

The Prologue

December 6,

2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

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

"Let There Be Rest" Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

Special Music Sunday: The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney

In this worship service, our beloved choir will offer their annual, seasonal celebration of special music. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden will provide short reflections on creating restful time during the holiday time. Music featured will include: "Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen", composer, Cary Boyce; "There Will Be Rest", composer, Frank Ticheli, words, Sara Teasdale; "Cherubic Hymn", composer, Mikhail Glinka; and "A Jubilant Song", composer, Norman Dello Joio, words, Walt Whitman, soprano solo, Katie Peebles. We will also celebrate our new members during the service.

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**Sunday, December 18, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"The Gifts We Bring" Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

In this intergenerational service, we will celebrate our ability to give in ways big and small. Children are especially invited. The celebration will include stories, songs, and a seasonal drama starring some of our own YUUMS (Young UU Middle Schoolers). The morning will culminate in our first ever Procession of Giving, where the whole congregation (as they are able) will join in a joyful parade of gifts for local social service agencies and the UU Service Committee. Please plan to bring a much-needed gift of mittens, hats, non-perishable food, travel-sized toiletry items or the gift you selected from the Giving Tree. Children are encouraged to bring their Guest at Your Table boxes if they still have them, and everyone will be invited to contribute a "golden gift" of money, in amounts large or small, to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Acting Director of Religious Education Cindy Port will participate in the service.

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Saturday, December 24, 2005 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

"Away in A Manger" 4:00 p.m. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

Join us for a Nativity Pageant for Young Children.

"Candlelight Service" 7:00 p.m. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden
Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service will feature special music sung by our choir. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be included.

"Meditative Service" 9:00 p.m. Rev. Bill Breeden

A service of sharing Christmas joys and memories in an informal style. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be a part of the service.

The West Window

Advent is the season of waiting. The crucial question implied is, "Waiting for what?" Godot? The Iceman? The Rapture? It seems to me that too often our waiting is encapsulated by a concomitant certainty regarding the answer to that question. Such certainty closes the doors of mystery, robbing us of the magic of the "like, totally new." We find ourselves standing, frozen in fresh cement just waiting for it to set. We already know the outcome because we built the form into which the medium of our life is being poured. We are afraid to love because we already know the pain of rejection, afraid to trust, because we know the pain of betrayal. My hope for this season of waiting is that we find the power to be co-creators with the Spirit of Life. May we lift our feet and dare to step in new directions, actively waiting for, and believing in, the newness of the next footfall and the power of our love to transform the medium and the mold of our lives.

Peace,
bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

From our Consulting Minister...

Dear Friends:

At the end of October, I agreed to create an intergenerational worship service for the Sunday before Christmas. I immediately thought back on my very favorite holiday tradition from the UU congregation I served in the Boston area: the Procession of Giving service, which had been created years before by the Rev. Barbara Marshman, one of the best-known and most-loved UU Ministers of Religious Education. This procession involved

the entire congregation, from babies to grandparents, joining in a great parade that stretched around the sanctuary and down the middle aisle to the front, where each person or family left a gift for people in need in the community. This was the highlight of the holiday season at Follen Church, and tears always came to my eyes as I watched the children discover the joy of joining in community to give to those in need. Even those who came to the service unaware of the procession were able to participate, by wrapping money, in large or small amounts as they were able, in pieces of gold foil which were provided in the order of service. It was a community-wide expression of gratefulness for that which we have and that which we are able to give, be it large or small. With this joyful memory in my mind, I approached Martha Nord, who co-chairs our Children's Task Force along with Jonathan Elmer, and discovered that the Children's Task Force was eager to increase the involvement of children and families in their social justice work. She responded with an enthusiastic "Yes!!" when I proposed creating a Procession of Giving in Bloomington, and worked with the Shalom Center, Stepping Stones, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to determine what the real needs are here in our community. It turns out that many of them are not glamorous: even during the holiday season, homeless teens and adults and needy families and individuals need brooms and toilet brushes, shampoo and socks, diapers and mittens and food. I hope that we can begin to meet some of those needs, and that we will discover together the warmth of a community which joins in giving to meet the usually silent needs all around us. Please join us on Sunday, December 18th. Warmly,
Emily

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, consulting minister
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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Medicare Part D Plan Explained December 9
Bloomington Hospital, The City of Bloomington, Monroe County Government, Indiana University and the Area 10 Agency on Aging are working together to sponsor a community presentation for area Medicare recipients on the important and complex rules for the Medicare Part D plan. This presentation is Friday, December 9 from 9 am until noon in the hospital Auditorium.

