

~ The Prologue ~

April 14, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Welcoming Congregation since 1995

Green Sanctuary since 2007



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

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

Earth Day--An Intergenerational Celebration Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

People of all ages are invited for stories, songs, and a celebration of our wonderful home planet as we think together about ways of responding to the sacred call to care for the earth. Please plan to stay for our Earth Fair (after each service) where you can receive a free native tree and get information about ways YOU can make a difference for the planet.

Sunday, April 27, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Most Radical Words of Jesus Reverend Bill Breeden

Radicalism is, of course, relative to the times in which it appears, but I will reflect upon some words of Jesus which I find most abrasive to the smooth skin of a spin-doctored nation.

Faith In Action Forum: Sunday, April 20, 10:15 a.m.

LABELING AND GENDER Are you a "real" woman, a "real" man, straight, gay, lesbian, queer, transgender, bisexual, transsexual, intersex, questioning, femme, butch, gender normative, gender variant, or? What defines us? What defines our gender? How do we label ourselves and how are we labeled by others? How are we labeled by how we dress or act, or how feminine or masculine we are perceived? Come to this forum in the Library for a lively discussion about labels and gender provided by the Rainbow Rights Task Force.

Official Notice of Congregational Meeting

April 20, 5:30 p.m.

A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. to approve Bylaws changes related to our proposed changes in church governance. All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided, and supper will follow the meeting. Proposed Bylaws changes were published in the March 31 issue of the Prologue.

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MAM's Musings

Hey folks, REGISTER NOW. The Green Sanctuary Force on Global Climate Change has proudly proclaimed that the **Earth Celebrational All Congregational Inter-generational UU Retreat** will take place Friday May 9th 5pm through Saturday May 10th 5pm.

On Friday evening, we will dine together, have arrival activities, and then Reverend Breeden and I (Reverend Macklin) will be joined by singer-songwriter Beth Lodge-Rigal for an outdoor worship. This will be followed by two great opportunities: Family Dances of Universal Peace led by Sura Tala or Campfire Singing and Stories. Cool!

Plus, I just got the inside scoop on the *Saturday workshops* which will include: *cooperative games, *low ropes course, *high ropes course (climbing tower), *canoeing, *nature hikes, *yoga (Debby Harris), *organic gardening (Michael Simmons), *Inconvenient Truth workshop (Vic Kelson who attended the Al Gore training), wildflower hike (Lucille Bertuccio), carbon cycle and composting (David Hill), bird walk and bike commuting workshop (Steve Cotter), nature mandalas (Reverend Emily Manvel Leite), earth social justice for children (Stephanie Kimball), and a few more to be confirmed.

This overnight retreat is a time for us to gather as an intergenerational community, celebrate the earth, and learn ways to bring healing to this spinning blue green planet we call home. The camp's registration fee is based on the accommodations you choose, either an adult bunkhouse cabin (gender specific, intergenerational, adult) or a campsite for tents for the more adventurous. Bunkhouse accommodations are \$60 per individual or \$215 per family. Register on April 20 or April 27. Campsites for tents are \$50 per individual or \$205 per family. If you need financial assistance, there are volunteer *partial* scholarships available. Please contact me,

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, for scholarship information: 332-3695 or Macklin@uubloomington.org.

I hope many of you can join us to play, learn and celebrate at this retreat. Remember, the congregation that plays together, stays together. Really! There's neurological evidence that affirms this assertion ☺

In the faith, Mary Ann
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

Our annual pledge drive is wrapping up, and I encourage you to get on board with your pledge if you have yet to do so. We are well on our way to making this drive our best yet, and I really believe that you will want to be a part of it. Reverend Macklin and I continue to be inspired by the commitment of this community to making a difference in the world, proclaiming a gospel of tolerance, diversity and respect for all of life. Our annual pledge campaign is an important part of that commitment. Thank you for caring.

This Sunday, April 20th, at 5:30 p.m. there will be an important congregational meeting to address some changes necessary to facilitate more efficient management of the ministry of our church. Size makes a difference and we are growing. After a year of study and consultation, the board has submitted some minimal changes to our by-laws. The congregation must approve these changes in order for us to move forward. We need a quorum and we need you. There will be a dinner served following the meeting. Come in and vote, and then have a meal together. It will be fun. In the meantime, enjoy the beauty of spring, and let me know if you find any mushrooms.

Peace--bill
Reverend Bill Breeden

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Earth Day Intergenerational Services: Sunday April 20th, 9am and 11:15am

On April 20, Rev. Emily Manvel Leite will lead us in a worship

designed for all ages. Intergenerational Worship happens four times a year, when Religious Education classes are not offered and children are encouraged to sit with their parents as we worship together. Childcare for our youngest children is provided as usual.

May Day Eve Picnic and May Pole Dance Family Worship: Wednesday April 30th 5:30pm Dinner, 6:15PM Worship



We will welcome May with a picnic, food provided, and a traditional May Pole Dance to music from the Heartland String Band. Professional dance

instructor and caller Tamara

Lowenthal will teach a dance that anyone can do. Participants are invited to wear their spring finery. Start out the evening with a picnic, food provided, including veggie burgers and hot dogs, \$1 donation per person suggested. Bring a table cloth or blanket if you have one; the picnic will take place indoors if necessary.

2008-2009 RE Teacher Recruitment

Started Want to make a difference in the lives of children in our community and learn more about World Religions or Unitarian

Universalism? With our increase in attendance and programming we

may **need as many as 86 RE teachers and advisors** for

2008-2009. We make

teaching easy by forming teaching teams of three so that most teachers

lead teach 5 times, assistant

teach 5 times and have 7 Sundays 'off' a semester. New teachers are supported by staff



and mentored by experienced teachers.

