

# ~ The Prologue November 26, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, December 2, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**To Whom It May Concern Rev. Bill Breeden**

A consideration of the “whom” and the “it.” In remembrance of World AIDS Day, the Choir will share a selection from “A Fire in My Bones” by Phelps and Macklin.

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007 5:30PM Dinner, 6:15PM Worship**  
**Family Worship -- Hannukah: Festival of Lights Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

People of all ages are invited to come celebrate Hannukah with quietness and candles. We will reflect upon the miracles of the season both long ago and on this very night. Dinner is provided at 5:30, including a vegan option, followed by a shared clean up time and worship at 6:15. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday, December 9, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Procession of Giving: Sharing Our Gifts Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

This festive intergenerational service will celebrate the season of giving through stories, poetry, reflection, and carols. It will culminate in our annual Procession of Giving, when the congregation joins in a joyous parade of gifts for those in need in our local community and the larger world. Please bring the gift you chose from the Giving Tree (tags still available Dec. 2), your Guest at Your Table box, mittens or hats for people of any age, or a non-perishable food donation. There will be golden foil in the order of service for those who prefer to give a “Golden Gift” of money in any amount, large or small, to further the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

**Adult Religious Ed Course Proposals Invited** The Adult Religious Education Committee (ARE) invites you to propose a course offering for this coming winter or spring, 2008. Church members propose and facilitate (or co-facilitate) most of our ARE offerings, which in the past have covered a large range of topics of interest to UU members. A proposal form with guidelines are available from the ARE mailbox in the workroom, Room 204. Please return completed forms by December 7 to the ARE mailbox, or email to [are@uubloomington.org](mailto:are@uubloomington.org).

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

**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

The rains have returned, the leaves have fallen, and hopefully we have found reasons to be thankful. The next Prologue will announce the title of the sermon to be delivered by our returning co-minister, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin. Yep, that is how close it is, and we will celebrate her being with us again.

In the meantime there is work to do. Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to act on behalf of those less fortunate, and this congregation has made a practice of doing so. In the United States we have nearly 50 million people without health insurance, and here in our area we have more than our share of that number. Volunteers in Medicine has opened a free medical clinic to help relieve the suffering of many of those persons, and the Monroe County Religious Leaders have called on the churches in the area to take offerings to support that effort. The funds will be used to create an endowment fund to sustain the work of the clinic. While we continue to address the need for a national health care system that is equitable, we need to continue to assist those for whom there is no safety net. Our Board of Directors has voted to receive such an offering, and we will provide an opportunity for you to give to this important work this Sunday, December 2. Checks may be written to the UU Church with "VIM" on the memo line.

As we enter these holiday seasons, the opportunities for giving will be many and the needs will be great. One of the secrets of joyful living is in the sharing of that with which we have been blessed. I have been blessed with the

opportunity to serve a community of people with open minds, loving hearts, and helping hands. For that wonderful gift, I am eternally grateful.

Peace—bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister



## Now is the time

You may have seen the UUA's national "Now is the Time" campaign in recent issues of *Time* magazine. In so many ways, now is the time for a liberal religious voice to take on a larger role in national and world conversations. Although our congregation has enjoyed steady growth in membership and community involvement, you may be surprised to learn that nationally Unitarian Universalist numbers remain essentially unchanged since the consolidation in 1961, translating into to a smaller overall percentage of the church-going public. The UUA's campaign targets growth across a range of congregational areas. As members of the Stewardship Committee, we are excited about being a part of this "Now is the Time" conversation, and we have adopted the slogan as the theme for our pledge drive this year. Locally, we see it as our time to continue our growing presence as a spiritual home and public voice. Nationally, we see our success and talents as an opportunity to serve as a model of effective growth. In the coming months, we will be asking you to join us in this conversation. "Now is the time for \_\_\_\_\_." Help us fill in the blank.

—The Stewardship Committee



## Gift Tags and January Religious Education

Tags are still available from our Giving Tree this Sunday, December 2nd! These tags, which describe needed gifts for local families and teens, range all the way from can openers to vacuum cleaners. Please consider picking up one or two. We will gather the gifts during our Procession of Giving services on December 9. \*\*There are new tags this week with wishes from children through the Shalom Center.\*\*

If you haven't already, please sign up your child(ren) for their choice of January Intersession classes. These interest-based groups, which will REPLACE our regular Religious Education program for the month of January, will be exploring UU Family Values. We've been hearing that kids are excited to try this new format! We are still seeking a few teachers for the five-week program who might like to cook, craft, write, dramatize, or play outside with our children. Please call Emily if you would like more information about teaching or about the intersession. (333-9822)

Happy December, everyone!

