

# The Prologue

October 23, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*



**Sunday, October 29, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"El Dia de los Muertos: A Celebration of Remembrance"**

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

In honor of the Mexican festival "El Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the Dead), we will have our annual service of remembering and honoring those who have *shed the garment of mortality*. You are invited to bring a picture or small memento of an ancestor, a loved one, or a beloved pet that has died; a special altar will be created during the service to celebrate those who gave us life and love. Reflections on ancestors, saints and rituals of remembrance will be offered. The choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing "Breaths" by Ysaye Barnwell and "Past Life Melodies" by Sarah Hopkins. Lloyd Orr and Bob Port will add some special trombone and piano tunes. (Don't forget, daylight saving time; clocks fall back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on October 29!)

**Weds, November 1, 2006 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship**  
**"What was I Scared Of?" Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port**

On this day after Halloween, we will enjoy a favorite Dr. Seuss story which explores being afraid, and think about why we celebrate being scared at this time of year. Everyone will go home with suggestions for dealing with their fears. Dinner is provided at 5:30, including a vegan option, followed by a shared clean up time and worship at 6:15. People of all ages are welcome!

**Sunday, November 5, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Full Beaver Moon—The Power of Participation and Perseverance"**

The November full moon, named Beaver Moon in the native American calendar, is allied with the creature who builds industriously so that there may be shelter for many moons. Within that amazing shelter, community can evolve. The upcoming Election Day provokes us to consider what civic shelter we create so that our community may evolve. Guest speakers Iris Kiesling and Shari Woodbury speak about their motivations to participate in the "public square." The service will also feature words from early suffragettes, a special children's moment with Ken Pimple, and a gift of music by our choir. The Sunday Services Committee's mission is to bring the full richness of the lay community into Sunday worship several times a year. We are grateful for this opportunity. Rev. Breeden will also participate in the service.

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## Minutiae from MAM

\*Reverend Breeden and I look forward to sharing the “El Dia de los Muertos” worship service with everyone next Sunday. We consider this service to be one of our Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington *High Holy Days*. The music, provided by our choir and musicians, brings such a comforting, healing and uplifting spirit to our time together. We hope our reflections will do the same. Our Children’s Moment often involves autumnal leaf throwing and energetic singing of “De Colores.” Children are invited to attend in costume. We look forward to seeing y’all there.

\**Chalice Lighters* is a program from our Heartland District of Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations which asks participating members to donate three times a year to provide growth opportunities for member congregations. I recently received my letter regarding the first recipient of this 2006-2007 year, our UU Fort Wayne congregation. I will send my stated pledge this week. For those of you who also received your letter, I hope you will join me. These pledges not only benefit sister congregations, but they also make us eligible (if we have consistent participation), to be a recipient ourselves. If you would like more information regarding the *Chalice Lighter Program* contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin ([macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)) or Reverend Bill Breeden ([breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org)).

\*I serve the congregation in an 86% time configuration. Thus, I will be out of the office next week (October 30 through November 6) as part of my non-paid time off.

\*Hey, a friend of mine generously shared some of her vegetables from the Community Supported Agriculture program in which she participated over the summer and fall. This past week, our family ate acorn and butternut squash. The rich taste embodied the autumnal season. In these times of corporate agriculture, when we often do not know the origins of our food, it was heavenly to eat the warm, golden squash and know that this food was of bio-regional origin. May your eating be so blessed.

In autumnal blessings and daylight saving time awareness, Mary Ann (MAM)  
Rev. Mary Ann Macklin  
[macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)

## The West Window

Just a couple of items. First, volunteers are needed to assist with a “Read-To-Me” program for the Monroe County Jail. This is similar to the program I started at the Wabash Valley Prison, but it is here in Bloomington, and will be much easier to schedule. The program involves recording inmates reading to their children. The recordings are then sent to the children. It is a very rewarding program that helps these parents stay in touch with their family. If you are interested, contact me by email at [breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org).

