

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*



Sunday, September 3, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Labor: Not Just a Borrowed Mule" Reverend Bill Breeden

Celebrating the heritage of the working class and striving for solidarity for the future. The Choir will sing Stephen Foster's "Hard Times."

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**Weds, September 6, 2006 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Worship**

**"Family Worship: House of Possibility" led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

Please join us for poetry and stories about beginnings as we mark the beginning of the academic year and the fall religious education program. All ages are welcome; come when you are able. 5:30-6pm Dinner (provided, with a vegan option), 6:15-6:45pm Worship Service.

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Sunday, September 10, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"A Circle of Care: Chalice Circles and You, You"

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

In this worship service, we will affirm our congregation's ongoing circle of care by introducing and exploring our new small group ministry program, entitled "Chalice Circles." This program is based on the formation of relationally-oriented small groups within the congregation which promote intimacy and spiritual growth. Join us as we explore issues of intimacy and ultimacy in our worship together as Unitarian Universalists.

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**Faith in Action Forums** (Contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu), to schedule a forum.)

**September 24, 10:15 a.m.** in the church Library. "Darwin's Dilemma and other Studies in Disorder, or how I learned to stop worrying and love bacteria." David Hill

**The Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force Hosts Welcome Table Each Sunday**

For the next several Sundays, the Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force will host a welcoming table in Fellowship Hall between the services and after the 11:15 service. They will have information about the upcoming Adult Religious Education Welcoming Congregation Refresher course as well as information on GLBT issues. They will also present some new children's books they are donating to the church library. Stop by and complete the 4-question quiz on GLBT issues and win some rainbow jelly beans!

## MAM's Musings

Unitarian Universalism is a living tradition. As liberal religious seekers we engage in an ongoing search for truth and meaning. In our congregation, we have Lifespan Religious Education. From cradle to grave, we see ourselves as lifelong learners in this life journey of joys and sorrows, confusions and clarities, surprises and routines. In the last issue of *The Prologue*, you received the Adult Religious Education Prospectus which announced the classes which will be offered this semester through our church's Adult Religious Education program. From Welcoming Congregation, In Search of the Great May-Be, and Unplug the Christmas Machine to Patient Power, Ideas for a Tardy Millennium, Film series and Vivaldi's Gloria, we hope many of you will nurture your ongoing search for truth and meaning by signing up for a class.

Of note, the class I will be offering, "Harvest for Hope: A Guide for Mindful Eating" had the course dates and times listed incorrectly. The correct dates are: **October 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All are Sundays from **3:00pm to 4:45pm**. Also, the book needed for the class, Jane Goodall's "Harvest for Hope" will be out in **paperback** in mid-September.

The August 14 issue of *The Prologue* included the Adult Religious Education Prospectus; the children's Religious Education Prospectus is included in this issue. *Whether you have children or not, we encourage you to read this children's prospectus*. We are a community of all ages, and the more we know about what each other is learning, the more we grow in our understanding and connection with this congregation. In the spirit of Lifespan Religious Education, please do peruse the enclosed Religious Education Prospectus.

And yes, for those of you with children, please have them register for their classes. If we get 100% registration of children and

teachers, I, in response to our annual *Chariot's of Fire* challenge, will jump a hurdle during a worship service.

Musingly yours,  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (MAM)  
macklin@uubloomington.org

## The West Window

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**! The Task Force for a Just Peace is co-sponsoring a showing of ***The Ground Truth***, a stunning film about the Iraq war and the brave young American men and women who have served there. The film was hailed as "powerful" and "quietly unflinching" at the 2006 Sundance and Nantucket Film Festivals. The documentary presents the story of patriotic young Americans as they experience recruitment, training, combat and homecoming. It is a clarion call for this nation to support our veterans. Regardless of one's political and moral position regarding this devastating war, it is imperative that we not forget those whose lives have been so grossly distorted by it.

The film will be showing in eight major cities and thirty-five smaller cities on the same weekend. One of the veterans featured in the film will speak to us as well. The showing will be at the **Buskirk Chumley Theater at 7:00 p.m.** This is a film for adults. It is the story of the Iraq War told by those who have fought in it, and are living with the consequences. I hope you will attend and invite friends to join you. I believe that we need to build bridges of understanding and support with the many veterans in our community who have served our country with courage, love and honor.

If you are a veteran and would be willing to help spread the word of this film to veterans in our area, please contact me as soon as possible.

Peace—bill, Reverend Bill Breeden  
breeden@uubloomington.org

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### Electronic Voting in Monroe County: Democracy at Risk, Talk on Sept 13

A program sponsored by the Bloomington branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom features speaker Cindy Hoffman. Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, Monroe County Library, Room 1B  
Read more about voting machines at [www.brennancenter.org/programs/downloads/Full%20Report.pdf](http://www.brennancenter.org/programs/downloads/Full%20Report.pdf)

### Rally on Darfur September 17

Dear UU-UNO Envoys and Friends,  
Consider attending a major Darfur Rally in New York City's Central Park on Sunday, September 17, from 2:00-5:00 pm. The location is the Central Park East Meadow, close to 5th Avenue at East 97th Street. The focus of this world rally will be to encourage a UN Security Council Resolution for an international United Nations peacekeeping mission.

