

~ The Prologue June 25, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



Sunday, July 1, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Alphabet of Spiritual Practices

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this worship service we will explore how to enrich our lives through various spiritual practices from the world's religions. These practices help us to connect with our inner self, our community, our world, and the sacred source of our lives. The Children's Hymn Sing and Spoken Joys and Sorrows will also be a part of this service. Our pianist Sally Todd will provide us with special music.

Sunday, July 8, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

A Private History of Awe

Scott Russell Sanders

We welcome into our pulpit writer Scott Russell Sanders who recently authored *A Private History of Awe* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux in March 2006) a coming-of-age memoir, love story, and spiritual testament. Sanders says of this book, "I never thought I would make such a book, wary as I am of memoirs and spirit-language....Yet the questions I've kept returning to in my adult life are essentially religious ones, and I found myself unwilling to abandon this terrain to the televangelists and fundamentalists." The Community Chamber Music Association will provide special music for this service. Reverend Macklin will also participate.

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.

MAM's Musings

While I was in northern Indiana I saw the Space Station cross the sky from West to East on a cool June evening. It appeared as a rather fast moving star or planet. When I was growing up I dreamt about being an astronaut...flying above our planet earth, peering out the spaceship's window and viewing our world in a whole new way...plus wearing really cool astronaut garb! My upcoming sabbatical (August 1 through mid-December) feels akin to gaining flight; stepping back from the congregational world and viewing life through a different window.

The congregation itself will have opportunities for various explorations and experiences during this sabbatical time. The congregation's chosen topic is "Our Unitarian Universalist Identity." See this Prologue's "Sabbatical Scoop" insert for more information. (Please keep this insert for future reference.)

During this sabbatical, my co-minister Reverend Bill Breeden will lead you to boldly go into new territories through Sunday services and weekly activities. Reverend Barbara Child, a well revered clergy person within our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) will frequent our pulpit several times each month.

Reverend Child is also a member of the UUA's think tank, the Commission on Appraisal, which will be taking on the by-law mandated review of our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes (Article II of the UUA Bylaws). Reverend Child is the Project Manager for the review, and has developed a course which will be made available to congregations across the land. This course will engage UUs in a new look at the Principles and Purposes along with the Sources of our living tradition. The cool thing is that she will teach this course right here for this congregation! So look for the Fall Sign-Up for Adult Education Classes later this summer. Don't let this opportunity fly by.

As I mentioned in a recent sermon, I invite each of you to explore the meaning of our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes...What do they say to you about being a Unitarian Universalist? I particularly invite you to focus on the sources in a special way. While the Principles, themselves, invite us into consideration of who we are in relation to others and the world, I believe the sources invite us into deep reflection about who we are as liberal religious seekers on a spiritual path. In our theological diversity, from what sources do you draw for inspiration? Some of them? All of them?

For those of you who enjoy a creative challenge, I invite you to craft some type of creative response to each of the sources. A creative interpretation ranging from anything such as a haiku, a collage, a video, a dance, a meditation, a food entrée, a musical interpretation, a painting, selected foliage, photographs...well, you get the picture!

Last but hardly least, Reverend Barbara Carlson, our Minister Emerita, will facilitate our annual 'Dia des los Muertos' worship service on October 28th, and former minister of this congregation, Reverend Laurel Hallman, will be in our pulpit on November 4th.

Musingly yours, MAM AW
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Astronaut Wannabee

UU Children Work for a Peaceful World

Our children really got into working for peace this month. They made several hundred paper dolls representing the children of Iraq, which will be sent to Rep. Barron Hill's office with letters from the Just Peace Task Force. Children who are making them at home or on vacation should bring them in Sunday July 1. A template for making the dolls can be found at <http://www.nssd112.org/elmp/teachers/Levi/Levi.htm> In addition, join us for the **Kids for Peace Yard Sale to be held this Saturday, June 30th** from 9am-12 noon at church. There will be many toys, books, and girls clothing for sale. Items can still be brought through Friday June 29th, please contact us to arrange to drop stuff off. Children and adults can also still sign up to help the day of the sale.

Creative Arts Month

July is Creative Arts Month in our Summer Vacation Religious Education program. We hope you'll come and join us as we explore where creativity and spirituality connect.

July 1 9am- Handmade Book Making

July 1 11:15am- Drumming workshop and Handmade Books

July 8th 9am- Poetry writing

July 8th 11:15am- Drumming and Poetry writing

Cindy Port

Director of Religious Education



Notably For Newcomers

We are taught by the Rev. George N. Marshall that the Unitarian Universalist approach to life requires a serious consideration of the means of eliminating warfare and the development of the just and durable peace if "men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...neither shall they learn war any more" as Micah forecast 3,000 years ago. Unitarian Universalists tend to agree wholeheartedly with Dr. Schweitzer that the major indictment against the Christian Church is that in 2,000 years it has failed to create conditions of peace, even though Christianity has been a dominant religion in the civilized world during this period.