Prevent Child Abuse Annual Benefit Dinner December 9
The Monroe County chapter of Prevent Child Abuse will hold its annual benefit on Friday, December 9, 2005 at Bloomington Convention Center from 7-10 p.m. The event will include food, entertainment, and a silent auction which will enable PCA to raise much needed funds. There are options available as supporters to PCA. Ticket prices are; \$30/single, \$50/couple, \$250/table of ten, or a corporate sponsor for \$500.00. Corporate sponsors will be recognized at the benefit. Contact Adrienne Summerlot, 855-0799, for tickets.

Nominations Sought For Women Of The Year
Several community organizations are seeking nominees for the Woman of the Year, Emerging Leader and Lifetime Contribution Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations is Wed., January 18, 2006. The awards will be presented March 8, 2006, during the 21st Annual Women's History Month Lunch at the Convention Center of Monroe County-Bloomington, Indiana. Nomination forms are available in the City of Bloomington's Community and Family Resources Department, Suite 260 and online at www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd/. Nomination forms are also available from 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov. Details on the

awards are posted on our bulletin board in the courtyard entrance.

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

Dec 11, "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard"
Want to learn more about how the largest food pantry serving the Bloomington community works? Join us for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's forum. Learn how the food pantry works, who it serves, and how you can help. They have Indiana NAP tax credits left for 2005. Questions, call Kellie at 935-6072 or Libby at 219-8787.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Nov 27 9 a.m. 70, 11:15 196, Totl 266
Sun, Dec 4 9 a.m. 91, 11:15 193, Totl 284

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
Her mobile number is 322-0205
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th
Office hours: M, T, F
His mobile number is 360-1779

Guest at Your Table Boxes should be returned on Sunday, December 18 during one of the services.

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Family Worship Services to Begin in January

Are you looking for ways to connect as a family? Do you long to worship with your young kids without struggling to keep them silent and still? Parent or not, would you like more child-energy in your spiritual life? Then Family Worship is for you! Come enjoy good food and worship with people of all ages.

Family Worship is a time when families and friends come together to worship in an informal way that is welcoming for all ages. Services will be on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning January 4, 2006. We'll start with a gathering-in time from 5:15 to 5:30, as people arrive from work, school, or home and help get things ready. At 5:30 we will begin serving soup, bread, fruit, and veggies (all provided), and at 6:00 we'll clean up together (kids, too!). The service will be from 6:15 to 6:45, followed by cookies and socializing. You can join us anytime during dinner, or just for the service.

During the service we will usually sit in a circle, with floor seating and chairs both available. The service will include a chalice lighting, singing and movement, joys and sorrows, stories, and a closing ritual.

The Family Worship working group includes Emily Leite, Denise Breeden-Ost, Jennifer Livesay, Kitty McIntosh, and Catherine Gray. We are planning a wonderful service for January! Look for more details in the next Prologue. And please join us as we begin this venture together.

Lunch with Minister on the Second Monday of Each Month

Join Rev. Bill Breeden for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon on the second Monday of each month. Next lunch is December 12.

Centering with MAM on Second Wednesdays beginning Jan. 11

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering with MAM" meditative worship opportunity in the Library on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00-6:45 p.m. beginning January 11. Parents who need childcare during this service should reserve it by December 28 by calling 332-3695.



Next Film Series Potluck and Viewing of "Jesus of Nazareth," Saturday, Dec 17, 6:00 pm

Details on bulletin board. Bring food to share and your own table service; movie and discussion to follow the pitch-in supper. Childcare not available this time.

New Books in Our Library

Leonard, George & Michael Murphy. *The Life We Are Given: A Long-term Program for Realizing the Potential of Body, Mind, Heart, and Soul.* (158.1 Leo)

Sarton, May. *Selected Poems of May Sarton.* (811.5Sar)

Taverner, William J. *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues of Human Sexuality.* (612.6 Tav)

Westley, Dick. *When it's Right to Die: Conflicting Voices, Difficult Choices.* (179.7 Wes)



Remember! Congregational Meeting December 11, 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. All members urged to attend. Childcare provided in Rm

108 for children under age 13.

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Weaving Children into Congregational Life

Children and youth are part of the fabric of this Congregation. It is a challenge to meet children's individual developmental needs without keeping them separate. Several opportunities are coming up that will allow us to worship and grow along side our children and youth.

On December 18th Rev. Leite will be leading another Intergenerational Service. This fun and meaningful worship service will be appealing to young children and adults. Everyone is invited to bring an offering and join in the Procession of Gifts. Bring the Guest at your Table box or the item you picked up a tag for from the gift tree. If you do not have one of those you are encouraged to bring something for the food pantry, mittens, gloves, hats or travel sized toiletries to benefit Shalom Center.

Our annual family Christmas Eve worship service at 4:00 pm will be loads of fun as the children take part in acting out the nativity story. RE families will receive a letter in the mail with more details or may contact me with any questions.

