

~ *The Prologue*

February 4, 2008 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*



Sunday, February 10, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Until Love Leaves Its High Holy Temple Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In honor of February's emphasis on shadow (Groundhog's Day) and love (Valentine's Day) we will explore the Jungian shadow and the power of love in our lives as Unitarian Universalists. Poet Maya Angelou says of love, "We, unaccustomed to courage, exiles from delight, live coiled in shells of loneliness until love leaves its high holy temple and comes into our sight to liberate us into life." A special breakfast fundraiser will be offered between services by our Rainbow Rights Task Force.

Sunday, February 17, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Listen for the Timeless

Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Join us for this service of reflection, celebration and story highlighting our congregation's new and long-time members. We will hear reflections from our ministers as well as two selected members from this year's 1980 to 1989 longtime member group, which is being highlighted this year. Our choir will offer "Peace on Earth" by Steven Sametz for our gift of music, the children's choir will sing, and a special reception will be held between services in honor of this auspicious member recognition occasion.

Faith in Action Forums About 9/11, on Feb 10 and Feb 24

Faith in Action Forums are held at 10:15 a.m. in the Library on Sundays. To schedule a faith in action forum, contact Jackie Hall at jmhall@indiana.edu.

Were the events of 9/11 orchestrated by elements with the U.S. government, in order to provide a pretext for what has followed?

February 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Library "9/11: The Myth and the Reality"

February 24, 10:00 a.m. in the Library "9/11: Discussion—What Next?"

Both forums led by Chris Haynes and Byron Bangert.

From the Ministers

As a congregation, we are thriving and growing. As a result, more folks are learning about and experiencing Unitarian Universalism in the Bloomington, Indiana, area. We believe our liberal religious community enriches the lives of those who encounter it, and its message can be lifesaving. As we grow, we are all called to learn new ways to accommodate growth as we continue to provide a message of welcome to all who enter our doors in search of a progressive spiritual community.

We are grateful for last weekend's visit from the Unitarian Universalist Association Director for Large Congregations, Stefan Jonasson. Reverend Jonasson met with our staff, lay leadership, and other participants who joined us a result of an open invitation to all. We learned that we are a healthy community, and we are moving into a 'large congregation model' in terms of our organizational structure. In the months ahead we will explore the lessons learned from Reverend Jonasson's visit, and share with you the recommendations made.

We hope that some of you, particularly staff and lay leaders, will consider attending the triennial "Conference for Large Congregations" entitled *From Perspiration to Inspiration: Spiritually Grounded Leadership for Large Congregations*. The conference will be held in Louisville, KY from March 13th through 16th, 2008. For more information on cost, program and accommodations please contact our Church Administrator Carol Marks admin@uubloomington.org) 332-3695, one of us/the ministers (breeden@uubloomington.org or

macklin@uubloomington.org) , or the President of the Congregation, Jan Skinner, pres@uubloomington.org. You can also access the conference web-site at <http://www.uua.org/events> and go to large congregations 2008.

As more people become involved in our congregational community we naturally become more intentional regarding our ministry and care for the various age cohorts, from the very young to our older members. On the morning of February 23 from 9am to 12pm we will host a workshop which will address our ministry to our wise elders. We will explore such questions as: What is the ministry of our congregation to our elders? How do we care for each other along the way? How do we covenant together regarding responsibilities for one another as we age? We hope many of you can join us for this important gathering.

In the faith, MAM and Bill
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and
Reverend Bill Breeden



UU Youth Choir! 5th - 12th Grade Singers Wanted

We are looking for 5th-12th grade singers to sing a piece (one part of a larger work by Faure which will be performed by the adult choir) for Commitment Sunday on April 6th. Practices will take place on Sundays (either mornings or evenings, schedule TBA) during the month prior to the performance. If interested, please contact Jill Courtney at jcourtne@mccsc.edu or 330-8829 by Feb. 22nd.

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Program

There are three different Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education classes happening at church on Monday evenings. OWL is a positive, comprehensive, age-appropriate curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association in partnership with the United Church of Christ. We are committed to making this program available to all of our children and youth on a regular basis and we continue to work on getting more adults trained as facilitators in order to do so.

There are five programs in the OWL series; currently we are offering the beginning level to our first and second graders. There was so much interest in the program that we have two classes running concurrently, one for first grade and one for second grade. Phil Cooper, Kim Sackmann, Mary Mahern, Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and I are teaching the classes.

Currently Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff are teaching Middle School OWL to our 7th through 9th grade youth. This in-depth program is designed to give youth accurate information, develop self esteem, understand relationships and responsibilities to others, and develop interpersonal and decision making skills. The emphasis on valuing diversity and its basis on UU values sets this curriculum apart from what children learn at school and through the media about sexuality.

