

~ The Prologue June 11, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Sunday, June 17, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Emerging From the Ancestral Environment
The Sunday Services Committee**

“Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution.” These words, written by Russian Orthodox geneticist Theodosius Dobzhansky, apply as aptly to human psychology and behavior. Evolutionary forces gave humans what few other primates can boast of--fathers who take an active role in rearing their children. These same forces also gave rise to societal patterns that laid the foundations of sexism, slavery, war, and global climate change...as well as the tools to address these and other long-standing wrongs. UU member Ken Pimple will explore this paradox and its potential for hope. The Quarryland Men's Chorus will provide us with special music. This service is brought to you by the Sunday Services Committee, furthering our commitment to bring the full richness of the lay (non-ordained) community into worship.

**Sunday, June 24, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Too Deep for Tears
Reverend Barbara Carlson**

To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.
William Wordsworth

Guest harpist Erzsébet Gaál will bring music for our worship together. (Reverend Bill Breeden is at General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, where he will be awarded Final Fellowship in the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin is on vacation. Reverend Carlson is our Minister Emerita.)

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.

The West Window

As you read this, Glenda and I will be seeing the West Coast, the Great Standing Still Ones, the redwoods and sequoias. Next week we will be in Portland where I will attend the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, and we both will attend the General Assembly. I feel honored to receive final fellowship with the UUA, and am very thankful for this community for making that possible.

We will return the last week of June and will attend the Midwest UU Summer Assembly in Wisconsin July 1-8. Hopefully I will have something to say; I am honored to be the keynote speaker of the weeklong event. We will return home the second week of July, and begin to prepare for the coming year during which Rev. Macklin will be on sabbatical. We will be publishing the dates of special services in an upcoming Prologue so you can mark your calendars. It may be rather comprehensive since nearly every service it seems is special in this remarkable community.

Some have asked about the possibility of making donations to Rev. Macklin's sabbatical fund. In a neighboring column entitled **Sabbatical Scoop** you find directions for doing so if you so wish. Mary Ann's ministry is an inestimable gift to all of us, and as she goes away for renewal and exploration, I know that we all wish her an unforgettable time of discovery. As her co-minister, I will miss her greatly, but I know she is coming back, and I have every confidence that this congregation will continue to explore the possibilities before us with grace and a commitment to values that will make a difference for our grandchildren.

Enough, we are out of here. We will send cards to the church and give your good wishes to West.

peace--bill
Rev. Bill Breeden

SABBATICAL SCOOP

Picnic a Success

The June 3rd picnic/reception honoring the co-ministry of Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden was, according to the reports of many who attended, a wonderful celebratory event. Warm thank yous to the many people [too numerous to mention by name] who contributed to the success of the party. Special kudos to David Cox who "steps up to the grill" often to prepare tasty food for us, and this was no exception.

Donate to Sabbatical Fund

As Reverend Breeden has mentioned in his column today, anyone wishing to contribute to Reverend Macklin's Sabbatical fund may do so by check to: UU Church with **Reverend Macklin Sabbatical** on the memo line. Thank You. The Sabbatical Committee will continue to meet regularly during the summer in preparation for the August 1-December 15 sabbatical time. Please contact us if you have questions or check the link on the website, www.uubloomington.org

From the committee: Andrew Appel, Jason Hill, Beth Hollingsworth, Clarke Miller

UU Kids: A Voice for Peace

For the rest of June, the Summer Vacation Religious Education program will focus on what kids can do about the war in Iraq. In conjunction with the Just Peace task force we will spend a little time learning about Iraqi culture and why Unitarian Universalism calls us to work for a peaceful world.

Then we will get to work! Interested children will be encouraged to make and decorate as many paper dolls as possible which will be sent to Indiana Representative Baron Hill.

Templates for the making the paper dolls can be found at

<http://www.nssd112.org/elmp/teachers/Levi/Levi.htm> This could be a great project to do at home or while traveling. We will be collecting the dolls until July 1st at which time they will be mailed together with letters from Rev. Breeden and David Kepel.