Secondly, I invite you to attend a lecture on Thursday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library by Susan Nathan, author of *The Other Side of Israel: My Journey Across the Jewish/Arab Divide*. Ms Nathan is a British Jew who made ‘aliya’ to Israel in the late 1990s. After settling first in Tel Aviv, she became uneasy about a perceived lack of integration among Jews and Arabs. The more she probed, the more disturbed she became. Ultimately, she moved to the Palestinian village of Tamrathe and is the only non-Palestinian in the town of 25,000. She uses stories of those with whom she has developed relationships to describe in heart-breaking detail the nature of Israel’s two-tiered citizenship structure. In this day of increased tensions in the Middle East, I think it imperative to take every opportunity to hear the voices of those who live there and attempt to discern the truth for ourselves.

Peace—bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, [breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org)

## The Age of Reason: Celebrating Learning and Reading

On October 15th we celebrated 9 of our first graders with the Age of Reason Ceremony. This special ceremony was created by Sharon Abts, who was the Director of Religious Education at our church from 1986-1990. In 1988 she asked parents of first graders to present to their daughters and sons a special book, old or new, in honor of their newly acquired ability to read.

Creighton King was one of the first graders this year. On October 22, he explained to the kindergartners in his class where he was the week before. He said he was at the Age of Reason Ceremony which celebrates "the people who are beginning to learn to read; my special book that I used was a book on the Bermuda Triangle."

This special celebration has become a favorite tradition in our congregation which highly values education and learning. We also value cultivating children's minds and encouraging them to form their own ideas and beliefs. The gift of a book from their parents is a concrete and understandable symbol to the children of the new world of learning that they are entering into.

After the ceremony in front of the congregation we continued to celebrate with the first graders and their parents in the Library. Creighton explained, "It was fun. We did a little scavenger hunt with our books. We had a magnifying glass to see things we couldn't see. Once the scavenger hunt was over we got to get goody bags." The books that were presented this year are as diverse as our group of children, including favorites such as "A Wrinkle in Time," "Henry and Mudge; The Sneaky Crackers," "Little House in the Big Woods" and "McGuffey's First Eclectic Reader."

Cindy Port, Acting Dir. of Religious Education

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## Notably for Newcomers



### The First 4 of 10 easy ways to Participate in the Life of the Bloomington UU Community

- 1. Attend Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour happens every Sunday rain or shine between 10:00am and 11:00am—between the two services. Please come and pull up a yellow mug so that we know you are feeling newish and would like to talk about the UU Community that gathers here each week.
  - 2. Come to Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Led by our magnificent Music Director, Susan Swaney, the adult choir wants you to come and practice with them on Thursday evening and sing on Sunday morning. No audition is necessary; just come to rehearsal on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
  - 3. Have lunch with a minister.** Reverend Bill Breeden invites all who wish to join him for a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall on the third Monday of every month. Next lunch is November 20.
  - 4. Attend a new member class:** Newcomers are invited to enroll in the two-session Exploring Unitarian Universalism class to get acquainted with others who are new to this church and learn about Unitarian Universalist values, beliefs, and history, as well as the activities of this congregation. Next class meets November 12 and 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the church library.
- Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee



## **Veggie Potluck Club**

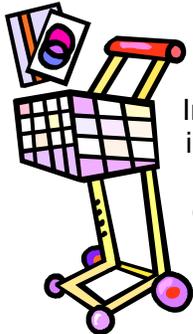
**November 12**

Veggie Holiday Foods

We had a great turnout for the first UU Vegetarian Potluck on October 1, and hope you will join us for the next one, on Sun. Nov. 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This time, we invite you to bring your favorite holiday foods- vegetarian style- so we can inspire each other prior to our holiday cooking. Ever tried a Tofurkey? How about vegan pumpkin pie? Come try some new dishes and get creative yourself! 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. For info, contact: Jill at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu). Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

## **November Exploring UU Class**

Newcomers are invited to register for "Exploring Unitarian Universalism," to be held November 12 and 19 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the church library. Meet others who are new to the church and investigate UU beliefs, history and activities. Pre-registration and attendance at both sessions is required. Childcare is available. Register at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The next Exploring UU class will be January 14 and 21.



