

~ The Prologue

August 20, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, August 26, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Pouring the Waters Reverend Barbara Child

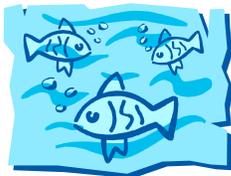
Dennis Hamilton has written, "We bring our waters, which have touched the west, the north, the south and the east, which come from the sky and from the earth. We bring water that belongs to lakes and streams, reservoirs of fresh waters that quench our thirst. We bring water that is a part of the great oceans and the seas that circle the globe, teeming with life, the source of all life. We bring water to this place of meeting and sharing." All over the country, at the end of the summer, Unitarian Universalists bring to church their little vials of water to pour together. Rev. Barbara Child invites us to reflect on the meaning of this popular tradition in our congregations.

Sunday, September 2, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
It's About People Reverend Bill Breeden

On this Labor Day weekend, it is imperative that we remember with whom we are in solidarity.

Wednesday, September 5, 2007 5:30 pm Supper 6:15 pm Worship
Family Worship: "Hopes and Wishes"
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port

Families of all sizes (1 and more) and ages (1 and older) are invited to share a Native American craft and some stories and songs as we begin our new Family Worship year together. We will be reflecting on our hopes and wishes for the coming year, and the ways we can support one another in making them come true. Lap babies are always welcome. Gather for crafts at 5:15, supper at 5:30, shared clean-up at 6:00 and worship at 6:15. (Vegan supper option available.)



Water Communion August 26

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell, or other object from your summer adventures for our Water Communion Ingathering Services on August 26.

The West Window

The summer is nearly gone, and this train is getting ready to roll into a new year. It is time to get on board. Be sure to register your children in our Religious Education program. Our church is fortunate to have wonderful leadership with Rev. Emily Leite as our Minister of Religious Education and Cindy Port as our Director of Religious Education. We have an exceptional cadre of teachers, and this year promises to continue a tradition of outstanding learning experiences for the children of our congregation. Rev. Leite is also working with Adult Religious Education and we encourage you to look at the ARE prospectus in this Prologue.

There is much to do. We have a war to end, a healthcare system in crisis, national infrastructure in need of immediate attention, increasing poverty,.....the list is endless. In the face of all this, we need to care for one another and for ourselves. This is the challenge of community, and I believe that our being together is an important part of meeting that challenge. Whether it is in worship, in Chalice Circles, in the choir, or in the workings of task forces and committees, our being together gives meaning to the journey and strength for the struggle. Come join us with an open mind and a loving heart, and you will find work and play for your helping hands.

Peace—bill
Rev. Bill Breeden

Engaging Our Theological Diversity “I’m not religious, but I certainly am spiritual.” I hear this often from Unitarian Universalists; however, when I press them to tell me what those terms mean, it turns out that “spirituality” is an elusive term, difficult to define.

Perhaps “spirituality” has become popular in Unitarian Universalist circles because it’s easier than engaging the real theological diversity among us. Nonetheless, all our praise of diversity has caused some to ask, “Is there anything substantive in common among us, any “burning coal” at the heart of Unitarian Universalism alive enough to hold us together?”

The Unitarian Universalist Association’s Commission on Appraisal took up this question for a full four years of study that culminated in a major report two years ago entitled *Engaging Our Theological Diversity*. (you can still read it at www.uua.org/coa.) I designed a 5-session course based on the Commission’s study, and I am delighted to bring it to Bloomington. In the course, we reflect together on these questions:

- What is at the center to hold us together?
- Where do we come from as a religious institution?
- What is our movement’s present culture?
- To what do we aspire?
- How do we frame the world?
- How do we celebrate?
- How do we seek to serve the world?
- How do we come together in community?

We will look at the Commission’s conclusions and recommendations, and we will see what we conclude ourselves—and what we might recommend—and to whom.

The course will meet Wednesday evenings, September 12 through October 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m. I look forward to five evenings of juicy conversation. Please come along. —Rev. Barbara Child



Fall Religious Education

Fall Semester Religious Education (RE) begins this week. It's time to register your children and it's time to turn in Read-to-Feed money if your family participated in our summer project for Heifer International this year.

On **Sunday August 26th** we will be celebrating the **Water Communion in RE** and meeting our new teachers for Fall semester.

