

~ The Prologue August 6, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



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

Sunday, August 12, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
On Building Community Reverend Bill Breeden

"What should young people do with their lives today? Many things, obviously. But the most daring thing is to create stable communities in which the terrible disease of loneliness can be cured." –Kurt Vonnegut, 1922-2007.

Women from our Choir, including Noretta Koertge, Carol Marks, Mary Boutain, and Ruellen Fessenbecker, will sing the old gospel hymn "In the Garden" for our gift of music.

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What Would You Take for Your Journey? Reverend Barbara Child

Maya Angelou has written, "Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now." As an Accredited Interim Minister, Rev. Barbara Child is used to packing up and moving on down some new road every year or two. This summer she has moved to Brown County from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and she has lots to say about what we take for our journeys in this life.

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.

Sunday, August 26, 10:15 a.m.

The Pentagon Papers Then and Now: UUs Confronting Government Secrecy.

Do you know who Daniel Ellsberg is? How about Mike Gravel, Amy Goodman or Robert West? Ever heard of The Pentagon Papers? Do you know of the connection between the Unitarian Universalists and the latter? How about "secrecy in government"? Does the concept worry you? For the answer to all of the above, come to the forum to be held in the Fuchs Library at 10:15 on August 26 and view a videotape of a panel discussion that was one of the highlights (according to your hostess, Marjorie Crosby) of this June's General Assembly in Portland, OR.

West Window

Is it hot enough for you? I remember being in a sweat lodge in the middle of the summer with some Lakota warriors leading a purification ritual. It was hotter than refried hell, and a couple of people had already left the lodge, and yet the singer showed no signs of being anywhere near the end of his song. I was unsure how much more I could endure, and was just about to exit, when one of the elder warriors quietly spoke, "When you believe that you have reached the end of your endurance, pray for someone who is suffering more." The face of my mother who was in the final months of a battle with bone cancer came to mind, and I prayed as never before. My suffering became invisible in relation to hers.

As we endure this heat of August, may we bring to mind our brothers and sisters in Iraq, both those from our country and those who are native to that land of 130-degree summer heat. They are all victims of an illegal, immoral war and I hope we all pray for an end to it, and seek ways to be instruments to that end.

Rev. Macklin is on sabbatical leave until mid December. We keep her in the circle of our hearts and prayers and know that she will do the same for us.

As we enter the last of our summer days and look to the fall, may we all remember to be thankful and to walk in sacred ways upon the earth.

Peace—bill
Rev. Bill Breeden

A Word from Our President

Thanks to Jackie Hall and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin for suggesting that a column for the Prologue be resumed, so, here goes.

Our July board meeting approved the hiring of Addie Hirshton as our RE assistant and approved BEACON and Habitat using the church parking lot for fund-raising for home football games.

Our congregation is growing. UUA classifies congregations by size. Not many years ago, we were a "pastoral" congregation. We have now passed the "program" model and are in the "large" church size. However, our infrastructure/governance model has not changed. A Governance Task Force looks at where we want to be with the board size, bylaws, committees and structure.

Stefan Jonasson from the UUA visits us in February. It is my hope to have input ready for Rev. Jonasson to critique and for him to share his expertise. In March, some of us will go to the Large Church Conference in Louisville, KY to speak with other congregations our size and hear top notch speakers.

If you are new to our congregation, let me know your interests. If you really want to serve and we haven't tapped you yet, don't be bashful-let us know in person. We can always use greeters, coffee preparers, book sale volunteers, etc.

Please feel free to contact me with your comments, suggestions and volunteering.
Jan Skinner, Congregational President
pres@uubloomington.in.us

Adorable Children Looking for Teachers

Teaching Positions Available!! We are looking for a few teachers to join our wonderful teaching teams for the fall semester. Teachers will have a chance to learn and grow with our above-average children through curriculum on topics including World Religions, Unitarian Universalism, and Why Bad Things Happen. As part of a teaching team, you would lead teach five Sundays, assist five Sundays, and have seven Sundays off during the fall. To apply or request more information, contact Cindy Port at 332-3695.

Religious Education in August

August 12: Registration for 2007-08 RE

Heifer Project Read-to-Feed money collected

Sun Celebration- Join us as we celebrate the element of Sun and Fire; snack will be cooked in our solar oven.