## **BOUNTY- FULL SUNDAY Nov 5 – Collection for MCUM Food Pantry**

Immediate needs at the Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry include:

canned meats (no tuna)  
baking and cornbread mixes  
powdered milk  
cream soups  
canned fruit

A grocery cart is located at the back of the Meeting Room on Sunday to receive your donations. The Food Pantry cannot use out of date products.

THANK YOU. The need is great.

## **Friendly Friday Nov. 10: An Evening of Food and Conversation!**

Potluck with the Ministers

Come meet our new members and participate in a sabbatical forum!

Join us on November 10th for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. to welcome our new members, and a forum at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Sabbatical plans for Reverend Macklin's sabbatical which will begin August 1, 2007. This event is co-sponsored by the Membership Committee and the Sabbatical Committee. Everyone in the congregation is invited! The potluck starts promptly at 5:30 and the forum begins at 6:30. Childcare provided during the forum.

RSVP to Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [steph7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steph7@sbcglobal.net)



## **Bazaar Needs Your Books!**

The Holiday Bazaar (Dec 1-2) is just around the corner. Our Bazaar Book Sale is wildly popular with nearly every Bazaar-goer. Good books at bargain prices, and lots of them, is the key. We're especially happy to have good children's picture books, adult fiction, biography and cookbooks.

Bring your donated books to the book table area in Fellowship Hall, plainly marked "Bazaar Book Sale." Or call Joanna Clees, 339-1839, to arrange pick-up or drop-off.

## **Adult Religious Education invites proposals by Nov. 30 for Spring Semester**

Part of the life of our church is Adult Religious Education (ARE). Church members propose and facilitate (or co-facilitate) most of our ARE offerings, which in the past have covered a large range of topics of interest to UU members. ARE offerings are welcome on new topics that have not been covered before as well as repeats of previous topics in which interest has been expressed.

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an ARE offering for this coming winter or spring 2007. If you have a favorite area of interest that is relevant to ARE, let us know. A proposal form is available from the ARE box in the workroom, from the church office, or electronically from me ([devoe@indiana.edu](mailto:devoe@indiana.edu)). To allow time for adequate planning, please return completed forms by November 30 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to [are@uubloomington.org](mailto:are@uubloomington.org). The committee will review all proposals in early December, and will contact you about your proposal.

You can view current ARE offerings at [http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult\\_RE\\_Prospectus\\_Fall\\_2006.pdf](http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult_RE_Prospectus_Fall_2006.pdf).  
Bob DeVoe, Chair  
Adult Religious Education Committee

## **Civil Marriage Task Force Donates Books To Children's Library**

Did you know kids can check out books from our children's library? Thanks to the Civil Marriage Task Force we have several new books:

"Daddy's Roommate" by Michael Willhoite  
"One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dads, Blue Dads" by Johnny Valentine  
"ABC- A family Alphabet Book"--Bobbie Combs  
"Molly's Family" by Nancy Garden  
"Best Best Colors- Los Mejores Colores" by Eric Hoffman  
"And Tango Makes Three" by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell  
"King and King" by Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland  
"The Sissy Duckling" by Harvey Fierstein



## **COOKIES for the Bazaar!**

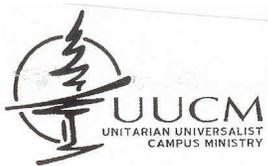
The frost is not yet on the vine but it is time to start thinking about baking cookies for the Holiday Bazaar. Decorated cookies, bar cookies, drop cookies, any kind will do! We'd like to have at least 160 POUNDS of cookies to sell at this year's ever popular Cookie Walk Table. We can reach our goal with your help! Schedule your baking blitz into your daily planner now. Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall in November.-- Your friendly UU Cookie Walk Committee



