

~ The Prologue

October 1, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Wednesday, October 3, 2007 5:30pm Supper, 6:15 pm Worship
Family Worship: "The Secret of Happiness" Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

Join us for sharing, songs, and the story of a family in ancient times who discovered the secret of happiness. We will begin with a craft at 5:15pm, enjoy dinner (provided: including a vegan option) from 5:30-6pm, clean up together, then share worship from 6:15-6:45pm. People of all ages and family configurations are welcome for any part of the evening.

**Sunday, October 7, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Who's Afraid of Christianity? Rev. Bill Breeden**

I hope to address some of the issues regarding Unitarian Universalism and its relationship to Christianity of various incarnations.

**Sunday, October 14, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
In So Many Words Rev. Barbara Child**

Don't I say "God" often enough to suit you -- or do I say it way too often? Is what we do here on Sunday morning a "celebration of life" or "worship" or something else altogether? Oh, and is the place where we gather a Meeting Room or a Sanctuary? If you doubt the power of language, this one's for you!

This will be a special Child Dedication Sunday. And we will join Unitarian Universalist congregations across the land in celebrating "Association Sunday" in an effort to raise \$1 million that will support a national UU marketing campaign, support congregations in calling ministers of color, and provide grants to congregations for their own growth and outreach projects. Please bring your check book, and look for the Association Sunday envelope inserted in your order of service.

Meet Our New Members November 2 Come to a potluck supper on Friday, November 2 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to welcome the newest members of our congregation. We'll share food and fellowship and hear from Carol McCord and Tom Nelson Laird about what's up with SOFT, the Shaping Our Future Together committee. Come share your stories and meet our new members.
--Libby DeVoe, Membership Committee

The West Window

It doesn't get any better than this. The sun and wind of October is a combination that lightens the spirit, bringing a freshness to the air that renews the mind and lifts the heart of those who are open to the change of the season. I hope all of you have the opportunity to breathe in the this eternal "Now-ness" that surrounds us, and give thanks for life.

Rev. Bill Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), is circulating a petition calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. You may go to the uua.org website to sign it. As more evidence comes forth about plans to expand the war to Iran, I believe it is imperative that we begin to rein in this rush to Armageddon. Our global community needs healing, and there is a reason our nation is considered by a majority of the world to be the greatest threat to peace. The masters of war have for too long determined the course of this ship of state. It is time for the people to rise up and demand a resetting of the sails. I hope you will be a voice for peace in our time.

Our church will be celebrating Association Sunday on October 14th by providing envelopes for an offering to support the UUA in an effort to grow our faith. I believe our message is one that is right for the times, and I hope you will remember to bring your checkbook or a little extra cash to support this effort. This is not a time to be shy about the message of tolerance, justice and the building of a global community.

Peace—bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

Our Sabbatical Art Work: Depicting the UU Sources of Wisdom

Last Spring, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin charged us to create a work of art that represented one or more of the UU Sources. An opportunity will be coming up in late January or February for everyone to share their art through an exhibit at the church. Details will be forthcoming. This article is to remind you to be working on your art. The UU Principles and Sources are found in the UU Hymnal on the page just before hymn number 1. Any form of visual art can be included in the exhibition. Examples are painting, collage, sculpture, photography, fabric art, and drawing. Be creative: any visual art can be included. Unfortunately, we cannot include performance art in this event. The hope is that many people will be creative in expressing their connection to the UU Sources. Contact Cynthia Lindmann Port cport@epi.umaryland.edu, or Ruellen Fessenbecker rfessenb@indiana.edu, if you have questions.

In The Oral Tradition...

What a great way to learn about your fellow UUs. In the old oral history tradition, we gather personal and church histories for the archives.

INFO: Cookie at the_lynches@insightbb.com. There will be a short introductory meeting in the Meditation Room on Sunday October 7 10:-10:30 am. Please tell me if you can be there. --Cookie

Kindergarten and First Graders Learn about Divali

Our Kindergarten and First grade class is using a new curriculum this year called "Picture Book World Religions." On Sunday Sept. 30, I had a chance to ask the children about what they did in their 9 am class.

First Grader Ada Port said, "We read a book about Divali...it's the Festival of Lights." When asked who celebrates Divali she said, "India." Kindergartener Zoe Enright was here too; "I like that they read books 'cause I love to listen to books." Kindergartener Anna Koesel said, "I learned about the Hindu religion and its games are fun to play. Some other kids would like it if they try."

"We played two games," explained First Grader Jonathan Leite. "One was another version of Duck, Duck, Goose, one was another version of Hopscotch... My favorite was the Duck, Duck, Goose game."

