

~ *The Prologue* November 12, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*



Sunday, November 18, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service: Celebrating the Ordinary
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

People of all ages are invited to take time this Sunday to slow down and appreciate the ordinary things of life. This morning's service will include stories, songs, laughter and sharing, and our annual cornucopia of thanks. Come and celebrate in community! Our adult choir, directed by Susan Swaney, and our children's choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will both be singing.

Sunday, November 25, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
A Time For Waiting Rev. Barbara Child

As we approach the Advent season on the Christian calendar and the darkening time before the winter solstice, it is a good time to reflect on what it is like to be waiting for something, perhaps with great anticipation, perhaps with a great sense of the mysterious unknown. And then we learn whether patience turns out to be one of our virtues!



Thanksgiving Dinner Here November 22, 4:00pm

Once again the Celebrations Committee is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner, at 4:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day here in Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the turkey and some of the trimmings, but all are asked to bring food to share and to assist with set up and clean up. Sign up on the easel in the Commons. Info, call Elizabeth Lion, 333-9970.

Faith in Action Forum: at 10:15 a.m. in the Library

Sunday, November 18 "Our Growing Jail Population" Discussion of ways we can take action on this issue, with Vid Beldavs and New Leaf-New Life volunteers.

Sunday, December 9 "A Liberian Experience" hosted by Jason Blankenship. Come enjoy a photo presentation documenting Jason's recent service trip to the West African country of Liberia, followed by a question and answer period and discussion of how our congregation might TAKE ACTION to support the people of Liberia as they work to rebuild their country and their lives.

The West Window

For the past few weeks we have had a banner hanging on the building that reads, "Nurture your Spirit, Help heal our World." It is in keeping with a national campaign of the Unitarian Universalist Association to make our denomination more visible. The campaign has included ads in national magazines and broadcast media. The banner will come down for a while, but I hope we continue to understand that our part in healing the world includes the sharing of our tradition of liberalism. There was a time when being liberal was as American as apple pie, and I long for that time to return. After all, what is wrong with being "free and unconfined", or "tolerant of views differing from one's own; broadminded?" Surely we all understand the need for "reform and progress" and are in favor of such remedies to our present malaise of increasing poverty alongside greed and avarice. Perhaps we need to take time to rediscover the meaning of words long distorted by political doublespeak. Webster just might give us insight into what we are rather than what we are rumored to be.

During this season, I trust you will be liberal in responding to opportunities to share with the less fortunate, and liberal with your love for this world and the family of life which inhabits it.

Peace—bill
Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

Procession of Gifts Coming December 9

Our Procession of Gifts Service will be Sunday December 9th. At the services, gifts are collected to help others. Mittens, hats, gloves and diapers are always needed. In addition, through our giving tree, people will be able to fulfill specific gift requests from community members in need; look for the tree in Fellowship Hall. Guest at Your Table Boxes will be distributed Sunday, Nov. 25th; these provide an easy way to collect money for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), helping people throughout the world.

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite,
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Our Folks...

Our thoughts and prayers of sympathy are with the family of Ruellen Fessenbecker and Carl Kulow, upon the passing last week of Carl's mother, Madeleine Kulow.

We are keeping Paul and Dee Lane in our thoughts, as Paul is facing serious health concerns.

Beckie Wagner's son Royce is to be deployed to Iraq in January. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Best wishes for quick healing to John Hicks, who is recovering from recent surgery.



Gift Making Workshop Nov. 25

Make gifts for family and friends while having fun and being green. Come to our Gift Making Workshop for

all ages; Sunday, November 25 from 2PM-4PM in Fellowship Hall. There will be gifts to make for everyone on your list: light switch covers, bath salts, tie-dyed socks, foods, games and more. Each gift will cost \$1. Contact Rev. Leite or Cindy Port with any questions or if you would like to help. Hope to see you there!

Youth Raise Money for the Hungry

The Young Unitarian



Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) have been busy raising money to help children and feed the hungry. They led Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF on October 28th which raised \$114.63. That evening YUUMS met to start baking for their Bake Sale to raise money to buy holiday food baskets for the hungry. Their bake sale raised \$250 with which they will be able to purchase several Holiday Baskets for Monroe County United Ministries. In addition, they are going to be putting together baskets for people who want to buy one but do not have time to shop. They will shop as a part of their YUUMS meeting on November 25th.

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Notably for Newcomers

Today's column includes insightful and inspiring comments from the Rev. Dr. William G. Sinkford, President (since 2001), Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

He writes that

"Wherever you are on your personal religious journey, our faith welcomes you in. In it you will find no creed or belief to which you must subscribe to be a Unitarian Universalist, no statement of doctrine. Unitarian Universalists value the individual spiritual journey and believe that there is no one right way to lead a religious life. For us, religion is ultimately not about what you think. Religion is about how you live. Ours is a faith of deeds, not creeds.

