

The Prologue

August 29, 2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana Congregation founded 1949
Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, September 4, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

For The Love Of Labor -- Reverend Bill Breeden

A celebration of those who labor and the dreams that keep them going. The Choir will sing "The Mill" with soloists Pam MacLaughlin and Licia Weber.

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

Stay Together, Learn the Flowers, Go Light

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

"Stay together, Learn the flowers, Go light." These words of wisdom are offered by the poet Gary Snyder as advice for the 21st century. They are a spiritual affirmation of belonging and being. In this worship service, while recognizing the significance of the September 11th date, we will explore the intimacy and ultimacy of belonging in a 21st century liberal religious community. Our choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing Argento's "Sonnet" and "A Blessing" by Eric Howe.

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.

Social Justice Empowerment Workshop

Friday, Sept 16, 7:00-9:00pm; Saturday, Sept 17, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Sign up at the Social Justice table in the Commons. More information in "The West Window" on Page 2 and in Common Ground. Hope you all will consider joining us!

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.

September 25, Habitat for Humanity Task Force

October 2, Robert Jensen, of the journalism faculty of the University of Texas at Austin, on "Hijacking Democracy." Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Task Force.

MAM's Musings

I extend an embrace of gracious gratitude for everyone who brought your waters, shells and stones to share for our Water Communion Service this past Sunday. The merging of waters, hopes, joys and sorrows is an important annual tradition of this community and many Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout our denomination. Please note: those of you who brought stones, shells or plant life and would like to retrieve your objects, they are in the ministers' office. Please pick them up before September 15th; on that date they will become part of our beloved church grounds landscape. Of course, thanks to everyone who was present at the service, either physically or with us in spirit, the merging waters of your souls are always with us.

As I mentioned in the Water Communion Service, water itself is the simplest of compounds yet so vital to our lives. It also, of course, can be a destructive force. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who have are facing the harsh realities of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

Also, in a recent message from our Unitarian Universalist President Reverend William Sinkford, I learned the following regarding the land of our Unitarian heritage: "Tuesday night August 23, the area of the Nyiko Valley of Transylvania was hit with an 8-foot wall of water in a flash flood that swept through the Unitarian villages of Simenfalva, Kobatfalva and Kadacs (located today in Romania). Rev. Lajos Lorinczi reports that every household in Simenfalva, a village of 1000, was impacted. Two women died in Simenfalva and three more in Kadacs as the waters rushed through taking livestock, crops, food and wood stockpiles, utensils, furniture, and in some cases entire houses

and barns. To learn more about this tragedy and possible responses, you can go to www.uua.org or contact the Unitarian Universalist Association at 617-742-2100. In Peace, Mary Ann Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (MAM), Minister

The West Window

It is Sunday evening in Bloomington. As I write, my mind is already en route to Death Row in Michigan City, Indiana. Tomorrow I will meet with Art Baird, a man scheduled to be killed at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 31st. I have agreed to be Art's spiritual advisor and am now praying for the strength and wisdom to help him discover his own dignity even in the face of his execution. It is my hope that as you read this you will celebrate the fact that either the courts or the Governor recognized the moral insanity of executing the mentally ill and called it off. If not, I will continue to pray for the soul of our nation.

I give thanks for this congregation. Rev. Macklin and I could not do ministry were it not for the strength we gain from so many who give of themselves in the effort to bring a sense of justice and the gift of compassion to those less fortunate. This community abounds with those involved in social justice work. We want to celebrate that work and inspire more of us to do more of it.

On September 16th and 17th, we will have a **Social Justice Empowerment Workshop** at our church, and we want you to be there. We will have fun, and we will discover all that we do and more that we might do. See the information in the Common Ground, and plan to join us. After all, we are only responsible for the world in which we live.

Peace, bill Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Support Lotus and Get Free PR for our Congregation If you plan to support the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, you can also help our congregation get free publicity. Write "UUs for Lotus" on the memo line of your donation check payable to "Lotus Education and Arts Foundation" (or "LEAF"); mail it to Lotus Education Office, 103 N College Av, Bloomington IN 47404 by Sept 10.