Next year we plan to offer OWL to First Graders, 5th & 6th graders, and 7th & 8th graders.

–Cindy Port, Dir. of Religious Education

Thank You from Stepping

Stones Stepping Stones residents made a video on You Tube to say thank you for all the wonderful Christmas gifts they received. They really appreciated all the useful items for their apartments - and their apartments look better too! And I want to send a big thank you to everyone who participated and coordinated it! Our UU community has been a blessing to Stepping Stones since its inception. Here's the site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZ3CVXBQQt8> (Hint: you may need to let it run through one time to load and then you can watch it without it freezing up in places).
--Sheri Benham

Top Reasons to be a Greeter

... No extra driving Serve on Sundays when you are coming to church anyway.

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... Great benefits You make a difference to visitors and the congregation.

Greeter/welcomer training Wednesday, February 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Join us! Libby DeVoe 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu

Chat with Our Ministers and New Members -- Leapyear Potluck Feb 29!

Wave goodbye to February at an all-congregational potluck supper on Friday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New members and ministerial sabbaticals will be the focus of the evening. Reverend Macklin will reflect on her recently completed sabbatical and Reverend Breeden will share preliminary ideas for his late-2009 sabbatical. Our newest members will be special guests (and get to ask the first questions). Everyone is invited—new members, recent visitors, long-time members. Bring a dish to share. Child care will be provided after supper, from 7 to 8 p.m.



New Name Tags Coming Feb. 17!

This Sunday, February 10th, you will see our new name tags being sported by members of the Board and the Name Tag Committee. Notice that the new tags are: ...easier to read ...larger print, black on white ...fabric friendly ...attached by a clip rather than a pin ...versatile ...can be clipped or worn around the neck on a lanyard (We'll have some lanyards available.) Please take your current name tag home on the 10th and be ready on the 17th to initiate your new one. The new tags will be alphabetized in boxes on the 17th and subsequent Sundays in the Commons, where friendly people will offer assistance if needed. If you do not plan to attend church on the 10th, your old tag will be collected before the 17th and placed in a box for you to pick up at a later

time. We thank Peter Schwandt, with assistance from Walt Owens, for making the wonderful new name tag rack located at the front door. You can decide whether to clip your tag on that rack or place it in the rack at the courtyard entrance. We look forward to our clearer, more user-friendly name tags. -- Denise Ogren, for The Name Tag Committee



Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

Join us as the UU Children's Choir begins a new set of rehearsals for our next singing opportunity in church. New and returning singers always welcome! The schedule is as follows: 2/10: 10:15-11:00am Rm 210
2/17: SING @ end of 1st service and beginning of 2nd. Meet at 9:30 in 212
Questions? Contact Jill @ jcourtne@mccsc.edu or 330-8829



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).

Our Folks...

Our thoughts are with Joan Bennett and her family; Don Bennett passed away on January 25, and a memorial service was held here for him on February 2.

Our wishes of comfort are also with the family of Dave Crane and Kevin Rottet. Dave's mom Icey Crane passed away on January 24.

Many blessings to Kevin Gill and Madeline Rivera-Gill upon the birth on January 7 of daughter Maya, who joins her brother Elijah at home.

Kitty and Eric McIntosh are so happy to announce the arrival of Stephanie Nicole McIntosh. She was born on January 21. They are anxiously awaiting her exit from the hospital! Stephanie will join her siblings Mandy and Matt at home.

Congratulations to Dr. Jean Creek, who was saluted recently by Bloomington Hospital for his volunteer work with Volunteers in Medicine.



Veggie Potluck News

Thanks to all who attended our January Vegetarian Potluck. We had over 85 people at the potluck, and over 150 in attendance to

hear Scott Russell Sanders speak about Wild & Scenic Indiana! It was fantastic food and an outstanding presentation-- special thanks to Scott for his time with us. Our next Veggie Potluck event will be on Sunday, April 27th-- save the date! Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.

FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#24-HOST- PAT AUNGST

GUESTS-Bob & Libby DeVoe,

Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr, Diann & Ted Lock

#25-HOST- MARYANN & GEORGE CUSACK

GUESTS-Bill Baus

Donald Halford & Mary Andrus-Overley

Jean Knowlton, Velma Harrison

Tommie & Walt Owens

#26-HOST- CRAIG & KATHY BARTON

GUESTS-Jack & Karen Cassidy

Kevin Rottet & Dave Crane

Bob & Sandy Taylor

Ann Watzel

#27-HOST- ANDY & EMILY HOULIK-RITCHEY

GUESTS-Mark Day & Jean Umiker-Sebeok

Harold & Denise Ogren

Andy & Tammy Orahood

Nancy Richman

Carol Sandberg

#28-HOST - DEBBIE MELLOAN

GUESTS-Ruthanne Browne

Judy Bennett, Katherine Hopkins

B.J.Lawrance, Jan Skinner

#29-HOST- DAVID PARKHURST

GUESTS-Joan Caulton & Edwin Greenebaum

Marjorie & John Crosby

Dolores Freiburger

Paul Petersen

Harriet & Dick Pfister

Renee Reed

John & Peggy Woodcock

#30-HOST- DIANE & BOB PORT

GUESTS-Cathy & Dick Hiatt

Steve Lessmann

Cookie & Bill Lynch

Alison Williams

#31-HOST- PETER SCHWANDT & DIXIE WELCH

GUESTS-Bob & Laura Campbell

Jessie Cook, Klara Cook

Lois & Rick Holl

Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis

#32-HOST-ELIZABETH LION

GUESTS-Joan & Rob Hongen

Beverly McGahey

Ray & Rita Rust

We are pleased to welcome several Newcomers. This is a good program for new people to get closer acquainted with your fellow members. It's never too late to join. Call Dolores-331-2611

UUs Changing the World



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



Current needs at the Monroe County Ministries (MCUM) Food Pantry include: Cornbread/baking mixes; canned and dried fruit; dried/boxed potatoes; soups; and canned pasta meals
Please, NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS.

Eldercare Workshop Here Feb. 23

Everyone is welcome to our Eldercare Workshop to be held on Sat. Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come early at 8:30 for bagels, coffee, etc. Our workshop will be facilitated by Rev. Ester Hurlburt, UU minister from Lexington, Kentucky. She will guide us in a discussion of our ministry to our wise elders in our congregation. This will be a forum for church leaders, Women's Alliance, elders in our church, families with eldercare responsibilities, and all others who care about our ministry to our elders. Please register by calling or emailing the church Office, office@uubloomington.org, 332-3695. This workshop is sponsored by the Caring Committee.

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



Apollo's Fire: Clean Energy Economy

Thank you to Dick Stumpner for donating the book Apollo's Fire to the congregation via the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change. The book will be available in the church library soon. Apollo's Fire, by Representative Jay Inslee of Washington state and Bracken Hendricks, a Senior Fellow with American Progress. The book is subtitled "Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy" and has been called "a brilliant, inspiring book on the need to set goals and find future solutions to achieve clean, efficient energy." (Helen Thomas, Hearst Newspapers columnist.) The book's website at www.apollosfire.net has a blog, news and reviews, a short video about the book and a link to read the first chapter. In addition, there are many postings by individuals around the country telling their personal stories of combating climate change. Robert Redford calls it a book "for those of you who want to move beyond the doom and gloom of the global warming dialogue."

Attendance

Sun, Jan 27, 9:00:	103	11:15:	192	
RE: 9:00:	43,	11:15:	77	Total: 415
Sun, Feb. 3, 9:00:	102	11:15:	192	
RE: 9:00:	51,	11:15:	85	Total: 430

Sunday Offering

Sun, Jan 27	non-pledge offering:	\$456
Sun, Feb 3	non-pledge offering:	\$441
Total to Martha's House:		\$224

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

Family To Family Mental Illness Education Program Starts March 4

A series of 12 weekly classes structured to help care givers understand and support individuals with serious mental illnesses is being offered by the Bloomington Affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Taught by trained volunteers. Classes are scheduled to begin Tuesday evening, March 4, and will be held each Tuesday at the Center for Behavioral Health. Class size is limited and it is necessary to pre-enroll. Call Al or Lee Strickholm at (812) 339-5440 or email leestrick@aol.com for information and to reserve a place in the upcoming class. The class is free of charge, funded by a grant from the Indiana Department of Mental Health.

Step Up to Fight Homelessness Apr 6

On April 6, 2008, hundreds of Bloomington residents will again take part in the 5K Homeward Bound Walk and help raise funds for local agencies providing services to fight homelessness. Middle Way House is one of 13 agencies benefiting from the walk. Nancy Richman is seeking volunteers to form walk teams and raise funds designated specifically for Middle Way House. Info: Nancy Richman: 812-322-1335 or nrichman@indiana.edu.

Carrie Newcomer February 9

Quaker songwriter/activist Carrie Newcomer, a friend of our congregation, will perform on February 9 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre, celebrating the release of her new album on Rounder Records, "The Geography of Light."

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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.

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.

David Hill To Speak To Women's Alliance Feb. 7

David Hill, a member of our congregation, will speak on "Using Microbiology to Slow Climate Change" on Thursday, February 7 at the Women's Alliance. He will discuss the impact on our planet of weather patterns, ice melt, and species loss and migration. David also will describe how his company works on a daily basis to slow the effects of greenhouse gases. The brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Beverages and desserts provided by hostesses Beth Hollingsworth and Diane Gregory. The program begins at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and learn more about important current environmental issues.

