

The Prologue

March 5, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

***Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World***



Wednesday, March 7, 2007 Family Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m.
"Springing Spring"

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port, acting religious educators

At this season, we usually have crocuses peeking through the grass here in Bloomington, and it is almost time for migrating birds to return from the south. Surely there are signs of spring around, if we look hard enough. And if there aren't, we'll "spring spring" ourselves by creating our own signs of coming warmth and growth! Come celebrate the season with friends of all ages. 5:15pm gathering and craft. 5:30pm dinner: vegan option always included, followed by shared clean-up. 6:15pm worship service.

Sunday, March 11, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"Minimalism" Reverend Bill Breeden

Wednesdays, March 14 and March 21 6:00-6:45 p.m.
Centering with Music And Meditation (MAM)

This small meditation worship service held in the Library is offered on March 14 (led by Reverend Bill Breeden) and March 21 (led by Reverend Mary Ann Macklin). Please join us for this time to take pause, relax and focus on the breath.

Sunday, March 18, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"For Love of the World" Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita

Celebrating two courageous women who loved the world enough to speak truth to power -- Hannah Arendt and Molly Ivins. Women's History Month will also be honored with guest musicians performing music of Hildegard of Bingen.

Minutiae from MAM

*Registration for the "Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational Unitarian Universalist Retreat" continues between worship services each Sunday. This overnight retreat, April 13-14, is sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change and will take place at Camp Rancho Framasa. Please note that **registration ends March 31st due to camp requirements**. A limited number of scholarships are available. See Page 3 for details.

*Speaking of the "Earth Celebrational Retreat," our wonderful drummer from last Sunday's worship service, Colleen Haas, will be offering a pre-retreat drumming workshop (ages 11 and up) on Friday, March 23 from 6pm to 8pm in Room 210. See Insert Side A for details.

*'Hope' is the thing with feathers - Emily Dickinson

*When trying to reach a minister due to a pastoral emergency, please call in this order: Church Office (332-3695), Reverend Bill Breeden (360-1779 or 829-3431), Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (322-0205 or 330-1570), Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson (337-0489), Acting Minister of Religious Education Emily Marvel Leite (333-9822). While answering machines and voice mail are fairly reliable, we ask that in emergency situations you **also** try to have a 'real time' conversation with someone. The staff member you reach will contact the appropriate minister, based on availability and call status, to respond to your emergency.

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*Please note, I will be away-from-the-office and not available for ministerial duties from March 7 through March 15. Please adjust the above list accordingly.

*'Hope' is the thing with feathers –,

That perches in the soul, -- Emily Dickinson

Happy Women's History Month, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

One of our Chalice Circles invites you to write and submit your own "This I Believe" essay. As you may recall, this project - originated by Edward R. Murrow during the McCarthy era in the 1950s - was revived by National Public Radio in 1998.

These Chalice Circle members have each written their own, and now encourage everyone to do so and submit statements to the group for compilation. Look deeply into the guides by which you chart your path. Write from your heart about those principles you hold most dear, those tenets which hold the greatest sway in your life.

1) Your essay should speak to one or more beliefs central to your life - a value, a spirit, a sense of purpose, something that, at its core, stirs and illuminates you. 2) The essay can be handwritten or computer printed, in pencil, pen or magic marker. 3) It can include artwork, or your essay can be text only. 4) It should be no longer than a single page, although it's OK to use both sides. 5) As we know, Unitarian Universalists come from all spokes of the wheel, all places in life. In writing your essay, raise high your beliefs for all to see, speak to the power they have for you, and let it be done with the greatest respect for others of differing beliefs.

The Circle will bind the essays into a book for our church library. Please submit essays to Tim Slack by May 4. Questions? Tim Slack (coyote-bear@juno.com, cell: 812-827-3082, or after almost any 2nd service).

In Peace, bill

Rev. Bill Breeden

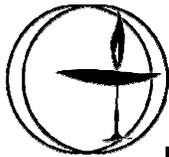


Earth Celebrational, All-Congregational, Intergenerational Unitarian Universalist Retreat April 13-14 (5pm to 5pm)

Join us for this overnight retreat (5pm to 5pm) at Camp Rancho Framasa in the rolling hills of Brown County. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force, this retreat will allow participants to celebrate and honor the earth, to learn about ways we can care for our earth, and to sing, worship and have fun. Remember, the congregation that plays together, stays together!