First Grader Maya Baird filled me in on the story called, "Lights for Gita." Maya said, "There's this girl in the book who moves and thinks this isn't as fun as in India. Rain came down and she couldn't do fireworks so she went to bed and pulled the covers over her head. She said 'I do not like this at all'." Maya stopped telling me the story so she could focus on climbing on the playground but she let me know that, "In the end her friend came over."

Many thanks to K-1 teachers Sandy Pate, Diane Monroe and all our other teachers who make Religious Education possible.

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

Notably For Newcomers



The Rev. Dr. William G. Sinkford is the seventh, and current, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. He avers that our resistance to religious language gets reflected in the struggle that so many of us have in trying to find ways to say who we are, to define Unitarian Universalism. He says that he always asks people to work on their "elevator speech" by imagining that you're on the sixth floor going to the lobby and somebody asks you, "What's a Unitarian Universalist?" What do you say? You've got forty-five seconds. His current answer is,

"The Unitarian side of our family tree tells us that there is only one God, one Spirit of Life, one Power of Love. The Universalist side tells us that God is a loving God, condemning none of us, and valuing the spark of divinity that is in every human being. So Unitarian Universalism stands for: one God, no one left behind."

As with every elevator speech, he says, his is a work in process. It says where he is right now, and it doesn't say anything at all about where anyone else is.

He urges all of us to work on our personal elevator speeches. "We have," he writes, "Good News for a world that badly needs it. But we may need to expand our vocabularies if we are to be able to develop our faith fully in our own lives, and if we are to be able to share it with others."

Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

(This column originally appeared in the October 11, 2004, issue of *The Prologue*.)

Women's Alliance To Hear Keith Romaine Oct 4

Keith Romaine, local artist and UU church member, is the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Women's Alliance on Thursday, October 4 in Fellowship Hall. His topic will be the current goal of his art and its development since he began as a street artist in San Francisco. The program begins at noon, with a brown bag lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. Hostesses Joan Hongen and Karla Kunoff will provide beverages and desserts. Membership dues of \$15 for the current year are payable at the meeting. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Still Accepting Memory Mums Your Aesthetics Committee is still accepting "Memory Mums" to be used in honor of an important person in your life. Please bring the mums to church on Sunday; we will be doing this through mid- October. We also would be happy to have flowers donated for the windows (simple bouquets of one or more flowers are fine!) for any Sunday of the year that you choose, again in honor of someone; to reserve your date, please call Sandy Taylor (336-1234) or Diann Lock (824-2950).

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October 19: Program Here on Depleted Uranium

The Just Peace Task Force asks you to save the evening of Friday, October 19th at 7:00 pm for a program in Fellowship Hall with speaker Cliff Kindy on depleted uranium (DU) weapons, which American forces have used in Iraq and Afghanistan. DU is radioactive and chemically toxic. It contaminates land and causes birth defects and cancer in targeted populations; it is also suspected as a cause of Gulf War Syndrome among veterans who served in the Iraq war of 1991. A national movement is building to demand the United States join the global call to ban depleted uranium. Please join us at this important program. Information, contact David Keppel keppel@sbcglobal.net

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Sat, Oct 13, 7 P.M.

Joyce Q. Rogers, Esq., President and CEO of Indiana Black Expo, will be the featured speaker at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet at Terry's Banquet and Catering. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from Rev. Barbara Carlson (e-mail barbarac1700@aol.com or phone 337-0489). (Deadline for purchase of tickets is October 6.)

The Monroe County Chapter of the NAACP meets monthly to focus on local issues concerning diversity, fairness, and civil rights. Members of our congregation who serve on the NAACP Executive Committee include Rev. Carlson, Guy Loftman, Cherry Merritt Darriau, Ed Robertson and Grafton Trout.



Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Nov 30-Dec 1

The 49th annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on November 30th and December 1st. UU groups and non-profit groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by November 1st. Space is limited as you know, so we appreciate your cooperation! Please contact Julie Lawson 335-1856 or lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net or Diann Lock 824-2950 or dlock333@insightbb.com and watch this space for more notices!



Get Ready for the Cookie Walk! Dust off your cookbooks and get your baking sheets ready. It's time to start thinking about what kinds of cookies you will contribute to the Cookie Walk at this year's Holiday Bazaar. You make 'em, patrons buy 'em (by the pound), and we all benefit! Decorated cookies, bar cookies, drop cookies--all are welcome! Help us reach our goal of 250 pounds of cookies sold! Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall in November. – Jane McLeod for The Cookie Walk Committee.



Clickety Click Clickety Click Clickety Click

That's the sound of knitting needles, crochet hooks, and weavers' shuttles once again producing delightful scarves, hats, mittens, slippers, and more to sell at this year's UU Christmas Bazaar. Last year we were able to raise \$1000 for Monroe County United Ministries which feeds and shelters the

less fortunate in our neighborhood.