## All Hallows Eve Celebration on Sat., Oct 28 at 7:30 p.m.

We will celebrate the pagan holy day of All Hallows Eve on Saturday, October 28th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. An ancestor altar will be set up to accept offerings and we will celebrate the end of the pagan year. In this time of gratitude and letting go, the circle will be cast and participants can transform old habits and fears into new hopes and dreams for the new year. We will remember those who have transitioned this past year and share continuing grief that is felt about loved ones that have been gone even longer. During this time when the veil between the worlds is the thinnest, we invite those spirits who would wish to do so, to join us in circle to heal and transform ourselves and, through us, the world. People of all pagan paths are invited to share in this celebration. Bring a memento to honor your ancestor and a snack or beverage to share with the group after the celebration. Costumes are welcome but not necessary. We will be using incense, so anyone with allergies, please contact me so that we can make accommodations.

--Beckie Wagner 824-4321



## 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).

## Directory Update Coming Soon

It's not too late to send us your updated address, phone or email info for the new congregational directory. Deadline for revisions is October 27. Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

## Our Folks...

Best wishes for quick healing to David Cox, who underwent knee surgery on October 23.

## November 1 is Deadline for Social Justice Grant Applications

The Social Justice Funds Committee encourages you to finalize and submit your applications for small grants of up to \$3000. Applications are available on the Church website or can be obtained from a member of the SJFC. Social Justice projects must be based in Monroe County, be consonant with the mission of our church, and include congregational involvement. **Deadline is Nov. 1, 2006.**

The Social Justice Funds Committee: Carol Parks, Joan Caulton, Stephanie Estell, John Woodcock, Dan Lodge-Rigal

**UU Children's Choir Schedule** The next singing opportunity for the UU Children's Choir, which is for kids in Kg through 8th grade, is coming up. We will rehearse next on Sun. Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th, and Nov. 12th (all from 10:15-11am in Room 212). We will then sing with the adults during the Intergenerational Services on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Hope to see lots of kids on the 29th! -- Jill Waggener at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.

## Community Connections

### Our faith in action in the community

#### Funeral Consumers Alliance Open House Nov. 2

The successor to the Bloomington Memorial Society, the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Bloomington, will hold an open house on Thurs Nov. 2, 4:30-6:30 pm at its offices in the lower level of the Graham Plaza building, Room 013. The goal of the local and national organization is "protecting a consumer's right to choose a dignified, meaningful, affordable funeral." Please come visit. More information, Iris Kiesling 332-5224.

#### Diapers and Baby Wipes Needed

for families who use the Templeton-Shalom Family Resource Center. The Children's Task Force has a large bin by the social justice table in the hall for our on-going collection. All sizes are needed, all year long! Thanks for helping needy young families in this way. Maybe you can add diapers to your regular shopping list, (if you are comfortable with the environmental impact of disposable diapers! -Ed.)

--The Children's Task Force

## 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 Monday, November 20 at 12 noon.

## 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.

He will be away October 24-27.

## Women's Alliance Members to Hear Lynne Gilliatt on Nov 2

Alliance member and accomplished artist Lynne Gilliatt will speak at the November 2 Women's Alliance meeting in Fellowship Hall. Her topic is "Lynne's Art." A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with beverages and dessert provided by the hostesses Katherine Hopkins and Susan Bucove. The program begins at 12 noon. Babysitting is available in Room 108. Annual dues are \$15. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.



## Knock Knock! Who's there?

**Canoe.** Canoe who? *Canoe tell me how to help with the UU bazaar?* Sure, just check the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall between services in November and sign up to help with our annual Art Fair and Bazaar on December 1 and 2. Lots of ways you can help before, during and after the event. There's a job that's perfect for you. Paddle on over and sign up.



