

The Prologue

November 20, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, November 26, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Creating Space Within" Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Sally Todd,
Pianist

The 5th century BCE legendary founder of Taoism, Lao Tse, reminds us, "Shape clay into a vessel; It is the space within that makes it useful." In response to the fullness espoused for the Thanksgiving holiday, this service will focus on creating space within. Through music, words, and silence we will seek to create space within mind, body, and spirit. The service will include piano music of Johannes Brahms, John Cage, Alan Hovhaness, and Pauline Oliveros.

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

"Life As Pilgrimage" Reverend Bill Breeden
Traveling, arriving, and waiting... Reflections on the recurring themes in the
journey to be human.

Centering with MAM

December 13

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

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

"Singing the Season" Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port
Come gather around our chalice flame and join in singing familiar carols and enjoying a quiet story together. Dinner is provided at 5:30, including a vegan option, followed by a shared cleanup time and worship at 6:15. People of all ages are welcome!

Faith in Action Forums

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

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MAM's Musings

Reverend Breeden and I were honored to read the memories of ancestors, loved ones, and beloved pets that were placed on the altar during our "Dia de Los Muertos"(Day of the Dead) service. Thank you for sharing the love in your hearts. The saints certainly did go marching out.

As I mentioned in the "Dia de Los Muertos" service, I dream of having a file on everyone in our congregation regarding your Memorial Service choices, as well as your wishes for pastoral care if you are unable to speak for yourself. Included in the Order of Service that day was a yellow insert entitled "My Choices" which includes a form to fill out regarding end-of-life and memorial wishes. Thanks to those who have sent this in already.

I am creating a separate file for each person's "My Choices." These files are kept in a locked file cabinet for privacy.

Remember, this is a living document--you can change things later. One person about my age sent in her "My Choices" form and added, "This isn't really finished but I didn't want to delay sending it to you while I wait to perfect it...Thank you so much.... I feel cared about." I want to thank that person for caring, too. Making our wishes known is a caring act for our family, friends and church community.

May our circle of care nurture you in mind, body, and spirit,

MAM

(Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

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The West Window

The sunshine has returned and the sandhill cranes are circling over our church this morning. Who could ask for more? Well, I can. I ask you to remember that we have a congregational meeting on Sunday Dec. 10th at 4:00, to be followed by a dinner catered by our youth group as a fundraiser for their activities. Therefore you can be a responsible member of this community, have dinner and fun, and help our youth all at the same time! What a deal! I hope it is one you can't resist.

We have a lot of unsung heroes around here, and I want to sing about one. This week's Prologue includes our Common Ground, the social justice letter. I want to give thanks for Jackie Hall and her efforts to keep our minds and hearts focused on justice. She edits and prepares the Common Ground for publication and serves on the Social Justice Steering Committee. You can show your appreciation by reading the news of our social justice work and, if you are so inclined, you may join one of the many social justice task forces. I am sure Jackie would be more than happy to hear from you.

Let us enter this holiday season with a sense of thanksgiving.

Peace--bill

Rev. Bill Breeden,

breeden@uubloomington.org

Give Good Gifts

During the holiday season there are lots of opportunities to share your abundance with others. Starting Sunday, December 3rd, the Giving Tree will be set up in Fellowship Hall. Our Giving Tree benefits community groups that the Children's Family Task Force works with. Attached to the Giving Tree will be ornaments with information about a gift that has been requested. If you would like to participate all you need to do is take one of the ornaments home. Then bring the purchased gift to church on Sunday December 17th for our Intergenerational Procession of Giving Service.

Guest at Your Table boxes can also be brought in for the Procession of Giving. The Guest at Your Table Boxes benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and are another way to put your faith in action. Families are invited to put the box on their table at home and to share with their 'guest' at meals.

If you would like to Give Green this year, see the article on p. 4 about a wonderful gift-making workshop for all ages on **Friday, Nov. 24!** Hope to see you there!

--Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education

--Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Acting Minister of Religious Education

Our Folks...

Our sympathy to Al and Lee Strickholm; Al's brother, George Strickholm, passed away last week.

Our thoughts are with Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita, upon the death of her husband, Clark Dewey Wells. A memorial service was held here at church on Nov. 18.



Notably for Newcomers

A few questions and answers from the New Member Potluck on Nov. 10, with Revs. Macklin (MAM) and Breeden (BB):

Q: What led you to the ministry?