So, here's your excuse to catch up on those old movies you've been wanting to watch AND help our community. Look for the box in the foyer which says **McMufflers**, **McMittens**, and **McHats** and pitch-in to fight hunger. Info: Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com.

--Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

Parent Talk – Parents of Adults will meet on Sunday, October 14, from 12:15 – 2:15 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



Campus Ministry Contact Info

Our Campus Ministry group meets on campus every Thursday, 7-8 p.m. in Ballantine 004. Details, contact Susan Blake, our Campus Ministry Coordinator, at uucampus@uubloomington.org.

For upcoming events:

<http://indiana.facebook.com/group.php?gid=16976627368>
or <http://www.myspace.com/iuucm>

UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Food Needs Continue to Rise!

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is October 7

In the entire year of 2006, Monroe County United Ministries distributed enough food to make 40,000 meals. As of the end of July this year, MCUM has distributed enough food to make 30,000 meals. You do the math! Although the

Each One, Feed One Food Drive in August was a big success, the food needs in our community still outweigh the rate of donations.

Our next Bounty-full Sunday is October 7. Particular needs of the pantry are:

FRUITS - dried or canned

CANNED MEATS such as tuna, salmon, or chicken

CANNED VEGETABLES

VEGETABLE SOUP

BEVERAGES such as juice, tea, or coffee.

Your generosity in the past has been terrific. Since we began the Bounty-full Sunday program nearly a year ago, we have collected over a ton of food for MCUM! But local hunger is on the increase, so we must keep up the great work!

Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

Crop Walk Coming Sunday, October 21

The next 3 Sundays, October 7, 14 & 21, there will be an information and registration table in the Commons for Monroe County CROP Hunger WALK, sponsored in part by the Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force, with several of the agencies we support being recipients. It will be a GREAT opportunity to take a GREAT walk for a GREAT cause. Together we can make a difference! Join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a Walker.

Weekend of Faith Action on the Death Penalty in October Bloomington Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and UU Friends of Prisoners Task Force invites you to two community events in conjunction with Amnesty International's Annual Weekend of Faith Action on the Death Penalty: **October 10th, Wednesday, 7:30 PM, MCPL Auditorium—David Kaczynski**, featured speaker, turned his brother in to police after suspecting him of being the Unabomber. Ted Kaczynski was spared execution when lawyers demonstrated that his mental illness justified a sentence of life in prison. David's experience gave him a firsthand look at the death penalty and its many flaws, particularly the problems with mental illness and fairness in sentencing.

October 16th, Tuesday, 7:00PM, Boxcar Books—Race to Execution: Originally broadcast on PBS in March 2007, this film explores the role of race in America's capital punishment system. (Contact person: Glenda Breeden, breeden@ccrtc.com)

Get A Life! Get Started Writing Your Life Story!

Interested in joining an evening Life Story Group ?? Never too soon to write down family stories. Sharing yours with your group is very rewarding. INFO: Cookie or Bill Lynch thelynches@insightbb.com 332 9933

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

English Teacher and Program Coordinator for Transylvania The English instruction program in Transylvania supports English language teaching for Unitarian ministry students at the Protestant Theological Institute in Cluj/Kolozsvar, Romania. Sponsored by Meadville Lombard Theological School, the program is partially funded by the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. Meadville Lombard is seeking a half-time, permanent English Teacher/Coordinator to ensure English language proficiency among Unitarian ministerial students. This candidate should have several years' experience teaching, have excellent communication skills and be able to delegate effectively. Available January 2008. Applications will be considered until October 31, 2007. To apply, please send a letter of interest and a CV to Steven Mitchell, smitchell@meadville.edu.

Shalom's Annual Meeting Features Mayoral Candidates Addressing Poverty

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Shalom Community Center will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church (corner of 4th and Washington Streets). The program will feature "A Conversation about Poverty" with mayoral candidates Mark Kruzan and David Sabbagh. Will Murphy of WFIU public radio will moderate. Following the meeting, refreshments will be served in the Gathering Place (just behind the sanctuary). The meeting will also celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Shalom Center.

Bloomington PFLAG meeting, Thursday, October 18th, 7 pm in the UU Fuchs Library. We will take time to share our memories of Dave Adams and then move to the future. What community needs can PFLAG best serve in the future? How can PFLAG fulfill our mission of support, education and advocacy for families and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons? Please come and share how we can be of service. If you are unable to attend, please send your thoughts and ideas to Jackie Hall at jmhall@indiana.edu.