August 19: Air Celebration- Bubbles, Balloons and Breath, there are lots of reasons to celebrate the Air. Plan on being outside for this final day of Summer Religious Education.

Heifer Project Read-to-Feed money collected

Registration for 2007-2008 RE

August 19: Teacher Orientation and Planning Session, 2PM-5PM

August 26: Water Communion, First Day of Fall Religious Education Classes

Bring water from your summer adventures and meet your teachers. Conclusion of Read-to-Feed project, help us decide which animals to purchase for needy families.

August 26: Eighth Grade OWL Parent Meeting, 2PM

Parents of Eighth Graders are invited to attend this informational meeting about the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program we will be offering this year.



Notably For Newcomers

What is the Board of Directors?

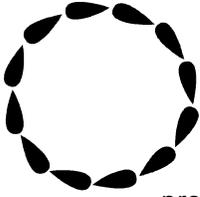
The Board of Directors at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington consists of 12 elected members of the congregation. They are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past-President and 7 at large members of the congregation. Six of the seven at-large members serve two year terms for not more than two consecutive terms. The seventh member serves a one year term for not more than two terms. All elections are held during the spring meeting and terms commence at the beginning of July. Only members of the UU congregation of Bloomington may vote in elections or serve on the board.

The board meets monthly to set policy, address long-term plans, and manage the affairs of the church. The ministers of the church sit on the board as ex-officio members and do not vote.

Board members for the 2007-2008 year are: Jan Skinner, GK Rowe, Lloyd Orr, Chris Haynes, Jason Hill, David Cox, Chris Judge, Steve Dillon, Amy Taylor, Bobbi Lahre, Shari Woodbury and Karen Jewell
--Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee

I want to stay as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all kinds of things you can't see from the center.

-Kurt Vonnegut



Chalice Circles to Kick Off in September! *Enriching Our Spiritual Lives*

By now many of you have participated in Chalice Circles, read articles in this newsletter, and heard the ministers and participants speak about this program. For newcomers, Chalice Circles is our program of facilitated small groups of about seven to ten people – also called covenant groups - that has been in practice in this congregation for the past year. The three elements present in every group are 1) the “empty chair” – assurance that newcomers are welcome to each group, 2) the covenant – agreement group members make with each other as to how they will be together, and 3) service projects to the church and the larger community. These will be explained more fully in the materials you will soon receive in the mail inviting you to join one of these small groups.

This past year, our Executive Team and ministers have worked to administer this small group ministry of 16 groups with over 100 participants. We have learned much from the evaluations we received from many participants and facilitators, and have been working on ways to make this program even richer in the coming year. Many people reported deepening their connections to others and to the church as the result of participating in a Chalice Circle group.

On Sunday, August 12 at 9:00 am and 11:15 am, Reverend Breeden will offer a worship service devoted to Chalice Circles. You will learn more about how this program can foster shared ministry, help in deepening communication among congregants, and enrich our spiritual lives. We will have sign-up sheets available at church for several Sundays, and we will offer sampler group sessions on August 25 from 4pm to 6pm for anyone interested in experiencing a trial of the Chalice Circle format.

We are excited to be beginning our second year of this ministry in our congregation! After careful reading of the materials we are sending you, we hope you will decide to give Chalice Circles a try. Any questions? Please contact Anne Haynes (336-3221) or Carol Parks (336-1592).

Chalice Circles Executive Team:
Judy Bennett, Chris Clothier, Anne Haynes,
Carol Parks, Reverend Bill Breeden

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

It's August! Can Fellowship dinners be far behind? Of course not. It will soon be September and then we will have the Kick-Off Dinner to once more enjoy Food, Friends, Fun, and Fellowship. If you have not participated in these Dinners before, come to the Kick-Off to see what you have been missing and then sign up to join us. The date will be announced soon. Questions? Doloresrfr@aol.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

APT FOR RENT. Attractive one-bedroom apartment in Prospect Hill. \$300/month.

No pets, no smoking. References required. Contact 339-8035.

WANTED: AUTOHARP to borrow for a few months or buy (cheap). In good condition, 21 chord bars. Contact Carol, 988-4089.

