

The Prologue

February 13, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, February 19, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"On Spinach, Oreos and the Politico-Spirituality of Food"

(subtitled: Who Stole My Twinkie?) Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

From the wisdom of world religions to that of Jane Goodall and Thich Nhat Hanh, we will explore the spirituality and politics of food in our world today. A representative from Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) will assist with the children's story regarding food shortages in our local community. *You are invited to bring a can of food to the worship service, which will be donated to the MCUM Food Pantry.* Also, please note the special fundraising breakfast between services...

Valentine's Breakfast Sunday, February 19, 10:15-11:15 A.M.

"It's all about love" is the theme for an all-congregation fundraising breakfast being held between services on Sunday, February 19th from 10:15 to 11:15 AM. See Page 4 for details.

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**Sunday, February 26, 2006    9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"With Hearts, Minds and Voices: A Congregational Celebration"**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

Susan Swaney, Music Director

Join us for this worship service of celebration and story highlighting our congregation's new and long-time members and leaders of the congregation. We will hear reflections from our ministers as well as from Cookie and Bill Lynch. In recognition of this auspicious occasion, the choir and orchestra will perform the first movement of Bach's Cantata 192, "Nun danket alle Gott." They will also premiere a benediction by Cary Boyce, which was commissioned by the Choir in memory of Raymond Murray. Please see MAM's Musings on Page 2 for details and your invitation to the reception between services, which will honor our "Four and Five Decades Plus" Members.

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Wednesday, March 1, 2006 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship
"Magical Hands"

Family Worship Working Group and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

We will hear a story of magical hands and reflect upon our own unique ways of being helping hands for one another in church and in the larger world. All ages welcome. See Page 6 if you would like to help with the evening. Come when you are able: 5:30pm dinner (provided, including a vegan option), 6:15-6:45pm worship service

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

Feb 19, Dr. Rob Stone, "Healthcare for All"

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MAM's Musings

On February 26th, our worship services will highlight new and long-time members of our congregation. We hope this will be an annual event every February in the life of this congregation. We will have a new member recognition ceremony, and we will also pay tribute to those long-time members and leaders who have helped create this vibrant, liberal religious community.

What is a long-time member? Well, the short answer is "Anyone who has been a member longer than a new member."

In the service we will ask members of various *time frames of membership* to stand (as you are willing and able) to be recognized. Those in their: First Decade of Membership, Second Decade of Membership; Third Decade of Membership AND then we will offer a special recognition this year for those in their Fourth and Fifth Decade of Membership. So, if you are a member, start counting in order to determine where you fall in your length of membership! And if you are not a member, come join us in this celebration of hearts, minds and voices.

Everyone's Invited!

Long Time Member Celebration

Feb. 26, 9 & 11:15 a.m.

Reception 10-11 a.m.

Special recognition for those who have been members for 40 years or more

Warmly, *Mary Ann*

MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

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The West Window

On the weekend of February 10-12, the Rev. Barbara Child, an accredited UUA Interim Minister, met with various leaders of our congregation to discuss the past, present and future of this congregation. (See Chris Clothier's President's Notes in this issue.) It is helpful to have someone with an outside perspective look at our systems and structures and lead an exploration into the questions about who we are and who we wish to be as a liberal religious community.

It is also a joy to hear someone from the outside affirm the vibrancy so evident in our midst and raise our awareness of opportunities. In reference to Darwin's birthday, she pointed out the easily missed fact that the amphibians that left the water to walk on land did so not because of the strength of their feet, but rather the weakness of their gills. Imperfections lead to progress.

This congregation is growing, growing, growing. This growth stretches our capabilities and challenges us to emerge, to evolve new ways of answering the call to be a voice of reason, a witness for peace and justice and a welcoming place of healing for all who seek such a church. Rev. Macklin and I are committed to joining in the effort to develop "new feet" and to "boldly go" where we have not been before, in proclaiming and living the good news of Unitarian Universalism in our present age. We believe this community is up to the challenge of doing just that, and we trust that all of you will be involved in this creative evolution.

Peace,

Bill Rev. Bill Breeden

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community Wabash Valley Prison Needs Donated Supplies

Wabash Valley Correctional Institution is the prison that our choir visits each year, and where Rev. Breeden and others in our community have volunteered for several years. The prison has a voluntary program to help offenders prepare for re-entry into society, with special housing units, education and mentoring, and is funded entirely by donations. The program's urgent needs are listed below. If you can help, please call Jack Harlow at 339-5087. Thank you.

