

# The Prologue

May 14, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, May 20, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Intergenerational Flower Communion**

**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

All ages are welcome for stories, songs, and ceremony as we acknowledge life transitions and celebrate Unitarian Universalist community in our annual flower communion service. Please bring a flower or two to share and plan to join us between services for an ice cream social honoring this year's Religious Education teachers and advisors.

**Sunday, May 27, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**The Epic of Evolution: Bridge for Our Spiritual Diversity**

**Reverend Michael Dodd and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

We welcome to our pulpit Reverend Michael Dodd, who will reflect upon how the cosmic creation story born of mainstream science builds on the very foundations of Unitarian Universalist tradition. Michael will identify ways that this all-inclusive story bridges the rich diversity that exists within UU communities today — from secular humanists to theists and pagans. See our Ministerial Meanderings on Page 2 for more information on Michael Dowd and the workshop he will offer Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> entitled "Thank God for Evolution."



**Sunday, June 3 Congregational Meeting, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 3 All-Church Picnic, 5:00 p.m.**

**(approx.)** sponsored by the Sabbatical Committee.

Please join us on June 3<sup>rd</sup> to honor our co-ministry team, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden, in this pre-Sabbatical celebration of our congregational community. Fun picnic food for all will be provided, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian. The Green Sanctuary Task Force suggests that we all bring our own tableware to cut down on use of paper products. If you like, bring a lawnchair or blanket for sitting on the grass. If you can assist with this picnic celebration, please contact Sabbatical Committee liaison Beth Hollingsworth at 337-9305.





## Ministerial Meanderings

Hey folks, we recently discovered that not EVERYONE reads The Prologue front to back. "What!?" you exclaim, "Say it isn't so!" 'Tis true. However, we do strongly encourage everyone to try this out (full reading of The Prologue) as a spiritual exercise. The fact is, we count on this newsletter to convey important news of our congregational community. With that said, here are some special news items to note:

- 1) **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregational Meeting** at 4pm. We hope all members will attend. **June 3<sup>rd</sup> All Church Picnic** at approximately 5pm (following congregational meeting) Please be there for this Pre-Sabbatical Picnic Celebration of Our Ministry and Our Congregation.
- 2) **Sabbatical? Is someone going on sabbatical?** Ahem, yes, Reverend Macklin will begin her Sabbatical leave on August 1<sup>st</sup> and return in mid-December. She will be preaching about sabbatical opportunities for the congregation and possible impact of her absence at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> worship services. "Hey," you say, "that's the same day as the Congregational Meeting AND the All Church Picnic!" Righto!
- 3) The week before, on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Reverend Michael Dowd** into our pulpit. Rev. Michael Dowd and his wife, science writer Connie Barlow, are Unitarian Universalists who, during the past 5 years, have delivered sermons and other presentations at more than 200 UU churches and many other venues, as well. Their itinerant ministry is featured cover story in the Spring 2006 issue of *UU World*. Check it out.

Then on **Tuesday night, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Michael Dowd will offer a free, 2-hour presentation** at our church from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. In this richly illustrated talk, he will preview his forthcoming (autumn 2007) book, *Thank God for Evolution!* He will explore the most common "evolutionary epiphanies" (religious awakenings) that people experience when the discoveries of mainstream science are presented in ways that integrate all the threads into a meaningful, sacred, inspiring, and thoroughly up-to-date creation story.

The talk will also explore these questions: Is it possible to use "God-language" in a way that theists, atheists, and pantheists can all truly celebrate? What exciting new light can this perspective offer on age-old questions about human nature and human destiny? How can an understanding of evolutionary brain science and evolutionary psychology assist us in living happier, healthier, more on-purpose lives and having more satisfying, fulfilling relationships? Finally, how does "The Great Story" open the future to hope and inspired action, and how can it energize and support our efforts to further the work of peace, justice, and environmental sustainability?

We hope you can join us for all of these worship services and events. Meanwhile, read on, and do share the enticing news of this newsletter with others. "Hey did you read in The Prologue that....?"