Art is made to disturb. Science reassures. There is only one valuable thing in art: the thing you cannot explain. –Georges Braque

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Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with:

Bob and Libby DeVoe and their family, upon the passing on July 24 of Bob's mother, Martha DeVoe, a former member of our congregation.

Caroline Beebe and her family, upon the passing on July 25 of her husband, Michael Yoakam. A memorial service for Michael was held here on July 29.

We received a note of thanks this week from Susan Fraser, Stephen Dodd's sister, expressing her deep gratitude to all those who helped with Stephen's memorial service on July 29.



Campus Ministry Lunch: Sunday, August 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the Laughing Planet. Info: Susan Blake at uucampus@uubloomington.org

Parent Talk – Parents of Adults will meet on Sunday, August 12, from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. 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 – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@insightbb.com

Mike Betson to Chair Booktable Many thanks to Mike Betson for volunteering to chair the Booktable, as Jen Cook steps down after many years of service in this position. Our gratitude and best wishes to Jen.

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Each One, Feed One Drive

Saturday, Aug 25 and Sunday, Aug 26

This food drive will benefit local families served by Monroe County United Ministries. At this time, the food supplies in the emergency pantry are very low, requiring MCUM to buy food for their families. VOLUNTEERS are needed Saturday, the 25th 1:00-4:00 P.M. and Sunday, the 26th 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Tasks include distribution of flyers at grocery stores, sorting food at the food pantry and helping drivers who will be collecting food.

Contact Carrie Ryan @ MCUM 339-3429 or MCUMfood@bloomington.in.us or call Beth Hollingsworth 337-9305 for info. Please volunteer to HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU, The MCUM Task Force

Community Food



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

UU Children's Choir starts Sun. Aug 19th!

Calling all children in Kg-8th grade who love to sing! The UU Children's Choir will begin rehearsing again on Sun., Aug. 19th, in preparation for singing in Aug. 26th Water Communion services. No previous singing experience required, only a desire to make music and have fun! The UU Children's Choir typically sings in 6-8 services a year, and meets 2-4 times in preparation for each service (about 24 meetings/year total). Most rehearsals are on Sundays from 10:15-11:00am in Room 212 (with an occasional Thursday evening practice). New singers are welcome at any time. Updated choir schedules will appear in the Prologue, and in e-mails sent to parents. Questions? Contact Jill Courtney (previously known as Jill Waggener), at her new e-mail address, or 330-8829.

Sun, Aug. 19th: Rehearse 10:15-11:00am,
Room 212

Thurs. Aug 23rd: Rehearse 7:00-7:30pm,
Room 212

Sun Aug. 26th: Sing in services

(Water Communion)-sing @ end of 1st service and beginning of 2nd.

--9:30 sharp: rehearse in Room 212; sing at end of first service; break in between

--10:45: rehearse again in Room 212; sing at beginning of 2nd service; free to go when done singing

(Note: If your child can come to either or both of these rehearsals, they can sing in the Aug. 26th service. If they can't make either of these rehearsals but are interested in the choir, watch the Prologue for our September schedule!)

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

Volunteer Opportunities at Habitat ReStore.

Habitat's ReStore receives donated building materials and household goods, and resells them to the public.

ReStore is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- * the creation of flyers thanking donors and volunteers
- * email information to subscribers
- * pick up of donated items
- * customer service during store hours

If you have a few hours a week, or just a few hours a month, call Sandy Clothier, ReStore Manager, at 331-2660.

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, August 13 at 12 noon.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin is on sabbatical until December 15, 2007

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

breeden@uubloomington.org

Rev. Macklin's Email Address Inactive Aug 1- Dec 15

Email messages sent to Rev. Macklin between August 1 and December 15 will not be received, as she is on sabbatical.

Attendance Figures

Sun, July 29, 9:00: 81 , 11:15: 161 Tot: 242 Religious Ed.: n/a

Sun, Aug 5, 9:00: 118, 11:15: 149 Tot: 267 Religious Ed.: adults: 12, children: 28

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, July 29 non-pledge offering: \$435

Sun, Aug 5 non-pledge offering: \$349

Total to Martha's House: \$196

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, August 19 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) 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 no later than Wednesday, August 15.