We are also getting ready for a **UU kids for Peace Yard Sale to be held Saturday June 30th from 9am to 12noon**. Our children do not have a lot of cash but most of them do have a lot of stuff. In RE this month we have been learning about the differences between what we need and what we want. We have also compared our lives to lives of children who live in extreme poverty. Children who are interested in helping Iraqi refugees are invited to bring in extra toys, books, games or clothes, money raised from the sale will go to Humans Rights Watch. Items will be collected in room 212 from now through June 24th. On Sunday morning June 24th the children will create the store, organize the items and price them. We are asking children and their parents to sign up to help on Saturday June 30th, please contact us.

Cindy Port
Director of Religious Education



Notably For Newcomers

There are thousands of larger fellowship members (people who don't have a nearby UU church to go to) scattered throughout the world whose only contact with Unitarian Universalism is through the Church of the Larger Fellowship. This church is the frontier edge of the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association).

Chartered by the board of directors of the American Unitarian Association in the fall of 1944 with but a handful of members, this correspondence church has grown year by year until it lists the largest church membership in the denomination. It was incorporated in 1970 by the UUA.

The members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship worship in the privacy of their own homes, through their "church by mail," receive sermons, bulletins, periodicals, an opportunity for directed reading courses, materials to carry on a religious education program with their children, the use of a lending library of over 2,000 volumes of liberal religious literature, and the opportunities to raise questions and find answers through correspondence with the church's minister and the appropriate committee members.
--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

(This column was originally published in the May 10, 2004, issue of The Prologue.)

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Jill Waggener and Brian Courtney, who were married on May 27th in a ceremony led by both Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin. Jill, our children's choir director, is now Mrs. Jill Courtney.

Chalice Circles

Annual Report 2006-2007

Chalice Circles is the small group ministry of our church. Chalice Circles participants have the opportunity to get to know others while developing a deeper self knowledge by sharing their lives in small, facilitated groups. Each group creates a covenant for how participants will treat one another, has an "empty chair" for potential new members, and performs two service projects a year, one for the church and one for the larger community. During their meetings, the groups practice deep listening.

This is our first report, although it is actually the second year of intense activity in the formation and startup of this new program. After about three years of discussion and planning on the part of the Board of Directors, ministers, and other lay leaders, Chalice Circles began in September 2006 with a special sermon and a kickoff event. Our efforts had begun in 2004-2005 with the Board giving its wholehearted approval of the program. In summer 2005, two congregation members and Rev. Breeden participated in the 6-day UU Small Group Ministry Workshop at Ferry Beach, Maine. The initial planning started immediately after that with the Small Group Ministry Implementation Team – Pat Aungst, Anne Haynes, Chris Haynes, Thomas Kuhn, Steve Mascari, Carol Parks, Amy Roche, Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden – working throughout 2005-2006. In Fall 2006 the Chalice Circles Executive Team was formed to continue making policy decisions and implement the program. Current members are Judy Bennett, Joan Caulton, Anne Haynes (co-chair), Carol Parks (co-chair), and Rev. Macklin.

In this first year, 108 people, including eighteen facilitators trained by our ministers, formed sixteen groups of five to nine people. Groups meet either once or twice a month, and all the facilitators meet monthly for their own Chalice Circles in two groups led by Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden. Considering the complexity of the organization and the issues surrounding the startup of any new program this large, Chalice Circles has gotten off to a strong start. All but one of the groups continues to meet. Many people have spoken positively of their depth of feeling for their groups and their new relationships with people and with the church. One thing we learned this year is that it would be better to start with generally larger groups when we form new groups in September.