Workshops will include canoeing, fishing, nature crafts, focus on nature, nature hikes, group building and low ropes, effective lobbying for climate change, nature hikes, poetry writing, cooperative games, peak oil and more. There will also be worship services, led by Reverend Breeden, Reverend Macklin and Reverend Manvel Leite, singing and drumming by the campfire, and free time.

Registration forms available between services or from the church office. **Registration deadline is due March 31st due to camp requirements.** Registration is \$50 per person (children 6 and under are free). We have some volunteer scholarships available, so please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (332-3695 or macklin@uubloomington.org) if you would like more information about scholarships.



Notably for Newcomers

Membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who is in sympathy with the purposes of the church. The UU congregation asks three things of new members. **Participate, Pitch in and Pledge.** All three things are important.

We **Pitch in** because the church and congregation could not function without every member's support and effort. It takes every person to build a strong community. Not every job is for every person and you will find that you choose what you can do for the congregation based on your own skills, experience and interests. We need people to mow the grass and take care of the building, to make coffee and greet newcomers each week. We especially need people to help teach in our religious education program and to plan and run the many fundraising and social justice activities we sponsor. Keep reading your Prologue for ways to get involved or come to coffee hour between services and talk to other members. Most involvement will naturally arise from your participation in other events. For more ideas: <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/serve/index.php>

Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee

25% Sunday Plate Collection for Social Justice: Update and Nominations for Next Year



The collection of 25% of non-pledge gifts from our Sunday morning offerings has been a great success this year! Our contribution to Stepping Stones totals \$3123.88 since July 1, 2006. Thank you to all who have been adding additional cash and non-pledge checks to the collection baskets. Your generosity will help the young adults served by the Stepping Stones.

The process for selecting an agency to receive the 25% of the Sunday non-pledge offering for the next fiscal year is underway. An application form and a set of guidelines are available for the nomination of an agency that you would like these funds to support. Request the application electronically from either Joan Caulton (336-0455 or jcaulton@insightbb.com) or Carol Parks (336-1592 or pearlparks@gmail.com). Applications are also available in the Social Justice Coordinating Council mailbox in the workroom (Room 204) of the church. After the applications are submitted, a short list of up to three agencies will be chosen for a final vote at the June congregational meeting.

Those who submit applications must contact the agency you support to gather the information necessary to complete the application.

The completed applications must be submitted no later than Friday, March 30th, to be considered. Completed applications can be returned in the SJSC mailbox in the workroom or submitted electronically to Joan Caulton or Carol Parks.

Contact Joan or Carol if you would like more detailed information.
--Carol Parks, Social Justice Funds Cmte

Our Folks...

Our thoughts of comfort are with:
Chris Clothier and Sandy Clothier and their family. Their father, Ralph Clothier, died on February 6. He was 97. A memorial will be held here on April 28.

Ann Kamman and family. Ann's mother, Rose Marie Kamman, a longtime member and dear friend to many of the congregation, died February 23. A memorial will be held March 24 at 11:00 a.m. here in our Meeting Room.

The family of Katherine Olsen, a former member, who died January 12 in Seattle.

Cookie Lynch and family. Cookie was recently hospitalized for surgical procedures. Cards are welcome; please no visitors at this time.

Annabelle Schrock, infant daughter of Ceci and Anthony Schrock, who was recently hospitalized for pneumonia and is recovering well.

And congratulations to Iris Kiesling, who received a Lifetime Contribution Award at the Women's History Month luncheon on March 7.

Woody Guthrie's *American Song* Performed Here Mar 31 and Apr 1



On Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., (coinciding with our annual pledge drive) we will present Woody Guthrie's "American Song," a celebration of the life and legacy of Woody Guthrie, from his early days as a Dust Bowl Refugee and radio performer, across the New York Town Bowery.

Steve Krahnke serves as director and designer, while Dan Lodge-Rigal serves as Musical Director. The cast features Bill Breeden, Darrell Breeden, Mary Boutain, Eve Cusack, George Cusack, Maryann Cusack, Sam Cusack, Charlie Jesseph, Laura Jesseph, Maggie Jesseph, Connie Loftman, Guy Loftman, Pam MacLaughlin, Jane McLeod, Mitch Rice, and Licia Weber.

A smokin' country band features Dan Lodge-Rigal and Richard Torstrick joined by several special guests.

Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 18. Tickets are available at church on Sundays.

Want to be a theatre techie for this show? Help with lights, set, etc. Email Steve: skrahnke@indiana.edu asap!