1. 6' folding tables (will take 8')
2. 100 – nice stackable chairs
3. Large quantity - Office Partitions (cloth covered and insulated for noise reduction) come in various sizes no loose parts must be in good shape.
4. 1 - AV stand on wheels for TV and DVD player
5. 1 - AV cart for overhead projector
6. 2 - Easel mounted white boards
7. 2 - Lectern s
8. 12 - Office side chairs (no rollers)
9. 8 – 2 to 3 seat office couches/settees (no overstuffed)
10. Portable Sound system could be in a lectern.
11. Large indoor plants, trees and bushes. Those items that have grown too big for one's home would be ideal for us!
12. Paint and art supplies
13. Yarn & #10 plastic crochet needles

Have an Adult Loved One with a Mental Illness? Lee and Al Strickholm will lead a series of classes at First United Church beginning March 7, to help care givers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well being. Registration required; class size limited to 20. Contact Lee at leestrick@aol.com or 339-5440 to register.

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 March 6-19

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

Lunch with a 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 March 13.

Adult Religious Education

Update If you haven't already signed up, there is still time. Upcoming classes include: "**The Seven Spiritual Laws of Deepak Chopra**," led by Dee Lane, four sessions beginning Saturday, Feb 18, at 10:30-noon in Room 207B. Book required.

"**Our American UU Roots**," led by Libby DeVoe and Emily Leite, a single session on Wednesday, Feb 22, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 212.

"**Four Faith Seminar**," led by Rev. Bill Breeden, an all-day event on Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Book required. (Books can be ordered through Jennifer Cook at the Booktable on Sunday. Details at uubloomington.org/prologue/winter06ARE.html)

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Poetry and Music Here Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

The poets and the poetry have been selected and prepared, and the music and the musicians have been selected and prepared. We hope you have selected and prepared to attend the Diversity of Poetry with Music on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of our church. There is no admission and the community is invited, so bring all your friends and poetry and music lovers. A special and unique program will grace your senses.

--Patricia Coleman and Elizabeth Lion

Centering with MAM on Fourth Wednesdays

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering with MAM" meditative worship opportunity in the Library on the fourth Wednesdays of February and March, 6:00-6:45 p.m. Next two sessions of "Centering with MAM" will be February 22 and March 22.

Valentine's Breakfast Feb. 19

Bring your appetites and some cash for great breakfast fare and socializing, 10:15-11:15 on Sunday, February 19 in Fellowship Hall. This fundraiser breakfast by the Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force is to fund efforts to defeat the proposed state constitutional amendment that would prohibit gays and lesbians from marrying the people they love. Help us show other Hoosiers that we stand on the side of love and equal rights for all. Continental breakfast offerings will be available for sale in the Library for those attending the Health Care forum.

Family Worship Helpers

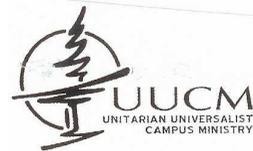
Sought If you have enjoyed or are planning to attend our Family Worship services on the first Wednesday evening of each month, you

can help make them happen! Sign up on a one-time basis as an individual or family for a five to fifteen minute task during the event. We seek greeters, craft area cleaners, dishwasher loaders, fire keepers, and cookie providers and monitors, among other possibilities. No job takes more than fifteen minutes or involves missing worship. To sign up, or to get more information, call or email Kitty McIntosh at 334-0387 or kittymcrea@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Our Folks... Our thoughts of comfort are with Kathy Boone and her family. Kathy's mother, Patsy Boone, died February 4. A memorial was held February 6.

Talking About Our Religious

Faith Facilitated by Guy Loftman
Penultimate session, March 1, 2006, 7:00 to 9:00, in the UU Church Library
The Trinity: Can't we do better? Prayer: Does it have a prayer of a chance? Most of us have gods we don't believe in. Do you have god(s) you do believe in? What role do she/he/they play in your life? What mischief and mayhem is attributable to god? Do you pray? Responsible research shows a remarkable connection between prayer and recovery from injury and disease, but it also shows it doesn't matter how or to whom one prays. When we pray are we wrestling with god? 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.



