

~ The Prologue September 4, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



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

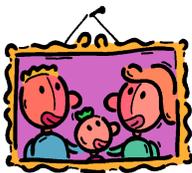
Sunday, September 9, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Engaging Our Theological Diversity Reverend Barbara Child

Martin Buber has written: "The real essence of community is to be found in the fact – manifest or otherwise – that it has a center. The real beginning of a community is when its members have a common relation to the center overriding all other relations: the circle is described by the radii, not by the points along its circumference." The UUA Commission on Appraisal spent four years studying what is at the center of Unitarian Universalism, that is, what holds us together while we spend so much time honoring our diversity. Rev. Barbara Child takes up the challenges of this engagement with our diversity as she invites us to join her in an Adult Religious Education class on the subject, beginning September 12.

Sunday, September 16, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Forgiveness As Healing Reverend Bill Breeden

It may be that the greatest power we have as human beings lies in our ability to forgive the unforgettable. It may be a simple matter of being unwilling to carry baggage that is not ours to carry, and it may not be simple at all. Come join us and perhaps we can all lose some of the weight we carry around in our hearts.

Ramadan Celebration September 21 – See *West Window* and Page 4.



Space Still Available in the New Pictorial Directory!

Email Glee to Sign Up There are some remaining slots to fill for the pictorial directory. Please call Glee Noble at 323-7695, or better yet, email her at gleenoble@sbcglobal.net to determine when you can have your photos taken. Allow one hour for the complete process.

This is a great way for all of us to know you. You will receive one free 8x10 and have the choice of purchasing more if you want. The sitting is free. Dates for the photo sessions are September 20-29, except Sunday, Sept 23. Call or email Glee TODAY!

The West Window

Wow! Here we are in September already. A lot of things are happening so be sure to check your calendars and catch the things that you don't want to miss. Some of our folks have asked that I mention the September 11th. 7:00 p.m. program at the Buskirk Chumley Theater entitled, "9/11 Research, Why the Official Story Can't Be True." I don't know what the truth is about 9/11/01, but I have no problem accepting that the official story is not true, for the simple reason that I have found that "official stories" rarely are.

Chalice Circle groups will be kicking off this Sunday at 4:00 in the sanctuary. Group members are encouraged to be there to make the beginning of this year as smooth as possible.

We are going to break the fast of Ramadan at our church with our friends from the Bloomington Mosque again this year. Gather in Fellowship Hall on September 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 23rd, we will have a Getting Involved Fair between and after the worship services. You are invited to participate. Call Denise Ogren for details.

This is a busy time of year. As Gandhi implored, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Even when you are busy.

Pray for rain, dance for rain. Jesus defined the perfection of God by the fact that "He (sic) makes it rain on the just and the unjust." Kind of makes me wonder where that leaves us. If you have any suggestions about rainmaking, let me know, and I will give serious thought to participating.

Be at peace and make the world a better place in your spare time.
Peace—bill Rev. Bill Breeden

Sabbatical Scoop

Smooth Sailing

One month into Reverend Macklin's sabbatical the church and its various committees and activities are working well. Reverend Breeden reports that Mary Ann returned safely from her 6-day intensive retreat at Rex Ranch in Arizona where Angeles Arrian led a session on the Four Fold Way. The retreat was rewarding and Reverend Macklin recorded her first ever eagle (2 under par in golf) shortly after her return.

Reverend Child has enjoyed an afternoon workshop with the SOFT committee and a fruitful shared training with Reverend Breeden for the Chalice Circle facilitators. Reverend Child's Adult Religious Education class, 'Engaging our Theological Diversity' begins September 12. There is a sign-up sheet with the other Adult Religious Education offerings posted on the bulletin board inside the courtyard entrance.

Donate to Sabbatical Fund

Anyone wishing to contribute to Rev. Macklin's sabbatical fund may do so by check to UU Church with Reverend Macklin Sabbatical on the memo line.

Double Duty

Due to overlap in the timelines the current sabbatical committee will support Reverend Breeden in this Lilly grant application preparation. Much of the groundwork was already completed with Reverend Macklin's application and we learned much from that process. Rev. Breeden and Andrew Appel will travel to Indianapolis on September 27 for the Lilly Foundation's presentation for proposals. Rev. Breeden's sabbatical will be in 2009.

--Andrew Appel, Jason Hill,
Beth Hollingsworth, Clarke Miller.