Our focus on action does not mean that we do not value thought. There is perhaps no faith community that affirms more completely the power and potential of women and men to find and/or create meaning. Nor is there a religious community whose religious thought and practice are more diverse. It is typical in our congregations for liberal Christians, humanists, Buddhists, pagans, and persons whose religious beliefs are less clearly defined to sit side by side in worship. Many religious streams water our souls. Many spiritual practices nurture our spirits."

--contributed by Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Heartland UU District News: Heartline Goes Online

The Heartland District quarterly newsletter, Heartline, has been discontinued. District news has gone high tech and is now shared via email with the new bi-weekly e-newsletter, Heartline Online. This is a quick and easy read for those who want to keep up on what's happening in the district. To subscribe to Heartline Online, email office@heartlanduu.org with your name, email address, and congregation name.



Children's Choir November Schedule

*THURSDAY, Nov. 15th: Extra rehearsal for those who can come: 7:00-7:30pm

*Sun. Nov. 18th: SING with adults at Intergenerational Service; end of 1st service, beginning of 2nd service (Meet @ 9:30am; break between services, done around 11:30)

*No rehearsal Sun. Nov. 25th (Happy Thanksgiving!) Questions? Contact Jill Courtney: jcourtne@mccsc.edu



Chalice Circles Enrollment

Chalice Circles, our program of small group ministry, gives participants an opportunity to get to know others and themselves more deeply by sharing their lives in small, facilitated groups. Groups of no more than ten meet once or twice a month in members' homes to focus on deep listening, and groups do service projects for the church and community. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session. New

members are welcome. If you would like to participate in a Chalice Circle, please contact Anne Haynes (anhaynes@indiana.edu or 336-3221) or Carol Parks (pearlparks@gmail.com or 336-1592).

Earth Tips

Holiday Gift Giving can be Green!



Enjoy the holidays without compromising your environmental values. Here are two ways to keep it green:

1) Recycle holiday gift wrap.

According to Robert Lilienfeld, co-author of the book *Use Less Stuff: Environmental Solutions for Who We Really Are*, if every family reused just 2 feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet. It's a fun project to make gift wrap using grocery bags or other scrap paper and paint or other supplies. Check out some ideas online at www.care2.com/greenliving/holiday-gift-bags-and-wrapping-paper.html.

2) Make the wrapping part of the present.

Canvas shopping bags and dish towels make pretty and practical packages, and reusable tins are good for homemade cookies and candy. (from www.nwf.org) --Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

3) Come to the Gift Making Workshop on November 25, 2-4 p.m.

Easy to make gifts; each gift will cost \$1.



It's Not Too Late!

That's right! It's not too late to sign up to sponsor a **MCUM Holiday Miracle Food Basket**. Because of your generosity, a family that otherwise would not have a holiday dinner will be able to feast as you and I do. You may find the sign-up sheets on an easel by the Social Justice table in the foyer of the church. Be sure to pick up a grocery list found by the easel. You have until the morning of Thursday, November 29th to drop off the food at the church. Please check your name off the list as you bring in your contributions.

Last year, we were able to supply MCUM with 75% – 80% of all the baskets that they collected. So, you can see how heavily MCUM depends on us to provide help. This year's goal is 60 baskets!

Please remember to put turkeys and hams in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

If you have any questions, call Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or Beth Hollingsworth 337-9305.

Thank you for sharing your blessings and have a peaceful, fulfilling Thanksgiving.

UU Administrative Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9:00-4:00
Wednesday	1:00-4:00
Sunday	10-11, 12:15-1:00

Booksigning And Reading By Author November 18

Janet Cheatham Bell will be reading from and signing her latest book, *The Time and Place That Gave Me Life* (Indiana University Press, 2007), Sunday, Nov. 18, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM, in Room 105. "Janet Cheatham Bell's memoir is an extraordinary account of the times in which she grew, a strong and resourceful family, and her own resilience and courage." - Rev. Barbara Carlson, NAACP Executive Committee member; Minister Emerita UU Church of Bloomington. "This is more than a memoir. Janet Cheatham Bell has seasoned her personal story with some little-known history of African Americans in Indiana." - Julian Bond, Professor, University of Virginia; Chairman, NAACP. Please come and hear the author of this important book. Presented by the Booktable Committee, Mike Betson, Chair

Chalice Circles Want Service Projects to Do

The Chalice Circles Executive Committee would like to hear from you. Chalice Circles will be choosing service projects to help the church soon. Contact Pat Harris to let them know what your volunteer needs are, and they'll pass them on to the Chalice Circle facilitators. Pat Harris, pkharris@bluemarble.net

BULLETIN BOARD

FREE WORK STATION: 8' x 7' L-shaped mauve work station w/desk, glass partition, storage bins, file cabinets. Free for the hauling. Dennis Duvali, 349-3270.

UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR
HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**
Next Bounty-Full
Sunday is December 2



Current needs at the Monroe County United Ministries [MCUM] Food Pantry include: canned tomato products, canned beans[legumes], cornbread baking mix, canned meat and canned fruit. PLEASE NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS. Thanks for your generosity on November 4; we collected 160 pounds of food that day.

Habitat Task Force Interfaith Coffeehouse Nov 17 at Baha'i Ctr

Habitat Intergenerational Interfaith Build Coffeehouse -- Faith Community Mixer -- Baha'i, Beth Shalom, First United, Friends Meeting, Muslim Community, St. Thomas Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist

When: Saturday, Nov 17, 7:30 – 10 p.m.

Where: Baha'i Center (in Eastland Plaza behind Key Bank). Faith Community Musical Performers include -- Barb Qualls, Beth and Dan Lodge-Rigal, Jerry Farnsworth, Kaia, Kevin and Gloria Bruner, Sharon, Philip, and Patrick Wailes. Refreshments available (donations toward our Interfaith Build accepted) Coffee, tea, cider; (no alcohol, no pork) spinach/feta cheese and ground beef/leeks in phyllo dough, baklava, cheese kunafa, hummus, babaganoush, stuffed grape leaves, cookies, tea breads, crackers, cheese.

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Thanks from Martha's House

At our Congregational Meeting in June 2007, the gathered members voted to donate 25% of our non-pledge Sunday offering to Martha's House, Inc.

Dear Friends:

Martha's House is an emergency shelter for adult men and women experiencing homelessness. Additionally, we operate a permanent supportive housing program for chronically homeless, disabled individuals and families. Thank you for your generous support.

Last summer we began a fundraiser called "Flip This Room." Many local businesses contributed their skills and goods to improve our facilities, and the Perry Township Trustee agreed to match the value of these donations dollar for dollar. The renovations have gone a long way to lifting the spirits of our residents.

Thanks to the City of Bloomington and the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County we have begun operating a computer lab for our residents. Our goal is to use technology to enhance the educational, employment, social and personal opportunities for those with the least resources.

Finally, I'd like to share with you an experience I had at the shelter. I was speaking with an elderly gentleman who suffers health problems and whose wife had recently left him. The pain of his loss was clear, and I asked him what he felt was his hardest struggle at this time. He replied, "I know I must look a little scary, with my wild hair and old clothes. But, what bothers me the most is when I walk down the street people look away from me, like I don't exist." Of course, this gentleman does exist and he is why Martha's House exists: to bring hope, shelter and a supportive environment when someone needs to begin again. I thank you all for contributing to our mission, and bringing visibility to those who are too often regarded as invisible.

Cherie Afanador, Exec. Dir., Martha's House

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community
Fundraiser Nov. 15 for Community Justice and Mediation Center November 15th, 6 - 8:30 p.m.: BreadFest at Fountain Square Mall Ballroom. Lots of delicious breads, as well as other savories and drinks. Pre-holiday silent auction will offer plenty of wonderful gift items and services for great prices! –Julia Dadds

Lost Shoe String Band Plays Benefit November 18 The Lost Shoe String Band with Rev. Bill Breeden will play from 3:50-4:50 p.m. at Players Pub on Sunday, November 18, as part of an all-day benefit for Community Kitchen.

Give Gifts That Give Twice Nov 29-Dec 1 Do your holiday shopping at a FAIR TRADE BLOOMINGTON'S festival and find unique fairly traded gifts from far reaches of the globe. Thursday, Nov. 29 at Indiana Memorial Union, Georgian Room from 11am-4pm and Friday and Saturday Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 (after you shop and work at the UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar, of course!) at University Baptist Church 11am-4pm

The Latino Programs and Outreach division of the Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department was created to serve our community's rapidly growing Latino immigrant population. Area staff serve as the liaison for the Department and for community organizations providing support to the Spanish speaking population and promoting diversity and cultures. For info:
<http://bloomington.in.gov/cfrd/latino.php>

Quarryland Men's Chorus Concert Dec 2 The Quarryland Men's Chorus's winter concert, "Home for the Holidays," will be presented Sunday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Adm \$10.
www.quarryland.org

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

Lunch With a Minister Dec 4

Join Rev. Breeden for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, December 4 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Scheduling a Meeting?

Be sure to refer to our church activity calendar online at
www.uubloomington.org.

Never give up
No matter what is going on
Never give up
Develop the heart
Too much energy in your country
is spent developing the mind
instead of the heart
Be compassionate
Not just to your friends
But to everyone
Be compassionate
Work for peace
in your heart and in the world
Work for peace
Never give up
--HH the 14th Dalai Lama



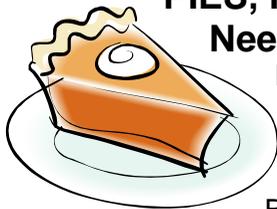
COME ONE, COME ALL to the 49th consecutive Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar!