Children as well as adults are invited to bring water that symbolizes what happened over the summer, whether it was spending time away on vacation or home in the backyard kiddie pool. Children and their teachers will have a chance to meet one another and share their stories before we finish the communion together with the adults.

In addition, the **Children's Choir** will share a gift of music this Sunday. All children in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to join the choir; contact our amazing conductor Jill Courtney jcourtne@mccsc.edu for info.

Eighth Grade OWL Parent Meeting August 26, at 2:00 pm.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program is a comprehensive, age-appropriate curriculum that promotes sexual health, decision-making and good relationships. Parents of Eighth graders are invited to come to an informational meeting on Sunday August 26th at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall to learn more about the program will be offering this fall. OWL for Grade K-1 will be offered in the spring.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, dre@uubloomington.org

Notably For Newcomers

Who is the President of this Unitarian Universalist congregation?

The current President of our congregation is Jan Skinner. The President is elected to serve a three year term at the Spring meeting by the members of the congregation. The first year this person serves as vice president. The Vice President chairs the Council, which is made up of representatives from all the programming committees in the church.

During the second year in office she or he serves as Congregational President and presides over meetings of the Board of Directors and the two annual congregational meetings. The President is responsible for general affairs of the church as guided by the other directors. In case of emergency, the President can serve in the same capacity as the ministers.



During the third year of tenure, he or she serves as Past President. The Past President has a seat on the Board of Directors and on the Nominating Committee and serves in an advisory capacity to the President and Vice

President of the Board.

--Amy Cornell, Membership Committee

Earth Tip: Indoor plants as air filters- Houseplants help reduce indoor toxins. Go to (http://ntrs.nasa.gov/archive/nasa/ssctrsssc.nasa.gov/indr_landscape/indr_landscape.pdf) for a NASA study listing the most effective natural air filters.



Chalice Circles Begin Their Second Year!

On Sunday, August 19th, Chalice Circles were launched for their second year. Chalice Circles is our program of small group ministry that helps us to know others and ourselves through deep listening and an open heart.

There are 12 different Chalice Circles this year, three on weekdays and nine on week nights. Two hosted on Thursday evenings at the church will have **childcare** available if reserved in advance. Here is the schedule:

Evening Circles

Tuesday 7-9

Wednesday 7-9

Thursday 7-9 (childcare)

Monday 7-9

Wednesday 6-8

Daytime Circles

Tuesday 10-12

Wednesday 1-3

Thursday 10-12

If you would like to meet new people in our community or know others even better, take the opportunity to participate in a Chalice Circle this year. Sign up sheets are posted in Fellowship Hall and will be available through **Sunday, September 2nd**.

Once you have signed up for a Chalice Circle, it is critical for you to attend a **Chalice Circles Kick Off** on **Sunday, Sep. 9th, 4-6 p.m.** in the **Meeting Room**. Please mark your calendar with that date. If you miss the kick off, a review of the kick-off will be necessary before you can join your group.

If you would like to learn more about Chalice Circles before you make your decision, there will a **Sampler Session** on Sunday, Aug. 26th, from 4-6 p.m., starting in Fellowship Hall.

Info, contact Anne Haynes (336-3221 or anhaynes@indiana.edu) or Carol Parks (336-1592 or pearlparks@gmail.com).

Grocery Cards...What an Easy

Way to Contribute We are happy to announce that \$5,500 was contributed to the church over the last fiscal year...\$1,000 more than what was projected in the budget!

Be sure to come to our table in the Commons between services on Sunday. One of our committee members can tell you how to use the cards and thereby earn for the church 5 cents for every dollar you spend on groceries at Marsh, O'Malia's, Kroger, or Bloomingfoods.

THANKS go out to everyone who bought cards last year and to our weekly sellers: Carol Voelker, Mary Blizzard, Mike Betson, Sandi Clothier & Beth Hollingsworth. Co-Chairs, Sheri Benham & Harriet Pfister

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 Fellowship Dinners 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



Veggie Potluck Sept. 23rd!