Coming Soon! Sign up today! Chalice Making Workshop Starts Sept. 23

Pottery Chalice Making for Families of all Sizes (1 or more people) and all Ages (1 and older)

Sunday afternoons 1-3 p.m.

Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and Oct 21

(\$20 materials fee per family. Scholarships available.)

Sign up on the bulletin board by the courtyard entrance or by calling the church office (332-3695). Please call Rev. Emily Manvel Leite with questions (333-9822).



Next UU Children's Choir- Sept. 23rd

The UU Children's Choir is off to a great start! We will rehearse next on Sun. Sept 23rd & Sun. Sept. 30th, in preparation for singing at the Wed. Oct. 3rd Family Worship Service. Rehearsals are 10:15-11:00am (between services) in Rm. 212. New singers, Kg-8th grade, are always welcome. Questions? Contact Jill at

icourtne@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with Nancy Lair and her family upon the passing on August 28 of John Lair.

Our sympathy and prayers are also with the family of Bee Stafford, who passed away on August 22. A memorial service for Bee was held here on Sunday, September 2.

Our best wishes for quick healing to Tom Albright, who is recovering from recent surgery.

Many blessings to Beckie Wagner upon the birth on August 19 of grandson Thayne Alexander Grannan Wagner, son of Royce and Sarah Wagner.



Notably For Newcomers

What is the UUA?

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington is part of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA), which serves its member congregations by organizing new congregations, extending and strengthening Unitarian Universalist institutions, and implementing its principles. They provide consulting, resources on education, and outreach and support for the myriad of liberal religious causes that UUs support.

The UUA represents the interests of over 1,000 liberal religious congregations world wide. The UUA's operating budget comes in part from contributions made by member institutions like UU Bloomington. UUA offices are located in Boston, Massachusetts. All member institutions are self governing and take no formal direction from the UUA. Rather, the UUA serves as a resource and guide for new, emerging and long standing Unitarian Universalists.

--Amy Cornell, Membership Committee

Creative Woodworker Help Needed Do you have a hidden talent working with wood? Do you like to put things together? Would you like to create something useful and lasting for the church? We are switching to new larger name tags in the near future. We have a design for a nametag holder which involves some woodworking skills. We need a person who will donate time and energy to making this project a reality. If this interests you, please contact: Denise Ogren, 336 6597 or dogren@insightbb.com.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Ramadan Celebration September 21

For the fourth time, we will be celebrating Ramadan with our Muslim friends. Gather at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 21 for the celebration beginning promptly at 7:45 p.m. when we will gather to break fast, followed by the call to prayer at 7:50 p.m. with Rev. Breeden and the Imam. The Muslims will remove their shoes and assume a prayer position facing the East. You may choose to do the same, or not. After prayer, we will celebrate Ramadan with a magnificent feast prepared by the Muslims. This is an event you do not want to miss! Only 70 tickets are available for our congregation. Sign up in the Commons starting September 9 (\$3.00 per family).

--Elizabeth Lion

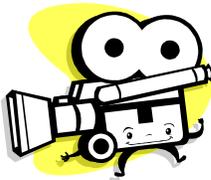
The Prologue is published on alternate Mondays with exceptions by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, Inc., 2120 N. Fee Ln, Bloomington, IN 47408-1646. September 4, 2007 Issue Edited by Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org



Shared Memories, Shared Mums

During the months of September and October, you are invited to purchase a chrysanthemum and bring it to church to honor a loved one and help decorate our shared spaces. An "In Memory Of" card will be provided at the Newcomer Welcome Table. Just attach this card and place your "Memory Mum" in the Fellowship Hall. - Your Aesthetics Committee, Sandy Taylor, Chair

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.

"Engaging Our Theological Diversity" Website

The website listed in the course description in the Adult Religious Education prospectus for Engaging our Theological Diversity, coordinated by Barbara Child, was incorrect. The correct website is

<http://www25.uua.org/coa/TheoDiversity/EngagingOurTheoDiversity.pdf>.

Robert DeVoe, ARE Chair



Chalice Circles Kickoff Event September 9, 4-6 p.m.

Chalice Circles is our program of small-group ministry in this church. People have been signing up for groups for the last three weeks, and we are now looking at the signup lists to resolve any possible issues of too-large (over eleven people) or too-small (under seven people) groups. All participants will receive a call either to confirm membership in the group they signed up for or to see if other arrangements can be made. These calls will be made before the Kickoff event, Sunday, Sept. 9, 4:00-6:00. At the Kickoff the details about Chalice Circles will be fully explained by Reverend Breeden and groups will meet for the first time.

