

~ The Prologue ~

January 7, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*



Sunday, January 13, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Drawing from the Sources Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden
Special Music from The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney
Music by Deborah Phelps

Join us for our annual All Music Sunday as we celebrate in word and music our liberal religious tradition. Special music composed by member Deborah Phelps will highlight the sources we draw from for inspiration as Unitarian Universalists within the living tradition we share. This music was originally planned for December 16, but was postponed due to weather conditions.

Sunday, January 20, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"A Stone of Hope" Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
"We shall hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day, we will offer reflections on Dr. King and issues which were dear to his heart. There will be special music and reflections on our Choir's visit to two state penitentiaries.

The West Window It is indeed a new year and there seem to be new winds blowing. As I recently stated in a sermon, we are always living on the cusp of history, but I am beginning to think that some moments are more cuspish than others. I encourage everyone to be awake, aware and engaged in the life of our nation in this new year. Who knows what gifts the magi have left for us? I firmly believe that this nation should mature as a secular democracy that embraces diversity, and I hope we realize that it is far more important for our political leaders to listen to reason than to listen to God. I trust the voice of an informed populace more than a shadowy manipulator behind the curtains, and I am encouraged by the indications of a renewed interest in the political process on the part of the young.

Rev. Macklin and I are happy to welcome Rev. Barbara Child as a permanent resident in Brown County. Having just served with me as our sabbatical minister, she now settles into her cabin from which she will continue to serve as a consulting minister for many UU congregations. She will also be offering an Adult Religion Education class for our congregation in March. There are many good offerings to choose from, and I encourage you to check them out. (See the enclosed ARE Prospectus).

Be well, keep this community and the grandchildren in the center of your prayers and meditations, and I hope to see you on Sunday. Peace—bill Rev. Bill Breeden

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MAM's Musings

In my sermon on January 6, I offered some reflections on Albert Einstein's quote: *The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when one contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. Never lose a holy curiosity.* In this issue of the Prologue is our Winter/Spring Adult Education Prospectus. May *holy curiosity* accompany you as you peruse this year's class offerings.

Meanwhile, I want to highlight an upcoming event. Our third annual "Longtime Member Recognition" will take place **February 17, 2008**. Two years ago we celebrated *current* members of our church who joined from 1950 through 1969. Last year we recognized and celebrated those *current* members who initially joined this congregation from 1970 through 1979. This year we plan to honor those members who initially joined this congregation from 1980 through 1989 and are current members of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Below is the compiled list of names. Please let us know if you or any congregational members were inadvertently omitted from this list:

1980: Diane and Robert Port, Dorothy and Steven Sowell;

1981: Claire Robertson, Bill Baus, Peter Schwandt;

1982: Anne Haynes, Marty Joachim, Gabriele Langdon, Loretta Godfrey;

1983: Danny and Patty Callison, Nancy Titus, Stephanie Kiesling, Carol McCord;

1984: Jim and Monica Overman, Pep Sobrer, Doris Wittenburg, Deborah Hutton, Ann Kamman;

1985: Bob DeVoe, Eleanor Hattery, Harlan Lewis, Sharon Yarber, Janice Skinner;

1986: Pat Aungst, Caroline Beebe, Carol

Hostetter, Andrea Murray, Sura Gail Tala;
1987: Carol Marks, Clarence Hawking, Christine Oster;

1988: Robin Black-Schaffer, Barbara Schwegman, Christine Bennett, Beverly and Michael Deford, Jim Dietz, Susan Rautio-Dietz, Jackie Hall, Joanne Wilhelm;

1989: Millicent Brubaker, Noretta Koertge, Dorothy Davis, Ruellen Fessenbecker, Deborah Phelps

We hope all of you will join us for our worship services on February 17th. In celebration of our dynamic liberal religious community we will recognize new members and long time members during the services. There will be special music by our choir, and a reception in Fellowship Hall, 10:15-11:00, to honor our Long Time Members.

Warmly, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Faith in Action Forum About 9/11, on Jan 13

January 13, 10:15 a.m. in the Library
"9/11: Press for Truth" The public record and unanswered questions. Discussion of video about 9/11, to generate discussion regarding the evidence that 9/11 was an inside job, and possible response to the idea that our nation stands at a critical historical juncture where the future of democracy hangs in the balance. –Chris Haynes

Our Folks...

