a warm bath. It's supposed to make you feel comfortable and good all over. In fact, church is more like a cold shower or a wake up call to your soul. Sometimes it's necessary for the church to disturb you in order to prick your conscience. The church exists not make us comfortable but to teach us how to comfort.

-Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Church Administrator Out Through July 10: *Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It...*

Our Church Administrator, Carol Marks, will be out of the office June 21-28, and July 2-10 and she insists that the church will not self-destruct while she is away. *Prologue* folding that week will be on Wednesday, July 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

Office hours will vary but are posted.



G.A. Delegates Are Back!

Look for comments from them in future Prologues.

UU Bulletin Board

"Civil Marriage is a Civil Right" Task force will be holding a kickoff meeting and lunch in Fellowship Hall following the second service on July 17th. As we celebrate the recent approval of gay marriage in Canada and Spain we will organize and move forward on our mission which is to defeat the Indiana Constitutional Amendment "SJR 7" that limits the rights of marriage to heterosexuals only. If you want to tell your grandchildren that you were on the frontline of the civil rights struggle of the early 21st century come join us. We have work to do!!

For more information or to help with the lunch preparations please contact Mary Mahern mdmahern@bloomington.in.us, Jim Delpha jadelph@wmconnect.com or Judi Epp jepp@rnetinc.net

ARE OFFERINGS FOR THE FALL CAN STILL BE SUBMITTED-- DEADLINE IS JULY 15TH

The Adult Religious Ed Committee continues to accept proposals for this fall. Several topics of interest are already planned including offerings on the topics of theology, human sexuality, the historical Jesus, and studies of the cosmos. To access the proposal form by e-mail go to www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc. It can also be submitted by e-mail by sending to are@uubloomington.org or doing it the old-fashioned way by contacting the office.

THANKS TO GROCERY SHOPPERS!

Thanks to all of you, the grocery certificate program donated \$4000 in Fiscal year 2004/2005. For 2005-2006, we have pledged \$4,500. To meet this goal, we need to sell \$1,800 in certificates EACH Sunday. Please remember to write your check each Sunday to meet our new goal. When you buy certificates for Bloomingfoods, Marsh or Kroger, 5% of the purchase price becomes a donation to the church. You get the buying power of the full amount purchased when you shop at the store.

Jan Skinner

DVD Of June 27 Can Be Ordered

DVD video of June 27 retirement ceremony for Rev. Carlson can be ordered in Room 204 if you pay in advance (\$3.00) DVD will be mailed to you so be sure we have your address!

Large Print Available

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available at all of our Sunday services. Hearing assist devices are also available. Please see the Greeters for any of these items.

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Sufi Dancing

3rd Monday at 7:00pm. Call Sura Tala for information, 336-4050.

New Library Books

Moral Politics: How Liberals and Conservatives

Think, Lakoff, George - 172

A Small Treatise on The Great Virtues, Comte-Sponville, Andre - 179.9

The Sins of Scripture: Exposing the Bible's Texts of Hate to Reveal the God of Love, Spong, John Shelby - 220.6

Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames, Nhat Hanh, Thich - 294.3

The New Buddhism, Brazier, David - 294.33

Wealth and Democracy: A Political History of the American Rich, Phillips, Keven - 305.5

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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.