

**~ The Prologue August 14, 2006 ~**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*



**Sunday, August 20, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"The Call of the Earth and The Naming of Things"**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

In this worship service, both Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin will offer reflections on our Unitarian Universalist 7<sup>th</sup> principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part." We will also explore our UU source regarding earth-centered traditions, which instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. (Please note that on this Sunday we will practice the art of hospitality by encouraging one another to wear our nametags.)

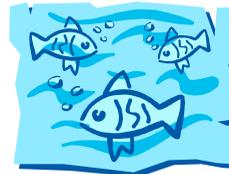
**Sunday, August 27, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Moyuba for Yemaya: Prayers for the Ocean Ceremony"**

**Our Annual Water Communion Worship Service**

**Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

In this, our annual water communion ceremony (see below), Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden will wade in the theological waters of welcome and inspiration. Special music will be offered by our Children's Choir, directed by Jill Waggener and our Adult Choir, directed by Susan Swaney. There will be plenty of rhythm, warmth and reflection.



**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 August 27.

**Faith in Action Forum**

**August 27, 10:15am to 11:15am** in the Church Library. **Democracy Crisis! Will All Votes Count?**

Note: There will be no time conflict with either the first or second service.

## MAM's Musings

Just the other day, I received a letter from the Salvation Army which began, "People of Faith, Basketball and Volleyball leagues are once again taking place at The Salvation Army, and you are invited to create a team. **Co-ed** teams are composed from varying places of worship and compete against one another." Mmm, methinks that this might be an interesting adventure for us liberal religious folks. While our religious views and principles may not always be in total congruence with the Salvation Army, maybe a little healthy competition could foster better understanding. It could also provide for some interesting ponderings regarding competition and spirituality. Plus, it would give us Unitarian Universalists a chance to interact with other faith traditions, with which we would not typically find ourselves interacting.

Personally, I would be willing to help organize a basketball team if we could pull one together. Unfortunately, I can't help with a volleyball team because the games are on nights which I cannot attend (Tuesday and Thursday). However, if you are interested in a volleyball team, e-mail or call me and I will help y'all get together.

Meanwhile, here's the scoop on hoops. The autumn league begins September 4 and ends on December 1. Tournament play begins December 4. Basketball games are played on Monday and Friday nights. Games are 55 minutes each. Two will be played each evening, one at 7:10pm and the next at 8:05pm. If we register, we would be slotted for 12 game times in periodic times in those 4 slots. I believe we need at least 15 people on our team who think they could make 75% of the games. There is a \$100 registration fee, which we can figure out later.

So, if you consider yourself an average basketball player with a *healthy* sense of competition, e-mail me

[macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org) or call 332-3695 by AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>!

In these challenging times, maybe a little religious interplay might be of worth. Oh, and the best part, our team name: "UU Tolerators"!!

In peace, Mary Ann  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin  
[macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)

## From the Ministers: A Notable Note

We want to thank Paul Lane from the bottom of our hearts for his column "Notably for Newcomers," which he has written for the past four years. This column has helped both new and old members/friends alike (and ministers!) learn more about ourselves as Unitarian Universalists. From our heritage to our evolving theology as a living tradition, Paul covered vast amounts of theological acreage with wise words and alacrity of spirit. Because Paul's columns were full of insight and useful information regarding ourselves as Unitarian Universalists, we will be rerunning some of his columns once a month for the benefit of all.

We are pleased as Punch to announce that Amy Cornell will be a new monthly columnist for "Notably for Newcomers." Her columns will be focused on getting to know the ins-and-outs of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. A bit of a guide map for newcomers, one might say. We anticipate that her column will also help new and old members/friends alike (and ministers). Again, thank you Paul and welcome Amy. Between the two of you, we will always have a "Notably for Newcomer" column to look forward to.