MAM: I recently reread some old journals of mine from law school. In them I wrote about "how do you teach compassion?" I attended the UU Church here at the time and was heavily influenced by a woman I saw in the pulpit: [Rev.] Laurel Hallman. I saw her and I thought, I can do that.

BB: I resigned from my Christian ministry in 1980 because I never thought I could find a church where I could say what I believed and keep my job. My daughter introduced me to this place and I have been coming here for 16 years. Next June I will receive my final fellowship [into ministry] in the UU church.

Q: What plans do you have to grow the campus ministry?

MAM: We are accepting applications for the position of campus ministry assistant. The notice will be in the next *Prologue*. The person will start in January. It is not a lot of hours but it is an important position. I also have lunch on campus with students once a week.

Q: Do you ride roller coasters?

BB: Every chance I get!

MAM: I kind of like roller coasters. I prefer rides that go side to side.

MONTECINOS TO GIVE PROGRAM FOR ALLIANCE

Church members Alfonso Montecino, pianist and Professor Emeritus of Music at IU, and Siri Garson-Montecino, mezzo-soprano, present a Holiday Program in Music and Words for the Women's Alliance on Thurs., Dec. 7 at the church. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall; beverages and dessert to be provided by hostesses Jean Anderson and Dorothy Davis. The program begins at 12 noon. Anyone needing child care should call the church office by Thursday, November 30. Guests are particularly welcome for this special program.

Alliance members should bring unwrapped gifts for the women of Middle Way House. Gift suggestions: bath towel sets, slippers (all sizes, esp. 7,8,9), underwear size 5 and 6, alarm clocks, tweezers, nail clippers, and lip balm.

Live Green! Give Green!

The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change and Religious Education Committee are organizing a Gift Making workshop for all ages to be held on No Shopping Day, Friday, Nov. 24 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 10am to noon. We plan to provide supplies to make simple gifts suitable for both children and adults. A small (\$1) donation per gift will cover costs. To help make it happen, please contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite at 332-3695 or mre@uubloomington.org. Thank you!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Fall Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 10, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.
In the meeting room at 2120 N. Fee Lane
ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND.
Childcare provided for children under 13.
Supper available after meeting.

Fundraiser Meal to Follow Congregational Meeting: Support our Youth!

Our fall Congregational Meeting will be Dec. 10th at 4pm. All members are strongly encouraged to attend as part of your role in this liberal community. Our youth, YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists), will be preparing a meal for all of us directly after the Congregational Meeting. Donations for the meal will support the YRUU program at our church.



BOUNTY- FULL SUNDAY Dec 3 – Collection for MCUM Food Pantry

Immediate needs at the Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry include: canned fruit, canned meats (no tuna), baking and cornbread mixes, powdered milk, cream soups.

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. In November, our congregation contributed 383 pounds of food. THANK YOU. The need is great.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members

Mike Betson (812) 219-5845

forestfolk@aol.com I'm the father of two children, Aaron and Naomi, married to Toria for 18 years. I've been active in the Bloomington homeschool community for several years and serve as a Union Steward for Zenith Logistics/Local 135 Teamsters in Indianapolis. I reside in rural Brown County. Raised a Roman Catholic, I became a liberal Evangelical Christian at 14. A spiritual evolution was followed by disillusion with faith. My path led me here, resuming my spiritual evolution.

Tierney V. Dwyer tvdwyer@indiana.edu I have just recently moved from New Jersey to start my first year here at IU as a Master's student at the School of Library and Information Science. I enjoy reading, riding my bike, and I volunteer with the Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project. I am hoping to become a public librarian someday, but right now I'm enjoying life in Bloomington, living with my boyfriend, Matt and my rabbit, Alphie.

Hugo Kunoff kkunoff@indiana.edu Hugo Kunoff was born in the Ukraine, in an area ethnically cleansed of Cossacks by Catherine the Great and settled with Germans. Before coming to Bloomington (1965) to work at IU, he lived in Germany, Cleveland, NY and Mexico City. Previously he worked as a farmhand, in an RAF ammunition dump, and as a steelworker. He has two sons and three grandchildren. He attended Mexico City College, Columbia and IU. He came to this church with wife, Karla, this past summer. They kept returning because of the congregation's character.

Karla Kunoff kkunoff@indiana.edu Karla

Kunoff was born in Treuburg, Germany, and raised in the Lutheran faith. She met her

future husband, Hugo, when he came to Germany for post-graduate study. She came with him to the US and lived for two years in New York, where their first son was born. Second son was born in Bloomington. They have three grandchildren. Karla taught at IU's Costume Construction Technology program for 19 years. Hobbies include working with fabrics and yarns. After a long search she is happy to have found a spiritual home in this church.