Soul Food Festival September 17 The Bloomington Black Business and Professional Association is sponsoring this great community event on Saturday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Karst Farm Park.

Clinical Trial to Benefit Subjects with ED Professor AI Strickholm of the IU School of Medicine is looking for subjects with erectile dysfunction (ED) for home trials with a medical prosthetic device for treating ED. Non-invasive, non-surgical, and without drugs. Needed are married men with partial to complete ED and some with no ED for controls. Send email to strickho@indiana.edu with "EPS Info request" in the subject line.

Shalom Center Needs Volunteers Contact Pam Kinnaman, 334-5728 or kinnaman@bloomington.in.us if you would like to help at Shalom Center with any of the following: Donut and Bagel Picker-Upper, Receptionist, Clerical Assistant, Kitchen Assistant, Shopper, Shalom Ambassador, Gardener. See details on our bulletin board.

Middle Way House Training Offered If you would like to be trained to assist victims of domestic violence, come to a training on Sept 10 or Sept 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at First United Methodist, Wesley Wing, Room 318-319. Volunteer opportunities available in over 20 different program areas at Middle Way House.

More info: mwhouse@bloomington.in.us, 333-7404.

Partners: a creative arts program for people with memory loss will be offered starting August 30, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-4:30 at the First United Church. This arts program was designed for people in early stages of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. Participants are matched with volunteers and together they build a legacy of creative work that documents life stories. There is a fee charged for this program. Transportation is available. Call Julie Hill 340-1283 or jmccolly@indiana.edu.

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.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

Office hours: M, T, Th, F

Rev. Macklin will be away Sept 26-30.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

Rev. Breeden will be away Sept 22-23.

CUUPS Meets September 14, 7:30 p.m.

All those interested in earth-centered philosophy and religion are welcome to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Covenant of UU Pagans, second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in our Library.

Our Folks... Our thoughts and prayers are with all our friends and family members who are affected by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath.

Women's Alliance Meets Sept 1

First Fall Women's Alliance meeting is Thursday, Sept 1st, 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come, bring a sandwich, enjoy fellowship. Hostesses will provide drinks and dessert. Childcare provided.

Meadowood Service Provided

Monthly Each month on the first Sunday at 3:00 p.m., one of our ministers provides a short worship service for members of the Meadowood Community. Rev. Breeden will be preaching there on September 4.

September 11 Interfaith Forum at Congregation Beth Shalom

"The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
Pre-and- Post 9/11"

Sunday, September 11, 7:30 p.m.

For all of their differences, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam claim a common origin in the biblical patriarch Abraham and join one another in affirming the religious ideals of universal peace and harmony. Ours is not a peaceful time, though, in part because some of the most passionate adherents of the three great monotheistic religions have become advocates of extreme measures enacted in the name of faith.

To gain a more intimate understanding of the three Abrahamic religions--of what unites and what divides them--come to a special forum at Beth Shalom Synagogue on Sunday evening, September 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Presentations on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam will be made by three outstanding scholars of Indiana University--Steven Weitzman, Ellen Muehlberger, and Kevin

Jaques. The discussion that follows will be open to all. Details, call 334-2440.

Attention Thirty-Something Singles!!!

Are you interested in meeting other UU singles for monthly gatherings of conversation, friendship, and fun? If so, please contact the facilitator, Amy, at amyana@hotmail.com and include your name, age, and e-mail address (please type "UU" in the subject line). This is a new group supported by the Beacon Young Adult Network, an information source for increasing awareness of Young Adult-friendly church activities with an age focus of 18-35.