On Wednesday, January 4th our first Family Worship will celebrate 3 Kings Day. Look for the article about this special event on p. 6.

December 25th will be another Intergenerational service; please note that no childcare or RE will be happening that day. Children of any age will be welcome in the Meeting Room during the services; much singing will be involved.

And finally, do not miss your opportunity to have an impact on our children in profound

ways by signing up to be a RE teacher in the spring semester!

Cindy Port, Acting Dir. of Religious Education
dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695



Notably For Newcomers

We continue in this issue a list of ten beliefs that many UUs hold in common. In the November 21 issue of *The Prologue* we listed five of these basic points of agreement. They come from David Rankin, former minister of the Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

6. We believe in the worth and dignity of each human being. All people on earth have an equal claim to life, liberty, and justice. No idea, ideal, or philosophy is superior to a single human life.

7. We believe in the ethical application of religion. Inner grace and faith find completion in social and community involvement.

8. We believe in the force of love. The governing principle in human relationships is the principle of love, which seeks to help and heal, never to hurt or destroy.

9. We believe in the necessity of the democratic process. Church records are open to scrutiny, elections are open to members, and ideas are open to criticism, so that people might govern themselves.

10. We believe in the importance of a religious community. Peers confirm and validate experience and provide a critical platform, as well as a network of mutual support.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Breakfast and Painting Party December 17, 8:00 a.m.

The redoubtable Building Oversight Committee is sponsoring a painting party and breakfast on Saturday, December 17. Darrell and Vivian Breeden will serve a free breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with interior painting to follow. Please call 339-7662 if you are coming, so they know how much gravy to make!

Our Folks...

Our comforting thoughts to Deb Hutton and her family; Deb's mother passed away in Canada last week after a long illness.

Our sympathy to the family of Sue Swanson. Sue, a member since 1989, died on November 30th at her home in Noblesville.

Our sympathy also to Jean Knowlton and her family; Jean's brother passed away recently.

Best wishes for swift recovery to Pat Augst, who recently had knee surgery.

Our caring thoughts to Millicent Brubaker, who recently returned home from the hospital.

Congratulations to Mark and Kate Feddersen, upon the birth on October 30 of Anna Myers Feddersen.

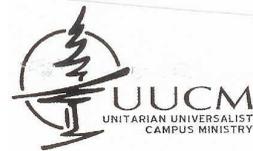
Thanksgiving Day Dinner Enjoyed by Over 80 People

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner of November 24, 2005 was a seven turkey feast! Eighty-two people came, twelve of whom were international students. The food was plentiful and delicious. Each of the dishes brought was a tasteful and fulfilling culinary delight! The appetizers were delectable. The salads were fresh and inviting. As last year, the favorite of the twelve pies was pecan, then apple with cranberry, apple crumb, sugar cream and pumpkin, but it must be said the cherry pie competed well too. Many thanks to the fourteen people who gave from two to eight hours to set-up and clean-up. The generosity of the donations left Elizabeth speechless...well, almost speechless. The dinner began with a chalice lighting and a reading selected from the UU Hymnal. We honored the first of our UU principles by giving and receiving unconditional acceptance and unconditional love. The flame of the chalice was extinguished as the last four people left the church at 8:35 p.m.

--Karen Dessauer and Elizabeth Lion

Services at 9:00 and 11:15 on December 25 and January 1

We will hold services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 on Sunday, December 25. There will be no childcare or nursery care that morning, however. Video feed of the service to Room 104 will be available. We will also hold services on Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Nursery care for babies and toddlers will be available in Room 108 during the services on January 1. No Religious Education classes will be held on either Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.



Campus Ministry Meets Weekly

Indiana Unitarian
Universalist Campus
Ministry (IUUCM), our

new campus ministry group, meets
Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Kiva,

below Burger King. Questions, contact
Heather Hansen at heahanse@indiana.edu.

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Teacher Appreciation Reception December 11, 10:30-11:00



We are blessed to have so many wonderful teachers for our children. Current and future RE teachers are invited to an Appreciation Reception this Sunday, December 11 in Room 103 from 10:30-11:00 am. Please come

and meet the new Acting Director of Religious Education, Cindy Port, have some yummy snacks, and know you are appreciated!!

Talking About Our Religious Faith

Facilitated by Guy Loftman
Winter session, Wednesday, January 4,
2006, 7:00 to 9:00, in the UU Church Library

Virtue and Sin. Good and Evil. How do we know right from wrong? How do our understandings affect our daily decisions, from driving to voting to coveting? What consequences should follow from misconduct? Execution, prison, exile, counseling? Do we judge or judge not? We'll seek inspiration from the Humanist Manifesto, Ten Commandments and Indiana Criminal Code. New participants are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a "This I Believe" statement to read to the group, addressing these or other issues important to your faith.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Seeking

Religious Education Assistant

We are looking for a new Religious Education Assistant to start in January. This hourly position is about 15 hours a week. The schedule is flexible and includes working on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include purchasing and preparing supplies for Sunday RE classes, as well as assisting with all other aspects of our Religious Education Program. Please send a letter and resume to Cindy Port at 2120 N. Fee Lane or dre@uubloomington.org by December 18.. Inquiries: Cindy Port 332-3695.