Church Email Undergoes Maintenance If you send an email message to us and do not receive a response from a minister or staff member within 2 days, please call 332-3695.

Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m. (Contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu, to schedule a forum.) Forum topics are listed in *The Prologue* as scheduled.

Exploring Unitarian Universalism Meets March 11 and 18

Interested in knowing more about Unitarian Universalism, or this congregation? Sign up for the March Exploring UU class! The sign-up sheet is at the Newcomer table in the foyer, or you may contact the church office 332-3695 to sign up. The next Exploring UU class will be held at a new time, from 3 – 5 pm on Sundays, March 11 and 18. (Childcare can be provided; please note that need when you sign up.)

This class is open to anyone - interested seekers, long-time friends and even current members that would like a refresher. For questions, contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net.

Where is the church calendar?

A current church activities calendar is at: www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php, as well as in every issue of the Prologue.

UUs Changing the World

(Look for longer articles about our social justice activities in the Common Ground insert in the second Prologue each month.)

An Invitation From The Women Of Beth Shalom Please join the Beth Shalom Women's Habitat Build Team for a Women's Seder on Thursday, April 5th at 7 PM at Congregation Beth Shalom. They will serve ritual foods and dessert (not dinner) and celebrate women's role in Passover and freedom. Come for an evening of fun with singing and dancing.

--Debby Allmayer and the Beth Shalom Women's Build Team

James Loewen, Mar 21-23

James W. Loewen, emeritus professor of sociology from the University of Vermont, is co-author of the revisionist state history *Mississippi: Conflict and Change* (1974), and author of *The Mississippi Chinese: Between Black and White* (1971), *Social Science in the Courtroom* (1982), and other books on revisionist history. He has been an expert witness or consultant in more than fifty class action lawsuits, mostly in civil rights, voting rights, employment discrimination, and education. *Sundown Towns* (2005), his newest book, tells how thousands of communities in America excluded African, Chinese, Jewish, or Native Americans between 1890 and the 1970s, and how some still do. Presented by Bloomington United and Bloomington chapter of ACLU.

Programs to include the following topics: "How History Keeps Us Racist, and What To Do About It," "Lies My Teacher Told Me, and What To Do About Them," "The Racial Make-up of Our Community and the Legacy of Sundown Towns," "Conversation About the Racial Make-up of Your Community."

Speak Up on the Global Climate Crisis by March 21

Al Gore will be testifying before a congressional committee regarding the global climate crisis on March 21. He wants to go with hundreds of thousands of signatures in hand from people who are eager for the federal government to take action on this issue. He's made it easy for you to voice your support. Go to algore.com/cards.html and sign the petition today. Live Green.

Make the Connection.



Chalice Circles Seek Church Service Projects

If your committee or task force could use helping hands for a project, our Chalice Circles are ready and willing to participate. Chalice Circles do one church service project and one community service project per year.

Some Circles have already helped with the Bazaar, volunteered with the Monroe County United Ministries Task Force, and helped at the Talent Auction.

If you have a project that could use help from five to ten people, contact Joan Caulton at 336-0455 or jcaulton@insightbb.com. She will send your request to the Chalice Circle facilitators. **ADVANCE NOTICE OF ONE MONTH IS IMPORTANT.**

--The Chalice Circle Executive Committee

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

WellSpring Homeless Shelter hosts the Silver Spring Dinner and Dance with Sara's Swing Set Jazz Band on March 24th, 6:00-10:00 p.m. at Bradford Woods Baxter Hall. John Lawson will be honored for his dedicated work in the GED programs that have helped to get many families started on their way out of poverty. For tickets or to donate silent auction items for this event, contact Jennifer Blankenship at 765-342-6661 X 303 or Volunteer@wellspringcenter.org.

Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden. 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.

macklin@uubloomington.org

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

breeden@uubloomington.org

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, March 19 at 12 noon.

Chalice Circles Always Open

If you would like to join our Chalice Circles small group ministry, be sure to contact the church office. You may join a Chalice Circle at any time. There is always room for more.