Youth Groups Start Up on September 11 with Family

Potluck Middle School and High School students and their parents are invited to a get-acquainted pot luck supper on Sunday, September 11 at 6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Parents, middle and high school students and Youth Facilitators will eat together. At around 6:30 P.M. youth will go to their regular meetings for Young Religious UUs (YRUU, ages 14-20) and Young UU Middle Schoolers (YUUMS, grades 6-8) and parents will also meet. At the parents meeting we will discuss the YUUMS and YRUU programs, our goals and the ways that parents can be involved. We will also register the youth and answer parents' questions. We are looking forward to meeting with you. Please bring a dish to serve 8 people and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

Thanks to Brandie Hartman for her great water story at the Children's Water Service on Sunday, August 28. Ask your child the relationship between water, crawdads and elephants. Thanks also to Charlotte Appel, Peggy Schultz, Beth Lodge-Rigal, Andrea Murray, Cindy Port, Thomas Kuhn and Melissa Keller who were presenters and workers at the Teacher Orientation this past Saturday. Volunteers are so important to our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth and we couldn't do it without you!

This Sunday, September 4, the Children will have a large group Religious Education Program in Fellowship Hall. Parents of preschoolers must accompany their child during the large group activity or take them to child care. Kindergarten children or older must attend the large group event or attend the adult service with their families. Jessica Mott from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard will be with us to share about what goes on at the food pantry. The children are invited to bring non-perishable food or money as a donation for the food pantry.

Sunday, September 11 we will have the first Sunday of regular Religious Education classes. Everyone will come into Fellowship Hall after the Children's Moment and those who have already registered will go right to class with their teachers. Those who have not registered will remain in Fellowship Hall with their parents to fill out registration forms.

Heifer Project money is now due. Parents, please have your children bring it in by September 4.

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education
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Notably For Newcomers



The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) is of recent origin. It came into being in Boston, Massachusetts, in May of 1961 (almost a hundred years after the first serious proposal for merger) with the consolidation of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Although Unitarians and Universalists have separate organizational histories in the United States, their antecedents are intertwined in past culture and religions.

Forrest Church, senior minister of the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City, has written, "We Unitarian Universalists have inherited a magnificent theological legacy. In a sweeping answer to creeds that divide the human family, Unitarianism proclaims that we spring from a common source; Universalism, that we share a common destiny. That we are brothers and sisters by nature, our Unitarian and especially our Universalist forebears affirmed as a matter of faith: Unitarianism by positing a single God, Universalism by offering the promise of a shared salvation."

Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

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New Member Biographies

Jason and Jennifer Blankenship

Jason and I met in Chicago at an intern table at Alligator Records in 1993. We started dating about 3 months after that and have been together ever since. I liked how he enjoyed talking about religion, and we were both comfortable pushing the boundaries of our ideas. He actually converted to Catholicism at one point. It came at a time when I, who was raised Catholic, was considering a change in religion. We realized we weren't being honest with our beliefs and our religious practices and began looking for a church we would feel comfortable raising our children in; we found it here. We hold honesty, compassion, respect, and acceptance sacred in our home. Here on Sunday we never feel judged, we only feel uplifted and relieved by the people in our community and our pastors. We look forward to a lifetime of growing spiritually within this religious home.

Stephanie Kimball and Victor Kelson

Vic is a hydrologist with WHPA, a consulting company dealing with water resource planning and protection of drinking water supplies. Inspired by Howard Dean's presidential campaign and care for the Bloomington community, Vic has become actively involved in local politics. In his spare time he plays with his two kids and enjoys golf, contradancing, music, and fishing. Vic has learned much about hope and patience from many years as a fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Stephanie Kimball grew up in Maryland, and attended Virginia Tech where she studied education and eventually earned her Ph.D.

After teaching for two years at Ball State, she married her husband Vic and moved to Bloomington. Stephanie currently homeschools her two children, Hans (5) and Anna (2). She also enjoys woodworking, writing, dancing, playing music, reading, running, having parties, and playing pinochle.

David Keppel

David Keppel is a writer and peace activist who moved to Bloomington from Connecticut in 2001. He is drawn to this church for its openness to uncertainty, its commitment to social justice, and its personal warmth. David is a member of Bloomington Peace Action Coalition and of this church's Green Sanctuary Taskforce on Global Climate Change. He enjoys hookless flyfishing.