Seeking Childcare Providers

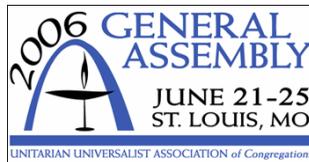
We are looking for childcare givers beginning immediately to care for our children ages 3 and under on Sunday mornings and to provide childcare for meetings and other events at other times throughout the week, most often in the evenings. Position averages 15-20 hours per month. Inquiries: Carol Marks or Cindy Port 332-3695.

Seeking Office Assistant

OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION OPENING. Our Office Assistant, Martha Sattinger, will be leaving her position soon to pursue other interests. The position of Office Assistant will be available in January. Avg 15-17 hrs per week, 12-month, permanent position. Skills needed: Bookkeeping skills; computer experience with email, Word, Excel; good communication skills; able to work with minimal supervision; good organizational skills, good rapport with office machines and people! Also helpful: tolerance for repetitive clerical tasks and interruptions, problem-solving, sense of humor. Job description available in Room 204, or from admin@uubloomington.org To apply, send resume by December 18 to Carol Marks, Church Administrator, UU Church, 2120 N.

Fee Ln, Bloomington IN 47408 or
admin@uubloomington.org

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Meet Me in St. Louis for the 2006 UUA General Assembly

The General Assembly of the UUA General Assembly will meet in St. Louis, June 21-26, 2006. You may attend the whole time or just for a couple of days. Anyone may attend (registration fee required) and members of our congregation may volunteer to be delegates. Some financial support available for delegates. Contact Iris Kiesling, 332-5224. More info on the Assembly at www.uua.org/ga.

Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar Nets Around \$8,500

Many thanks to all who contributed time, talent, food, laughter, and muscle to make the annual Art Fair and Bazaar a resounding success. Net will be around \$8,500, which is well above the \$7,600 budgeted.

Gourmet Galaxy Says Thanks

Thank you to all who contributed their excellent culinary specialties to make this year's Gourmet Galaxy a great success! Thank you also to all who worked in the booth during the Bazaar. It takes lots of folks' combined efforts to create such a success. Every person's contribution is appreciated. -co-chairs Carol Arnold, Karen Dessauer, Kay Harris

Please Pick Up Your Cookie

Boxes Please pick up your cookie boxes from Cookie Walk donations from Fellowship Hall as soon as possible.

To Schedule a Faith in Action

Forum: 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

UU Choir Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:30-11:00 am - extra rehearsal for extensive Sunday Dec. 11 music. Childcare in Room 108.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - Special Music Sunday - everybody sings both services!

(Unless you have to teach RE)

Tichelli, Glinka, Boyce, Dello Joio

Christmas Eve - choir sings 7:00 service. Rehearsal at 6:00. (Sue will conduct!)

Music TBA

No choir Dec. 18, 25, Jan. 1. We resume rehearsals on Jan. 5. Prison trip is all day Jan. 14. MLK Jr. Celebration at Buskirk Chumley is Monday evening, Jan. 16. (These are both excellent but optional opportunities).
Susan Swaney, Music Director

Ready To Sign The Book?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, December 18 between the services at 10:30 in Room 207B. To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, December 12th. Stephanie will contact you to confirm your

attendance and ask for a brief (75 word) biography.

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Young Religious UUs Meet Every Sunday Except Christmas

Our high school youth (ages 14-20) will meet in Room 110 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on December 11 and 18. Info, contact Margie or Drew Schrader, maschrad@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 available upon request to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

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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.

Agenda Items for Dec 11 Congregational Meeting

The agenda for our Fall Congregational Meeting (12:30 p.m., Sunday, December 11) will include but is not limited to the following items:

Amendment to Bylaw 4.9

Amendment to Bylaw 4.10

Amendment to Bylaw 5.5.3

(See Nov. 7 Prologue for exact wording of proposed bylaw revisions.)

Report-Leadership Covenanting

Report-Risk Management

Presentation-Green Sanctuary Task

Force on Global Climate Change

Report from the Co-ministry Team

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and are eligible to

vote. Non-members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings. Childcare will be provided for children under age 13 in Room 108.

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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.

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.

Staying Accessible

Our church makes a special effort to be sure our services and activities are accessible to folks of varying abilities; if you have a suggestion to help us do better, contact Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

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.