

- The Prologue

September 25, 2006 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*



Sunday, October 1, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Forgiving into the Future" Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In the midst of the Jewish High Holy days (Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, began at sundown, September 22nd and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown, October 1st), we will explore the topic of forgiveness. Author Paul Boese suggests, "Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future." Join us as we peer into the possibilities of that future together. Please note that this Sunday marks the beginning of our monthly Bounty-Full Sundays (see Page 4).

Weds, October 4, 2006 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship
"Make a Joyful Sound!" led by Dmitri Vietze

People around the world have found joy and delight in making music out of the things around them. What sound does a giant conch shell make? What instrument do termites make? Bring your listening ears and be prepared to be wowed as we enjoy some of the clever musical instruments made throughout time. At the end of the service we will try using everyday objects as instruments ourselves. Bring a household object that makes an interesting sound! Rev. Emily Manvel Leite will participate in this service. Dinner is provided at 5:30 p.m., including a vegan option, followed by worship at 6:15. Join us when you can!

Sunday, October 8, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"Being a Welcoming Congregation – Building an Inclusive Nation"
Reverend Bill Breeden

Faith in Action Forums (Contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu, to schedule a forum.)

Centering with MAM
October 11 and October 18

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity on October 11 and October 18, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

West Window

Sunday October 15th, between the services, is the next opportunity for persons to "Sign the Book." The "Book" being the Membership Book of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. I suspect that there are many persons who question the value of being a member of a church. Glenda (my partner of 37 years) and I actually attended services here for a few years before adding our names to that roll. Some persons make that decision in far less time, some take longer, and others simply choose not to do so at all.

Being a Unitarian Universalist, I honor the right and responsibility of all persons to make their own choices. However, I do want to encourage everyone who participates in our services to consider the option of becoming a member. I do so, not out of a concern for mere numbers, but rather out of a belief that this Church needs more free-thinking, progressive spirits involved in shaping the future of our community as we struggle to address the issues that confront the human family in the 21st century. Membership is a deeper level of commitment than being a religious consumer. Membership expresses a willingness to get on board, to help set the sails and determine the course rather than watching from the shore. I love shore people, and welcome you to our services. We draw inspiration from your presence. But if you think this ship looks good under sail, I believe you will find it more fulfilling to face the wind as a part of the crew.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, feel free to speak with Rev. Macklin or me. We will be happy to answer any questions you have regarding such a decision.

Peace--bill (Rev. Bill Breeden)
breeden@uubloomington.org

Ready To Sign The Book?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, October 15 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B). (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.) To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net no later than Wednesday, October 11.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 17, 9:00 – 118; 11:15 – 220; Totl 338
Religious Education: Adults --19 , Children -- 84
Sun, Sep 24, 9:00 – 115; 11:15 – 211; Totl 326
Religious Education: Adults -- 31 , Children -- 83

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Sep 17 non-pledge offering: \$428
Sun, Sep 24 non-pledge offering: \$393
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$205

Family Worship Services: Fun and Friendly

Family Worship Services are a fun way to be together as a family at church. We hope that everyone will be able to join us for the next one on Wednesday, October 4th. The topic will be about finding and making music together.

Arrival time is flexible to make it easy for families and dinner is provided. Gathering time begins at 5:15pm and dinner starts at 5:30pm. Vegan options are always available, and the menu is child friendly. Renee Reed has been our fabulous chef serving meals like taco bar and pasta bar which keep everyone happy. When I asked second grader Adrian Cox-Thurmond what he liked about Family Worship he said "the Dinner!"

At 6pm we clean up together before starting the worship service at 6:15pm. The worship services are facilitated by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite who keeps the services active and upbeat enough for small children, yet meaningful enough for adults to enjoy. Adrian Cox-Thurmond said he remembered "we all get together for the service part." By 6:45 we are having cookies and socializing. Connie Nelson Laird has attended with her family; she said "I liked meeting new families at dinner."

If you have not yet attended a Family Worship, we encourage you to join us! Having small children is not a requirement; everyone is welcome.

Cindy Port
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Notably for Newcomers



A 1988 survey found that a majority of Unitarian Universalists identify "shared values and principles" as the glue that holds our movement together. What are those shared values and principles? a newcomer might ask. The Principles and Purposes, adopted in 1985 and amended only once since, perhaps provide the answer to that question, or at least an important part of it. From the Bylaws of the UUA, the Principles and Purposes follow:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every person;

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

(This column was originally published on September 23, 2002.)



Veggie Potluck Kicks Off Sun. Oct. 1st!

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 waggene@mccsc.edu. Hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendars for Ramadan, October 20

Our 4th Annual Ramadan Celebration is Friday, October 20. It is an interfaith, intergenerational event which begins promptly at sundown. We will break fast, heed the call to prayer by the Muslim Imam and Rev. Bill Breeden, and then feast with our brothers and sisters in faith.



Families, singles, partners, pairs, others and interested friends are urged to come. 70 tickets will be available, \$3 each. Purchase tickets or make reservations on October 1, 8, or 15, or call Rev. Breeden, 332-3695 after October 1.

--Karen Dessauer and Elizabeth Lion



Green Sanctuary Task Force Clothing Swap

Oct 14

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.



Earth Tip #5 Open your windows at night to ventilate, and be sure to look for fans with the Energy-Star label. 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

--the Green Sanctuary Task Force

BOUNTY- FULL SUNDAY October 1 –

Collection for MCUM Food Pantry Immediate needs at Monroe County

United Ministries Food Pantry include:

- Canned meat. (NO tuna)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit

A grocery cart will be located in the back of the Meeting Room on Sunday to receive your donations. THANK YOU. The need is great.