Second Saturday Film Series, Sat, March 10

Potluck @ 6 PM, Film @ 6:30

The River (French, spring, beauty). Details, contact Glee Noble,

gleenoble@sbcglobal.net

MARCH FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#37-HOST-KATHY & CRAIG BARTON

GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship

Libby & Bob DeVoe

Cookie & Bill Lynch

Louis & Emily Tenney

#38-HOST-MARJORIE & JOHN CROSBY

GUESTS-Karen & Jack Cassidy

Rob & Joan Hongen

Gene & Rae Stoll

#39-HOST-GEORGE & MARYANN CUSACK

GUESTS-Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts

Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison

Cyndi & Dale Nelson

Denise & Harold Ogren

Sandy & Bob Taylor

#40-HOST-RICK & LOIS HOLL

GUESTS-Judy Bennett & Katherine Hopkins

Tommie & Walt Owens

Raymond & Rita Rust

#41-HOST-STEVEN LESSMANN

GUESTS-Bill Baus

Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr

B.J. Lawrance & Jan Skinner

Ted & Diann Lock

Paul Petersen

Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

#42-HOST-ELIZABETH LION

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Bob & Laura Campbell

Klara Cook

Vern & Judy Peterson

#43-HOST-MARY ANDRUS-OVERLEY &

DON HALFORD

GUESTS- Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum

Scott & Rhonda Clower

Dave Parkhurst

Ann Watzel

#44-HOST- KEVIN ROTTET & DAVE CRANE

GUESTS-Tom & Diane Gregory

Karla & Hugo Kunoff

Harriet & Dick Pfister

#45-HOST- PEGGY & JOHN WOODCOCK

GUESTS-Mark Day & Jean Sebeok

Dolores Freiburger

Cathy & Dick Hiatt

Glee Noble

We have run out of Hosts and several members are doing a second round of hosting so these will be our last Dinners until September. See you then. --Dolores



Group Drumming Workshop Mar 23

Ages 11 to adult, Free

Friday, March 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 210, Colleen Haas will provide an introduction to group drumming workshop. The workshop is designed to provide participants with some basic hand drumming skills, an exploration of the power of rhythmic cycles, and to work with basic principals from West African oral traditions that assist in synchronized drumming and creative expression. This workshop is designed as a preliminary tool kit but also can serve as a warm up for the all-church retreat in April.

Previous experience is not necessary. Bring a drum(s) if you have one and other hand held percussion. (recommended: hand drums such as congas, djembes, ashikos etc.)

Before moving to Bloomington, Colleen worked as a professional percussionist and owned an instructional drum studio in Minneapolis, specializing in ethnic percussion traditions (1989-2004). Colleen just returned from a Fulbright year in Brazil doing research and taking lessons and is excited to share ideas gained from those experiences as well.



Thanks from the MCUM Task Force – Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Apr 1.



Earth Tip

Want an easy way to help the planet? Start at home by changing a bulb. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL's) are now available at the Green Sanctuary Task Force Coffee Table between services. These high quality, lead-free and low mercury CFL's are \$3 for a 15 watt (equivalent to 60 watt incandescent) and \$3.50 for a 20 watt (75 watt incandescent).

Replacing one regular light bulb with a CFL will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide per year! Make the Change- Live Green!

No Veggie Potlucks in March or April Thanks to all who attended the veggie potlucks in January and February. Great food and great discussions on Global Climate Change were had by all! There will be no Veggie Potlucks in March or April, but watch your Prologue for future events!

Attendance Figures

Sun, Feb 25, 9:00– 70; 11:15– 161; Totl 231

Religious Ed.: 9:00-- 19 children, 8 adults

Sun, Mar 4, 9:00– 78; 11:15– 189; Totl 267

Religious Ed.: numbers not available.

11:15— 60 children, 21 adults

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Feb 25 non-pledge offering: \$346

Sun, Mar 4 non-pledge offering: \$543

Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$224



Commitment Sunday: April 1 "We're All in This Together!"

--The Stewardship Committee



UU Children's Choir Schedule

Sun. March 11th: NO REHEARSAL due to Spring Break
Sun. March 18th: Regular Rehearsal, 10:15-11am Rm 212
Sun. March 25th: Regular Rehearsal, 10:15-11am Rm 212
Sun. April 1st: Commitment Sunday, Sing in Church (Woody Guthrie Songs)

Sun. April 8th: Tentative Shortened Rehearsal, 10:30-11am, Rm 212.

Sun. April 15th: NO REHEARSAL- I will be out of town

THURSDAY April 19th: 7:00-7:45 pm Extra Rehearsal for those that can make it; Room 212.

Sun., Apr 22nd: Earth Day Intergenerational Service, Sing in Church

Questions? Contact Jill Waggener: jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829

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