

# The Prologue

April 2, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Sunday, April 8, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**“Coming Out of the Tomb”**

Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

What are the tombs that encase our essential selves? In our spiritual and ethical lives, how do we come out of our tombs? Our ministers will explore this question along with special guest, performing artist David Roche, who will offer a unique perspective on resurrection for this Easter service. Our choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will offer music from the Russian Orthodox tradition by Rachmaninoff and Glinka. A **fundraising breakfast** will be offered by our Habitat for Humanity Task Force between services.



**Sunday, April 15, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**“Facing Change, or How to Stop Worrying and Love the Inevitable”** Jack King  
“the self defines itself by the nature of its responses.”

-- H. Richard Niebuhr from The Responsible Self

We warmly welcome into our pulpit Jack King, a member of our congregation, who served the Presbyterian Church as pastor and campus minister for 25 years. Jack demitted the ministry as a protest to the Presbyterian Church’s policy prohibiting ordination of GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender) members. Join us as Jack, a 1961 graduate of Yale Divinity School, shares his thoughts on change and love’s inevitability. Reverend Macklin will also participate in this service.

## **Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of *Woody Guthrie’s***

***American Song*** To the wonderful cast and crew and all others who participated in the *Woody Guthrie’s American Song* this weekend: It was a spectacular portrayal of the man and his times. We will long remember the talents and energy level that lit up our church.

## **Remember to Make Your Pledge on April 8, if you haven’t already pledged!**

The Stewardship Committee wants to make your pledging experience as pleasant and expeditious as possible. We will be prepared on Sunday, April 8 with pledge cards for everyone who has not yet made a pledge for the upcoming fiscal year. Be a part of this amazing congregation; make a financial commitment! We’re All in This Together!



## From the Ministers

### *We are all in this together!*

Our annual pledge commitment worship services on Sunday morning April 1 were wonderful interludes between three performances of Woody Guthrie's American Song. Who says pledge drives can't be fun? How can we begin to express our gratitude for this past weekend? We need a truckload of thanks. We want to thank Steve Krahnke for producing and directing the show, Dan Lodge-Regal for directing the music, Sue Swaney for assisting with choral work and Tom Yeiser, sound technician extraordinaire. We also thank the cast, crew and band members for the many hours of dedicated work to make it happen. A pallet of thanks goes to the Stewardship Committee. Margie and Drew Schrader in their first year as co-chairs of this committee have done a wonderful job with the help of Andrea Murray, Steve Krahnke (again), Carol Marks and David Cox whose breakfast started Sunday morning off in great fashion. It is nice to pledge on a full stomach.

Of course, many thanks to our staff, leadership, members and friends who make every Sunday here a delight in both our successes and challenges. Who said church can't be fun? So we send to all of you, who make this community possible, a boatload of gratitude. (FYI, it is Bill who likes *truckloads* and Mary Ann prefers *boatloads*!) Thank you for being, on April Fool's Day, just foolish enough to believe that we can help create a more beautiful world for all the children and beings of this earth. Thank you for having faith in this dream.

If you missed Sunday's service, or for some reason have yet to pledge your support for this community, the Stewardship Committee will have a table at upcoming Sunday services at which you may fill out a pledge card. You may also contact the church office, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), 332-3695, or drop by at your convenience. Remember that we really are all in this together, and your pledge, whatever it is, is important to this community.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the "Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat" on April 13-14.

In gratitude, MAM and Bill  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Faith in Action Forums

**Sunday, April 22**, 10:15-11:30 a.m., PALS, People and Animal Learning Services, Inc. will present a program on their equine assisted activities to individuals with special needs.

**Sunday, April 29**, 10:15-11:30 a.m., Habitat for Humanity Task Force plans a house building project for 2008.

**Congregational Meeting Apr 22** Remember to attend the Special Congregational Meeting on April 22 at 12:30 p.m. A one-item agenda: to discuss use of reserve funds to re-finance the mortgage on our building. For details, see March 19 issue of the Prologue or contact Treasurer Lloyd Orr, [treasurer@uubloomington.org](mailto:treasurer@uubloomington.org).

## YUUMS to Walk for Homeward Bound

On Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> our Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) will participate in the 5k Homeward Bound walk which raises money for organizations that help people who are experiencing homelessness in our community.

Once again this year the money that the YUUMs raise will go to the Mental Health Alliance. The Mental Health Alliance provides outreach services to people with mental health issues who are especially at risk of experiencing homelessness. Not only will the YUUMs be raising money for this worthy cause but they will get to learn more about the issue of homelessness on their walk.

Please look for the YUUMS on April 15<sup>th</sup> after services and at fellowship hour; they will be collecting contributions. Thank you YUUMs advisors, especially Joanne Henriot and Martha Nord, for helping make this happen.