Our thoughts of sympathy are with Byron and Hayden Bangert. Byron's mother died on December 24.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Don Bennett, who was recently hospitalized.

Best wishes for a healthy recovery to Judy Bennett who is at home after recent surgery.

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Book Signing and Gumbo with George Taliaferro - Sunday, January 13, 12:30 pm

Co-hosts Sandy and David Hill and Rev. Barbara Carlson, in collaboration with the Booktable, cordially invite you to join us for this event in Fellowship Hall. After Sam Cusack's famous Gumbo, George will read from his autobiography --"Taliaferro - Breaking Barriers from the NFL Draft to the Ivory Tower" -- recently published by Indiana University Press. George will sign books (available for sale) including those previously purchased. Gumbo and bread, or David's Scottish Potato Soup (vegetarian) will be available for \$4.00.



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:

The Union of Concerned Scientists website lists "10 Personal Solutions" for global warming. At the top of their list is the car you drive, your "most

important personal climate decision. When you buy your next car, look for the one with the best fuel economy in its class. Each gallon of gas you use is responsible for 25 pounds of heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere. Better gas mileage not only reduces global warming, but will also save you thousands of dollars at the pump over the life of the vehicle." For more, go to http://www.ucsusa.org/global_warming/solutions/ten-personal-solutions.html

On another note: the Green Sanctuary Task Force can help you recycle/properly dispose of compact fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Just bring them to our table between services.



Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

Rehearse, Sun. Jan 27th & Sun. Feb. 3rd, 10:15-11:00, Rm 207B.
Sing Sunday, Feb. 10th, end of 1st service, beginning of 2nd (meet at 9:30).
New Singers, K-8th, always welcome!
Questions? Contact Jill: 330-8829, or jcourtne@mccsc.edu

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, February 10 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room 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 by February 6.

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**Music and
Diversity
Concert
Friday, Feb 8
at 7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a unique mixture of musical styles and traditions when four vibrant music ensembles perform live at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday evening, February 8, 2007 from 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Celebrations Committee, the annual Music and Diversity Concert is an event designed to promote tolerance for all cultural beliefs and traditions through offering an enchanting evening of culturally diverse music for the larger community. Music for the concert will be provided by Delia Alexander and her vocal group AcaBella (African American and American repertoire), Colleen Haas and her group: Women of Mass Percussion (Afro-Brazilian religious and secular music) and Sheasby Matiore and the Mbira Queens and his Mutinhimira Marimba Ensemble (Traditional and popular music from Zimbabwe). This concert is free and open to the public. Invite your neighbors, friends and family for a fun night together.

**Jan. 27th Veggie Potluck
& Scott Russell
Sanders**



On Sun., Jan. 27th, the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change invites you to our first vegetarian potluck & program of 2008. The potluck will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a presentation by Scott Russell Sanders entitled "Wild and Scenic Indiana" at 6:15 pm. (See December Common Ground for details.) 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. Water will be provided. (There will be child care available upon request during the presentation- contact the Church office by Jan. 15th to request child care.) Questions? Contact Jill at jillmcourtney@gmail.com or Marcia at meadowlk@bloomington.in.us

**Inaugural Meeting of the
International Outreach Task Force
(IOTF) Tuesday, January 22, 7:00
pm in Room 210**

Do you have an interest in issues facing the developing world? Do you ever wish that you could really do something to help when you hear the many stories of tragedy and triumph from Africa and other parts of the world? Are you interested in learning about and building relationships with people from different places and cultures?

If so, join us at the inaugural meeting of the International Outreach Task Force (IOTF). The IOTF is a newly formed Social Justice Task Force created for the purpose of giving direct financial, material, and human support to a selected overseas development project agreed upon by IOTF members. The core mission of the IOTF will be to generate support for our chosen development project with the aim of bettering lives, building human bridges, and enhancing the development of cultural awareness, understanding, compassion, and Love in our congregation and community. There will surely be many laughs, tears, triumphs and setbacks along

the way. We hope that you can join us as we attempt to put our faith into action international style!
Info, contact Jason Blankenship at 765-318-8851.