Meanderingly Yours,

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

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## **Notably For Newcomers**

### **The importance of attending the Congregational Meeting**

Although attending semi-annual congregational meetings is not formally required of membership in the Bloomington Unitarian Universalist congregation, it is strongly encouraged.

This twice yearly meeting is the place where important congregational decisions are made. As a member of the congregation, you should participate in this democracy as you would any democracy: with your attention, your attendance and your vote. Congregational meetings are led by the president of the congregation; discussions about important church matters like budgets, personnel, social action and mission are handled. Your voice is important in the form of comments during discussion and your vote during official vote-taking.

The next all-congregational meeting is Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 4:00 pm in the Meeting Room. All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare provided in Room 108 during the meeting. It will be followed by a special picnic celebrating the ministry of Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin, and is sponsored by the Sabbatical Committee. We hope to see you there!

Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee

## Our Folks...

Our sympathy is with David and Sandy Hill; David's father recently passed away.

Our thoughts of comfort are with Jean Creek and family, upon the passing of Donna Creek in early May. A memorial will be held here on May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Our thoughts are also with Deborah Phelps and family; Deborah's cousin Jamie was killed in a motorcycle accident this past weekend in Connecticut.

Stephen Dodd, now residing at Hurstbourne Rehabilitation and Care Center, 2200 Stony Brook Drive, Room 16-1, Louisville KY 40220, would welcome cards and letters from his church friends.

Congratulations to Robin and Bernard Black-Schaffer, who celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on April 20. Robin and BC now reside with their daughter Dorothy, at 5988 E St Rd 45, Bloomington 47408, 331-2505. Due to a recent fall, Robin is at Meadowood Health Pavilion temporarily. Cards and visitors are welcome.

## Adult Religious Education Invites

**Courses** Part of the life of our church is Adult Church members propose and facilitate (or co-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.



## Proposals for Fall

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The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an ARE offering for this coming Fall, 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 July 31 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to

[are@uubloomington.org](mailto:are@uubloomington.org). The committee will review all proposals by early August 2007 and will contact you about your proposal.

You can view this past spring's ARE offerings at [http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult\\_RE\\_Prospectus\\_Winter\\_Spring\\_2007.pdf](http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult_RE_Prospectus_Winter_Spring_2007.pdf).

Bob DeVoe, Chair, ARE Committee

## Veggie Potluck July 22

Summer veggie potluck picnic on Sunday, July 22 at Bryan Park at 5:00 pm. Timm Grimm Trio will be performing that night as well!

--Green Sanctuary Task Force.

**Committee Chair Council Meeting May 30** The third and final meeting of the Committee Chair Council for this year will be on Wednesday, May 30. We will have food at 6PM and begin the meeting at 6:30PM. Childcare during the meeting, starting at 6:30.

**Be sure to tell us which fiscal year** When you write your pledge checks please be sure to write "06-07" or "07-08" on the memo line so we will know which pledge year it's for.

## General Assembly Attendees and Alumni Meet May 20

Portland General Assembly Attendees will meet on Sunday, May 20 at 10:30am in Room 110 to review plans for the General Assembly in June and how to share what we learn with the congregation. We will also take a look at the banner which Sandy Hill has created. GA alumni: We welcome your input. Congratulations to Patricia Coleman on receiving a GA scholarship and to Kelly Rauch for securing a GA volunteer position. Info: Iris Kiesling, 332-5224.

## New Members Biographies

**Marcia Veldman** [meadowlk@bloomington.in.us](mailto:meadowlk@bloomington.in.us)

Marcia Veldman and Steve Cotter first met while playing soccer for the Indiana University club teams. They came to study at IU in the early 80s and fell in love with Bloomington and each other. In the late 80s they moved to California for 8 years. They spent one year in LA and the following seven years recovering in the mountains, teaching environmental education. Each summer they returned to Bloomington to be with friends and family. They searched for a better place to live but eventually realized Bloomington is their home. They returned here in the mid-90s and secured highly rewarding positions with the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, where Marcia manages the Farmers' Market and Steve is the Natural Resources Manager. They both serve on the Green Sanctuary Task Force for Global Climate Change and are excited to formally join this dynamic, loving and fun community.