Julie Ann James julajame@indiana.edu Julie James has lived in Bloomington for 18 years. She has a Master's Degree in Applied Health Science with a concentration in Human Development/Family Studies and is in her third wonderful year of teaching in that department. Julie's two daughters, Hazel (11) and Viola (6), go to Harmony school and her son, Nile, is a Freshman at Roosevelt University (Chicago). Julie enjoys swimming, photography, hiking, and collaborating with her partner, Jon Peters in facilitating communal rituals.

Michel Salim came to Bloomington for graduate school two years ago. Previously he studied in Cambridge and York, England, where he first encountered Unitarianism. He believes in equality of opportunity for all. He is involved with the Fedora Project, developing a computing platform based on free software. Originally from Indonesia, he's excited about the One Laptop per Child project. He is an amateur historian, enjoys racquet-based sports, and collects requiems.



UU Children's Choir Schedule

UU Children's Choir will practice Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17th, 10:15-11:00 a.m. in Room 212, in preparation for singing at the Family Winter Solstice Service on Thurs. evening, Dec. 21st. We welcome new singers in grades K-8. Questions? Contact Jill Waggener at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

Harvest for Hope Date Changes

The "Harvest for Hope" adult education class will not meet Nov. 26. Our final two classes will be Dec. 3rd and Jan. 7th., 3 to 4:45 p.m. Bring a healthy snack to share. See ya there. --Mary Ann (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

Attendance Figures

Sun, Nov. 12, 9:00– 100; 11:15 – 188; Totl 288. Religious Ed.: 9:00--22 children, 8 adults, 11:15—66 children, 21 adults
Sun, Nov 19, 9:00 – 143; 11:15 – 293; Totl 436 (Intergenerational Service)

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Oct 29 non-pledge offering: \$394
Sun, Nov 5 non-pledge offering: \$298
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$173

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, December 18 at 12 noon.

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Choir Rehearses Off-site on November 30

Due to set up of the Meeting Room for the Bazaar, our choir will be rehearsing on Thursday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Christian Church, 1200 N. Russell Rd. Contact Susan Swaney, music@uubloomington.org for location of choir childcare that evening.



It's Not Too Late!

That's right! It's not too late to sponsor a **MCUM Holiday Miracle Food Basket**. Because of your generosity, a family that otherwise would not have a holiday dinner will be able to feast as you and I do. Sign up on the easel by the Social Justice table in the foyer of the church. Pick up a grocery list by the easel. You have until the morning of Nov. 30th to drop off the food at the church. Please check your name off the list as you bring in your contributions.

Last year, we supplied MCUM with 44 of the 72 baskets they collected. MCUM depends on us. This year's goal is 50 baskets!

Please remember to put turkeys and hams in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

Thank you for sharing your blessings and have a peaceful, fulfilling Thanksgiving.

Community Connections
Our faith in action in the community

The City's Dr. Martin Luther King Commission is soliciting nominees for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award recognizing and affirming those making significant contributions in race relations, justice and human rights.

Nominees must have been Monroe County residents, businesses or advocacy groups for at least one year, and must have been involved in making contributions to the advancement of race relations, justice and/or human rights causes.

Deadline for nominations is January 5, 2007. Nominations can be made at www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd. Forms are also available from the Community and Family Resources Department, 401 North Morton. Details, Craig Brenner at 349-3471 or brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

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.

Web Committee Wants YOU!

Our new web site is up and running, but we need your help to develop it further. Help maintain an important resource for those who seek a liberal religious community and for the congregation. Creating a dynamic web presence takes a variety of talents: technical skills, policy development, writing proficiency, liaison with the congregation, and the time and inclination to do routine maintenance. If you have any of these skills to contribute, contact Libby DeVoe edevoe@indiana.edu, 336-8688.

Seeking a Campus Ministry Assistant

The campus ministry program is looking for a new assistant to work with the university community beginning in 2007. The position (\$8 per hour; approximately 60 hours per semester and 25 hours in the summer, divided weekly) carries the expectation of working Sunday mornings but otherwise flexible scheduling. Responsibilities include active congregational and campus outreach, leadership development, and organizing connections between people and groups. Send a letter and resume to UU Church of Bloomington, Attn: Campus Ministry, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408. Contact Katie Peebles, campus min. chair, 812-857-2235, kpeebles@indiana.edu

Where is the church calendar?