Campus Ministry

Notes Indiana Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, (IUUCM), our campus

ministry group, meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Poplar Room at the Union.
--Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant,
heahanse@indiana.edu Feb. 13, 2006 p. 6

Our K-1 Class is Cookin' !

The Kindergarten and First grade classes are some of our biggest classes and they are cookin'! We have wonderful teaching teams both services who collaborate so that sometimes they do the same projects in both classes.

On Sunday, February 12, they decided to talk about the problem of homelessness and read a story called, The Lady in the Box by Ann McGovern and Marni Backer.

When I walked into the room, all the children were busy cutting vegetables, grating cheese and dumping sauce. Kindergartner Aiden Blankenship exclaimed, "I made food for the poor!" Claire Janda said, "We made lasagna and we made salad...for people that didn't have any food...it was fun!"

When Zoe Reed was asked if she had fun she smiled and nodded, "Yep, yep, yep yep yep!"

Teacher Kim Sackmann explained that when she got there with her daughter, "Sarah walked in and said, is this food going to the needy? And when I nodded, she exclaimed, 'Yes!'"

In our Religious Education program, we teach children that they can make a difference and we show them that they can in concrete ways.

Many thanks to Peggy Schultz, Regina DiLavore, Mary Blizzard, Kim Sackmann, Stephanie Kimball, Mindy King and Christy True for giving their time to teach our children and for their classes' outreach into the wider community.

Cindy Port

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Notably For Newcomers UUs and Salvation

Unitarian Universalists are sometimes asked how they understand salvation.

Today's column addresses that question. The English word "salvation" derives from the Latin *salus*, meaning health. UUs are as concerned with salvation, in the sense of spiritual health or wholeness, as any other religious people. Salvation is often associated with a very specific set of beliefs or a spiritual transformation of a very limited type, but most UUs don't cleave to those associations. So although some religions speak of salvation in terms of creeds, ceremonies, sacraments, and catechisms, UUs generally tend to think of it in terms of character, emphasizing deeds, not creeds.

Among UUs, instead of hearing of salvation as such, you will hear our yearning for, and our experience of, personal growth, increased wisdom, strength of character, and gifts of insight, understanding, inner and outer peace, courage, patience, and compassion. The ways in which these things come to, change, and heal us are many and various. We seek those ways and celebrate them in our worship.

As the Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn has written, "For us, salvation is not an otherworldly journey, flown on wings of dogma. It is ethical striving and moral growth...."

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

Attendance Figures

Sun, Feb 5	9 a.m.	71,	11:15	200, Totl	271
Sun, Feb 12	9 a.m.	80,	11:15	194, Totl	274



Reflection on Giving

In the coming six weeks, until Commitment Sunday on April 2, you will hear in-person and in print the voices of several members of our congregation reflecting on their commitment to our church. This week's reflection is by Joe Lee:

I am a U.U. and being a churchgoer is something I thought I would never be again. I was raised in religion, went to parochial school that began with services every morning, prayed with my kneeling family each evening, and attended Sunday services. I left that religion with the feeling of "been there, done that."

But, no, I definitely had not "been and done" the Unitarian Universalist experience. I discovered in my spiritual journey that religion was more than the unseen assurance or the ultimate promise. It could be, and is, about the here, the now, taking stock of our place in the world and working to make this world a better place for all its inhabitants. It is about this community and how it beneficially interacts with all the intersecting ripples of other communities.

I know for this important community to exist I have to give: give my time, my talent, and my money. So my family pledges to our church, knowing that what we affect here effects changes for the good in the wider world.

The Stewardship Committee has chosen the goal of 100% participation for this year's pledge drive. It is our hope that every friend and member of our congregation lights the fire of commitment and makes a pledge--no matter how large or small--to support the church financially in the 2006-2007 fiscal

year. Every gift comes from the heart and is important and appreciated.

The Stewardship Committee welcomes your questions, comments, or suggestions as we gear up for Commitment Sunday on April 2. Jan Skinner (Chair), Andrew Appel, David Cox, Anne Haynes (Board liaison), Steve Krahnke, Joe Lee, Andrea Murray, Denise Ogren and Caroline Altman Smith, with Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Rev. Bill Breeden, and Church Administrator Carol Marks serving ex officio.

