

# The Prologue

October 24,

2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, October 30, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"El Dia de los Muertos: A Ritual of Remembrance"**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

Join us for this annual service of remembering and honoring the dead. Please bring a picture or small memento of an ancestor, a loved one, or a beloved pet that has died. A special altar will be created during the service to celebrate those who gave us life and love. Reflections on loss and transition will be offered. The choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing "Breaths" by Ysaye Barnwell and "Sonnet 64." Mary Mahern will offer the children's story regarding the tradition of "El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebrations. Children are invited to attend in costume.

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**Sunday, November 5, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"A Reason to Be Liberal" Reverend Bill Breeden**

A look at the philosophy of liberalism, past and present.

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**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](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

**October 30, Children's Task Force** We are eager for more heads and hands to help make real an inclusive and caring vision of "Kids Across Community." You'll learn about the CTF and how we can serve our kids in our community by supporting the Shalom Center, Stepping Stones, Templeton School, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. And of course we are open to more new ideas! Many of the activities we have in mind will involve UU children and youth as well as children in the larger community. There is only one kind of kid --- ours!

**Come Celebrate Samhein**, All Souls Night, Halloween, with the Covenant of UU Pagans, Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The wheel of life turns again, the veil between the worlds is thinnest, and we honor those who have gone on. Bring something which is significant of your loved one who has moved from this life to the next.

## From the Ministers

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Lisa Minor has decided to resign as our Director of Religious Education in order to pursue other interests. She has given over seven years in service to this congregation, overseeing a program that has mushroomed in size. The strength of the program is a credit to her commitment to the children of our church. We wish Lisa all the best in her new endeavors. A transition team has been appointed to discuss the needs of the program and determine the best way to meet those needs. We have very strong lay participation in the R.E. program, and the Board of Directors and the Ministry team are confident that we will continue to provide high quality programming in the coming years.

This congregation has seen many changes in the past few years. We have been blessed with an influx of new members and friends, stretching our physical space to the limit and requiring two services. We have had a minister retire, and we now face a change of professional leadership in Religious Education. In all of this, we have remained a community committed to the Mission Statement of our congregation, adopted in May of 1994. In times of change, it is good to remember who we are and the "whys" thereof. We encourage you to read the Mission Statement and remember. There will be a farewell party for Lisa next month, but in the meantime, be sure to thank her for her years of service.

Peace,  
*Bill and Mary Ann*  
Rev. Bill Breeden and  
Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

## Mission Statement

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, a Welcoming Congregation, do covenant:

To recognize and embrace human diversity, thereby affirming, defending and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

To provide an intergenerational religious community of loving support and understanding which fosters personal and spiritual growth through worship, education, and fellowship.

To value the gifts brought by children and youth and to accept a special responsibility for their nurture, guidance and support.

To cultivate community and leadership in young adults through campus and young adult ministries.

To uphold the liberal religious tradition which engages in a continuing search for truth, freely questioning and challenging old assumptions, while remembering our Unitarian and Universalist heritage and drawing on all religious, scientific discoveries, and other sources.

To recognize and accept stewardship for the interdependent system that includes all living things.

To engage in active efforts in behalf of justice, love, and truth.

To accept responsibility for promoting active outreach and sharing our Unitarian Universalist ideals with the campus, community and the larger world.

## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

### Town Hall Meeting On Religion In Politics And Public Life November 10

The City of Bloomington's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Safe and Civil City Program hosts "What Would Dr. King Do? — On the Role of Religion (Conservative and Progressive) in American Politics and Public Life."

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St.

### Supporting Local Theater Builds Community.

All-time family favorite *Mary Poppins* floats down on the Buskirk-Chumley Theater Saturday, October 29th at 2pm. Tickets are \$7 / \$5 for children. *Mary Poppins* is a fundraiser for Cardinal Stage Company, which launches in January of 2006 with a production of Thornton Wilder's timeless classic *Our Town* at the Buskirk-Chumley.