Small group ministry cannot be done well without the full support of the ministers, Board and staff. We are grateful that our ministers have given a great deal of their time and energy, our administrative staff has pitched in, and our Board has provided for the financial needs of starting up such a program.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Haynes and Carol Parks, co-chairs

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Fiscal Year Ends June 30: Request Checks by June 15

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



Veggie Potluck July 22

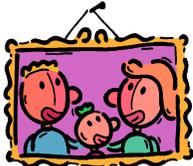
The summer vegetarian potluck is schedule for the evening of Sunday, July 22nd at Bryan Park, at 5pm, at the Woodlawn Shelter. Tim Grimm will be performing that night at 6:30pm in the park as well! Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice-- no

meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay, but vegan dishes are welcome, too), a label for your dish, and your own drinks. In an effort to live lightly on the planet, please also bring your own re-useable table service. Questions? e-mail Jill at jwaggene@mccsc.edu. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

In Case of a Pastoral Emergency June 11-24

If you have a **pastoral emergency** during the ministers' absence (June 11 through June 24), please contact our Director of Religious Education, Cindy Port (330-9822 or 317-829-4446) and she will connect you with one of our ministers-on-call. If you have Caring Committee needs, please call Sharon Yarber 336-4427.

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. Thank you!



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

Help Wanted for Coffee Hour

If you are going to be in town in July or August and are available to make coffee or clean-up on the java crew please contact Judy Bennett at 331-4181 or Judy.Bennet@earthlink.net. Thank you.

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UUs Changing the World

Bounty-Full Sunday July 1



Hunger does not take a vacation. Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry include: canned salmon, canned milk, beans, dried and canned fruit, dried and canned corn bread mix, and toilet paper. PLEASE NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS. The pantry reports that in April 10% of donated food had to be discarded because it was out of date.

MCUM TASK FORCE REPORT

OOPS! The following report is long overdue. We apologize to all those to whom we owe a big thank you!

In February, the Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) Task Force presented a concert of piano and harpsichord music featuring Sally Todd in "A Love Letter Set to Music". We would like to thank Sally for giving us such an excellent concert.

The goal of the concert was to raise money and food for MCUM food pantry which provided more than 40,000 meals in 2006. In Monroe County more than 15,000 residents live in poverty and 1 in every 4 children is at risk for hunger.

The concert was promoted both within the church and in the Bloomington community. We sent personal invitations to members of MCUM board and their churches. Admission was by donation of non-perishable food items and/or money. A reception was held afterwards and a chalice circle helped host it along with members of the task force. The reception was catered by Middle Way FoodWorks.

We are thrilled to announce that we collected 475 lbs of food and \$867 to benefit MCUM. We send a big THANK YOU to the congregation for supporting us, and especially to SJFC that awarded us the 3% grant that enabled us to fund the event. THANK YOU.

Adult Religious Education Proposals for Fall Courses Due July

23 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 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). To allow time for adequate planning, please return completed forms by July 23 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to 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.

Bob DeVoe, Chair, ARE Committee

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

Community Kitchen Needs Helpers

Community Kitchen of Monroe County needs volunteers for shifts at the kitchen this summer. Please call Annie Brookshire at 332-0999 to schedule your volunteer time!

THANK YOU from Martha's House to the congregation for selecting Martha's House as the recipient of 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings for the coming year. They are thrilled and look forward to further collaboration with the congregation concerning homelessness. - Iris Kiesling

Bloomington Area Birth Services wishes to thank everyone for the opportunity to be considered for the award of 25% of the Sunday plate. The generosity of the congregation blesses those who receive the award and also those who get to share the heart and soul of their organization with the UU community. Please think of BABS for support and education when someone you know is 'growing' their family.

Martha Sattinger, Georg'ann Cattelona, Molly Mendota

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.

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. (No lunch in June.)

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

Away June 4-24

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

breeden@uubloomington.org

Away June 11-25, July 1-8

Attendance Figures

Sun, June 3, 9:00: 111, 11:15: 200 Tot: 311 Religious Ed.: 23 adults, 62 children

Sun, June 10, 9:00: 91, 11:15: 148 Tot: 239

Religious Ed.: 21 adults, 47 children

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, June 3 non-pledge offering: \$446.26

Sun, June 10 non-pledge offering: \$

Total to Stepping Stones Inc: \$

Seeking a Religious Education Helper We are looking for an upbeat, organized multi-tasker with childcare experience to join our Religious Education team. This hourly position works about 20 hours a month, including two Sunday mornings and one Wednesday evening. Responsibilities include providing leadership in childcare, organizing and cleaning supplies and assisting with all other aspects of our Religious Education Program. Please send a letter and resume to 2120 N. Fee Lane. Inquires: Cindy Port 332-3695.