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Exploring UU Class Begins March 12

Newcomers are invited to register for "Exploring Unitarian Universalism," to be held on both March 12 and March 19 from 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m. in the Fuchs Library. Meet others who are new to the church and investigate UU beliefs, history and sources. Preregistration and attendance at both sessions is required. Childcare is available. Register at the Newcomer Table in the foyer of the church or contact Libby DeVoe, edevoe@indiana.edu, 336-8688. The next Exploring UU class will be in May.

District Meeting Brochures Are Here

and are available in Room 204, on the bulletin board, or online at heartlanduu.org. Workshops will include "Growing Green, Being Green" by members of our Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, and "Burning Issues in Church Administration" with our Church Administrator Carol Marks, and Kirsten Eckert of the Fort Wayne UU Congregation. The Heartland UU District meeting is Apr 7-9 in Indianapolis. Feb. 13, 2006 p. 4

From Our Aesthetics Committee

Did you notice that the metal sculpture by Reza Pishgahi is in a prominent position in our entry way and that the carved Mother and Child statue by Mab Beck is looking over the section of the Meeting Room where traditionally families sit? These are just a couple of changes that the newly re-formed Aesthetics Committee did to make our surroundings more pleasant. You might also notice some other changes in the Entry Way and in the Meeting Room that make the spaces more open and inviting.

Our next steps include working to remove excess items from the front cloakroom, determining what might be done to make the Courtyard Entrance friendlier, tidying up Fellowship Hall and adding color to some areas of the facility. As we move forward with the beautification, we are asking everyone to please put objects that are not being used in storage closets and to work with the new placement of art and furnishings.

On Sunday, there were beautiful flowers in the West windows thanks to Diann Lock. If you would like to help with flowers by donating money, flowers, arranging, please speak with Diann.

If you have questions or suggestions concerning beautification of our facility, please speak with the Aesthetics Committee: Sandy Taylor, chair, Jackie Hall, Velma Harrison, Clarence Hawking, Lorraine Hawking, Diann Lock, Barbara Lund, Reza Pishgahi. Thanks for the opportunity to work with our lovely building.

UU Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

*Sunday, Feb. 26th 10:15-11:00am, (Rm 212)

*Sun. March 5th: NO REHEARSAL (this is a change from previous schedule.)

*No rehearsals March 12th or 19th-Spring Break.

*Sunday March 26th 10:15-11:00am, (Rm 212)

*Thursday March 30th, 7:00-7:30pm, Extra Rehearsal for those who can come, Room TBA (this is an addition to the previous schedule.)

*Sunday, April 2nd- Commitment Sunday. Meet at 8:30am. Sing at both services (Prelude & Children's Moment in both services); rehearse & relax in between.

Questions? Contact Jill Waggener at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

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President's Notes

During this past weekend, February 10-12, we had an incredible retreat with Rev. Barbara Child. This retreat was an opportunity to appreciate the long and wonderful history of this fabulous congregation, to share with each other, to challenge ourselves, and to "think outside of the box." We have much to think about in this year of transition, and this workshop provided a challenging environment and an impetus for creative thinking about the future.

At the services on Sunday, February 12, Rev. Child encouraged us all to be risk-takers, to challenge ourselves and our assumptions of who we are/who we are now. She is a risk taker, and has worked for the past six years as interim minister at various UU fellowships around the country. Her role is to spend time with congregations during periods of transition from one long-time minister to another, and to challenge the congregation during that period of transition. She has honed her abilities to be a catalyst for enthusiasm, creativity, and exploration. We were blessed to have had her here with us, bringing us questions and challenges.

You will be hearing more of the work from the retreat, and hopefully this enthusiasm will be contagious to all of you, so that you will take the opportunity to join us for this exploration. We have an exciting future ahead of us!

--Chris Clothier, President of the Congregation
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What is General Assembly?

An amazing annual conference of thousands of Unitarian Universalists with workshops, forums, worship and more! This year it is within easy driving distance, in St. Louis. See uua.org/ga.

 **Young Religious UU Meetings** Our high school youth (ages 14-20) will meet in Room 110 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the following Sundays in the next month or so: Feb 26, Mar 5, Mar 19. No meetings Feb 19

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Faith in Action Forum:

Mar. 5, Cynthia Bretheim, "Urban Permaculture by Bill Mollison"

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.

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.

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.

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 do not 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 administrative staff will see that it is posted.