A current activities calendar is located at: www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php.

Art Fair and Bazaar

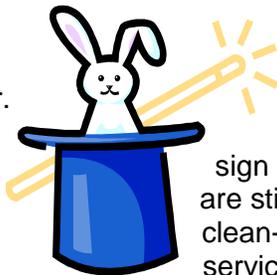
Friday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Come one, come all to the Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar! This annual event offers a chance to do some holiday shopping, have lunch or dinner at the café, and enjoy a festive atmosphere—all in support of our church.

help at the bazaar.

This Sunday can help," and and 2. There café, set-up and Hall between We need the magic of your help.



Knock Knock! Who's there? Sadie. Sadie who? Sadie magic words and you can

is the last day for you to say the magic words, "I sign up for a shift or two at the bazaar on December 1 are still lots of jobs left to fill, especially in areas like clean-up. Look for the big sign-up poster in Fellowship services and put your name on a couple of lines. We



Used Books Wanted!

Don't forget to drop off your used books for the ever-popular Bazaar Book Sale! All books in decent condition are welcome. Cookbooks, children's books, and biography sell particularly well. Drop off books at the Booktable in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, Nov. 26; Tues. or Weds. during office hours; or Thurs. Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Please mark your bags "Bazaar.")



White Elephant's Trunk Donations

Donations will be accepted in Room 108 starting at 12:35 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 26; on Tues. or Weds. during office hours; or on Thurs. Nov. 30 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.. Please bring items that are in good working condition and clean. No computers or clothing (except vintage). Get rid of possessions you are not using, and free up space in your home.



Off-Site Parking for Bazaar Workers

Parking on Jordan Ave. is permitted all day Friday and Saturday while you work at or visit the Bazaar. Doing so will free up valuable parking spaces for our patrons, who often outnumber our parking availability. You may also park across the by-pass in the former Church of God parking lot.



Last call for cookies!

The time for serious baking has arrived. Large cookies, small cookies, drop cookies, bar cookies--we sell them all at the ever-popular Cookie Walk table. Bring your cookies to the church between 4pm and 8pm on Thursday, Nov. 30th or between 8am and 10am on Friday, Dec. 1.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring cookies, but bring cookies even if you didn't. Please include your name and the type of cookie on the box or tin; let us know whether your cookies include nuts. If you can't bake until Friday, that's OK. We often need cookies on Saturday morning as well. Thanks in advance for your help. -- The Cookie Walk Committee



Keep on Cooking and Baking!

The Gourmet Galaxy is happy that there are quite a number of people already signed up to bake and make goodies for sale at the Holiday Bazaar. We still need more commitments to have enough breads, candies, jams, relishes, soup mixes, herbs, spiced nuts and cake to satisfy demand. Sign up on the easel in Fellowship Hall. If possible, please drop off your donations on Thursday, Nov. 30th from 4

p m - 8 p m.

Thanks, Judy Bennett and Karen Dessauer

UU Bloomington, *UU World*

Patricia C. Coleman's painting "Dancing Joy" can be found in the most recent issue of *UU World*, p. 22.

Ledford Carter offers these notes on other *UU World* items relating to our congregation:

Rev. Dr. William F. Schultz, president of the UUA 1995-1993, contributes "What Torture has Meant to Me." Dr. Schultz was conceived in Bloomington by founders of our fellowship, but they moved to Pittsburgh for his birth. While he was president of Amnesty International, he spoke at our church.

"Growing with Davies," by Warren Ross, is about Rev. Dr. A. Powell Davies, of All Souls Church, Washington, D.C., and his influence in fostering eight other Unitarian congregations in the D.C. area. Two of them have UUCB connections:

--Peter Vitaliano, formerly of our Bloomington church, is now an active member of the UU church in Arlington, Va. --William R. Murry, our minister from 1977 through 1980, left us to become the minister of the River Road Church in Bethesda, Md. Rev. Dr. Murry contributes "Reason and Reverence."

In 1950-51 I attended All Souls. When I told the wife of Laurence Staples, All Souls executive director, that I would be moving to Bloomington, she asked me to contact Annetta Fuchs. Ralph and Annetta Fuchs, the leading founders of the Bloomington Fellowship for whom our church library is named, had formerly associated with All Souls. My contacting Annetta led to my becoming a member of the fellowship in Bloomington.

--Ledford Carter