### Quarryland Men's Chorus Concert, Dec. 4

In recognition of World AIDS Day, the Quarryland Men's Chorus is proud to present its winter concert, "We're All In This Together" on Sunday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. in our Meeting Room. The proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Bloomington Hospital's Positive Link HIV/AIDS Services. Tickets available at Flowers and Interiors, 1000 North Walnut St, or Positive Link, 333 East Miller Drive.

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Oct 16 9 a.m. 115, 11:15 188, Totl 303  
Sun, Oct 23 9 a.m. 77, 11:15 167, Totl 244

**Holiday Items Needed** The RE Program is interested in having a menorah, shofar, and a set of Kwaanza candles. If anyone would like to donate one of these

items, please contact Kitty at rea@uubloomington.org.

## The Women's Alliance Meets

**Nov 3** Our Women's Alliance is meeting on November 3rd at 11:30. All women are welcome. Iris Kiesling is speaking. Please remember to bring White Elephants for the Bazaar. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks furnished.



**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: elmbeckie@yahoo.com.

**Our Folks...** Our thoughts are with *Natalia and Duane Schau* and their family. Natalia's mother, Rostyslawa Browar, passed away peacefully on the sunny, dewy morning of October 14 at her residence.

The flowers for the services on Sunday, October 23, were given in memory of *Dan Willard*, in honor of his birthday.

**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 Oct 23-29.  
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th  
Office hours: M, T, F

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## Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar December 2 and 3

Here are a few suggestions of what you can be doing now to start planning for this year's Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar.

White Elephant's Trunk will sell those items you haven't used in years but are taking up shelf space in your home. Items must be in good

working order; computer components and clothing (except vintage clothing) are not accepted.

The Book Sale accepts all books in good condition, especially cookbooks and children's books, and CD's and LP's. Drop your books off at the book table in Fellowship Hall, marked for the Bazaar. Or, call Joanna Clees at 339-1839 for pick up.

House plants that could use a new home and rooted cuttings from your favorite plants can be offered at the plant table.

And, be thinking about what you'd like to bake for Gourmet Galaxy and Cookie Walk!

### Attention Cookie Bakers!



We hope you've found those recipes and are feeling inspired to bake heaps of cookies for this year's

Bazaar. We don't want you to worry about getting an early start, so here are a few tips:

- Cool cookies before packing. Pack decorated cookies in single layers.
- If you freeze cookies, double wrap them or use freezer bags.

- Label your containers with the types of cookie and your name.

- Buyers love cookies with eye appeal. Think festive, colorful AND tasty!

- Bar cookies are easy, heavy, and popular, (We sell by the pound.) but no brownies, please!

- We'd love 3-5 dozen cookies from each baker; more if you're really inspired.

- Make your cookie baking a family affair, get together with friends and have a cookie baking party, or put on a stack of your favorite CD's and bake in joyful solitude.

### Cooks Needed



It's time to dig out your favorite recipes for the holidays and sign up to donate your signature specialties to the Gourmet Galaxy. Homemade candies such as rum balls, peanut brittle and divinity are sure to be a hit. Jams, chutneys and relishes are also much sought after. Not to mention the delectable cakes, breads and persimmon baked goods that are always popular. Sign up now to help make the Gourmet Galaxy a huge success! Sign-up easels will be available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall. - the Gourmet Galaxy committee

### What Made Alexander Great?

Because he signed up to work for the annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar! You too can achieve greatness by signing up during the month of November between the services in Fellowship Hall. Libby DeVoe and Paul Lane will be glad to guide your hand. Lots of jobs for lots of people before, during, and after the event. Join your UU family in making this year's Bazaar on December 2 and 3 the best ever. Sign up during November. That would be great!

--Paul Lane for the Bazaar (or is that bizarre?) bunch

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### From Our Director of Religious Education

Dear UU Families,

I have decided to resign my position as Director of Religious Education. I have loved working with all the children, youth and families in this congregation for the past seven years. It has always been my dream to take a Clinical Pastoral Education Class and I also want to help my husband Carl with his Home Repair Business. I hope that you will understand and support me in my decision to leave.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Minor  
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I am happy to say that the children raised \$595 during their summer reading program for Heifer Project. With this money the children are purchasing a share of a heifer, a goat, 9 shares of a goat, a share of a sheep, a share of a pig, tree seedlings, a trio of rabbits, honeybees, a flock of chicks, a flock of ducks, and then a donation to "where it's most needed."