After a successful first year with lots of delicious food, the UU Vegetarian Potlucks will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 5:00pm, followed by a big-screen showing of the first episode of the amazing series, "Planet Earth." Join us as we take time together to appreciate the bounty of the harvest. We will eat from 5-6pm, and watch the film from 6:15-7:15pm. Childcare for babies up to age 12 will be available during the film (from 6-7:30pm); please call the church (332-3695) by Sept. 9 if you need child care. You do not have to be a vegetarian to attend-- just willing to bring a vegetarian dish and to try new things. Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice-- no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay; vegan dishes welcome, too) and a recipe/label for your dish. Water will be provided. Questions? Contact Jill at jillmcourtney@gmail.com
Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.
Live Green!



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

September Alliance Meeting Topic: Volunteers In Medicine

The first meeting of the Women's Alliance this fall will take place in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 6. The featured speaker is Loraine Addison, Director of Volunteers at Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County. Her talk will begin at 12 noon, preceded by a brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. Hostesses Ann Kamman and Betty Showalter will provide beverages and desserts. Membership dues of \$15 for 2007-2008 are payable to Judy Bennett, Treasurer. Anyone needing childcare should contact Harriet Pfister (339-3364) by Monday, September 3. Everyone is welcome to attend Alliance meetings.

Unitarian Universalist Friends Of Lotus Join other UU's in supporting the Lotus World Music & Arts Festival, Sept 27-30/07, and market our UU belief in Lotus' message of diversity. Write a personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), get tax credit for your own donation, and create one united UU contribution to make our church a Lotus Festival Sponsor!! ANY amount over \$5 is welcome!! Together, we raised over \$1,500 by Festival time in 2006. Questions? Call: Deb Hutton (H: 334-4103; huttond@indiana.edu) Payable to: Lotus Education & Arts Foundation (please write "UUs for Lotus" in the memo line!) Send by Sept 14 to: Deborah Klein, LEAF Development Director, 103 N College Ave, Bloomington, IN 47402.

UUs Changing the World



Each One, Feed One Community Food Drive

Saturday, Aug 25 and Sunday, Aug 26

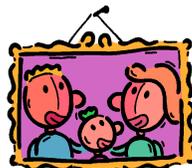
This food drive will benefit local families served by Monroe County United Ministries. At this time, the food supplies in the emergency pantry are very low, requiring MCUM to buy food for their families. VOLUNTEERS are needed

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 Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

MCUM Task Force Becomes HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

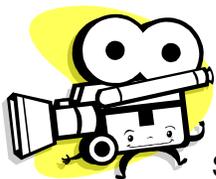
Task Force This broader title will address the problem of hunger in our community more inclusively. Our work with Monroe County United Ministries [MCUM] will continue to be a primary focus, with the Bounty-Full Sunday emergency food pantry collection on the first Sunday of each month [NOTE: September 2 is food collection day. Current needs include: canned meat, canned fruit, canned tomato sauce. MCUM is currently purchasing food to stock have our annual Holiday Basket drive in November initiatives include assembling meals and making bag Community Kitchen on the second Thursday of the p.m. Please contact Libby DeVoe 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu for more information.



products, including pasta the pantry]. We will and December. Other lunches at the month, 11:30 a.m.-1:20

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Task Force will keep you posted on other volunteer opportunities. Thanks to all of you for your many contributions to our work with the agencies in our community.

Adult Religious Education Film Series Sept 8



The A.R.E. Second Saturday Silver Screen film series recommences in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Sept. 8 with "Khatchaturian," presented by Paul Petersen. Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m., film at 6:30 p.m.

Sign Up to Have your Picture Taken! Sign up on August 26 or

September 2, for your photo session for the new directory. We want EVERYONE in the congregation to have a photo taken for the new directory.

You don't need to be a member to participate! Sign up sheets will be available after each service in Fellowship Hall. If you cannot attend on Aug 26 or Sep 2, call Glee Noble, 323-7695, to sign up for a photo session. From September 20-29 all church members and friends and attenders 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

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

Support the Sycamore Land Trust by dining at the Fourwinds. Friday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. come dine on BBQ pizza at the Fourwinds to support the Sycamore Land Trust.

City's Council for Community Accessibility Seeks Nominees. The City's Council for Community Accessibility (CCA) is soliciting nominations for its annual awards for individuals, businesses and organizations that make the community more accessible for people with disabilities. Nomination forms are available in the Community and Family Resources Department in City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Suite 260. Forms also are available at www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd. Nominations due September 21, 2007.