Julia Karin Lawson and John R. Lawson

We returned to Bloomington after John retired from the federal government in 2002. We met here as graduate students in the late 1960's, married, and stayed long enough to have two sons, Robert, now married and living in Jersey City, and David, also married and living in Chicago. Julie first came to the UU Church to join the choir. John came to hear her sing, and we both finally felt comfortable in a church after many years of searching.

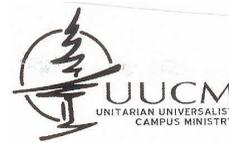
Laura Smith

Laura is a doctoral student in art history, focusing her research on American art, photography, and Native American art. She is originally from Indianapolis, but in the past 10 years or so has lived in Philadelphia getting a BFA in painting and in Albuquerque earning an MA. Before moving into the arts, she was a social worker for six years. She

works off grad school stress by chasing her cat Luna around or going hiking.

Michele Stone

I moved to Bloomington in 1975 from a small town in Indiana to attend IU. Providing a warm and nourishing nest for our three children became my central focus as an adult. I am drawn to the UU community for its commitment to peace and justice and to its ministers and congregation for their wisdom and devotion to service. I enjoy good friendships, wood working, spiritual questing, neighborly, reading, energy movement, and ballroom dancing with my husband Glenn Simonelli.



Campus Ministry Plans Regular Monthly Meetings

All those on campus interested in Unitarian Universalism are invited to join Heather Hansen and other like-minded folk on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kiva, below Burger King in the Union. Undergrads are especially encouraged to attend. Info, contact Heather at heahanse@indiana.edu.

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.

New Young Adult Worship in the Works -- Soulful Sundown!

There is a new kind of worship brewing at the UU Church of Bloomington and we're missing some ingredients: people, people and people! It's called Soulful Sundown and it's an excellent complement to the regular Sunday morning sermon-based worship. Soulful Sundown is a dynamic and participatory evening worship experience geared towards those who like to sing, sway, make noise and get up and dance! The model comes out of UUA Young Adult and Campus Ministry, so it is geared towards a younger audience, but is by no means age exclusive.

And we need your help! A successful Soulful Sundown service depends on reliable volunteers. We would like to hold our first Soulful Sundown in October. We're doing the planning two months in advance and we need your input. Contact Kelly Rauch at kellymrauch@yahoo.com or 876-4312. Soulful Sundown is supported by the Beacon Young Adult Network, an information source for increasing awareness of Young Adult friendly church activities with an age focus of 18-35.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Aug 21 9 a.m. 100, 11:15 217, Totl 317
Sun, Aug 28 9 a.m. 106, 11:15 216, Totl 322

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With a will to live, to build, to rekindle
The flame that has died.
Bless us with a spirit of embracing,
There is so much grief to embrace
Bless us with the power to sow
New crops, new lives, new hope.
For everything there is a season,
Let this be a season for love that can heal.

By Rev. Olivia Holmes

To everything there is a season
The ancient prayer of comfort says.

In the Unitarian villages of Transylvania
This is a time of weeping,
A time of mourning,
A time of dying
It is a time of loss, of grieving, of despair.

A wall of water – sweet life-giving water –
More than the earth can bear or hold
Rises beyond endurance
Sweeps through the valley
And leaves no home unhurt.
It is a time of loss, of grieving, of despair.

Some beloved ones are gone with the water
For mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters
It is a time of loss, of grieving, of despair

The crops are ruined
The livestock have died
Barns and houses are barren
There is no food, no feed
No supplies for the winter
No road or rail for help
It is a time of loss, of grieving, of despair

Great Spirit of Life, O Living Loving God
Bless us all who are left behind

Our Youth Groups Will Re-convene September 11

Our YUUMS, Young UU Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) and YRUU, Young Religious UUs (ages 14-20), will begin meeting again on Sunday evening September 11 at 6:00 p.m. See related article on Page ____.

New Nametags Ready

Check the nametag rack near Fellowship Hall for your new nametag if you ordered one in the last couple of months. Many thanks to Madeline Rivera-Gill for making the nametags for us!

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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.

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