

The Prologue

February 27, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World



**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

Sunday, March 5, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Make Room for Rumi (Though You Have Broken Your Vows a Thousand Times)"

The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

"Come, Come, whoever you are." We will make room for Jalaluddin Rumi, the 13th century Persian Sufi Poet, as we explore the concepts of promise, vows and covenant as liberal religious seekers. I *promise* to touch upon that age-long query encountered by many first year contract law students, "Now, when exactly is a promise not a promise"?

Sunday, March 12, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"A March to the Sea" The Rev. Bill Breeden

On March 12, 1930, Gandhi began his march to the sea. We will reflect on the man, the message, and the meaning for our times.

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

To schedule a Faith in Action forum, contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu.

From the Ministers

It has come to our attention that there is a growing number of persons standing along the wall for the first part of the 11:15 service. SRO is good news on a marquee. It usually means that there is something worth seeing or being a part of, and it presents an opportunity for a church. Thus the question presents itself: Are we willing to make room for more people to experience the living faith of Unitarian Universalism and the spirit of our community? It is a soul-searching question that we each must ponder in our hearts. The Long-Time members of this church have had to explore this question as on-going practice. Many of us are the beneficiaries of the fact that they answered "yes."

For those of you who find yourself answering "yes," we invite you to join us in creating ways we can possibly accommodate new persons.

"Accommodate," as Webster defines it, is "to make fit, adjust, adapt; to have space for, to find room for..." Here are a few of our observations and invitations. We look forward to hearing yours.

The first problem people encounter at the 11:15 service is **parking**. You are invited, if you are able, to join the Sunday morning hikers. That's right! There is a group of hikers who park on Jordan and take a small hike to church; we both re-commit ourselves as part of the hikers. In so doing, we not only combine exercise with worship; we also provide parking space for those unable to walk due to age, disability, or infant children. Exercise, worship and accommodation all rolled into a five-minute walk. Brilliant!

The above option is not the only accommodative effort we offer. We are pro-choice in most things, and thus we offer another choice which is in every way as much an exercise in accommodation as the first. **Come to the 9:00 a.m. service!** It is just as

wonderful as the later service, and you get out earlier. Brilliant!!

Our liberal religious community carries a powerful message in today's world. More and more people are seeking to explore the life-giving spirit of Unitarian Universalism. It is an act of worship and service to be accommodating. We hope many of you will consider adjusting, adapting, and making room for others. You are indeed a blessed community.

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

MAM's Musings

Thanks again to everyone who offered support, energies and all around goodwill to make last Sunday's "Long Time Member Recognition" a successful one. Heartfelt kudos to Musicians, Archival folks, Board Members, the Women's Alliance, Staff, the Membership Committee, the Celebrations Committee, past ministers, new and long-time members and friends, and everyone in between. Our congregation has a rich heritage. It was wonderful to celebrate with y'all.

Good gravy Marie and pass the ketchup! Now there is that "Decade Delerium," I found myself in whilst speaking from the pulpit on Sunday. Hmm! I believe I tripped on the semantical stumbling block of interchanging "four decades of membership" with "fourth decade of membership" too liberally in my mind (even for a Unitarian Universalist), and creating some interesting categories of membership... perhaps even missing a group? (please pardon if this is so). Thus, from now on, forthwith, I offer the following categories of membership: 1st Decade (0-9 years), 2nd Decade (10-19 years), 3rd Decade (20-29 years), 4th Decade (30-39 years), 5th Decade (40-49 years), 6th Decade (50-59 years). Brilliant!!!

Yours in brilliant humility, MAM
(Reverend Mary Ann Macklin) **2/27/06 p. 2**

Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Permaculture Practicum Course May 5-13 at Raccoon Creek Community Site and McCormick's Creek State Park. What is Permaculture? A design system for creating human settlements that function in harmony with nature. The principles of Permaculture aid in designing home ecosystems, including sustainable buildings, landforms, water supplies, and gardening systems. Registration forms available on our bulletin board. Info at raccooncreek@gmail.com or 317-259-4417 or 812-336-4486.

Ways You Can Support Monroe County United Ministries

1. Request and read MCUM's monthly newsletter.
 2. Schedule a tour for you and your co-workers.
 3. Request a MCUM speaker for your group.
 4. Visit www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum
 5. Sign up to volunteer at the food pantry.
 6. Volunteer at Opportunity House.
 7. Make a regular monetary contribution.
 8. Adopt a family in need during the holidays.
 9. Donate toiletries for clients in need.
 10. Donate old clothes to Opportunity House.
- More info at 339-3429.

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.

Centering with MAM on Fourth Wednesday

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

Late Breaking News from Adult Religious Education

Update on Adult Religious Education offerings:

"Talking About Our Religious Faith"

Facilitated by Guy Loftman, Wednesday, March 1, 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? Preregistration not necessary for this class.

This Saturday, March 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bill Breeden will lead a seminar on **"The Four Faiths."** Discover what those "four faiths" are. Notify the office (332-3695) of your interest in coming if you are not already signed up.

On March 23 and March 25 there will be a two-session offering entitled **"An Experience of Sustainable Building."** This class explores the design and construction of a straw-bale infill addition to a 1920's bungalow. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance. Details at uubloomington.org/prologue/winter06ARE.html

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Contribute to the Fun! Talent Auction is April 23

Donation forms for the UU Talent Auction are due March 19. Please fill out a donation form and send it to the church, or to Mark Day, 1104 S. Covenanter Dr. Bloomington, IN 47401. 336-3094. Donations may also be e-mailed to marktday@gmail.com.

2006 Talent, Goods & Services Auction DONOR FORM

If you have a talent, gently used item, or a service to offer to others, please complete this form. If applicable, please indicate the number of times you will offer this service or the number of people served. Dinners must include the date of the dinner.

I can donate the following: (Description)

No. of people served: _____
No. of times service offered: _____
Date for dinner/brunch, _____ (Required)

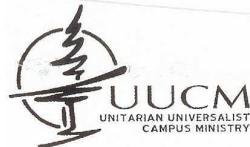
Minimum bid \$ _____ (Required)

This item will be at the church on April 2, or on April _____.

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Address _____

Please submit this form by March 19. Bring to church or mail to Mark Day, 1104 S Covenanter Dr. Bloomington IN 47401

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Campus Ministry

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

ministry group, meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Poplar Room at the Union.
--Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant

So, Just Exactly What IS a Clothing Swap?

On Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall, The Green Sanctuary Task Force will host the first All UU Clothing Swap. Bring clean, gently used items of clothing and join the fun of finding new clothing, maybe a great treasure and spend NO MONEY!

That's right, this is NOT a fund raiser, but an opportunity to redistribute our abundance, lower our consumption of new items, ease the strain on our pocketbooks, and on the landfill. Here's your chance to make space for wonderful new clothing, unload the guilt for letting go of the things that aren't quite right in your closet, but are still good and help your fellow UU's to lighten up as well.
--Martha Sattinger, for the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

UU Passover Seder April 12

The UU Seder will be held Wednesday April 12 at sundown. Save the date and look for details later. This year we are hoping to make the event even more child friendly than ever. The committee is looking for more people who are interested in helping to organize the Seder and prepare the food. Jewish heritage or experience is welcome but not necessary. This is a great way to get involved with a one time commitment and very few meetings. Our first meeting will be Sunday, March 26 @ 12:30 in the Library. Please join us.

Who? Who? Is there an OWL in here?

What does OWL have to do with Religious Education (RE). OWL stands for The Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education program. It is a positive, comprehensive, age-appropriate curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association in partnership with the United Church of Christ.

Our Whole Lives may sound like a funny title for sex education, but OWL is much more than that. It is a series of programs that is based on a set of values like "Sexuality is a natural and healthy part of living. Children learn about sexuality beginning at birth and continue to learn throughout their lives."

For this reason, there are five programs in the OWL series, which starts with Kindergarten and First Graders. Parents of K-1 children are invited to a Parent Meeting, on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. to learn how their family can use the materials at home or as part of a group experience we are offering this spring. We will offer the 4-5th grade program next fall.

Currently, Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff are teaching OWL to 7-9th graders. This in-depth program is designed to give youth accurate information, develop self-esteem, understand relationships, and develop interpersonal and decision-making skills. Amy Taylor said, "One of the things that I really like about this program is that it deals with their feelings and emotions rather than just the physical stuff."

Jake Woollen is an 8th grader in the program. I asked him what makes it different than what he learns at school, he said "In school it's all abstinence, abstinence, abstinence but here we get to talk about the full spectrum."

If you have any questions, contact me or any of the trained facilitators, including Amy Cox and Heike Meya, who will be teaching K-1.

Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education
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Notably For Newcomers Faith Affirmations

This column and the next come from the Rev. William F. Schulz, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations from 1985 to 1993 and currently executive director of Amnesty International USA. He writes,

"...there is a whole host of faith affirmations with which the vast majority of us (UUs) would be comfortable. Let me offer a selection.

"Whatever we think the holy be, Creation itself is holy. We make no distinctions between the natural and the supernatural, the secular and the sacred. We simply cherish the earth and all its creatures, the stars in all their glory.

"Life's gifts are available to everyone, not just the Chosen or the Saved. Only human artifice or blind ill fortune can separate us from the source of blessings. Whatever that source be, it makes no artificial distinctions among its supplicants.

"That which is Divine (or, if you prefer, most precious or profound) is made evident, not in the miraculous or otherworldly, but in the simple and the everyday. We look not to the heavens or an afterlife for our meaning, but to the exuberance of life's unfolding. Whatever abundance there may be is lodged right here on earth."

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

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Preparing for Commitment Sunday

In the coming weeks, as you prepare to Light the Fire of Commitment and make a financial pledge for the 2006-07 fiscal year, keep in mind some of our congregation's recent accomplishments:

- Surpassed 400 members for the first time
- Increased involvement of children and youth in social justice work
- Created new social justice task forces: Economic Justice, Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, and Civil Marriage is a Civil Right
- Increased number of Children's Choir performances
- Commissioned a new composition for our choir by Malcolm Dalglish, and a book of choral benedictions by Cary Boyce
- Voted to increase our Sunday Plate offering to 25% in outreach to the community

Remember that everyone here (**100% of us** ☺) is invited to participate in the financial health of our church by making a pledge. Every contribution is important and appreciated.

We look forward to our celebration on April 2, with breakfast all morning, special music during the services, and "fireworks."

The Stewardship Committee welcomes your questions or comments. 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.

MARCH FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

- #40-HOST-BILL BAUS
GUESTS-Ted & Diann Lock
Diane & Bob Port
Raymond & Rita Rust
Caroline & Christopher Smith
- #41-HOST-MARJORIE & JOHN CROSBY
GUESTS-Paul & Dee Lane
Bill & Cookie Lynch
Dave Parkhurst & Deborah Robinson
- #42-HOST-BOB & LIBBY DEVOE
GUESTS-Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts
Rob & Joan Hongen
Tommie & Walt Owens
- #43-HOST-DOLORES FREIBURGER
GUESTS-Lynne Gilliatt
Anne & Chris Haynes
John & Beth Hollingsworth
Carol & Roger Parks
- #44-HOST-CATHY & DICK HIATT
GUESTS-Laura & Bob Campbell
Marcie & Irv Grossack
B.J.Lawrance & Jan Skinner
- #45-HOST-ELIZABETH LION
GUESTS-Katherine Hopkins
Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison
Laura Smith
Ann Watzel
- #46-HOST-PAUL PETERSEN
GUESTS-Pat Aungst
Jack & Sylvia King
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
- #47-HOST-KEVIN ROTTET & DAVE CRANE
GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship
Denise & Harold Ogren
Louis & Emily Tenney
- #48-JEAN SEBEAK & MARK DAY
GUESTS-Judy Bennett & Karen Dessauer
Tom & Diane Gregory
John & Julie Lawson
- #49-HOST-JOHN & PEGGY WOODCOCK
GUESTS-Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum
Harriet & Dick Pfister
Sandy & Bob Taylor

"Walkabout" at Movie Night Saturday, March 4

This coming Saturday, March 4, is Film Series night - This month's film is "Walkabout" and it is the story of two young children who are stranded in the Australian Outback and are forced to cope on their own. They meet an Aborigine on "walkabout" which is a ritualistic banishment from his tribe. The film explores the problem of communication across cultures. Some may find it a spiritual experience. We meet at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a potluck supper. The movie begins at 6:30.

Nametags Ready If you requested an engraved nametag from our Newcomer welcomers, please pick it up at the Newcomer table. After two weeks, nametags are placed in alphabetical order on the nametag rack in the courtyard entrance.

Two More Delegates Needed for April 8 Annual Meeting

We need two more delegates for the Heartland UU District annual meeting in Indianapolis April 8. If interested, please contact Iris Kiesling, 332-5224.

New Books in Our Library

- 179.7 Wiesenthal, Simon. The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness.
- 225.4 Ehrman, Bart D. Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why.
- 230.9 Bumbaugh, David E. Unitarianism: A Narrative History.
- 333.79 Bent, Robert, Lloyd Orr, & Randall Baker, eds. Energy, Science, Policy and the Pursuit of Sustainability

- 363.7 Gelbspan, Ross. Boiling Point
- 641.63 Lappe, Frances M. Diet for a Small Planet
- 921 Carter, Ledford D. My Lust for Discovery

Attendance Figures

Sun, Feb 19 9 a.m. 90, 11:15 192, Totl 282
Sun, Feb 26 9 a.m. 154, 11:15 246, Totl 400

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Feb 19 non-pledge offering: \$579
Of this amount, \$145 will be donated to the Community Justice and Mediation Center

Sun, Feb 26 non-pledge offering: \$567
Of this amount, \$142 will be donated to the Community Justice and Mediation Center

UU Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

- *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 in Room 212. Sing at both services (Prelude & Children's Moment in both services); rehearse & relax in between.
- Questions? Contact Jill Waggeneer at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

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BULLETIN BOARD

NEED CLEANING INST. FOR BAZAAR RUG, bought used at the Bazaar. Off-white w/brown specks, fringe. Contact Doris Wittenburg at 336-4993 or dwwittenb@indiana.edu

MARKS BROTHER TO BIKE 350 MILES. Terran Marks will ride his bike across Indiana in May on the Habitat for Humanity Cover Indiana Bike Tour. To support his efforts, contact tnmarks@purdue.edu

FOR RENT, SM HOUSE. 2 BR, 1 BA, remodeled in '05. Fenced backyard, pets ok. Southwest of Bmtn on That Road, \$500/month plus utilities. 812-824-2950.

or Mar 12. Info, Margie or Drew Schrader,
maschrad@indiana.edu.

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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.