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#1 HOST-BILL BAUS

GUESTS-Judy Bennett & Karen Dessauer
Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet
Velma Harrison & Jean Knowlton
Dave Parkhurst
Paul Petersen

#2 HOST-LLOYD ORR & JACKIE HALL

GUESTS-Klara Cook
Mark Day & Jean Sebeok
Libby & Bob DeVoe
Rick & Lois Holl
Karla & Hugo Kunoff
Andy Tygart

#3 HOST-B.J.LAWRANCE & JAN SKINNER

GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship
Marjorie & John Crosby

#4 HOST-COOKIE & BILL LYNCH

GUESTS-Scott & Rhonda Clower
Vern & Judy Peterson
Harriet & Dick Pfister
Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

#5 HOST-TOMMIE & WALT OWENS

GUESTS-Mary Andrus-Overley & Don Halford
Paul & Dee Lane
Steve Lessmann
Elizabeth Lion
Denise & Harold Ogren

#6 HOST-RAYMOND & RITA RUST

GUESTS-Bob & Laura Campbell
Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Ted & Diann Lock

#7 HOST-SANDY & BOB TAYLOR

GUESTS-George & Maryann Cusack
Tom & Diane Gregory
Peggy & John Woodcock

#8 HOST-Ann Watzel

GUESTS-Pat Aungst
Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts
Dolores Freiburger
Katherine Hopkins
Glee Noble



If your name is not here you haven't signed up. Do it now and you can probably still enjoy one of the October Dinners and the rest of the year. Dolores 331-2611



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.

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 we like to be. Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

New Library Books in Our Church Library

501 Prigogine, Ilya & Isabelle Stengers. Order out of chaos: Man's new dialogue with nature.

574 Capra, Fritjof. The Web of Life: A new scientific understanding of living systems.

821.7 Noyes, Russell. Wordsworth and the art of landscape.

Our Folks...

Arda Landergren is now at Hospitality House, 1100 S. Curry Pike, 47403, and welcomes cards and visitors.



Chalice Circles Begin Meeting in October!

We've had such a wonderful response to registration for Chalice Circles that we had to change our original planned method of assigning participants to groups. Instead, we used the Kick-off event on Sunday, September 24, to allow people to sign up for one of sixteen groups. Participants who had turned in a registration form were notified of this change by e-mail or phone, and an announcement was made in the services on September 24.

Please note new information for participants below:

If you were unable to attend the Kick-off event Sunday, and sent us a registration form, you will be notified next week about your group placement.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to accommodate all who wish to participate in our first year of this exciting new program!

[For the benefit of newcomers who may not have received our recent mailings, Chalice Circles consist of five to ten people who meet regularly to nurture their interior lives, to build community, and to practice shared ministry. Each group has one or two facilitators who meet monthly in their own Chalice Circle with the ministers.]

Please direct questions about Chalice Circles to **Anne Haynes** (anhaynes@indiana.edu or 336-3221) or **Carol Parks** (pearlparks@gmail.com or 336-1592).

Community Connections **Our faith in action in the community**

Take Back the Bible! *Why Liberals Should Reclaim the Right to Interpret the Scriptures,*
with Rev. John Buehrens

Rev. Buehrens is a former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and a noted Bible scholar. Saturday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville, Kentucky. \$25 per person. For reservations and info, 502-425-6943.

City To Host Town Hall Meeting On Healthcare October 3 As part of his Community Condition initiative, Mayor Mark Kruzan announced that the City of Bloomington will host a Town Hall Meeting on Healthcare October 3, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library Auditorium. The meeting will give the community an opportunity to examine the existing healthcare situation, address current challenges and explore possibilities that may allow us to expand services and develop public support for improvements.

Walk to D'feet ALS October 15

ALS is a fatal, neuromuscular disease, which attacks the motor neurons making even the simplest movements of walking, speaking and gesturing impossible. The ALS association of Central Indiana is sponsoring a walk to raise funds to support research on this disease.

Date: Sunday, October 15, 2006

Location: White River State Park

For more Information call Sarah Payton at 317-915-9888, 888-508-3232 or email spayton@alsaindiana.org directly.

Pete Venstra will be participating in honor of Sharon O'Brien; to make a donation to support his effort, contact him at 825-3923.

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

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: 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.

She will be away October 2-3.

Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

Women's Alliance on October 5

Glenda Breeden will present a program of stories of her own spiritual journeys, entitled "Alzheimer's, Concrete Blocks and Unconditional Love," at the Thursday, October 5 meeting of the Women's Alliance at the church. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship hall, with drinks and dessert provided by hostesses Cookie Lynch and Tommie Owens. The program starts at 12 noon. Babysitting is available in Room 108. Annual membership dues are \$15. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Shaping Our Future Together

The group formerly known as the Long Range Planning Committee has a new name and a new set of goals. The group is now called: Shaping Our Future Together, and has been meeting for the past month. The group will continue to meet and organize visioning strategies for the future of our congregation. The new committee goals are as follows:

Goal 1: To start and continue conversation about the future of the congregation.

Goal 2: To gather information and stories from congregants about positive experiences at the church.

Goal 3: To analyze and interpret the information gathered and to share what we learn.

Goal 4: To develop and invite provocative proposals based on what is learned from the inquiry process.

Goal 5: To present a yearly progress report at the spring congregational meeting.

Java Crew Training October 17

Tuesday Oct 17th 7pm-8:30pm there will be a training to learn how to host our fellowship hour on Sunday mornings. Help keep the coffee flowing to the corners of our UU world. We need your help just 3-4 times a year. Please contact Jean Knowlton (jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us 339-2047) or Judy Bennett (bennettjudy@earthlink.net 331-4181) .

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. See insert for correct addresses.

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