Pledged Yet?

Call 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.

New Member Biographies

Welcome to our newest members, who signed the Membership Book on Sunday, June 3.

Eve Cusack - Eve Loftman Cusack is a third generation Unitarian Universalist, and was born into the UU Church of Bloomington. She returned to Bloomington from New Orleans in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina, and has enjoyed reconnecting with the community. She lives with her husband, Sam, daughter, Dela, and her parents, Guy and Connie Loftman. Eve enjoys teaching at Bloomington Montessori School, spending time with family, traveling, birding, basket weaving and singing in the choir.

Sam Cusack - Sam Cusack grew up in North Carolina, and has lived in Atlanta, New York, San Diego, Chicago, New Orleans, and now Bloomington. He spent most of his professional life in the restaurant and wine businesses and is presently enjoying a new position as house husband. He loves to cook, he sings in the choir, and is an obsessive bird watcher. He lives with wife, Eve, daughter, Dela and in-laws. Sam lured his parents from North Carolina to Bloomington in 2006, and they now live one mile away down the Rail Trail.

Sandy Taylor and Bob Taylor - Sandy and Bob finally have decided to sign the book! Sandy currently is a painter, after having taught flute, music theory, etc. at Anderson University, followed by years of doing art shows as a jeweler. Bob taught Human Growth in the Educational Psychology Dept. at Ball State University, is now retired and enjoying lily pond culture, writing poems and gardening. They enjoy their two daughters and families who live in Bloomington. (Daughter Shelley and granddaughter Isabelle are UU attendees!)

Ilona Richey - A native Chicagoan and retired French teacher, Ilona Richey is delighted to be back in the Midwest again after 45 years in Florida. She and her husband Tom moved to Bloomington a year ago. She loves everything about Bloomington and feels fortunate to have found a spiritual home at UUCB. She enjoys all music, art, international folk dancing, gardening, knitting, reading, cooking, her Chartreux cats, and playing clarinet.

Cynthia Port and Nicholas Port - Cynthia and Nicholas are native Bloomingtonians, and Nicholas grew up here in the UU church. They've been fast friends since high school and married in 1993, at the start of their graduate school educations. Nicholas is now a new faculty member at IU's School of Optometry. Cynthia is a research psychologist working to improve geriatric care. Nicholas is also an avid bike commuter and a catcher for the Bloomington High Flyers trapeze group. Cynthia sings in the church choir and is serving on the Courtyard Redesign committee. But their crowning achievements are their two daughters, Ada aged 6 and Jose aged 1. They feel continually blessed to be home in Bloomington and to be a part of such a wonderful spiritual community.

Tim Slack - Tim came of age in Boulder CO in the 60s and became a Unitarian Universalist at 15, although he's always valued the 'freedom to choose'. Tim's abiding interest in freedom of, as well as freedom from, religion helps support his Unitarian faith and his UU faith, in turn, recharges him. The last ten years, especially, have brought out Tim's political activism. Tim Slack and his wife Karen Gunderman moved to Bloomington in March 2007.

Amy Taylor - Amy Taylor came here from New England about 16 years ago. Six years ago she found her way to this church through a group of contra dancers that spoke enough about the ministry to pique her curiosity. She has always believed the each person must travel their own spiritual path and is glad to have found a place where this is honored. Through continued involvement, she has found a home in this church and with its members.

Kevin Woodruff - Kevin Woodruff has been participating in this church for about 8 years. He has attended several other UU churches but has found this one to be a unique and welcoming group. He came to the realization recently that it was time for him to actually join the church.

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BULLETIN BOARD

SEEKING HOUSING BY JULY 15. Quiet working woman, non-smoker, non-drinker, seeks to rent "mother in law" apartment or other simple housing; non-lease month to month basis. Allergic to cats. Mary Hambly, 339-2476.

FOR SALE: Front load Kenmore washer, \$500 and full-size Kenmore dryer \$300, both in excellent cond. Available mid-July; pick up in Terre Haute. Pat Harris, 330-0415.