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education,  
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Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of  
Religious Education  
[mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)

**Fall Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, December 9, 2007 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Room

2120 N. Fee Ln, Bloomington, Indiana

All members are encouraged to attend.

Childcare 4-5 p.m. for children under age 13.

Fundraiser dinner for Habitat to follow.

## President's Words – Nov 2007

Your Board of Directors has met monthly and responded to a plethora of issues. At the **congregational meeting on December 9 at 4:00 PM**, the Task Force on Governance will give an update and timeline. Also, there will be a report from the Courtyard Design Committee, and an update from the Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) Task Force and the Habitat for Humanity Task Force. We will also act on a Social Justice recommendation of a grant. As a fundraiser, the Habitat Task Force will be serving dinner at a reasonable cost at 5:00 PM. So, please join us. Only members may vote at the meeting, but all can enjoy the food.

Remember the Bazaar on November 30 and December 1. Thanks to ALL who worked on or purchased items. Also, mark your calendar for the Talent Auction on March 2. The committee is trying new ideas. Think about what "talent" you are willing to donate.

So much happens in our church: Membership teaches Exploring UU classes; volunteers prepare coffee and tea for social hour; volunteers "greet" at the entrances; volunteers teach the Religious Education classes; the choir continues to amaze me with fantastic music every Sunday and I could go on and on.

It is such a pleasure to serve as your president. Let me know your ideas and thoughts in person or at [pres@uubloomington.org](mailto:pres@uubloomington.org)

Jan Skinner, Congregational President

## Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sun Dec 2, 10:15-11, Room 212

Sun Dec 9, 10:15-11, Room 212

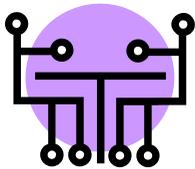


**COME ONE, COME  
ALL to the 49th  
consecutive  
Holiday Art Fair  
and Bazaar!**

**Nov 30-Dec 1**

Friday, November 30th, 10a.m. to 7p.m.  
Saturday, December 1st, 9a.m. to 4p.m.

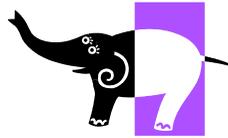
**Off-site parking for Bazaar workers, artists, and visitors:** Parking down the hill on Jordan Ave is permitted all day Friday and Saturday while you work or visit the Bazaar. Free up valuable spaces in our parking lot for our patrons. You may also park across the Bypass in the former Church of God (now "Marching Hundred Hall") lot as well as in the paved lot off Fee Lane just south of the IU tennis courts.



**++ THE UUNIQUE  
CAFÉ ++**

A HOMEMADE  
LASAGNA dinner will be  
the highlight of the Friday

evening meal. It will be served from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Lunch, featuring delicious soups and pies prepared by UU chefs and bakers will be served on Friday from 11:00 and throughout the day and Saturday 11:00-3:00. A light breakfast will be available Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 and sold until gone. Come dine with us at the UUNIQUE CAFE this weekend at the Holiday Bazaar, November 30 and December 1. Diane Gregory, 334-2978 and Beth Hollingsworth, 337-9305



**What color is the  
White Elephant's  
Trunk?**

Why, green of course: we recycle your gently-used and/or un-needed items to happy new owners! Soon-to-be treasures can be dropped off in Room 108 starting at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 25, and any time this week until Thursday evening November 29 (by Fri am we are cross-eyed & swamped with enthusiastic treasure hunters.) Donations must be clean and in working order. If you have any questions re something you would like to give, call Mitch or Helen at 337-1306.

**The Cookie Walk Needs You!**



It is not too late to bake cookies for the Cookie Walk. Bring your cookies to Fellowship Hall between 4pm and 8pm on Thursday, November 29th or any time during

the Bazaar. Nothing brings a smile to the Cookie Walk workers like a new batch of cookies. Help keep your workers happy! Many thanks, The Cookie Walk Committee (Mary Bent, Karla Kunoff, and Jane McLeod)



**Earth Tips: Give an  
experience, rather than a  
thing.** Gift certificates; tickets

to a concert, play or baseball game; homemade dinners, all save on wrapping and help create wonderful memories with family and friends. –Green Sanctuary Task Force



## 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](mailto:anhaynes@indiana.edu) or 336-3221) or Carol Parks ([pearlparks@gmail.com](mailto:pearlparks@gmail.com) or 336-1592).