Respectfully, *Mary Ann and Bill*  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and  
Reverend Bill Breeden

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### Yemeni Teen Needs Host Family

Tarek, a 17-year old young man from Yemen, needs a host family for the coming school year. Family needs to live in the Bloomington High School North school district. He is a U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funded scholarship student. Contact Cathy Chamberlin-Stevens, CIEE Local Coordinator, 961-3562, [celticcorgi@gmail.com](mailto:celticcorgi@gmail.com)

### Holistic Health Expo Invites Contributions

Join other UU's in supporting the Indiana Holistic Health Wellness Expo, November 10th and 11th in the University Plaza Hotel. Make your tax-deductible check payable to Center for Sustainable Living and please write IHHN Expo on the memo line. Send to: Indiana Holistic Health Network, IHHN Expo, P.O. Box 8172, Bloomington, IN 47407. Info: Patricia C. Coleman at 331-0886, [mail.ihhn@gmail.com](mailto:mail.ihhn@gmail.com).



### Earth Tip #1: Try a

**dehumidifier:** A typical dehumidifier uses less energy than a room's central air, and many days you can use it instead of your air conditioner because a dehumidifier makes you feel cooler.

### Women's Alliance Meets on First Thursday Each Month

The Women's Alliance will meet at 11:30 a.m. September 7 for its monthly meeting. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.; drinks and dessert are provided. September's hostesses are Edrice Baker and Joan Bennett. Child care is provided in Room 108. Come join us!

### Lunch with a Minister

Have lunch with a minister once a month. Rev. Breeden invites all who wish to attend

to bring a brown bag lunch and join him in Fellowship Hall on the following Mondays at 12:00 noon: Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20.

### Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (86%); Rev. Bill Breeden (86%). 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  
His mobile number is 360-1779.

### Indiana Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry Pizza Lunches

On August 27 and September 3, our campus ministry program, Indiana Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM) will provide lunch for young adults at the church after second service to kick off the new semester. We will be talking about our summers and what we have planned for this year. We also will be talking about what other things should be planned this year but are not already. So if you are a college student (ages 18-35) and you like pizza (and you know you do), come join us. If you cannot come but are interested in IUUCM, we meet to worship and explore our spirituality Mondays 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Union, starting September 4. The first two Mondays we are meeting in the Distinguished Alumni Room and after that in the Hoosier Room. Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant, [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org).

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## Baby Dedication

**Date: September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Our congregation sets aside special times in our worship services several times a year for baby dedications. The next date is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**. Baby dedications are intended as celebrations of the miracle of life, the sacredness of the child-parent bond, and the importance of a strong reciprocal relationship between family and a supportive faith community. To be included, please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin at [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org), or 332-2695 by Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> if you would like your baby to be dedicated on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## All welcome to join the choir!

Choir rehearsals resumed on Thursday, August 10 and continue every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 p.m., through May 2007. All are welcome; no audition necessary. Childcare is always available. So far, we know we'll be singing Cuban music, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, a Woody Guthrie Extravaganza, and a Bach Cantata. There's something for everyone!

And mark your calendars for a choir potluck at the Taylors' lake cabin on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10!

Susan Swaney, Music Director

## Centering with MAM

August 23, September 13 and September 20  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity on August 23, September 13, and September 20 from 6:00pm to 6:45pm in the Library.

## UU Children's Choir - Rehearsing August 20th!

Calling all singers in grades Kg-8th grade! We will kick off a new season of UU Children's Choir beginning THIS Sunday, August 20th. We will rehearse on Sun. morning Aug 20th from 10:15-11:00am in Room 212, and we will sing on Sunday morning Aug. 27th, the Water Communion service (at end of first service and beginning of second service.) If you cannot make this rehearsal and performance, don't worry! There will be many singing opportunities this year; regular schedule will come out soon! Watch *The Prologue* for more details. Questions? E-mail Jill Waggener at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.



## Vegetarian Potluck Club-- Coming Soon!

Want to learn more about vegetarian cooking and living while sharing some delicious vegetarian food? Join us on

Sunday, October 1st from 5:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall for our first regular meeting of the UU Vegetarian Potluck Club, sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force. Vegetarians and non-vegetarians are welcome! More details coming soon! For info, contact Jill at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu).

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Aug 6, 9:00 – 63; 11:15 – 151; Totl 214  
Sun, Aug 13, 9:00 – 74; 11:15 – 182; Totl 256

## Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Aug 6 non-pledge offering: \$260  
Sun, Aug 13 non-pledge offering: \$832  
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$273

## Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Offered This Fall

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program to fifth and sixth graders this fall. This curriculum is one of five programs offered in the OWL lifespan sexuality education series. It is based on Unitarian Universalist values and beliefs such as every child should be loved, respected and valued as a human being and that parents are the most important sexuality educators.

There will be an introductory OWL Parent Meeting on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am-12:00pm with childcare provided. At the meeting parents can learn more about the program, ask any questions they may have, and view course materials. OWL is a ten-week program which will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm starting on August 31.

In addition to being an excellent educational opportunity, OWL helps build good group cohesion. Positive group bonding is essential to creating dynamic youth groups for middle and high school youth. We are making some changes in our youth programming to intentionally build good group cohesion. As a part of this change, we are keeping 6<sup>th</sup> graders with their elementary school peers and asking them to join YUUMS (Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers) when they enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this change or the OWL program.

Sincerely,

Cindy Port

Acting Director of Religious Education  
[dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)

## Important RE Dates:

August 20<sup>th</sup> "Supported in the Web of Life"  
August 26<sup>th</sup> Teacher Training  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> First Day of RE fall semester



## Notably For Newcomers

This is my last Notably for Newcomers. The first column was in the August 12, 2002, edition of *The Prologue*. Four years ago. One hundred and six columns ago. I send my heartfelt thanks to the many of you who have given me such loving support and encouragement during those four years.

In all of my reading in my quest for enlightenment and for the numinous, I haven't come across anyone who has ministered to me more than the Rev. Jacob Trapp, a radiant spirit indeed. In an essay on Emerson he wrote, "There are new stirrings among us these days, away from Unitarian Universalist parochialism, away from the secular club idea of a church, toward a deeper and more sympathetic understanding of the world's religions and the human needs from which they spring, toward pressing through the flat, positivistic world into the depth and mystery of existence, there to re-experience our fundamental oneness in myth and metaphysics, in symbol and ceremonial. There has been, and there is, a famine in our churches. Well, blessed are they that hunger. Blessed are the unsatisfied Unitarian Universalists, who thirst for being and who would enrich their being by passing from person to person, regardless of affiliate labels, the heavenly bread of mutual confirmation. We need union at the deeper level of the inexpressible, of 'the oneness of our being descending into us from we know not whence.' And in our quest for such union, we as inheritors of Emerson's legacy can kindle with him our vision of 'a new church, at first a babe in the manger again--but it will have heaven and earth for its beams and rafters; science for symbol and illustration, and it will fast enough gather beauty, music, picture, and poetry.'" Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

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## Our Folks...

Our healing thoughts are with...

Jean-Paul Darriau, now in hospice care at home, who fondly remembers his friends in our congregation.

Velma Harrison's daughter Amy, who is recovering at Bloomington Hospital from an emergency appendectomy.

Congratulations to Alison Kuhn, whose chickens won a prize at the Monroe County Fair, and to Renee Reed, who was named Mr. Gay Wisconsin F.M.I. (for male impersonators) and will be competing soon at the national level.

**Holiday Bazaar Notice:** In-church groups and UU representatives for non-profit groups interested in participating in the 2006 Holiday Bazaar, please contact Julie Lawson or Diann Lock to receive an application. Bazaar is scheduled for Dec. 1-2. Applications from the above mentioned entities are due Nov. 1.



## UU Oral History Project Welcomes New Members!

The Oral History Project was started to catch the memories of our active, senior members. We make videos of interviews with these members which are placed on DVDs in the church archives. Memories of personal lives and of this church add to the richness of our history. If you would like to share in this rewarding project, why not be a volunteer? Info: Contact Glee Noble 323-7695, gleenoble@sbcglobal.com or Cookie Lynch 332 9933, wilynch@indiana.edu.

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## Earth-Based Spirituality Still Practiced Here

There are those of us within this community who still regularly practice earth-based spirituality by acknowledging and celebrating the wheel of the year holidays and occasionally a full moon or dark moon.

All are always invited to be a part of these celebrations. We celebrate on the weekends before the actual holidays and use the Fellowship Hall or, weather permitting, the courtyard as our sacred space.

The next holiday, the Autumnal Equinox, will be celebrated on Saturday, September 23 at 7:30pm. We will use the portable firepit and create sacred space in the courtyard around the fire as we give thanks for this season's harvest and the balance of night and day.

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Samhein by honoring the ancestors, the final harvest of this season, and the end of the pagan year.