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Return Service Requested



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February 2008	6 1:00pm Chal Cir - 5:30pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Family Worship 7:00pm Membership Committee	7 11:30am Women's Alliance 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Living Simply w/Children 8:30pm String Band	8 10:30am Lifestory 12:30pm UU Super Staff 7:30pm Diversity of Music Concert	9 1:30pm Fac. Use 6:00pm Film Series "Casablanca" 6:30pm YUUMS/OWL Lock- in
10 10:00am Forum on 9/11 10:00am Fundrsr Breakfast 10:00am Habitat Task Force 10:30am Memb Book Signing 12:30pm Shaping Our Future Together 12:30pm Rainbow Rights TF 3:00pm Six Sources Art Show 6:00pm YRUU	11 6:00pm OWL (7&8) 6:30pm Chalice Circle Facilitators 6:30pm 1&2 OWL 6:30pm 1&2 OWL 6:45pm Stewardship Commi 7:30pm Voces Novae	12 6:30pm Chalice Circle Facilitators 6:30pm Ctyd Cmte & Exec Cmte 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	13 7:00pm Executive Cmte.	14 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Closing of the Western Mind	15 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 5:00pm Campus Ministry Movie Night	16 9:00am BCS Makeup Rehear 1:00pm UU Choir 1:30pm Facilities Use
17 9 & 11:15am Longtime Member Recognition 12:15pm Parent Talk 2:00pm A Year to Live (A.R.E.) 3:30pm YUUMS- Volunteer at Soup Bowl 6:00pm YRUU	18 10:00am Prologue Deadline 6:00pm O.W.L. 6:30pm 1&2 OWL 6:30pm 1&2 OWL 7:30pm Voces Novae 7:30pm Green Sanctuary TF: Low Carbon Diet	19 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	20 1:00pm Chal Cir - 7:00pm UU Board	21 6:30pm Neighboring Faiths 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Lvg Simply w. Children 7:00pm Chal Cir 8:30pm String Band	22 6:30am Ctr Beh Hlth 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 7:15pm Neighboring Faiths (at Beth Shalom synagogue)	23 9-12n Eldercare Workshop 9:30am BCS Board 2:30pm Facilities Use



Casablanca – Sat. Feb. 9

"You must remember this!"
"Round up the usual suspects!"
Come on Saturday, February 9 to enjoy a potluck in Fellowship Hall at

6PM and a seminal American movie at 6:30! CASABLANCA is the classic love story of WWII.



Six Sources Art Show: This Coming Sunday, Feb. 10

Last Spring Reverend Macklin asked us all to create works of art

inspired by one or more of the six UU sources of wisdom. This Sunday, February 10th from 3 to 5pm, we'll be holding the Six UU Sources Art Show here at the church.

Final Reminders:

- all ages and experience welcome
- Bring your art to the church at 3:00 p.m. Sun. Feb 10
- Stay to view the art and enjoy a light snack
- Take your art home at 5:00 p.m.

Also, contact Ruellen or Cynthia to let us know how many artists to expect.

rfessenb@indiana.edu 837-9550,
cport@epi.umaryland.edu 331-2360

All-Church Retreat May 9-10

Save the Date- May 9th-10th!

The 2nd Annual Earth-Celebrational, All-Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat will take place on May 9th-10th, 2008. This overnight retreat is an opportunity for fun & fellowship, workshops & play. Mark your calendar, and watch the Prologue for details! Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.

A Poem from Our Staff Retreat

Our core staff was on retreat in Brown County January 25-26, and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite led us in a team poetry exercise that gave birth to the following poem. The writing prompt was "Birds."

Above it all
eagle looks down
skimming the air
Small and large
adaptable flying survivors
come to birdfeeders
Songs awaken me
an erratic chorus
winging it, mostly
Scratching the snow
my mysterious migrators
featherweight messengers aloft
Watch the road
emus in America
descendants of dinosaurs
Patient wire sitting
Sing mightily, hoping
Owl at window.



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 here in our Meeting room on Friday evening, February 8, from 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. Performers include 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 Matiure and the Mbira Queens as well as his Mutinhimira Marimba Ensemble (Traditional and popular music from Zimbabwe). This concert is free and open to the public. Don't miss it!

Additional Space Available in "A Year to Live" Feb. 17

"A Year to Live," an adult education class facilitated by Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, has changed location. It will now take place in Fellowship Hall at its scheduled time of 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 17th. This change of venue will allow additional participants to attend. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance.

Fragrance Sensitivity: Please Note--

Several members of our congregation and staff are quite allergic to artificial and floral fragrances, and would greatly appreciate it if everyone attending on Sunday mornings would refrain from wearing heavy perfumes to church. Many thanks!

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