If it is not possible for you to attend the Kickoff event, please inform the facilitator of your group. Some times for make-up sessions will be offered to you.

Please bring your calendars to the Kickoff so that your group can plan the dates of meetings for the year, September through May. **This is especially important if you will be in a group that meets every 3 weeks, rather than on set days of each month.**

We are looking forward to our second year of this program, and hope that every person who participates will have a rich and rewarding experience.

If you have not signed up yet and wish to join a group this year, please contact Anne Haynes (336-3221) or Carol Parks (336-1592 or pearlparks@gmail.com).

The Chalice Circles Executive Team: Judy Bennett, Rev. Bill Breeden, Chris Clothier, Pat Harris, Anne Haynes, and Carol Parks.



Fellowship Dinners Kickoff Potluck September 15

For all who plan to participate in this year's series of Fellowship Dinners, and those who want more information, we will start with a Kick-Off Dinner Sat. Sept. 15 at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and your Potluck Dish, according to the following schedule. If your name begins with: A-E, Appetizer or Bread; F-M, Salad or Veggie; M-S, Main Dish; T-Z, Dessert. Beverages will be provided. Questions? Dolores 331-2611.

September Alliance Topic: Volunteers In Medicine

The first meeting of the Women's Alliance this fall will take place in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 6. Brown Bag Lunch at 11:30, with the featured speaker Loraine Addison, Director of Volunteers at Volunteers in Medicine of Monroe County, at 12 noon.

UUs Changing the World



The HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Task Force Volunteer Opportunities.

1. MCUM[Monroe County United Ministries] Committee. Responsible for Bounty-full Sunday Food Collection and the Holiday Food Baskets. contact: Beth Hollingsworth 337-9305 or btholli@insightbb.com
 2. Community Kitchen. Assemble meals and make bag lunches on the second Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. contact: Libby DeVoe, 336-8688 or edevoe@indiana.edu .
 3. Hoosier Hills Food Bank. There are several volunteer opportunities at the Food Bank. contact: Sarah Owen, 360-5549 or sare0511@gmail.com.
 4. Free Family Market. Sponsored by Shalom and held at Templeton School each Friday 1:00-3:00 p.m. contact: Lois and Richard Holl, 334-8171 or loisholl8@yahoo.com or richardhol9@yahoo.com
- Please consider getting involved with one of these groups . – Beth Hollingsworth

Food for Monroe County United Ministries The September 2nd Bounty-Full Sunday Food Collection was 368 pounds, making our total for MCUM 2,228 pounds so far this year. Generous members and friends of the church also donated \$250.00 to MCUM. Thank you all for your generous support. --Beth Hollingsworth

New Name For Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force

The Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force is announcing that because of their gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender INCLUSIVE focus, they will now be known as the Rainbow Rights Task Force.

Some of the activities the task force plans to be involved in this year include: Sunday forums on civil marriage and gender identity, the presentation of the film *Inlaws and Outlaws*, and inter-religious gatherings with other local religious organizations. As usual, we also plan to keep the congregation up to date on governmental issues for GLBT persons.

The Rainbow Rights Task Force meets at 12:30 pm on the second Sunday of each month, usually in Fellowship Hall. Co-chairs are Judi Epp, Mike Betson, and Chris Clothier. Contact Judi Epp at jepp@rnetinc.net to be added to the mailing list.

Social Justice Grants, Apply Today!

Each fall, the Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) solicits proposals for grants in support of local social justice projects. Social Justice Small Grant Fund A awards grants of up to \$1000, and Social Justice Large Grant Fund B awards grants from \$1000-3000. Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of the congregation, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit. Application forms are available either electronically by request from Stephanie Estell (see information below), or in the Social Justice mailbox in the church work room, Rm 204. Completed applications may be filed electronically to Stephanie Estell (preferred) at nanaysteph@hotmail.com or left in the Social Justice mailbox in Room 204. **Deadline for submission is October 1.**

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

Inquiry group for Byron Katie's "The Work" starts Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, 7-8pm, MCPLibrary Rm 1-A. The Work is a self-inquiry technique that helps peace work, employment negotiations, and relationship issues. The Inquiry Circle is free, but please call to register (or for more information) 333-8858. Check out Katie's website for video examples of The Work and a complete description of the process; www.TheWork.com.

Cosmos Creativity, a workshop featuring spiritual and scientific exploration of the story of the universe will take place **Sept. 22** at Mt.