The annual Age of Reason Ceremony for first graders will be held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at both services. Parents will present a book, new or used, to their child during the service. Then we will all adjourn to the Fuchs Library for a little celebration. Letters were sent to all registered households of first graders earlier this month. If you did not receive a letter and want your first grade child to participate in the ceremony, please contact Lisa Minor.

We had a great teachers' meeting on October 16. We were able to share what's going well, what's not, and how we can support each other as religious educators. Teachers mentioned that it is not helpful if you send your

child into class with food. Please make sure that your child has eaten breakfast before they come to church on Sunday mornings. We serve snacks during each class period but it's always during the last 15 minutes of class.

--Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education  
dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695



### Notably For Newcomers

There are 250,000 Unitarian Universalists in the United

States and Canada, 80,000 in Romania and Hungary, 10,000 in Great Britain and Europe, and small groups in India, the Philippines, and Nigeria. Only one American in every 1,300 is a Unitarian Universalist. One might wonder why there aren't more.

For some people our liberal religion presents an excess of freedom. In our country most religions are authoritative, in contrast with Unitarian Universalism, which is based on reason and the individual's freedom of belief. While many people feel more comfortable with a religion whose dogma provides answers that are set and beyond question, the individual is challenged in Unitarian Universalism to find her or his own answers to life's mysteries.

Then too, culturally, many Americans don't realize that UUism even exists. Most Americans acknowledge only three major religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. Unitarian Universalism is none of the above, even though it does recognize profound wisdom in these and other world religions.

For these (and doubtless, other) reasons, plus our aversion to proselytize, most people simply happen upon our religion. It's a wonder that we have as many members as we do.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

**FELLOWSHIP DINNERS: NOVEMBER 2005**

- #10 Host-Bill Baus  
Guests-Cathy & Dick Hiatt  
Elizabeth Lion  
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr  
Dave Parkhurst & Deborah Robinson
  - #11 Host-Don & Joan Bennett  
Guests-Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison  
Tommie & Walt Owens  
Sandy & Bob Taylor
  - #12 Host-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship  
Guests-Tom & Diane Gregory  
Donald Halford & Mary Andrus-Overley  
John & Julie Lawson
  - #13 Host-Laura & Bob Campbell  
Guests-Rob & Joan Hongen  
Bill & Cookie Lynch  
Raymond & Rita Rust
  - #14 Host Marjorie & John Crosby  
Guests-Anne & Chris Haynes  
Ted & Diann Lock  
Kevin Rottet & Dave Crane  
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
  - #15 Host Lynne Gilliatt  
Guests-Pat Aungst  
Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum  
Denise & Harold Ogren
  - #16 Host-Jack & Sylvia King  
Guests-Carol & Roger Parks  
Caroline & Christopher Smith  
John & Peggy Woodcock
  - #17 Host B.J.Lawrance & Jan Skinner  
Guests-Judy Bennett & Karen Dessauer  
Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts  
Katherine Hopkins  
Ann Watzel
  - #18 Host Laura Smith  
Guests-Glee Noble  
Diane & Bob Port  
Louis & Emily Tenney
  - #19 Host Harriet & Dick Pfister  
Guests-Jean Sebeck & Mark Day  
Bob & Libby DeVoe  
Marcie & Irv Grossack
- Join us and get in on some of this good "cookin", good "talkin" and good times!!

Call Dolores 331-2611.