Volunteer Chaplain Needed at Bell Trace

Bell Trace Health and Living Center is seeking a volunteer chaplain to provide Bible studies, Sunday church services, and comfort care. Contact Susi Turner at 323-2858, ext. 144 or scallahan@cardon.us

Peace Rally in Terre Haute October 6

There will be a statewide rally against the Iraq War on Saturday, October 6th at 2 p.m. in Terre Haute, Indiana, at the Vigo Co. Courthouse at U.S. 41 and Ohio St.

The event is sponsored by the Indiana Peace and Justice Network, a coalition of thirty peace groups in Indiana.

The featured speaker will be Noel Beasley, national president of the labor union UNITE.

Music will be provided by Ann Feeney, a well known peace and labor singer.

Please bring your drums and signs to call for an end to the war and occupation in Iraq. Anyone interested in car-pooling contact Mike Betson at forestfolk@aol.com)

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



Veggie Potluck October 28 Hosts Discussion on Local Food

Global
locally, sustainable

Join us at our next UU Vegetarian Potluck on Sun., Oct. 28th at 5:00 p.m., which will be followed by a Panel Discussion on "Local Food, Eating With Values," at 6:15. Childcare will be provided during the discussion for UU members and friends, 6-8 p.m., if you request it by October 14; contact Jill Courtney. The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Climate Change is sponsoring this dynamic panel discussion on eating

locally, sustainable agriculture, Farmer's Market, CSA's, the Slow Food movement and much more. Panelists include, Marti Crouch, Christine Barbour and Teresa Birtles. They will help you answer the question Michael Pollan asks in his book, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, "What Should We Have for Dinner?"

The Bloomington community is invited to the panel discussion; UU members & friends are invited to the potluck, the discussion, or both! 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 are welcome, too) and a recipe/label for your dish (if it has local ingredients, note that, too!). Water will be provided. –Jill Courtney jillmccourtney@gmail.com

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, October 21 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room on the 2nd floor (Room 207B). (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the Membership Book.)

To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, October 17.

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.

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Temporary Choir Wiki page

Choir members with internet access may peruse the temporary Choir wiki page at <http://choirwiki.blogspot.com>, which contains the upcoming choir schedule and special events.



Next UU Children's Choir- Oct. 28th

Our next set of rehearsals are in preparation for the Sun. Nov. 18th Intergenerational Service (we will also start learning music for December events.) Rehearsals are in Rm. 212. New singers, Kg-8th grade, are always welcome! Questions? Contact Jill at jcourtne@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

No rehearsal Sun. Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st

Sun. Oct. 28th: 10:15-11:00am, regular rehearsal

Sun. Nov. 4th: 10:15-11:00am, regular rehearsal

No rehearsal Sun. Nov. 11th

THURS, Nov. 15th: 7:00-7:30pm, extra rehearsal

Sun. Nov. 18th: SING with adults at Intergenerational Services

Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 23, 9:00: 109 11:15: 104 Tot: 213

Sun, Sep 30, 9:00: 85 11:15: 173 Tot: 258

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Sep 23 non-pledge offering: \$361

Sun, Sep 30 non-pledge offering: \$439

Total to Martha's House: \$200

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#1-HOST-BILL BAUS

GUESTS-Bob & Laura Campbell

John & Marjorie Crosby

Bob & Libby DeVoe

Donald Halford & Mary Andrus-Overley

#2-HOST-RICK & LOIS HOLL

GUESTS-George & MaryAnn Cusack

Harlan Lewis & Doris Wittenburg

Elizabeth Lion

Debbie Melloan-Ruiz

Dick & Harriet Pfister

#3-HOST-ROB & JOAN HONGEN

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Ruthanne Browne

Dick & Cathy Hiatt

Velma Harrison & Jean Knowlton

John & Peggy Woodcock

#4-HOST-B.J.LAWRANCE & JAN
SKINNER

GUESTS-Lloyd Orr & Jackie Hall

David Parkhurst

Ann Watzel

#5-HOST-PAUL PETERSEN

GUESTS-Jessie & Klara Cook

Mark Day & Jean Umiker-Sebeok

Walt & Tommie Owens

#6-HOST-DAVE CRANE & KEVIN ROTTET

GUESTS-Dolores Freiburger

Harold & Denise Ogren

Bob & Diane Port

Nancy Richman

#7-HOST-RAY & RITA RUST

GUESTS-Judy Bennett & Katherine

Hopkins

Ted & Diann Lock

Bill & Cookie Lynch

Bob & Sandy Taylor

To have your name listed with this prestigious group, just fill out the Fellowship Dinner Registration (in literature rack at church) and next month not only will your name appear but you will also enjoy the pleasure of their Company and the delightful Dinners. See you there!
Dolores 331-2611