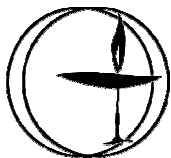
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### Planning to Attend General Assembly in

**Portland?** There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 207B for all former GA attendees as well as those interested in attending the conference in Portland OR.

--Iris Kiesling



### Notably for Newcomers

#### Unitarian Universalists and Easter...

Newcomers might wonder if Unitarian Universalists celebrate Easter. Yes, they do, but not necessarily for the same reasons that traditional Christians do. The holiday is honored by many of us as a celebration of spring, the hope and promise symbolized by the renewal of life in the warm light of spring following the cold darkness of winter.

The traditional Biblical account of the resurrection of Jesus is sometimes included in Unitarian Universalist celebrations and cited as a revered and important story which contains a positive message about human existence. The crucifixion and resurrection stories of Jesus are symbolic of how new life can emerge victorious following a time of pain and suffering.

So, many Unitarian Universalists joyfully celebrate Easter as the return of spring and the renewal of life.

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

[This column was originally published in the April 14, 2003, issue of *The Prologue*.]

### Centering with Music and Meditation April 18

Join Reverend Macklin for this small meditative service in the Library, 6-6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18.

## Our Folks...

Our thoughts and prayers for quick healing are with Dan McNeely, recovering from complications after gall bladder surgery.

Congratulations to Chris Chopra, recently named Indiana Professional of the Year for 2006 by the U.S. Professional Tennis Association Midwest Conference.

Congratulations to Sheri Benham, recently chosen as a co-recipient of the Social Worker of the Year award by the local chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

## April 29 Book Signing for John Crosby's *The Flipside of Godspeak*

The congregation is warmly invited to attend a book signing for John Crosby's *The Flipside of Godspeak: Theism as Constructed Reality* on Sunday, April 29, from 10:00 to 11:00am in Fellowship Hall. A member of our congregation, John is an emeritus professor of marriage and family studies and therapy and a former Presbyterian pastor. Come celebrate with John and enjoy refreshments (provided by the Merry Gardeners Chalice Circle) and an opportunity to talk with John about his newest book. -- Booktable Committee



## Saturday Film Series, Sat, April 21

Potluck @ 6 PM, Film @ 6:30

The Adult Religious Education Film Series in April the 3rd Saturday, April 21. "The Laramie Project" is the story of prejudice in a Wyoming town which led to

the beating death of Matthew Shepherd.



## UU Children's Choir Schedule

New singers welcome! This will be our last set of rehearsals until August!

Sun. 4/8: Short rehearsal, 10:30-11:00, Rm. 212

Sun. 4/15: No rehearsal

Thurs. 4/19: Extra rehearsal, 7-7:45pm Rm. 212

Sun. 4/22: Sing Earth Day Services

Questions? Contact Jill: [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829



## Earth Tip

Now that you're using Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs, did you know that you can

recycle them through the Monroe Co. Solid Waste Management District?

CFL's, which

are great for contributing to the reduction of global warming, do contain

mercury

and thus should be properly disposed of. You can drop them off yourself at the MCSWMD site on South Walnut, or, starting on our April 22nd Earth Day Service, you can bring them to church -- whole or broken (if broken, please wrap carefully in a bag or container)-- to the Green Sanctuary Task Force/Coffee Sales Table to deposit for recycling. Ask a GSTF member if you have questions! Live Green-- Make the Connection!

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One who gives quickly gives twice.

--Cervantes

## Campus Ministry Travels to New Orleans

Over spring break Maryah Converse and I went down to New Orleans on behalf of the campus ministry group to help with post-Katrina rebuilding. We spent a week which we both found spiritually uplifting and fulfilling. Slowly the city is starting to come back to life. Spring Break found an influx of volunteers pouring into the city, with about 100 from UU churches alone. Over the course of the week we gutted a house, cleaned out a trailer and helped get another church ready to reopen its doors to the community. As one person we worked with put it, "I was at the end of my rope, and now my rope has a few more feet."

Although so much progress has been made, New Orleans still has such a long way to go and both of us are hoping to find the time to go back down this summer. Please find us and ask us about our trip if you have questions. -- Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant, [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org)



**Thank you to Jack and Sylvia King** For over four years Jack King has been editor of the email news letter for Peace and Justice and then for Just Peace. He has kept us informed about social actions, educational opportunities and news. Jack is taking a well-deserved break from this responsibility and David Keppel and Mike Betson have assumed the roles of Co-Coordiators.

