

The Prologue

July 18, 2005



Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, July 24, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

**Deep Ecology, the Universe Story and the Conservation of Nature
The Sunday Services Committee, with John Seed, guest speaker**

Deep ecology is a philosophy of nature which sees that there is a spiritual crisis underlying our ecological problems. Modern humans suffer from an illusion of separation from nature due to human-centeredness. John Seed, Australian activist and co-author of *Thinking Like a Mountain*, will speak about how we may nourish ecological identity, empowerment and vision. He will also describe rainforest conservation and other projects which he has initiated around the world. Other guests are Bil Whitefeather and Darrell Breeden. See Page 6.

In keeping with our mission to bring the full richness of the lay community into Sunday worship several times a year, our Sunday Services Committee is grateful for the opportunity to bring the gifts of both our Unitarian Universalist and larger community to this service.

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**Sunday, July 31, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**A Frost in July -- Rev. Bill Breeden**

The poetry of Robert Frost in the midst of a long, hot, summer.

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Coffee Every Sunday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.: Remember to stay after or come early for our fellowship hour every Sunday between the services, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and tea and conversation available. There are also opportunities to purchase Kroger-Marsh-Bloomingfoods certificates and fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate, sign petitions, write letters, and get information on a variety of social justice issues.

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.



Our Chapter of the Covenant of UU Pagans meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the church Library, 7:30 p.m. All those interested in earth-centered religions and philosophies are welcome. Info: ros wag@kiva.net. Next meeting is August 10.

Moment with the Ministers

Last Sunday, many members and friends of our Bloomington congregation participated in a 2 mile walk of solidarity (some physically walked, others joined us in spirit or helped with car pooling) to the Islamic Center of Bloomington in response to last week's firebombing of the mosque. In addition, a donation of support was collected at our Sunday morning worship services, and Past President Anne Haynes presented a check to the Bloomington Islamic Center for \$468. As your ministers, we are deeply honored to serve a congregation that gives feet, hands and generosity to the spirit of our principles. The following words were offered at the interfaith gathering Sunday afternoon, July 17, which took place at the Islamic Center. --Mary Ann and Bill

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Salam aliekum

Greetings from the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church. We come today to stand with our brothers and sisters of the Islamic Community of Bloomington. Before beginning our walk over here today, we gathered in our house of worship, and sang these words:

*One more step
We will take one more step
Til there is peace for us
And everyone,
We'll take one more step. (Joyce Poley, 1986)*

We pledge this day to raise our voices of peace and tolerance for people of all faiths. We pledge this day to walk with our feet and to work with our hands, to eliminate the fear and ignorance that breeds bigotry and violence in our community. We affirm the oneness of the

human family and celebrate our diversity, which brings color to our lives, and joy to our hearts.

We affirm our solidarity with you, the members and friends of the Islamic Center in Bloomington, and consider terrorism against you as terrorism against all of us.

Here we'd like to note that we [Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden] are both wearing stoles with pictures of children from all over the world and diverse faith traditions. May your community be blessed, and may the children and grandchildren of our communities continue to gather in celebration, love and respect for one another for many generations to come.

*En Shallah
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Reverend Bill Breeden
Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington*

Attendance Figures

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Total
Sunday, July 10	95	122	217
Sunday, July 17	73	139	212

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*, bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net for YUUMS, or for YRUU, *Margie Schrader*, maschrad@indiana.edu

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Habitat for Humanity Opportunities To help Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County by working on building a house or in other ways, contact UU Habitat for Humanity Task Force co-chair Barb Berggoetz at 876-6659 or barbberg@altavista.com.

Community Kitchen Volunteers To help at Community Kitchen, contact Libby DeVoe at 336-8688 or edevoe@indiana.edu. Also, there will be a breakfast fundraiser for the Kitchen at Bell Trace on August 13 and a Cajun Picnic fundraiser on August 21 at Bryan Park. See our bulletin board for details.

Support Lotus and Get Free PR for our Congregation If you would like to make a donation to the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, and also help our congregation get some excellent publicity, write "UUs for Lotus" on the memo line of your donation check payable to "Lotus Education and Arts Foundation" (or "LEAF") and mail it to Lotus Education Office, 103 N College Av, Bloomington IN 47404. Checks received before Aug. 1st will get our name on the printed marketing materials for this year's festival. Checks received up until Sep 10th will raise that level of sponsorship in all final marketing tools and in every concert's opening remarks. Be a part of "Unitarian Universalists for Lotus." Questions? Cem Basman, 335-1393; Deb Hutton, 334-4103.