## Thanksgiving Dinner Planned: Nov 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We will hold a Thanksgiving Day Celebration, Thursday, November 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will supply turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and a selection of beverages. When you sign up, you will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, bread and butter or dessert that will serve eight. In addition, you are asked to commit to arriving early for set up and/or staying after to help clean up.

The celebration is for families, extended families, friends, individuals, partners, etc. As is traditional, you will be given the opportunity to host an international student at the dinner. There will a chalice lighting and a discussion of the Thanksgiving Day traditions we treasure. Donations of money the day of the dinner are appreciated to help cover the cost of the turkey, etc.

Sign up sheets available November 5.

--Elizabeth Lion and Karen Dessauer



## Concert Oct 29

As Reverend Macklin mentioned in her sermon "The Tent of Abraham," Voces Novae Chamber Choir will present COEXIST on Sunday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. in our Meeting Room, with a premiere of *Convivencia* by John Rommereim, a

25-minute piece for chorus, string quartet and harp which honors the era in 12<sup>th</sup>- century Spain when Muslims, Jews, and Christians coexisted in relative harmony. The performance is free and a reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

**Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT)** The committee (formerly known as the Long Range Planning Committee), now known as Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) continues to meet and work on envisioning strategies for the future of our congregation. You will be hearing more from us as we will be inviting input from all congregation members in upcoming months. The goals of SOFT are:

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.

SOFT Committee (Chris Clothier, Diane Gregory, Aleisha Kropf, Deane Lahre, Tom Nelson Laird, Adam Leite, Elizabeth Lion, Carol McCord, Melinda Swenson, Rev. Bill Breeden and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, ex-officio)

## Where is the church calendar?

Our church activity calendar may be accessed online at:

<http://www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php>

## BULLETIN BOARD

The Bloomington Shape Note singing group is holding an All Day Sing, Bmtn Friends Meeting House on Saturday, Oct 28, 10-4. Potluck lunch.

All are welcome; music available.



## Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar December 1 and 2

What can you do now to start planning for this year's Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar? White Elephant's Trunk will sell those items you haven't used in years but are taking up shelf space in your home. Items must be in good working order; computer components and clothing (except vintage clothing) are not accepted.

The Book Sale accepts all books in good condition, especially cookbooks and children's books, and CD's and LP's. Drop your books off at the book table in Fellowship Hall, marked for the Bazaar. Or, call Joanna Clees at 339-1839 for pick up.

House plants that could use a new home and rooted cuttings from your favorite plants can be offered at the plant table.

And, be thinking about what you'd like to bake for Gourmet Galaxy and Cookie Walk!

--Julie Lawson and Diann Lock, Bazaar co-chairs

### Cooks Needed for Gourmet Galaxy at the Bazaar



It's time to dig out your favorite recipes for the holidays and sign up to donate your signature specialties to the Gourmet Galaxy. Homemade candies such as rum balls, peanut brittle and divinity are sure to be a hit. Jams, chutneys and relishes are also much sought after. Not to mention the delectable cakes, breads and persimmon baked goods that are always popular. Sign up now to help make the Gourmet Galaxy a huge success! Sign-up easels will be available on Sundays in Fellowship

Hall. -- the Gourmet Galaxy Committee

### Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday at 10:15-11:30 a.m. (Contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu), to schedule a forum.)

### Centering with MAM

**November 8 and November 15** Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity on November 8 and November 15, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

### Attendance Figures

Sun, Oct 15, 9:00- 95; 11:15 - no count; Totl 95

Religious Education: Adults -- 70, Children -- 47

Sun, Oct 22, 9:00 - 101; 11:15 - 146; Totl 247

Religious Education: Adults -- 56, Children --35

### Sunday Plate Offering Figures

*Sun, Oct 15* non-pledge offering: \$353

*Sun, Oct 22* non-pledge offering: \$349

Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$175

### UU Board of Directors

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