**Proposals Invited for Adult Religious Education Classes**

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit an adult religious education proposal to facilitate or co-facilitate an Adult Religious Education offering for the winter-spring season. It is suggested that appropriate topics for our UU setting concern theology, UU history, spiritual growth, ethics and religion, and world religions. UUs make it easy because they all like to contribute to the discussion. So, if you have a favorite area of interest relevant to the suggested topics, let us know. The office can provide you with a proposal form or you can download it from

[www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc](http://www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc). The committee will review all proposals for "fit" into the general program. Please return forms to the office Adult Religious Education box or e-mail it to [are@uubloomington.org](mailto:are@uubloomington.org) by Nov. 15 for programs beginning in January and Dec. 15 for programs beginning in February. The Adult Religious Education Committee

**Greeters and Refreshment Servers for October 30**

**Greeters: Oct 30:** David Cox, Tom Wilson, Laura Smith, Al Strickholm, Suzanne Ziemer, Stephanie Wilson, Ted Lock, Lee Strickholm, Sharon Yarber, David Keppel, Diann Lock. *Jean Umiker-Sebeok is the greeter coordinator for October.*

**Refreshment Servers (Java Crew):**  
Oct 30: Sandy and David Hill (make coffee)  
TBA (clean up)



Jean Knowlton and Judy Bennett are the Fellowship Hour Coordinators.

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**Film Series Potluck and Viewing Saturday, Nov 5, 6:00p**

Save the date, Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m., for the next offering in the ARE film series. It's an old one about the 1925 Scopes trial in which Clarence Darrow (Spencer Tracy) and William Jennings Bryan (Frederick March) duel over "creationism" vs "evolution". We thought the controversy was over, but think again. Today, there is a new threat: a new concept called "intelligent design" and a president who thinks we should teach the controversy in our classrooms. The film is "Inherit the Wind", made in 1962. Come at 6:00 p.m., bring a dish to pass and join us in Fellowship Hall. Sorry, no childcare available for this event.



**Upcoming YRUU Meetings**

Our high school youth, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (ages 14-20) plan a Food Drive on October 31, will go bowling at the Indiana Memorial Union on Nov. 6, and will be meeting at church, 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Nov. 13. They will assist at the Cajun dinners on Nov 18 and Nov 19, to help raise funds for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Info, contact Margie and Drew Schrader, YRUU facilitators.

**Join the Sound Committee!** The Sound Committee provides the audibles for the Sunday services, and for various other functions in our Meeting Room. The bulk of the hard work is done by our professional

Sound Manager, Tom Yeiser, but the second service duties are handled by one of the volunteer parishioners you see at the back of the room every Sunday. Training is provided, and you would be needed only every six weeks on average. Contact Jeffrey Huntsman at [huntsman@indiana.edu](mailto:huntsman@indiana.edu) or 339-4855, or at church, 11:15 service.

**Talking About Our Religious Faith, Nov. 2**

*November 2, 2005, 7:00-9:00 p.m. In the UU Church Library*  
What happens to us when we die? Do heaven or hell await us? Which would we prefer? An astounding number of descriptions of the afterlife are put forth as fact. The variety of our beliefs might surprise you. How do we deal with UUs with differing beliefs? How do we deal with people who Know The Truth and wield their beliefs like cudgels? How do our beliefs affect our conduct? We'll consider Christian, Buddhist, American Indian and atheistic approaches, as well as yours. All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a 3-minute "This I Believe" statement to read to the group, addressing these or other issues important to your faith. Facilitated by Guy Loftman



**You are cordially invited**  
to an evening benefit for **Indiana Equality**  
Wednesday, November 2  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall  
Suggested donation: \$50/\$100/\$250/\$500+  
Join us to learn more about this statewide coalition working to amend Indiana's Civil Rights Law to add sexual orientation and

gender identity to the list of protected classes and to fight off the Indiana Constitutional Marriage Amendment. Childcare provided. Sponsored by our Civil Marriage Task Force.

### **Coffee Every Sunday, 10:00-**

**11:00 a.m.:** 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, tea and conversation available.

Ann Macklin

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### **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 available upon request to Carol Marks, 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.

### **Postings to Office First, Please**

If you have an item of community interest to post on our bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance, please bring it to Room 204 and the staff will see that it is posted.

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

### **Our Youth Groups Meet on Sunday Evenings**

Our YUUMS, Young UU Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) and YRUU, Young

Religious UUs (ages 14-20), meet each Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For information on these programs, contact Barbara Moss, bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, maschrad@indiana.edu.