Nov 30-Dec 1

Friday, November 30th, 10a.m. to 7p.m.
Saturday, December 1st, 9a.m. to 4p.m.
This annual event offers a chance to do some holiday shopping, have lunch or dinner at the cafe, and enjoy a festive atmosphere--all in support of our church.

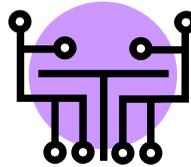
Off-site parking for Bazaar workers, artists, and visitors: Parking down the hill on Jordan Ave is permitted all day Friday and Saturday while you work or visit the Bazaar. Doing so will free up valuable spaces for our patrons, who often outnumber our parking capacity. You may also park across the Bypass in the former Church of God (now "Marching Hundred Hall") lot as well as in the paved lot off Fee Lane just south of the IU tennis courts. Many thanks to I.U. for giving this permission to us!

PIES, PIES, PIES Needed



Bakers [of pies] needed for the UUNIQUE CAFÉ at the Holiday Bazaar, November 30

and December 1. Call Diane Gregory, 334-2978 or Beth Hollingsworth, 337-9305 if you can donate a home-baked pie. Thank you.



++ THE UUNIQUE CAFÉ ++

Come dine with us at the UUNIQUE CAFE during the Holiday Bazaar

November 30 and December 1. We will be serving a scrumptious lunch on Friday, beginning at 11:00 and throughout the day. On Saturday, lunch will be served from 11:00-3:00. The menu will include our famous soups and pies prepared by great UU chefs and bakers. Friday evening from 4:00 to close, a HOMEMADE LASAGNA dinner will be served. A light breakfast will be available on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 and sold until gone. We'll see you at the UUNIQUE CAFE!!!

Diane Gregory, 334-2978 and Beth Hollingsworth, 337-9305

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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. Proceeds to Monroe County United Ministries. Info: Mary Blizzard 333-8957.



BOOKS for the Bazaar Book Sale

Book donations for the Bazaar Book Sale may be left in

Fellowship Hall. Joanna Clees, 339-1839

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Keep on Cooking and Baking

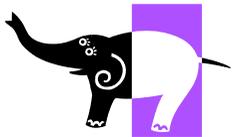
The Gourmet Galaxy is happy that a

number of people already signed up to bake and make "goodies" for the Holiday Bazaar. We still need more commitments to have enough breads, candies, jams, coffee cakes, cereal mixes, spiced nuts and other special treats to satisfy the demand.

Sign up on the easel in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Please drop off your donations on Thursday, November 29 from 4pm-8pm in Fellowship Hall; otherwise please bring them in at 9am on Friday November 30th or 8:30am on Saturday Dec 1st. Thank you, Kay Harris, Judy Bennett and Karen Cassidy, Gourmet Galaxy Co-Chairs

Persimmon pulp for sale!

Wild persimmon pulp available for holiday baking. Proceeds benefit the Bazaar. \$5.00/pint between services November 18 and November 25.



White Elephant's Trunk

Clean your closets and get rid of clutter. Bring clean

donations, in working order, to Room 108 starting Sunday, November 25th at 12:45 p.m. No computer parts or clothes. We will be in the building most of the next week so you can drop off almost any time to Room 108. Then, visit the White Elephant during the Bazaar to see your treasures come to life!

Last Call For Cookies!

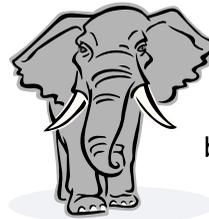
The time for serious baking has arrived!



Large cookies, small cookies, drop cookies, bar cookies--we sell them all at the ever-popular Cookie Walk table. Bring your cookies to Fellowship Hall between 4pm and 8pm

on Thursday, Nov. 29th or on Friday or Saturday morning of the Bazaar (any time after 8:00). Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring cookies but bring cookies even if you didn't sign up. Please include your name and type of cookie on the box or tin; let us know whether your cookies contain nuts. If you can't bake until Friday, that's OK. We need new cookies on Saturday morning too. Thanks in advance for your help!

--Your friendly Cookie Walk Committee (Mary Bent, Karla Kunoff, and Jane McLeod) The Cookie Walk motto: Bazaar Bakers Boast Butter in their Biscuits



How can you tell when there's an elephant under your bed? Your nose is squashed against the ceiling!

There are no elephants at the bazaar, just hard-working, fun-loving UU's who are serving soup, chopping veggies, clearing chairs from the Meeting Room or selling books. Join the fun. Find the job and time that work for you before, during and after the bazaar on Nov 30 and Dec 1. Sign up in Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday.