

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*



**Sunday, September 17, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Why Buddha Was Mowing Our Lawn?  
(On Choosing Our Being and Enemies Along the Way)**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

In this worship service we will explore what it means to be who we are in a world that often asks us to be or do otherwise. Questions to ponder: What's love (metta) got to do with it? What's compassion (karuna) got to do with it? What's sympathetic joy (mudita) got to do with it? What's uppekha (equanimity) got to do with it? What enemies might we meet along the way. And, why was the buddha mowing our lawn?

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**Sunday, September 24, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Seeking Balance in Unbalanced Times:  
A Celebration of the Autumnal Equinox"**

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

Gather with us as we explore this time of year when light and dark move into balance during the autumnal equinox. For those who live close to the earth, it is also a time to celebrate the many harvests of the season. A Baby Dedication will be part of our worship service time together, along with a special lullaby from our Children's Choir. There will also be a "Getting Involved Fete" after each service (see pg , ) to offer a festive atmosphere for friends and members of the church a chance to discover the many ways to serve and be involved in the abundance of our congregational community.

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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." with David Hill.

**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.

Practice the fragile art of Hospitality - Wear your name tag.

## From the Ministers:

Almost Autumnal Greetings from Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin. The leaves are beginning to turn, as too, our attentions turn to the world around us.

This past week many have remembered the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001 and its aftermath. Some believe that the world changed that day, but perhaps it would be closer to the truth to say that this heartbreaking day showed how much the world needs to change. The ensuing five years have certainly provided evidence that many of the lessons of 9/11 have yet to be learned. May we continue to hold this fragile human family and the web of life of which we are all a part in the center of our hearts, minds, and spirits.

We have three items to which we call your attention this week, all three related to Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

First, our Chalice Circles Program which was introduced in the service last Sunday, and for which the deadline (more aptly stated *lifeline*; nothing dead about it), for signing up is this coming Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to participate (mail in your registration form, bring it to the church or fill the form on the web). Life is too short to pass up the opportunity to build community and friendship. We believe this program has the potential to strengthen the spiritual vitality of our community, and we hope many of you will decide to get on board.

Secondly, this Sunday is a day when many of the religious communities in Bloomington and around the United States are focusing on the disastrous genocide in Darfur. We are displaying a Save Darfur banner at our church this week. You are encouraged to call our elected officials, including our President, who stated as a candidate that such genocide would never happen on his watch. We, as a

religious community, need to say, "NOT ON OUR WATCH!!!!" If you want detailed information, visit the following website, [www.SaveDarfur.org](http://www.SaveDarfur.org).

Finally, this Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. there will be a free screening of the film, "The Ground Truth". This is a documentary about the war in Iraq and those who have fought in it. Our media outlets give us a steady spate of nice profiles of soldiers in the war, which usually end with a neatly scripted statement of being "proud to serve their country and protect the freedom of those at home." There are other voices to which we should listen as well. It is reported that 30% or returning Iraq veterans suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Tens of thousands have been wounded in body, mind and spirit.

"The Ground Truth" tells the stories of some of these veterans. Charlie Anderson, a Marine veteran who served in a Tank Brigade in Iraq, will be here to introduce the film. This film is a clarion call for this nation to honor the veterans by providing them with the support necessary to reclaim their lives. We encourage you to attend. The film received acclaim from viewers at the Sundance Film Festival as is being screened in more than 30 cities nationwide this weekend. It is rated "R". It is about war and its aftermath. We invite you to see it.

There is much suffering in the world. There is as much, if not more, love in the world. May we find the strength of love, and the courage to harness the power therein to change the world for the better.

In Peace,

MAM (Rev. Mary Ann Macklin) and  
Bill (Rev. Bill Breeden)  
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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### Spencer, Indiana PFLAG Yard Sale Sept 16

Spencer Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is holding a benefit yard sale on Sep 16 in Spencer. (It's not that far away!) The sale will be held at 180 Sycamore St (at the corner of Jefferson & Sycamore). There will be signs in town. This is the weekend of the Apple Butter Festival in Spencer so come for the fun and some bargains to benefit a good cause.

### 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. Write a personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), Send to: Deborah Klein, LEAF, Development Director, 103 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47402

## 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.

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## 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.

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## Women's Alliance on the First Thursday

Women's Alliance will meet for a brown-bag lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5 in Fellowship Hall, with drinks and desserts furnished by the hosts. Annual membership dues are \$15. Child care is available in Room 108.

## Celebrate the Autumnal Equinox

with those who observe it in sacred circle and around a warm fire. If you are drawn to Earth-based spirituality, then we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall or the Courtyard, weather permitting, on Sat. Sept. 23rd. at 7:30pm. We will mark the time of balance and the second of the three harvest holidays around the Wheel of the Year. Bring something which you have harvested this season, food or otherwise, to share with the group. Bring some food to share afterward as we get to know one another and talk of the coming winter months. Travelers of all earth-based paths are welcome to attend. Childcare is not available at this time but could be if need arises.

## ???Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 3, 9:00 – 63; 11:15 – 151; Totl 214

Sun, Sep 10, 9:00 – 74; 11:15 – 182; Totl 256

## Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Sep 3 non-pledge offering: \$

Sun, Sep 10 non-pledge offering: \$

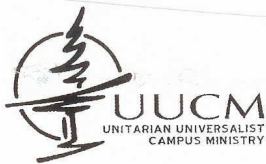
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$

## Directory Update Coming Soon

We are about to prepare a new congregational directory, which will be mailed in late October. If you have changed your address, email, phone number, etc., please let us know your changes, so we can be as relentlessly accurate as possible. Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

## UU Children's Choir Meets This Sunday, Sept 17!

The UU Children's Choir, which is open to any interested children in grades Kg-8, will meet THIS Sunday, Sept. 17 from 10:15-11:00am in Room 212. We will then sing on Sunday Sept. 24 at the end of the first service and beginning of the second service. Hope to see your children there! Questions? Contact Jill Waggene at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.



## UU Campus Ministry Meets Mondays

Our campus ministry program, Indiana

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM) meets to worship and explore our spirituality Mondays 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Union.

Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant, [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org).

## Church Parking Lot:

**Security Check Up.** For security reasons, please do not leave your vehicle in church parking areas during the week when you are not in the building without contacting the church office, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), 332-3695.

## New Library Books in Our Church Library

288 Mendelsohn, Jack. Why I am a Unitarian Universalist.

333.7 Brown, Lester R. Plan B 2.0: Rescuing a planet under stress and a civilization in trouble.

363.7 Gore, Al. An Inconvenient truth: The Planetary emergency of global warming and what we can do about it.



## Adult Religious Education is Beginning Soon!

Our first course, "In Search of the Great May-Be", a discussion of some of life's most interesting and difficult questions, will be beginning on October 7, and will run from 10am-12pm for four consecutive Saturdays. We may begin by considering: "Is there a God?" "Why is there evil in the world?" "Do we have souls?" depending upon the interests of participants. Sign up and plan to bring your questions and a willingness to explore! You can register by calling 332-3695 or emailing Carol Marks, our Church administrator, at [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), or by signing up on the bulletin boards near the courtyard entrance. Please indicate if you need childcare.



## Chalice Circles Kick Off in September!

If you did not receive a special mailing last week with information about Chalice Circles, our new small group ministry program, please find this material on our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org), or call the church office, 332-3695 and Carol Marks will be sure you receive it!

## Our Folks...

A memorial service to honor the life of Jean-Paul Darriau will be held at the church on Saturday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m.

## Cindy's Column



## Notably For Newcomers Of Acronyms and Their Meanings... Part 2

We continue our exploration and explanation of frequently used

Unitarian Universalist acronyms.

**ARE is Adult Religious Education.** Sunday School is not just for kids anymore. Our church has a standing committee on Adult Religious Education that sponsors special classes that meet through out the year, exploring theology, spirituality, civil society, ecology and all manner of thought-provoking topics. Schedule is available on-line at [uubloomington.org/programs/adult\\_re.html](http://uubloomington.org/programs/adult_re.html)

**YUUMS are Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers.** They are a group of 11-13 year olds who meet regularly for food, fellowship and fun. The YUUMS routinely plan service projects and reach out to the congregation in a myriad of unique and meaningful special events. They meet every Sunday evening from 6-8 in room 112. Contact Cindy Port, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) for info.

**YRUU is Young Religious Unitarian Universalists.** These are high school age students who meet on Sunday evenings from 6-8pm to plan outings and programs unique to high school age interests. The facilitators follow a youth empowerment model which asks students to plan and program activities of their choosing to be carried out throughout the year. Cindy Port, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) for info.

**MRE stands for Minister of Religious Education.** An MRE is both a fully trained and ordained Unitarian Universalist minister and a religious educator. She/he will typically create worship, oversee a Lifespan Religious Education program, and be an advocate for the needs of children, youth, and families within a congregation. Our Acting MRE is Rev. Emily Marvel Leite and she can be reached at [mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)

--Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee

Acting Minister of Religious Education  
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**Earth Tip #4** Recent studies have shown that reducing the amount of meat you eat can help prevent global warming just as much as switching to a fuel-efficient vehicle! Eating more vegetables reduces carbon dioxide and methane gasses, as well as water, land, and electricity conservation. Eating a vegetarian diet is one choice that people make, but even non-vegetarians can make a difference by consciously reducing their meat consumption. Annual amount of CO2 not emitted as a result of eating 1 less lb. of beef per week: 546 lbs! --From your Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

Jason's article on Sabbatical here

**Civil Marriage Task Force Postcard Campaign** In concert with Indiana Equality (IE) we're sending postcards to Gov. Daniels asking for his support in changing Indiana's civil rights law to protect against discrimination and to oppose a discriminatory amendment to the state constitution. IE is collecting the postcards and will hand-carry them to the Governor. Please stop by our table in Fellowship Hall after each service to sign a postcard.

Are you or do you know someone in the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community? Don't forget we're starting our Welcoming Congregation Refresher Course on 9/19. We originally became a Welcoming Congregation some 20 years ago. As you can imagine, much has changed in the LGBTQ community and in this congregation in the last 20 years. If you've taken our quiz at the table in Fellowship Hall and scored 100%, you get a free pass, otherwise please consider signing up for the Refresher Course.

**Seeking a Religious Education Assistant** We are looking for a new RE Assistant. This hourly position 16 hours a week, with flexible scheduling and the expectation of working on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include purchasing and preparing supplies for Sunday Religious Education classes, and assisting with all other aspects of our Religious Education Program. Send a letter and resume to UU Church, Attn: Cindy Port, 2120 N. Fee Lane, 47408. Inquiries: Cindy Port 332-3695. Application deadline:

Are you using the correct UU staff addresses? Be sure they end in .uubloomington.org! Staff addresses ending in .bloomington.in.us won't work anymore.

### Mark Your Calenders for Ramadan, October 20

Our 4th Annual Ramadan Celebration is Friday, October 20. It is an interfaith and intergenerational event which will begin promptly at sundown. We will break fast, heed the call to prayer by the Muslim Inman and our Bill Breeden, and then feast with our brothers and sisters in faith. Families, singles, partners, pairs, signficant others and interested friends are urged to come. The tickets will cost \$3.00 and only 70 will be sold! You may purchase tickets or make reservations the three Sundays in October before the event. You may also make reservations by calling the church, 332-3695. Karen Dessauer and Elizabeth Lion

### Sunday October 1st is World Vegetarian Day!

Want to learn more about vegetarian cooking and living while sharing some delicious vegetarian food? Join us on Sunday Oct. 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 to this family-friendly event! Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice-- no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay, but vegan dishes are welcome, too)-- along with one copy of your recipe. Water and table service will be provided. Please RSVP number attending

and dish you plan to bring (if you know ahead of time) to: Jill at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu). Hope to see you there!

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## **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

## **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.

## **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.

### **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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