Volunteer at Templeton this Fall UU member Barb Schwegman, special ed/preschool and Kindergarten teacher at Templeton Elementary, is seeking several continuous volunteers for her classrooms during the 2005-06 school year. Call Barb soon for details, 331-8107.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.
Office hours: M, T, Th, F
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th
Office hours: M, T, F

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



Water Service is Aug 28

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

Pledges for 04-05 Still Needed ☺

Here at the change of the fiscal year (Fiscal Year 05-06 began on July 1) we really appreciate your indicating on the memo line of your check which year it is for (04-05 or 05-06) so we can be as perfect as possible in our pledge records. Many thanks to all who have been catching up on your pledges!

Our Folks...

Our prayers and thoughts of sympathy are with *Dick and Jane Norris*, on the death of Robin Pfister, the mother of their two grandchildren.

Friends and members of our congregation will read their poetry on Friday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Runcible Spoon: *Vid Beldavs, Avis Beldavs, Denise Breeden-Ost, Patricia C. Coleman, David Keppel, Jack King, Carol Marks.*

All are invited to pianist *Sally Todd's* recital on Sunday, August 7 in Ford Hall. Works will include the Schubert A Major Sonata, D. 959 and selections from Bartok, Louie, and Merula.

Former member *Rebecca Crystal* has received a call to the Unitarian Universalist ministry, and will begin her studies at Meadville-Lombard Theological School soon.

Ready To Sign The Book?

If you have participated in the Exploring UU class and are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the book is Sunday, August 21 between the services at 10:30 am in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) on the second floor. Contact Dee Lane at 331-1867 no later than Monday, August 15 if you want to sign the book on Sunday, August 21.

--Dee Lane for the Membership Committee

Summer Religious Education Works on Heifer Project

Parents: Are your children reading for the Heifer Project this summer? Are people pledging to raise funds for animals? We will gather our money at the end of the summer and decide which animals we will purchase. Details, contact Director of Religious Education Lisa Minor, 332-3695.

Join the Choir!

The choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday evening, August 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. All are welcome. No experience necessary. Childcare provided. Data shows choral singers are far more likely to be involved in charity work and in the political process and become major consumers of other arts. Adult choristers testify that choral singing made them aware of people's life experiences. They report that the discipline, attention to detail, and sense of teamwork inherent in choral singing improves their daily life experience with family and work. And clinical studies have proven that singing in choirs boosts your immune system.

Plus, it's fun! --Susan Swaney, Music Director

Renowned Environmentalist John Seed to Speak at Both Services July 24

John Seed is founder and director of the Rainforest Information Centre in Australia. Since 1979, he has been involved in direct actions which have resulted in protection of the Australian rainforests. In 1984, he helped initiate the U.S. Rainforest Action Network which grew out of the first of his many U.S. roadshows.

John has created numerous projects protecting rainforests in South America, Asia and the Pacific through providing benign and sustainable development projects for their indigenous inhabitants. He has written and lectured extensively on deep ecology and has been conducting Councils of All Beings and other re-Earthing workshops in Australia, North America, Japan, India, Thailand, and Europe for 20 years.

With Joanna Macy, Pat Fleming and Professor Arne Naess, John wrote *Thinking Like a Mountain –Towards a Council of All Beings* which has been translated into ten languages. He is an accomplished bard and songwriter and since 1981 has produced five albums of environmental songs and has scripted and produced six films. In 1995 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) by the Australian Government for services to conservation and the environment. He regularly lectures at universities in Australia, the U.S., the U.K. and Asia.

We welcome John Seed to our pulpit this coming Sunday, July 24.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

July 24, First Service

Preschool: Matthias Weber & Rhonda Baird, Creation Stories

Elementary: Iris Kiesling & Mary Blizzard – political movement

July 24, Second Service

Preschool: Christine Wagner & Ann Kamman, "How the Turtle Carried the World"

Lower Elementary: Iris Kiesling, Tamara Camens & Amy Cox

Upper Elementary: Angela Smith & Lisa Minor

July 31, First Service

Preschool: Matthias Weber, Creation Stories

Elementary: Tom Wilson & Bob Paper Airplanes

July 31, Second Service:

Preschool: Christine Wagner & Ann Kamman, "How the World was lit up by a bonfire"

Lower Elementary: Cherry Merritt-Darriau & Tamara Camens, "Chanting drums and meditation – Get Centered!"

Several years ago Cathy Larson wrote "Eight Reasons to be a Religious Education Teacher". We made them into bookmarks and they are on the Religious Education Table in the Commons. Here are a few of the reasons:

- A typical Sunday includes chalice lighting, a story or discussion, a craft and a snack.
- There is an entire curriculum geared to each grade level with tons of lesson plans, song lyrics and activity ideas
- You don't need to know a lot about UU principles or history.
- It's a great way to spend quality time with your children.
- You get to meet and work with some really cool kids
- There is a great support staff.