UU Sources Art Show Sun. Feb. 10

Last Spring, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin asked us all to create works of

art inspired by one or more of the 6 UU sources of wisdom. On February 10th, from 3 to 5pm, we'll be holding the first UU Sources Art Show here at the church.

This is for all ages and levels of artistic talent and experience. We hope you've all been working on something, but if not, you've still got time! A list of the six UU sources is online and in our hymnal just before the first hymn. Please bring your art at 3pm on the day of the show and be ready to take it home at 5pm.

Due to security and space limitations, art will not hang in the church beyond the show. We also ask that you bring a card with the name of the work, the name of the artist(s), and any other information important to understanding how your piece relates to the source(s). Remember only visual art can be included in this show (e.g., painting, drawing, basketry, textile arts, mosaic, photography, mixed media). If you're planning to participate, please let us know (though this is not required). Also please let us know if you are able to bring cookies and/or help with serving, set-up or clean-up. Please call or mail: Ruellen Fessenbecker 837-9550 rfessenb@indiana.edu OR Cynthia Lindman Port, 331-2360 cport@epi.umaryland.edu

JANUARY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#15-HOST-MARJORIE & JOHN CROSBY
GUESTS-Joan & Rob Hongen

Cookie & Bill Lynch
Tommie & Walt Owens

#16-Host-JEAN UMIKER-SEBEOK & MARK DAY

GUESTS-Dolores Freiburger

Diann & Ted Lock
Elizabeth Lion

Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis

#17-HOST-LIBBY & BOB DE VOE

GUESTS-Lois & Rick Holl

Emily & Andy Howlik-Ritchey
B.J.Lawrance & Jan Skinner
Rita & Ray Rust

#18-HOST-JACKIE HALL & LLOYD ORR

GUESTS-Bill Baus

Ruthanne Browne
Maryann & George Cusack
Debbie Melloan-Ruiz
David Parkhurst
Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet

#19-HOST-TAMMY & ANDY ORAHOOD

GUESTS-Laura & Bob Campbell

Karen & Jack Cassidy
Paul Petersen
Diane & Bob Port
Renee Reed

#20-HOST-NANCY RICHMAN

GUESTS-Jessie & Klara Cook

Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison
Beverly McGahey

#21-HOST-SANDY & BOB TAYLOR

GUESTS-Joan Caulton & Edwin Greenbaum

Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Dixie Welch & Peter Schwandt

#22-HOST-ANN WATZEL

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Mary Andrus-Overley & Don Halford
Steve Lessman
Harriet & Dick Pfister

#23-HOST-PEGGY & JOHN WOODCOCK

GUESTS-Kathy & Craig Barton

Judy Bennett & Katherine Hopkins
Denise & Harold Ogren

Start the New Year right and make that call to Dolores-331-2611 to get your name on this list so you don't miss out any longer on the Food, Fun, Friends & Fellowship!

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UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Next Bounty-Full Sunday is February 3

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.



UU T-shirts Available at Church

T-shirts bearing a beautiful flaming chalice and the words "UU Church of Bloomington" are being offered by the Public Relations Committee. All sizes are still available in both purple and forest green. Shirts will be on sale in the Commons between services. Ruellen Fessenbecker

Our Women's Alliance Buys Six Doors For The Interfaith Build House

The Women's Alliance has been a faithful supporter of all the efforts of the Habitat for Humanity Task Force and of congregational involvement helping to provide affordable housing in Monroe County, providing both money and food for many builds and supporting the UU Women's Build team.

At their January meeting the women voted to make a \$600 contribution from Alliance funds to buy six doors for the home we will soon be building with other faith communities in Bloomington. The Habitat Task force is grateful for the generosity of the Women's Alliance.

Joan Caulton, Habitat Task Force

Denominational Affairs News

- On Sunday, January 13 during the services you will have an opportunity to vote on the next topic which the UUA and the General Assembly will likely ask us to study. Please see the ballot insert in your Order of Service.

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

We had two excellent presentations on both topics by Marcia Veldman and David Keppel on January 6. Thank you.