Sylvia and Jack have been a vital part of the Peace scene here at church since way before the Iraq war. Old habits die hard, so I imagine we will still see them in the forefront witnessing for peace. --Cookie Lynch



**Veggie Potluck Update** No Vegetarian Potlucks in April, May, or June (please enjoy the church Retreat, Mother's Day, and the start of your summer!), but save up those good veggie recipes for July, when we are planning an outdoor potluck. Details coming SOON! Thanks, from your Green Sanctuary Task Force.

**Carol McCord Speaks at Alliance on Apr 5** Carol McCord, Assistant Dean of Women's Affairs at IU and UU Church member, will speak at the Thursday, April 5 meeting of the Women's Alliance. Her topic is "How Unitarian Universalism Has Affected My Life and My Career Path." A brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with beverages and dessert to be provided by the hostesses Dolores Freiburger and Roberta Watson. The program begins at 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**BULLETIN BOARD** Annie Campbell moving here in Aug to begin MFA; needs 1-2 BR house under \$700/mo (starving artist). UU from Newport News Va, 804-690-2660, [beansncornbread2@yahoo.com](mailto:beansncornbread2@yahoo.com).

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## UUs Changing the World

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



**Easter Breakfast by the Habitat Task Force** The UU Habitat for Humanity Task Force will be preparing and serving an Easter breakfast for the congregation between the church services from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on April 8. Please save your appetites and enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, roasted potatoes, muffins and other baked goods and fruit. Proceeds from the meal will go toward our planned sponsorship of a Habitat house, probably in 2008, with several other churches. We have a big goal to meet, so help us out by having a hearty breakfast (\$5 adults, \$3 children). Thanks, Habitat Task Force members



### School Supplies for Needy Kids

MCCSC summer school starts in June. Please join the Thursday morning Chalice Circle in contributing supplies for needy elementary school children. On May 13 and 20 we'll have baskets in Fellowship Hall for your contributions of:

Pocket folders

#2 pencils

washable markers

crayons

colored pencils

Wide-ruled paper and spiral notebooks

Scissors and glue sticks

Boxes of tissue

A fine way to celebrate Mother's Day!

## 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, April 15 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room on the 2nd floor. (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](mailto:stephw7@sbcglobal.net) no later than Wednesday, April 11.



**April 28 Clean Up Day** Grab your rake and get your hat (and gloves), leave your troubles on the doorstep--just direct your feet to the sunny side of the UU Parking lot, 9-12, Sat April 28<sup>th</sup>, for Spring Grounds Clean-up. Childcare will be provided (courtesy of Erica Whichello's Chalice Circle!)

**Parent Talk – Parents of Adults** will meet on Sunday, April 15th, from 12:15 – 2:15 in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share joys & concerns and ideas about staying connected with our adult children. Questions? Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, [d.j.sowell@insightbb.com](mailto:d.j.sowell@insightbb.com).

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

### **Green Burial Seminar**

Joe Sehee, Executive Director of the Green Burial Council, presents a seminar on Saturday April 7th at 10am - 1 pm at the Medical Arts Building, 619 W First Street, near Bloomington Hospital. More info at [www.decentburial.org](http://www.decentburial.org). Iris Kiesling 332-5224

### **Alternatives to Supporting the Funeral Industry**

On Saturday, April 28, 10am - 12 noon, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 3800 E Third St., Mark Harris, author of "Grave Matters", will be speaking on the funeral industry in general and alternatives to the marketplace. Harris was recently interviewed on NPR. More info: [www.gravematters.us](http://www.gravematters.us). Iris Kiesling 332-5224.

### **Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Sponsors Events**

**Apr 14** Saturday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. "All in the Same Boat: Justice for Reproductive Health and Same-Sex Love" with Mary Hunt, Rev. Richard Clough, Patricia Boling and Dan Funk, Holiday Inn Select, Lafayette, Indiana. Also in Lafayette on April 14 at 5:45 p.m.: Faith and Freedom Dinner with Mary Hunt, "Catholic, Pro-Choice, and Optimistic," \$30, scholarships available. Info: [www.ircrc.org](http://www.ircrc.org) or 877-441-5797.

## **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.

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## **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, April 16 at 12 noon.

## **Attendance Figures**

**Sun, Mar 25**, 9:00: 93, 11:15: 176, Tot: 269

Religious Ed.: n/a

**Sun, Apr 1**, 9:00: 101, 11:15: 172, Tot: 373

Religious Ed.: n/a

## **Sunday Offering Figures**

*Sun, Mar 25* non-pledge offering: \$630

*Sun, Apr 1* non-pledge offering: \$359

Total to Stepping Stones Inc: \$247

## Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday, 10:15-11:30 a.m. (Contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu), to schedule a forum.) Forum topics are listed in *The Prologue* as scheduled. See Page 2.

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