Gilead Friends Retreat from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. The workshop will feature a spiral walk providing an opportunity to meditate on some of the miraculous milestones in Earth's history. There will also be opportunity for hiking on our 60 acres of protected land, creative art and reflection. The cost is \$15. For more information or to register phone Janette Shetter at 336-5576 or e-mail kelly.pat.carson@gmail.com

19th Annual Night at the Opera, Sept. 8 Saturday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. at the IU Kelley School of Business, the 19th Annual "NIGHT AT THE OPERA," will be presented, a benefit performance for Middle Way House, a Bloomington nonprofit that offers programs and services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. 5:00pm hors d'oeuvres, 6:00pm performance featuring rising stars from the Jacobs School of Music and special guest, Tim Noble, followed by a dessert reception. For more information, please call: 334-7404.

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

Guest Editor for Sept 17 Prologue—so please send articles early

We will have a guest editor for the September 17 issue of The Prologue, so it would help if articles could be sent to admin@uubloomington.org by

10 a.m. on Friday, September 14 if at all possible, so we can get a head start! Many thanks!

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

SHARED HOUSING AT YOGA CENTER. Cherry Darriau is interested in sharing house and yoga center with aspiring yogi or couple. Call 332-8029 and we'll talk.



Used Books for the Bazaar

A REMINDER: Please save your book donations for the Bazaar until early November. Because of limited storage space, you're invited to wait until November to bring you book donations to Fellowship Hall. —Joanna Clees

Our Newest Members

Jan Neff became an official member 8/19/07 but has a long relationship with the UUs. She attended the junior and senior high programs along with her family, (the Don and Joan Bennett children) back when the structure was an old farmhouse. She and her husband Jerry, a long-time Bloomington resident and Medical Director of the Centers For Behavioral Health, have attended intermittently and supported many UU activities on their own. Together they have 5 adult children and 2 very active dogs.

Maire Quilter and Michael Melby maire@sacredfire.net

We are honored and proud to finally and officially join the Bloomington UU church. Maire's family has belonged to this community for most of her life, and we are proud of their many contributions; especially those of her father Dan Quilter, who has served as a past president. We are very pleased to join them here at last!

We cherish our love for one another, and we believe in treating all other beings with dignity and respect. We believe in protecting those who cannot protect themselves, honoring the sanctity and magic of this wonderful planet, standing up for justice and civil liberties in our nation and in our community, and supporting the rights of all individuals to pursue their spiritual fulfillment as they see fit. It has been our experience that this community shares our values and we are anxious to graft our branch to your life-sustaining tree!



Veggie Potluck Sept. 23rd at 5:00!

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!

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.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Aug 26, 9:00: 113, 11:15: 208 Tot: 321 **Sun, Sep 2**, 9:00: 86, 11:15: 174 Tot: 260

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Aug 26 non-pledge offering: \$331
Sun, Sep 2 non-pledge offering: \$295
Total to Martha's House: \$159

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.

Ministers and Staff

The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin—on sabbatical
The Rev. Bill Breeden, breeden@uubloomington.org
Director of Religious Education: Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org
Minister of Religious Education: The Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, mre@uubloomington.org
Religious Education Assistants: Adrienne Summerlot, Addie Hirschten, rea@uubloomington.org
Childcare Coordinator: Adrienne Summerlot
Music Director: Susan Swaney, music@uubloomington.org
Pianist: Sally Todd, pianist@uubloomington.org
Children's Choir Director: Jill Courtney, jcourtne@mccsc.edu
Campus Ministry Coordinator: Susan Blake, uucampus@uubloomington.org
Church Administrator: Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org
Office Assistant: Aimee Osmundsen, office@uubloomington.org
Sound Manager: Tom Yeiser, soundmgr@uubloomington.org

UU Board of Directors

Jan Skinner, President, pres@uubloomington.org
GK Rowe, Vice President, vicepres@uubloomington.org
Lloyd Orr, Treasurer, treasurer@uubloomington.org
Chris Haynes, Secretary, secretary@uubloomington.org
Jason Hill, Past President, pastpres@uubloomington.org
At Large Board Members: David Cox, Steve Dillon, Karen Jewell, Chris Judge, Bobbi Lahre, Amy Taylor, Shari Woodbury

Social Justice Funds Committee, 2007

John Woodcock, co-chair, Joan Caulton, Bob Taylor, Jennifer Blankenship, Stephanie Estell, co-chair