All celebrations are listed in the church calendar and are open to new and old travelers alike. Questions about the holidays and celebrations can be addressed to Beckie Wagner or Jerry Nees. Hope to see all who seek to know more of earth-based spirituality. --Beckie Wagner



## Earth Tip #2 : Use ceiling fans

Used in conjunction with an air conditioner, they will allow you to turn up the thermostat by 6 degrees and still feel comfortable.

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## Nametag Sunday: Next Sunday and Every Sunday

August 20 is Nametag Sunday. As Reverend Macklin reminded us on August 6th, part of our mission is the fragile art of hospitality. The best place to begin practicing this art is right here in our own congregational community. We are asking everyone to please wear your nametags on Sunday, August 20th and every Sunday. If you don't have a nametag, plenty of paper tags will be available and you can order a permanent one at the Newcomer Welcome table. Wearing your nametag is an important practice of hospitality because it helps people recognize you and it helps people introduce you. Wearing a nametag also shows that you are proud to be a part of our church, and that our church is welcoming to all. In that spirit, when you have your nametag on, introduce yourself to some newcomers. Let us practice the fragile art of hospitality. Thanks for being welcoming.

--The Connections Sub-Council:  
helping us get connected and stay connected.

## What is Policy-Based Governance? Let's Find Out!

Over the past year, our congregation has experienced questions about our current governance structure. With the help of consultants who have met with us, we have begun to realize that we may have outgrown our governance style. Our Board has been struggling with attending to the details as well as the vision, and would like to move forward in identifying potential adjustments to our governance structure to make the Board more effective in its work. We will begin by looking at various aspects and adaptations of policy-based governance. Info can be found at <http://www.uua.org/interconnections/policy/>

To begin this discussion, a group of us will be meeting this coming Saturday morning (August 19th) from 9:30 to 12:30. If you are interested in doing some research before Saturday and joining us, please send me a message at [pastpres@uubloomington.org](mailto:pastpres@uubloomington.org)  
--Chris Clothier, Past President

## Sabbatical Scoop

The Sabbatical Committee for Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will begin reporting to the congregation in *The Prologue* on a monthly basis. Our articles will inform you of the activities of the committee. We encourage you to become regular readers and to contact any member of the committee if you have concerns or comments. Your feedback is important to us. Our Sabbatical Committee is meeting regularly to plan a regenerative sabbatical leave for Rev. Macklin during the Fall of 2007. We are exploring finances as well as coverage for the pulpit and other ministerial services. One goal is to provide Rev. Macklin with this restorative opportunity, which is part of our original agreement with her as part of her call to ministry here in 2002. Another goal is to keep our vibrant church as strong and involved as ever. Conversations have also been initiated with Rev. Breeden, whom we called in 2003, regarding his future sabbatical. The church is anticipating the launching of a new website in September and the Sabbatical Committee will have a page on the new site, another way to keep the congregation informed.  
-- The Sabbatical Committee:  
Andrew Appel, Jason Hill, Beth Hollingsworth, Clarke Miller, Rev. Macklin, ex officio, Rev. Breeden, ex officio



## Earth Tip #3: Cook Dinner

**Later** Avoid doing things that add heat or humidity to your house during

the middle of the day, such as cooking with an oven or stove or running your dishwasher.  
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### Earth Tips

Need some more ideas on ways to earn Earth Points for your UU Earth Points Pledge? With a few more weeks of the "dog days" of summer to go, try one of these tips to cool off:

\* Open your windows at night to ventilate, and be sure to look for fans with the Energy-Star label. (1pt/day of using ceiling fan alone or enough to allow you to turn up thermostat.)  
Bonus info: Amount of CO2 not emitted as a result of using 3 ceiling fans in conjunction with air-conditioning all summer: 495 lbs! Money saved (taking into account the cost of 3 new fans): \$13

. (1pt./day of using dehumidifier instead of air conditioner)

\*Don't cook dinner until later: Try to avoid doing things that add heat or humidity to your house during the middle of the day, such as cooking with an oven or stove or running your dishwasher. (1pt/ action that you put off until later in the day)

For more info about the Earth Points Pledge program, including pledge forms, check out the coffee sales table between services (sponsored by

the Green Sanctuary Task Force), or e-mail [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu)

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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

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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).

### 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.