- Please consider representing our congregation by attending the Heartland District annual meeting in Louisville on April 5th, and/or the UUA General Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale FL June 19-23. We have been asked to make early commitments to these meetings. We have budgeted financial support for those attending. The Women's Alliance has been kind enough to make a donation. We very much appreciate that. Info 332-5224. --Iris Kiesling

The Climate Change Project

The Green Sanctuary Task Force invites you to the first in a series of interfaith climate change events on January 21 from 1 - 3 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom (3750 E. 3rd, at the corner of Smith Rd.). Leslie Webb, an engineer from The Climate Change Project, will present key findings from the recent report of the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Global Climate Change. Sponsored by the City of Bloomington, this Martin Luther King Day event will include a brief tribute to Dr. King, fun environmental activities for kids, time for discussion, and snacks and a follow-on to help us commit to specific reductions in our carbon footprints. For more information contact mhirschland@gmail.com.

Church Consultant to Visit February 1-3

Be sure to join us! We have invited large church consultant, Stephan Jonasson, to visit with us February 1-3. On Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 PM, all members and Council representatives will have a special time to talk with Rev. Jonasson. Please mark your calendars and plan to come with your comments/questions.

As we grow into a large church, there are some changes necessary. While we have grown in many areas, the one that needs to be addressed now is governance. UUA defines congregations as small, pastoral and large. We have passed the pastoral size and are in the large size. We want to be forward thinking and visioning instead of reactive. In order to do this, the Board and the Council will need to be reconfigured.

A governance committee has been working on this for over a year and gave a preliminary report at the December 4 congregational meeting.

Let's grow smarter with our new governance. –Jan Skinner, President

Attendance

Sun, Dec. 23, 9:00:	77	11:15:	152	Tot:	229
Sun, Dec. 30, 9:00:	68	11:15:	176	Tot:	244
Sun, Jan. 6, 9:00:	117	11:15:	211	Tot:	328

Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, Dec 23</i>	non-pledge offering:	\$575
<i>Sun, Dec 30</i>	non-pledge offering:	\$680
<i>Sun, Jan 6</i>	non-pledge offering:	\$614
Total to Martha's House:		\$468

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' Availability

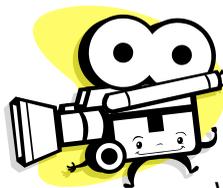
Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

On call M, W, F afternoons, and Thursdays
macklin@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays
breeden@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 360-1779

To make an appointment, please contact one of the ministers directly.



Film Series Views "Winter Light" January 12

Winter Light was Ingmar Bergman's favorite; he made it in 1962. "The film follows...[a] pastor of a small rural Swedish church as he questions the existence of God and his faith is replaced with doubt, apathy and anger." John Crosby is the presenter.
Potluck @ 6PM; movie @ 6:30PM
Saturday, January 12, in Fellowship Hall

Exploring UU Class Offered January 13 & 20

Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Then sign up for the January Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays January 13 and 20. This class is open to anyone: visitors, newcomers, long time friends. Free child care is available with advance notice. For questions, contact Libby DeVoe 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu

BULLETIN BOARD

SEEKING NOTARY to help with personal documents over next several months – compensation provided. Call Kimberly at 323-9354.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		January 2008	9 7:00pm Memb. Cmte. 7:00pm Exec Cmte 7:00pm Bazaar Cmte.	10 7:00pm UU Choir	11 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff	12 6:00pm Film Series: Winter Light
13 10:00am Forum- 9/11 Discussion 12:30pm Rainbow Rights TF 12:30pm Booksigning w/ George Taliaferro 3:00pm Exp UU 6:00pm YRUU	14 5:45pm Governance TF 6:00pm O.W.L. 7:30pm Voces Novae	15 6:45pm BCS 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	16 1:00pm Chal Cir - Holl 7:00pm UU Board	17 7:00pm Chal Cir - Bret 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Greeter Cmte. 8:30pm String Band	18 8am Ctr Beh Hlth 10:30am Lifestory 12:30pm UU Staff Holiday Party 8:00pm Fac Use	19 Choir visits two prisons
20 9:00-12:30 Getting Involved Fair 3:00pm Exp UU 6:00pm YRUU	21 Ofc closed for MLK Day 6:00pm O.W.L. 7:30pm Voces Novae	22 10:00am Prologue deadline 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's	23 6:30pm Council Dinner and meeting	24 7:00pm UU Choir	25 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm Staff Winter Retreat begins	26 9:00am UUADP Task Force 9:30am BCS Board 12:00 pm Staff Winter Retreat ends