Why don't you stop by and sign up to teach on Sunday!? A member of the Religious Education Committee will be on hand to help you and answer any questions you might have.

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education



Notably for Newcomers

Someone asked me recently what it means to be a "Welcoming Congregation," and this column is in response to that question.

Each year the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association votes on a number of resolutions intended to affect the manner in which its staff, member organizations, congregations, and individual UUs address the social issues of the day. These resolutions, created by member congregations, often place the Association at the edge of social change. This is particularly evident in the body of resolutions passed pertaining to the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons. Since 1970, the UUA has enacted a total of eleven resolutions in support of GLBT persons and their particular needs.

One of those resolutions, the one in question, encourages all UUs to become aware of, and to educate themselves about, issues that affect lesbian and gay persons. This resolution also funded the development of a program by which a church or fellowship could become a "Welcoming Congregation," one which openly affirms the presence of gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons (1989).

Our church became a Welcoming Congregation ten years ago, on June 6, 1995, after participating in an in-depth congregation-wide process with that end as the goal.

-Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Lammas Ritual July 31

All are welcome to at the Covenant of UU Pagans' Lammas Ritual on Sunday, July 31 in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrations of solstices and equinoxes and cross-quarter days are sponsored by our church's pagan group throughout the year. For details, contact Beckie Wagner, 876-8062.

Large Print Materials Available Each Sunday

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. Large-print versions of the Prologue can also be made available upon request to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

Youth/Young Adult Bridging Ceremony Features Siri Larsen



The 2005 youth to young adult bridging ceremony was held at UUA General Assembly on Saturday

evening, June 25th, in the main arena at the Fort Worth Convention Center. *Siri Larsen*, of our congregation, gave the Youth Voice remarks. Here is part of what she said:

"I feel like everywhere I go, I see people shielding their eyes, turning away from what they don't wish to know. Many have forgotten that we all live as part of an interdependent web of life. Very often, youth aren't looked to as the ones currently doing the good work to

be done. We are often referred to as "the future" and that we should be learning from our elders what to do when they're gone or when they're done leading...as if the progress WE'RE making right now isn't as important. It seems to me that those kind of ideas come from comparisons to the past and expectations about what we are or will be, rather than from a curiosity to find out is true now."

"The future I want to be a part of comes from all people of all ages letting go of expectations and comparisons and being full of ambition and curiosity to seek the new and unknown."

"Bridgers, I wish for you a wonderful and meaningful experience as you become an integral part of the young adult community. I hope you stay a cherished and indescribably important part of the youth community. I encourage you to step away from the known and take a step toward the unknown. Go forth in your ventures with your eyes wide open and your hearts full of wonder."

Sufi Dancing Dances of Universal Peace, third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Info: Sura Tala, 336-4050.

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Volunteers Needed for UU

District Roles Volunteers are needed at the Heartland UU District Office in Indianapolis to help sort out and archive financial records from the former Michigan and Ohio Valley districts. Also volunteers are needed for the following committee positions:

- *Annual Meeting Co-Chairs
- *Communications Committee Co-Chairs
- *Leadership Development Cmte Co-Chairs
- *Social Justice Co-Chairs

To volunteer, contact Barbara Hamilton at the Heartland UU District office at 888-948-4883 or office@heartlanduu.org.

October B&B Weekend on Martha's Vineyard with Island UUs

On October 7-9, 2005, the Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard has prepared a relaxing weekend on the island, including fishing, golf (you pay greens fees), shopping, lighthouse tour, art and craft gallery viewing, drawing and writing workshops, time on the beach. Cost is \$250 per person, kids 5-12 half-price, kids under 5, free. Early reservation discount: reserve by August 15 and pay only \$225 per person. Includes accommodations, island transportation, breakfasts and dinners, plus two delightful evenings of Island Entertainment (meet Island Mystery writers and listen to Island Musicians.) For reservations Call Maru Slayman or Bill Shay at 508-693-8649.

If you ask what my poetry is, I must say, I don't know. But if you ask my poetry, it will tell you who I am!

Pablo Neruda (1904-1973)

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Continuing Painting Projects Welcome Volunteers

We are still working on finishing our interior painting of hallways and stairwells, and welcome volunteers to assist with this as well as the painting of Room 207A, one of the ministers' offices, which is being redecorated to serve as a study and counseling room. If you would like to help, contact Darrell Breeden, 320-6374 (mobl) or safety@jtexpress.info. We'd like to finish these projects by August 28.

...the composed imagination reaches Up and down to find its own frontier. All landscapes crystallize and focus here. May Sarton (1912-1995)

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Prologue on the Webpage?

If you would rather not receive a paper Prologue, we will send you an email to tell you when the newest issue is posted to our website. Let us know at admin@uubloomington.org.

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.