While the Unitarian Universalist movement is not essentially a personal pacifist movement, it is committed to the principle of influencing the civilizations, cultures, and states of the world to place human rights and respect for the individual above other considerations and, thus, to eliminate war and militarism as an instrument of national policy.

Unitarian Universalists see the major religious role enacted by humanity to be that of taking the offensive against all shortcomings and failures. Only we can solve these problems. The world has no moral values. These are provided by people.

Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

(This column was originally published in the July 19, 2004, issue of The Prologue.)

Our Folks...

Congratulations to new grandparents Julie and John Lawson, upon the birth of their granddaughter Nina Louisa Del'Orto Lawson on June 14.

Grounds Committee Help

The Mowers and Shakers division of the UU Grounds Committee are looking for volunteer lawn mowers. Take turns with others to keep the lawns spiffy. Please contact Bob Devoe at devoe@indiana.edu.

Booktable Volunteers Needed

If you enjoy talking about books and socializing with UU's, and would be available to run the Booktable once every 4-6 weeks, please contact Jen Cook at 339-6454 (please leave a message) or jencook1997@gmail.com. This is an easy and fun way to contribute to the church!

Exploring UU Class Offered July 15 and 22 Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Then sign up for the July Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays July 15 and 22. This class is open to anyone: newcomers, long time friends and even current members who would like a refresher. The class fills quickly, so put your name on the list today. Free child care is available with advance notice. For questions, contact Nancy Richman 322-1335 or nrichman@indiana.edu

Celebrate July 4th and Give to Habitat The Habitat for Humanity Task Force is hosting an ice cream social before and during the fireworks on the church front lawn on Wednesday, July 4 from 8 p.m. to the end of fireworks. PLEASE come join us and enjoy chocolate and vanilla ice cream, with toppings, popsicles and drinks. Proceeds will benefit our planned Interfaith Habitat Build. Tell your friends and family. Anyone is welcome. Thanks for your continued support of Habitat. Barb Berggoetz and Connie Nelson-Laird, co-chairs



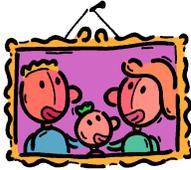
Veggie Potluck July 22

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.

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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

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Church Administrator Carol Marks will be away June 19-July 8. During this time, please send all Sunday orders of service information to Office Assistant Aimee Osmundsen at office@uubloomington.org.

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FOR SALE: Near-new 1000w. microwave, \$50. Tim 812-827-3082

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, corn bread mix, and toilet paper. A grocery cart will be located at the back of the Meeting Room to receive your donations. PLEASE NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS. The pantry reports that in April 10% of donated food had to be discarded because it was out of date.

Women's Alliance to Meet on July 5

The Women's Alliance will meet for lunch and conversation on Thursday, July 5 in Fellowship Hall. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. with beverages and dessert prepared by the hostesses Sylvia King and Dixie Welch. The informal program, beginning at 12 noon, is titled "An Early Church Memory," and will provide an opportunity for members and guests who might wish to tell a brief story about themselves. The 2007-2008 membership dues of \$15 are payable to the Women's Alliance Treasurer, Judy Bennett, beginning with this meeting. Anyone needing childcare should contact Harriet Pfister (339-3364) by Monday, July 2. Guests are always welcome.

New Library Books:

211.8 Dawkins, Richard. The God Delusion.

338.4 Harris, Mark. Grave Matters: A Journey through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial.

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 (ARE) 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 Bob DeVoe at (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. The committee will review all proposals as submitted, 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!

Ushers Needed The Brown County Playhouse is looking for ushers for the 2007 summer season. No experience needed, all training is done at the theatre on the night you usher. See a great show for free and be part of the magic of the theatre! Contact Trish Hausmann at 856-3844 or at pjhausma@indiana.edu for more information. Transportation may be available. Must be 13 years of age or older.

THANK YOU from Martha's House to the Unitarian Universalist Church (UUC) of Bloomington for your generous donation in support of the shelter's mission: To provide safe shelter while working to end homelessness.

The UUC's kind contribution will directly fund program services and a safe haven for adult men and women experiencing homelessness. At Martha's House, we strive to nurture long-term self sufficiency in our residents and look forward to sharing with you progress made toward that end.

The backbone of Martha's House lies in the hard work and committed efforts of staff. The HEART and LIFE BLOOD of our shelter lies in the continuing supportive efforts of a caring community. Thank you again for your meaningful contribution.

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.

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

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Away July 1-8

Attendance Figures

Sun, June 17, 9:00: 88 , 11:15: 126 Tot: 214 Religious Ed.: adults: 22, children: 42

Sun, June 24, 9:00: 68 , 11:15: 134 Tot: 202

Religious Ed.: adults:15, children: 42

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, June 17 non-pledge offering: \$270.25

Sun, June 24 non-pledge offering: \$295.66

Total to Stepping Stones Inc: \$141.48



Pledged Yet?

Call 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.