Middle Way House Domestic Violence Volunteer Training. Volunteer training to learn how to help victims of domestic violence, on September 8, 9:00-5:00 or September 22, 9:00-5:00. Located at First United Methodist Church, Wesley Wing, Room 318-319, 4th and Washington, across from the downtown post office. Call 333-7404 or mwhouse@bloomington.in.us

MISS WITHERSPOON, a wild new comedy by award-winning playwright Christopher Durang, will open on August 31 in the John Waldron Arts Center. Directed by Bruce Burgun, MISS WITHERSPOON will play at 8 p.m. on August 31, September 8, September 14 and 15, with Sunday matinee on September 9 at 2 p.m. The show encourages the audience to think and talk about God, about death and rebirth, and about compassion and personal responsibility. For ticket info, email info@interactiontheater.org or 317-767-7683.

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Host an Exchange Student. American Cultural Exchange Service (ACES), a quality-driven nonprofit educational exchange organization, seeks families to host these and other exchange students for the coming academic year. Students are carefully screened, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have their own spending money. Contact info: Tamyra Dippolito, the ACES Local Coordinator, info@exploretheworld.org or 323-9005.

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 is on sabbatical

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 Email messages sent to Rev. Macklin through December 15 will not be received, as she is on sabbatical.

BULLETIN BOARD

FOR RENT. Log house near Lake Monroe, 3261 Carowinds Ct, Beautiful Wooded lot. 3 BR, 2 ½ BA, 3 car garage. Lots of storage and space. \$2100/mo plus electric. Call Pat 812-345-2686.

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Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sundays, 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.

August 26th at 10:15 –

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 Unitarian Universalists and the latter? How about “secrecy in government?” Does the concept concern 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, Oregon.

Exploring UU Class offered September 9 and 16 Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation? Then sign up for the September Exploring Unitarian Universalism class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. We will meet from 3-5 p.m. on Sundays, September 9 and 16, in the Fuchs Library. All are welcome: newcomers, long-time friends and even current members. The class is almost full, so put your name on the list today. Child care is free with prior arrangement. For questions, contact Marjorie Crosby at 339-2572 or marjohn2@insightbb.com.

The UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5 in the Library.

It is an organizational and get-acquainted meeting for new and returning sub-committee chairs, but we want especially to welcome anyone else who might be interested in joining in the fun. Several of our long-time chairpeople have expressed a desire for an "apprentice" this year, someone who will assist, learn the ropes, and hopefully step into their roles next year, so if you'd like to apprentice, or if you'd like to find out more, please come to the meeting or contact Julie Lawson, lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net or Diann Lock, dlock333@insightbb.com.



Things to Do:

- Sign up for a Chalice Circle
- Sign up for photo session for new church directory
- Bring water, shell or stone from summer adventures to share on August 26
- Sign up to take an Adult Religious Education class
- Bring your child to Children’s Choir practice
- Register your child for Fall Religious Education

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Sharon O'Brien, who passed away last week in Lafayette, Indiana. A memorial service for Sharon will be held here on Sunday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Best wishes for continued healing to Edrice Baker, who is at home now, recovering from knee surgery.

Congratulations to Scott and Ruth Sanders upon the birth of their new granddaughter at the end of July.



UU Children's Choir

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

Sun Aug. 26th: Sing in both services -- @ end of 1st service and beginning of 2nd.

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

--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 may sing in the Aug. 26th service.) Jill Courtney, Children's Choir Director, jcourtne@mccsc.edu

Paper Dolls to be Shared at Peace Rally In June, our children made paper dolls which symbolize the children of Iraz, to send to Representative Baron Hill. The children made hundreds of paper dolls and they have been invited to share the dolls at a Peace Vigil on Tuesday, August 28th, at 8 PM at Sample Gates (corner of Kirkwood and Indiana) Children and parents are needed to help hold the dolls at this event.

—Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org

Attendance Figures

Sun, Aug 12, 9:00: 68 , 11:15: 155 Tot: 223

Sun, Aug 19, 9:00: 113, 11:15: 138 Tot: 251

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Aug 12 non-pledge offering: \$285

Sun, Aug 19 non-pledge offering: \$540

Total to Martha's House: \$206

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The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin—on sabbatical

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