## Ready to Sign the Membership 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, December 16 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) on the 2nd floor. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [stephw3@yahoo.com](mailto:stephw3@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, Dec. 12.

## Help for Wildfire Victims

If you would like to send a donation to help UUs in southern California whose lives have been affected by the recent wildfires, please send funds to:

Pacific Southwest District, Fire Relief Fund, 2052 Norma St, Oxnard, CA 93036.

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## UUs Changing the World



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

Please continue your generous contributions of food to those who are less fortunate. Current needs at the Monroe County Ministries (MCUM) Food Pantry include fruit, dried and canned; tuna, salmon, and other canned meats; canned tomatoes; and canned beans.



**PLEASE NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS.**

Thanks to everyone who supported the CROP WALK, held on October 21 to help eliminate hunger locally and world-wide. Almost \$300 was collected. A special thanks to Barb Schwegman who represented the UU Church in the 5K walk.

## Our Folks...

Congratulations to Pat Aungst on her brand new knee.

And best wishes for quick healing to Diane Port on her upcoming knee replacement surgery on December 5.

## Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, December 9, from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share joys & concerns and ideas about staying connected with our adult children.

Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, [d.j.sowell@insightbb.com](mailto:d.j.sowell@insightbb.com)

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## Women's Alliance Holds Holiday Meeting

The Women's Alliance will celebrate the coming holidays at its December 6 meeting in Fellowship Hall. Colleen Haas, a UU friend, will give a talk and demonstration entitled "Spirituality and the Drum". Colleen is a PhD candidate in ethnomusicology at IU with a specialization in music from Brazil, Africa and the African diaspora. The meeting begins with a brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. with beverages and desserts served by the hostesses Laura Campbell and Anna Wiley. The program begins at 12 noon. Members are asked to bring unwrapped gifts for Middle Way House clients. Suggested gifts include women's nightgowns, twin bed sheets, towels, and laundry items such as soap, bleach, and laundry baskets. Guests are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special program.

## Congregational Study/Action Issue

Congregational Polling for the 2008-2012 Study/Action Issue began November 15th, 2007, and ends February 1st, 2008. Two proposals have been accepted by the UUA's Commission on Social Witness (CSW) to be presented for polling:

- 1. Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice**
- 2. Nuclear Disarmament**

See for details:

<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issuesprocess/currentissues/index.shtml>

Congregational polling on these issues will take place soon. –Iris Kiesling

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## Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

### 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](http://www.quarryland.org)

### Writing Workshop Benefit Dec 15,

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: 335 S. College Ave 2nd Floor  
Women Writing for Women; Connecting our Stories. Co-Facilitated by Poet Shana Ritter and Beth Lodge-Rigal. Cost: \$55.00  
Registration Limit 16. Call Bobbie Summers At Middleway: 333-7404 ext. 223.  
100% of proceeds support programs at Middleway House.

### MLK Legacy Award Nominations

**Welcomed** The City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is soliciting nominees for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award which recognizes those who have made significant contributions in race relations, justice and/or human rights. The deadline for nominations is January 11, 2008. Nominations can be made at [www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd) or at City Hall. Info: Craig Brenner, Special Projects Coordinator, at [brennerc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennerc@bloomington.in.gov) or 349-3471.

## Three Services to be Held Christmas Eve

There will be three services here on Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Details will appear in the December 10 issue of The Prologue.

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## 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.

## Scheduling a Meeting?

Be sure to refer to our church activity calendar online at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org).

## 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](mailto: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.

## UU T-Shirts Coming Soon

The Public Relations Committee is having UU Bloomington T-Shirts printed and they will be available soon (hopefully in time for the Bazaar). These attractive shirts will be available in adult and children's sizes for a nominal fee of \$10 to cover costs and provide a fund for future public relations advertisements. Watch for them soon. --Ruellen Fessenbecker

## Attendance

Sun, Nov 18, 9:00: 120 11:15: 203 Tot: 323  
Sun, Nov 25, 9:00: 78 11:15: 163 Tot: 241

## Sunday Offering

Sun, Nov 18 non-pledge offering: \$390  
Sun, Nov 25 non-pledge offering: \$456  
Total to Martha's House: \$212