

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, July 23, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**"Dawg Days of Summer" The Sunday Services Committee**

During the long hot days of summer, making like a dog seems a good idea. What wisdom do our canine friends have to offer us? From learning the gifts of lazing to the joys of devoted care we'll go to the dogs for some whimsy and wisdom. Members of the congregation—Will Watt, Ted Lock, and Melissa Keller—will speak and special summer-themed music will be provided by harpist Erszebet Gaal. Reverend Macklin will also participate in the service. This service is brought to you by the Sunday Services Committee, whose mission is to bring the full richness of the lay, non-ordained community and the larger community into worship.

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**Sunday, July 30, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**"Poetic Power" The Rev. Bill Breeden**

Each year in July, we often explore the creative spirit through poetry. The forecast calls for scattered thunderpoems, lightening awareness, and spiritual winds. Umbrellas not necessary.

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**Unitarian Universalist Friends of Lotus: Publicity Opportunity**

Join other UUs in supporting the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, October 5-8, and marketing our UU belief in Lotus' message of diversity. Write a personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), get tax credit for your own donation, and create one united UU contribution to make our church a Lotus Festival Sponsor. We raised \$1,490 by Festival time in 2005! Send in your check by August 15, so we can be included in pre-Festival advertising. Questions? Call: Deb Hutton (H: 334-4103; huttond@indiana.edu) or Cem Basman (H: 335-1393; cmbasman@indiana.edu ) Make checks payable to: LEAF or Lotus Education & Arts Foundation. \*\*\*Please write "UUs for Lotus" on the memo line! Send to: Deborah Klein, LEAF, Development Director, 103 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47402 (T: 336-6599; E: dklein@bluemarble.net).

## MAM's Musings

Is it my imagination or are there an unusual number of inconvenient truths around nowadays? As I mentioned last Sunday, at the urging of long-time member Ledford Carter, who recently had a letter to this effect in the Herald Times, folks ought to take time to see the film, "An Inconvenient Truth." I second his opinion. It is still being shown at local theaters. "An Inconvenient Truth" is a documentary that addresses the issue of Global Warming (or perhaps better named, Global Climate Change or, better yet, as suggested by one worship attendee, Global Climate Destabilization) as a recognized problem worldwide. It is both informative and frightening. It speaks truth. As many of you know, this congregation, as well as our Unitarian Universalist Association, is focusing on Global Climate Change as a spiritual and ethical crisis deeply worthy of our attention and action.

There is another documentary film that I believe also addresses some other deep, inconvenient truths of our time; "Why We Fight" is currently available on DVD at local video/DVD stores. "Why We Fight" was the 2005 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize Winner. It begins with Dwight D. Eisenhower's Presidential farewell address in which he warns of the grave implications of this country's large armament industry and immense military establishment, or as he coined, "the military industrial complex." The documentary begins with this speech by Eisenhower and continues to present day. This documentary is human, informative, and frightening. From the voices of a New York policeman who lost his son in 9/11 to retired Pentagon and CIA officials, as well as Eisenhower's son and daughter, there are many voices speaking inconvenient truths.

This film, I believe, well lives up to its selection as Grand Jury Prize Winner at Sundance.

Lastly, I know many of us are concerned about the escalating violence in the Middle East. May we all take time, within the sacred aspects of our own spiritual truths, to pray for peace. May we all take time, within the sacred aspects of our own spiritual urgings, to speak our truths to power...no matter how inconvenient.

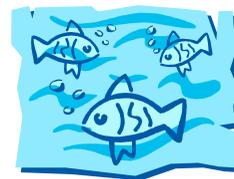
With inconvenient warmth, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## Pastoral Caregiver Associates Training Postponed

The training for Pastoral Caregiver Associates that was tentatively scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> has been postponed. Pastoral Caregiver Associates will be contacted individually with further details regarding future training and meetings. For information please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin at [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org) or 332-3695.

## Water Communion August 27

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell, or other object from your summer adventures for our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Aug 27.



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"Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."  
--Mark Twain

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### Retired Volunteers Service Program VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Meals on Wheels** Dedicated volunteers needed to serve as Client Coordinator or Co-Director. Many volunteers also needed for substitute list. Subs are not called last minute. Contact Christine McKenna, [cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us](mailto:cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us), 876-3383.

**New Leaf/New Life** Help inmates at the Monroe County Jail successfully face common obstacles during their transition back into society. Provide critical assistance in their quest for housing, employment, ID, and medical care. Your help can provide the confidence and tools that are needed to keep inmates from returning to jail after being released. Contact [cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us](mailto:cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us)

**Partners: Services for Seniors** Musicians and artists of all kinds needed for simply one hour! Partners offers creative services to seniors challenged by memory loss. They currently provide a unique day program that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Partners is looking for volunteers to come in for an hour or on a regular basis to inspire the clients with creative expression of all kinds. [cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us](mailto:cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us)

### Sycamore Land Trust Trailbuilding

The Sycamore Land Trust is seeking volunteers to help with the physical labor of trailbuilding at one of their properties. If you'd like to help, contact Erin Hollinden at 336-5382 or [erin@sycamorelandtrust.org](mailto:erin@sycamorelandtrust.org).

### 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, W, Th, F  
Rev. Macklin will be away August 13-19  
Her mobile number is 322-0205.  
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th  
Office hours: M, T, F  
Rev. Breeden will be away Aug 2-9.  
His mobile number is 360-1779.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of our Board of Directors meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance after they have been corrected and approved. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

## Our Folks...

A memorial service for Sue Swanson will be held at Cicero Christian Church in Cicero, Indiana, Saturday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will lead the service.

Our healing thoughts are with Sharon Yarber as she recovers from recent surgery. Cards sent to Sharon at home would be welcome.

Happy Birthday this week to Arda Landergren!

## Silence in the Meeting Room

**Appreciated** Please observe silence in the Meeting Room on Sundays until 15 minutes before each service, to allow our musicians and worship presenters to prepare for the service.

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## Adult Religious Education News

The Adult Religious Education Committee will be meeting on July 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Library to consider proposals for the

fall season. If you have a favorite topic that you would like to explore with discussion from other UUs, we invite you to participate. Proposal forms are available from the office or from [www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc](http://www.uubloomington.org/programs/are/proposal.doc), or call Marjorie Crosby at 339-2572.

## Economic Justice Task Force Polls Non-profits in the Community

The Economic Justice Task Force would like hear from those involved with non-profit groups. How many of you would consider participating in an event at the church around the holidays that allowed you to sell something to the public that would benefit your organization? So that our group can get an idea of the number of non-profits that have products they sell to the community, please send a brief e-mail to Mary Embry at [membry@indiana.edu](mailto:membry@indiana.edu) indicating that your organization might participate in such an event.

## Happy New Year! New Pledge Year Began July 1

Please be sure to indicate on your pledge check which fiscal year it is for. Fiscal year 05-06 ended on June 30, and fiscal year 06-07 began on July 1. Many thanks to all who have recently completed payment on their 05-06 pledges!

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Jul 9, 9:00 – 100; 11:15 – 153; Totl 253  
Sun, Jul 16, 9:00 – 87; 11:15 – 150; Totl 237

## UU Board of Directors

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Cleaning Services: Commerical Cleaners, Inc.

### Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, July 9 non-pledge offering: \$349  
\$87 to Stepping Stones Inc.  
Sun, July 16 non-pledge offering: \$373  
\$93 to Stepping Stones Inc.

## Summer Religious Education: Building a Web of Life

What do axolotls, seeds, and sharks have in common? They were all part of the web of life that the children created on Sunday. We used a ball of yarn to build the web between us; we took turns throwing the yarn to one another while holding a piece of it. Each child chose to be a plant or animal that was connected to the previous being, for example something spiders eat, or something that eats spiders. Our creative children built diverse webs that included phytoplankton, eagles, and boa constrictors.

Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> we will continue our celebration of the elements by focusing on the element of Earth. Naturally we will be digging in the dirt and learning about earthworms, so please dress children accordingly.

Water Celebration day is tentatively scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> if an especially warm day is forecast. Our celebration of water will include water squirters and a sprinkler, so children should plan on getting wet that day. Sunscreen, swimsuits, and towels are encouraged. An email will be sent during the week to registered families based on the weather.

Calling all YUUMS! (Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers) We miss seeing all our wonderful middle school and high school youth regularly this summer. Youth over age 12 are encouraged to be helpers in our Summer Vacation RE programs. A special youth field trip is being planned for August 13<sup>th</sup> to go canoeing at Lake Griffy. All youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to attend. Please ask Cindy for details, especially if the youth is not registered. Cindy Port, Acting DRE



## Notably For Newcomers

Rev. Breeden, in his July 9 sermon, used the following quotation from Michael Durall's provocative, perhaps

prophetic, book *The Almost Church* (2004): "Unitarian Universalism should be creating churches that make the world a more just, safe, and equitable place. This goal will not be accomplished if church leaders believe their primary role is to accommodate the people who are already there."

Earlier in that same book Durall writes, "Unitarian Universalism is a movement that is desperately in need of a greater purpose. Despite its strengths, our faith tradition has been compromised by the attempt to be all things to all people, and to offend no one. In doing so, we have lost sight of the meaning of religion today.

"Over the past ten to fifteen years, membership in UU churches has remained flat, despite UU publications that claim the Association is stronger than ever. Numerical growth has actually occurred in only about fifty to sixty congregations of 1,008 in the Association. The year 2003 brought a decrease in adult membership and a second consecutive year in which the number of children and youth members declined.

"The challenge facing both congregations and the Association today is not to reorganize committees or ponder an assortment of methods for congregational governance. The summons is to redefine Unitarian Universalism for a new era."  
--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

## Our Newest Members

### Cynthia Bretheim

Cynthia has been part of the Bloomington community for 22 years. She loves the beautiful big trees and limestone in southern Indiana, and the wonderful people who make up the fabric of Bloomington. She is learning the benefits of living in a close-knit community. She likes gardening, world and traditional music, cooking, art, knitting, crafts, healing modalities, and spiritual growth.

### Lauren Bryant

I've been lurking at Bloomington UU services for about five years, but I first learned about Unitarian Universalism more than 15 years ago. Back then, it was from the outside in, during a stint as an editor at Beacon Press, the publishing arm of UU in Boston. I reviewed manuscripts that reflected principles of justice and inherent dignity and worth of every human being. When I returned to Bloomington with my family, I began to explore UUism from the inside and realized this congregation made sense to me as a spiritual home.

### Lynne Gilliatt

Lynne was born and raised in Bloomington. From a very sheltered and Christian-Scientist childhood, Lynne ventured out to foreign shores and different American cities. Her art-making has been her constant companion and inspiration besides her love of learning languages! "I have an intense love of mountains and still seek solace in them. I've made great friends again in Bloomington and comfortably call this my home. Signing a church membership book is a big deal to me. It says, 'I'm home.' "

### Martha Sattinger

I grew up in Indianapolis, transplanting to Bloomington during my 22nd year. Oddly, it took me more than half a lifetime to 'discover' UU! During the recent Gospel service, I had a 'come to UU moment' and signed up for the Exploring UU class after professing more than once over the 4+ years I've been attending that I didn't need to join. I like exploring and learning ways to enhance well-being; physically, emotionally, spiritually. Most recently my studies center around using essential oils therapeutically and the meditative value of knitting and other fiber arts.

### Amy Cox and James Thurmond

Jim and Amy first attended the Bloomington UU church three years ago, soon after moving from Michigan, where they both taught at Western Michigan University. Jim, an Austin native, was raised Methodist, yet he never felt connected to standard Christianity. Since attending the church here in Bloomington, he has found both a spiritual home and a place in the choir. Amy, originally from Indianapolis, was raised UU. As an adult, however, she stopped attending. Confronted with the challenges of raising ethical children in an era of excessive materialism and evangelical fervor, she decided it was time to re-connect with her UU past. Currently, Amy is a member of the Religious Education Committee and recently she co-taught the lower elementary Our Whole Lives Sexuality class. Jim and Amy have been married for nine years. They have two precocious and energetic boys - Adrian, who is seven, and Nathaniel, who is three.