**Steve Cotter** [meadowlk@bloomington.in.us](mailto:meadowlk@bloomington.in.us) See above.

**Nancy E. Richman** [nrichman@indiana.edu](mailto:nrichman@indiana.edu) Nancy Richman is a relative newcomer to Bloomington, having moved from Illinois last summer to return to school. She is working on her Master's

in Public Administration at SPEA focusing on Nonprofit Management. This has been a year of change and transition (more than she had bargained for!) and, in many ways, beginning again. She is grateful for the moments of quiet reflection, joyful music, inspiration, and new friends at UUCB.

**Ted Lock** [t-lock@uiuc.edu](mailto:t-lock@uiuc.edu)

Ted Lock was born and raised in Carrollton, MO, graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia and began a career in veterinary medicine. He joined the faculty at the University of Illinois in 1972. After retiring in 2004, moved to Bloomington and began attending services at UU Bloomington. Finding this liberal religious community has made the move to Bloomington a great experience!

**Fiscal Year Ends June 30: Please Request Checks Early** To all Committee Chairs, Staff, and Board members with control of a budget line: Please submit reimbursement requests for this fiscal year, which ends on June 30, 2007, by June 15, 2007. -C.Marks

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## BULLETIN BOARD

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## Jingle Bells!



It's so much easier to remember to drop food donations in the Monroe County United Ministries grocery cart when it's snowing outside and *Jingle Bells* is playing on the radio. But hunger is a year-round phenomenon and this is your gentle reminder to continue your generosity by bringing in non-perishable food items throughout the summer on the first Sunday of the every month, **BOUNTIFUL SUNDAY**. The next Bountiful Sunday will be **June 3**. Pantry needs at this time: canned salmon, canned fruit, rice meals, side dishes, pudding, gelatin desserts, and paper grocery bags.

To date we have collected nearly 1700 pounds of food. So, thank you and let's keep up the great work and, oh yeah! . . .

## Merry Christmas!

**Pictorial Directory Coming in the Fall** September 20 through September 29, 2007, all church members and friends are invited to have a photo taken for the church pictorial directory. Each family who participates will get a copy of the pictorial directory. You will receive one FREE 8 x 10 and have the option of purchasing additional photos. Glee Noble and Jan Skinner, Co-chairs, Pictorial Directory Committee

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

**Voces Novae Presents Program on Eugene V. Debs May 19** Voces Novae presents Eugene V. Debs: An Indiana Original, with narration by actors including our own Carol Marks and Jack King, stirring choral music, a brass ensemble, and a string band with Dan Lodge-Rigal, Richard Torstrick, and Hunter Capoccioni. The program is Saturday, May 19, 7:30, at the historic Old Woolery Stone Mill (2200 W. Tapp Road, between the roundabout and Hwy 37). Ticket info: <http://www.vocesnovae.org/programs.html> or 339-5655. You might want to bring a folding chair, in case they have underestimated the number of chairs to rent!

### **PFLAG Picnic June 2**

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will hold a PRIDE picnic on Saturday, June 2, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Cooper Commons Park in Spencer. It's on the corner of Cooper St and West St. The community is invited and food will be provided.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

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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, July 16th at 12 noon.

### **Attendance Figures**

**Sun, May 6**, 9:00: 109, 11:15: 108 Tot: 217

Religious Ed.: Children: 66, Adults: 23

**Sun, May 13**, 9:00: 120, 11:15: 171 Tot: 291

Religious Ed.: Children: 73, Adults: 32

### **Sunday Offering Figures**

*Sun, May 6* non-pledge offering: \$356

*Sun, May 13* non-pledge offering: \$378

Total to Stepping Stones Inc: \$184

## **New Books in Our Library**

261.7 Wallis, Jim. God's Politics: Why the Right gets it wrong and the Left doesn't get it.

277.3 Harris, Sam. Letter to a Christian Nation.

363.7 Gelbspan, Ross. Boiling Point.

364.6 Prejean, Sister Helen. The Death of Innocents.

641.3 Goodall, Jane. Harvest for Hope: A Guide to Mindful Eating.

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