### Gifts to Lotus Festival are Still Welcome

Donations to the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival through September 30 will still benefit our congregation in the good publicity we'll receive for our support. Join other UUs in supporting the Lotus Festival, October 5-8. Write a personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), Send to: Deborah Klein, LEAF, Development Director, 103 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47402 Questions? Call: Deb Hutton (H: 334-4103; huttond@indiana.edu)

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### Church Office Closed September 4

Regular office hours will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5.

## Libby DeVoe Speaker For Women's Alliance First Fall Meeting September 7

Libby DeVoe will describe her spiritual journey as a Unitarian Universalist at the fall kickoff meeting of the Women's Alliance on September 7. A brown-bag lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with drinks and desserts furnished by the hosts Edrice Baker, Joan Bennett, and Diann Lock. Annual membership dues are \$15. Child care is available in Room 108. Everyone is welcome!

## 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  
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.

## Centering with MAM

September 13 and September 20

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

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## Check It Out!

- New UU Church Web Site to go live Sept 4<sup>th</sup>.
- For a sneak preview follow the link on the current site.

www.uubloomington.org

- Explore the new web site.
- Comments and suggestions can be sent to the web team by using the link *webweaver* at the bottom of each page.
- Errors will be corrected. Other comments and suggestions will be accumulated and reviewed in mid-October to determine what and how to incorporate.
- We need more pictures that show the world who we are and how we are together. If you have photos, tell us at [webweaver@uubloomington.org](mailto:webweaver@uubloomington.org).

*The Web Team*

## Fall Clothing Swap Coming Up!

As you're sorting and clearing out closets remember to start a bag or box of clothes to bring to the UU Clothing Swap on Saturday, October 14. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, this semi-annual event is an opportunity to extend the life of items you no longer need and someone else might be looking for. Get new stuff and don't spend any money! October 14, 9a.m.-12noon in Fellowship Hall.

## Heartland String Band Welcomes Old-Time Musicians

The Heartland String Band rehearses the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in the meeting room. If you love the old time, string band music and play an instrument, you are invited

to join us. If you have a copy of the Heartland string band music notebook, please return it to the church. Info, Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

## Fellowship Dinners Begin in

**October** The Fellowship Dinners will start in October. September is Sign-Up Month. The Green Fellowship Dinner Folders are in the Information Rack near the front entrance. Fill out the application and deposit in the basket at the Newcomers Table. Simple as that and you will be assured a place at the table for your good food and Fellowship.



## 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>.

## ???Attendance Figures

Sun, Aug 20, 9:00 – 63; 11:15 – 151; Totl 214  
Sun, Aug 27, 9:00 – 74; 11:15 – 182; Totl 256

## Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Aug 20 non-pledge offering: \$260  
Sun, Aug 27 non-pledge offering: \$832  
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$273

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## Your New Religious Education Leadership Team

Dear Members and Friends,

Cindy Port and I are delighted to be working as a team to provide leadership for the Religious Education program. It is energizing and exciting to have both of us working to create the best possible program for kids, youth, and adults here at the UU Church of Bloomington.

We are both active participants in the Religious Education (RE) Committee and in planning RE programs for all ages, but we also have some specific areas of responsibility.

Cindy has the primary responsibility for our Sunday morning program, for maintaining the RE budget, and for supervising and coordinating the work of our Childcare Coordinator, Adrienne Summerlot, and our RE Assistant, Jennifer Livesay.

I have primary responsibility for family worship, intergenerational services, Adult Religious Education programming, teacher orientation and ongoing teacher training.

We share responsibility for our youth programs, teacher support, and programming for families. We also share ideas and work to spark creativity in each other in everything we do.

We are always interested to hear about your ideas as well. If you have complaints, compliments, or suggestions, we would love to hear from you.

Thanks for your ongoing support for religious education.

Warmly,

Emily

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Acting Minister of Religious Education

[mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)



## Notably For Newcomers Of Acronyms and Their Meanings... RE? DRE? OWL?

In this and the next issue of *The Prologue*, we will explore the meanings of several of the acronyms used in our congregation.

RE is Religious Education. A program designed specifically for pre-school students through fifth grade to explore issues pertaining to ethics, world religions, current issues, and social justice. More information and details are available at:

[http://www.uubloomington.org/programs/child\\_re.html](http://www.uubloomington.org/programs/child_re.html)

DRE is the Director of Religious Education. Cindy Port is the Acting Director of Religious Education and if you are interested in getting more involved with the RE program, contact Cindy: [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org).