### Sarah Collins

Sarah is a native to Bloomington who majored in Elementary Education at IU. She has spent the past 4 years teaching reading at Grandview and loves the challenge of engaging children in different genres of literature. She enjoys writing

in her free time and her adult fiction book has already been published with a sequel in the making. She loves to read anything written in Spanish, as well as picture books. She's looking forward to starting the next phase of her life with her partner, Kate.

### Lois Holl

I was born in Chicago and raised Roman Catholic. I left the church at 21, married, had three children, and worked as a school social worker for twenty years. During 34 years of membership in Countryside Unitarian Universalist Church in Palatine, Illinois, I served on the board of trustees, social action and finance committees, and for 18½ years as coordinator of the Lay and Care Ministries providing pastoral support to the ministers. Rick and I have been married over 18 years. We decided to relocate to Bloomington to be closer to our daughters Laura (a member of the congregation) and Jennifer, and our four grandchildren.

### Rick Holl

For fifty years Rick has been a Unitarian, first in Deerfield, Illinois, then the past twenty years at Countryside U.U. in Palatine, Illinois. Exciting, thoughtful sermons and social action programs attracted Rick to Unitarianism then and now in Bloomington. Teaching, social service, and marketing have been Rick's careers. Music, art, birds, and theater are his interests.

### Heike Meya

Heike grew up near Heidelberg, Germany, and received her MS in animal science from the University of Göttingen. She met her husband Wil while on an agricultural project on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. They have been closely engaged with the Lakota community since then. Heike and Wil have two children – Robert and Greta. Heike takes great pleasure

in raising her kids, enjoys gardening, outdoor activities, cooking and dancing.

### Wilhelm Meya

Wil and his family have been living in Bloomington since 2000. Wil works to save endangered Native American languages through the organizations he directs – the Lakota Language Consortium and the Language Conservancy. He is also finishing his Ph.D. in anthropology at IU. Wil was born in Vienna, Austria, and grew up in Connecticut. He likes to spend time with his family, enjoys outdoor activities, meeting people, and participating in Bloomington's rich cultural life, such as the UU Choir.

### Paul Petersen

A Unitarian Universalist for many years, Paul recently moved to Bloomington, enhancing proximity to four grandchildren and their elders. Daughter Laura is a psychiatric social worker; Jennifer is a cardiologist at IMA. A retired clinical psychologist, Paul is an avid football fan and devotee of classical music. As a current events buff, he shares op-ed articles with a network of friends on an ongoing basis, supplementing participants' usual news sources.



## Choir Starts Up on August 10

All interested singers are welcome to join the choir. The first rehearsal of the fall is Thursday, August 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. No auditions; y'all come! Childcare is provided in Room 108.

Susan Swaney, Music Director

## **Women's Alliance Meetings**

The Women's Alliance will meet at noon on August 6 for its monthly meeting. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30am; drinks and dessert provided. August's hosts are Joan Hongen and Sylvia King. Child care is also provided. Come this month to meet and socialize with other UUs.

August – Joan Hongen and Sylvia King  
September – Edrice Baker and Joan Bennett  
October – Cookie Lynch and Tommie Owens  
November – Katherine Hopkins and Susan Bucove  
December – Jean Anderson and Dorothy Davis  
January – Velma Harrison and Elizabeth Lion  
February – Julie Lawson and Lee Strickholm  
March – Kay Harris and Dee Lane  
April – Roberta Watson and Dolores Freiburger

these items. Large-print versions of the Prologue are available upon request to Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

## **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.

## **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.

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## **Large Print Materials Available Each Sunday**

Large print orders of service and large print 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 are available upon request to Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

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