OWL stands for Our Whole Lives and is a series of sexuality education curricula for five age groups: grades K-1, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, grades 10-12, and adults. *Our Whole Lives* helps participants make informed and responsible decisions about their sexual health and behavior. It equips participants with accurate, age-appropriate information in six subject areas: human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. Grounded in a holistic view of sexuality, *Our Whole Lives* provides not only facts about anatomy and human development, but helps participants to clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

--Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee

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## Our Folks...

Our prayers and sympathy are with Cherry Merritt-Darriau and her family; Jean-Paul Darriau passed away on August 19. A memorial service is planned for September 23.

Congratulations to Clark Brittain who recently won a \$500 shopping spree at O'Malia's and then donated all the food to Monroe County United Ministries.

## Pastoral Care Associates

### Available:

### Caring, Sharing, Listening

Our Pastoral Care Associates (formerly known as Listening Ministers) are sharing and caring members of our congregational community who offer supportive hands and hearts to Unitarian Universalist friends and members. Pastoral Care Associates are well trained individuals who provide short-term support for persons adjusting to change or any situation which requires a touch of human kindness and someone to care.

For example:

\*When you are in transition

\*When you need a friend

\*If you are homebound, lonely or hospitalized

\*When you have a joy or happiness to share \*If you are grieving a loss

\*If you have someone you care about who is ill or dying

\*If you need a professional referral

\*If you have gained or lost a pet

\*If you simply need someone to care.

If you resonate with any of the following, please call our Pastoral Care Associate Liaison, Edrice Baker (332-3755), or Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (332-3695) or Reverend Bill Breeden (360-1779).

## Courtyard Taskforce is Meeting

A task force is meeting to create a plan for an aesthetically pleasing courtyard space that builds community. We have been seeking input from all stakeholders and are working on creating a cohesive plan to be shared in the future. Contact Cindy Port with any questions, 332-3695.

We are pleased to announce that we are accepting a generous donation of a handmade playhouse from Peggy Zonkle. Peggy won the playhouse in a raffle benefiting Court-Appointed Special Advocates of Monroe County. The playhouse was built by Firefighters Union Local #586 and painted by Bloomington Hospital EMTs.

## Getting Involved Fete Sunday, September 24

Come one, come all to the Getting Involved Fete on Sunday, September 24. This is a chance for church committees to introduce us to their exciting work and for us to have a chance to find the right outlet for our talents. This is a perfect opportunity for everyone to see all the different ways one can serve the church and learn about all the different activities it takes to make up this community. The fete is open to everyone. Newcomers are especially welcome.

Committees: We recommend that you have small hand outs listing service opportunities and your next meeting time, date and place; and a phone number for more information. The rest is up to your imagination. --The Connections Sub-Council: helping us get connected and stay connected



## Chalice Circles to Kick Off in September!

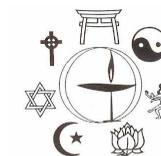
### Enriching Our Spiritual Lives

By now many of you have read articles in this newsletter mentioning Chalice Circles, the program of facilitated small groups – also called covenant groups - that has been under development in this church for the past year. (If you are new, you will be learning more about it soon!) You may also have received a letter from the implementation team with our brochure describing the “nuts and bolts” of how Chalice Circles will work and how to sign up to participate.

This past year, our steering committee has sought the advice of experts in the Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network (<http://www.smallgroupministry.net/>). We have devoted plenty of time studying how other successful small group ministry programs have worked and determined what the parameters of our own program will be. We have used the services of a consultant from the Network and some of us have attended a 6-day training sponsored by the Network.

On Sunday, September 10 at 9:00am and 11:15am, Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will offer a worship service devoted to Chalice Circles, “The Wisdom of the Circle.” You will learn more about how this program can foster shared ministry, help in deepening communication among congregants, and enrich our spiritual lives. You will be invited to sign up to be in a group, and we will offer sampler group sessions on September 16 from 4pm to 6pm for anyone interested in experiencing the Chalice Circle format.

We are excited to be so close to the beginning of this new ministry in our congregation! After careful reading of the materials we are sending you, we hope you will decide to give Chalice Circles a try. Any questions? Please contact Anne Haynes (336-3221) or Carol Parks (336-1592).



## Adult Religious Education News --

Check out the bulletin board at the Courtyard Entrance. Fall courses

are posted waiting for you to sign up. Challenge yourself to pursue a topic with other UUs. The discussions generated by these classes can be memorable and lead you into new directions. First session begins in mid September. Adult Religious Education film series begins on September 9. This year we will be gathering on the second Saturday of the month. The film on September 9 is "Times of the Sign," with our own Rev. Bill Breeden starring and leading a discussion afterwards. There may even be some further storytelling from our guest. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The film will begin at 6:30. **If you need childcare** during the film, please contact the church office, 332-3695, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), by September 1.

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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.

## **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.

## **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!

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