Volunteers report that they enjoy the experience and benefit from the connections they form with our children and youth.

Thankfully we have folks like Alan Paton, Kim Sackmann, Glenda Breeden, Matthias Weber and Sandy Pate who continue to teach for us semester after semester. If you are interested in joining a teaching team or substitute teaching in RE, please contact Cindy Port or a member of the RE committee including chairs Charlotte Appel and Kitty McIntosh.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education

Earth Note on The Bottled Water Dilemma

Clearly, drinking plenty of water is an important part of healthy living. But the waters get murky when you learn more about the environmental impacts of the bottled water industry. Consider that:

- 1) Millions of tons of plastic are used to bottle billions of liters of water each year.
- 2) The energy required to manufacture and transport these bottles to market severely drains limited fossil fuels.
- 3) Bottled water is expensive when compared to the cost of tap water.
- 4) A vast majority of bottles are not recycled, and wind up in landfills.

What to do? Fill up reusable water bottles.

Learn about local water quality (report available from your water utility) and if you're not comfortable with your tap water, consider installing a water filter. Sources of info:

www.allaboutwater.org,

www.nrdc.org/water/drinking/gfilters.asp, Earth

Policy Institute, www.nsf.org,

www.foodandwaterwatch.org

-Green Sanctuary Task Force

Veggie Potluck and Water Supplies Discussion-- April 27th

Join us on Sun., April 27th for our next Vegetarian Potluck, followed by a panel discussion on the relationship of water and climate change. Potluck at 5:00 p.m. and panel discussion at 6:15pm. 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. *NEW*-- In effort to set healthy planet habits, we request that you bring your own table setting (reusable plates, utensils, cups, etc.); we will still have plates & utensils for those who need them. Water will be



provided. (Child care available during the discussion if requested by April 17th, admin@uubloomington.org) Climate change will have profound effects on water supplies around the world.

Receding glaciers, changes in rainfall patterns, and increased frequency of flood and drought may cause significant changes to natural ecosystems, food supplies, and global water supplies. The panel will introduce the international trends and impacts on water supplies, but the primary focus will be the Midwestern US, especially Indiana and Illinois. What should local and state government do to manage water supplies over the long term? What can citizens do to conserve? Panel will include Vic Kelson, Jack Wittman, and Dan Haddock. Info? Contact Jill at jillmccourtney@gmail.com or Marcia at meadowlk@bloomington.in.us

Faith in Action Forums

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.

Adult Religious Education Invites Course Proposals

Part of the life of our church is Adult Religious Education (ARE). Church members propose and facilitate (or co-facilitate) most of our ARE offerings, which can cover a wide range of topics of interest to UU members.

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an ARE offering for this coming summer 2008. A proposal form is available from the ARE box in the workroom, from the church office, or electronically from me (devoe@indiana.edu). Return completed forms by April 28 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to devoe@indiana.edu. The committee will review all proposals in May. View the current ARE prospectus on the bulletin board in the Courtyard Entrance, or http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/ARE_JanMayProspectus08.pdf.

Bob DeVoe, Chair, Adult Religious Education

Raw Food Formula for Health Seminar April 23 co-sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change and Bloomingsfoods.

It's been over three years since raw foods chef and educator Paul Nison has been to town – join him as he returns for a delicious raw dinner and informative lecture Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$35 and includes lecture and dinner. Register by April 18 by calling Jean Kautt at 812-339-4442, ext. 204 or memberservices@bloomingsfoods.coop.

Talent Auction Nets \$11,000! Many thanks to all who participated in the Talent Auction!

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Why improve the building and courtyard area?

- The windows and doors in Fellowship Hall are old and need to be replaced.
- There are drainage problems in the courtyard and under the Religious Education wing.
- Accessibility to the building and courtyard could be improved.
- Newcomers and visitors are unsure of which door to enter and how to find the Meeting Room when they do.
- It would be optimal to have 12 inches of mulch under our playground equipment; fencing could be aesthetically pleasing and functional.
- There are few places to sit outside; the space is not set up for outdoor picnics, concerts, rituals or worship.
- We waste a lot of energy with inefficient windows and doors.



IMAGINE...

A courtyard and building that is a reflection of our values and our vibrant community, one that brings people together and allows us to

celebrate as one congregation. Imagine a courtyard that is accessible, that leads to a welcoming entrance, instills a sense of community and allows us to be together in nature. Imagine an energy efficient Fellowship Hall that can be darkened during daylight hours to allow for audiovisual presentations and can easily be expanded

into the outdoors for picnics and outdoor concerts, discussions or ritual. If you would like to help make this vision a reality, or have any questions or comments, please contact Cynthia Lindman Port, cport@epi.umaryland.edu.

Coffee Anyone? Join the Java Crew!

The "java crew" volunteers make our coffee and tea on Sunday mornings and a new sign-up sheet is now posted in the kitchen near the coffeemakers. Take a moment on Sunday morning to check it out. The current sheet is for the Sundays through May 25, but a space is included for opportunities into the future. If you want to e-mail your choices to Dixie Welch, she'll post those on the sheet for you: deejaywelch@att.net

If you would like to help but have not had training on the coffeemaker and dishwasher, Peter Schwandt and Dixie will arrange a Java crew class. Call 339-1075 or e-mail Dixie to sign-up for the class.

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, April 20 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Rm 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 no later than Wednesday, April 16.

Bulletin Board

SUMMER HOUSE SITTER AVAILABLE - New IU grad student wants to house sit this summer, starting in May. Enjoys plants and animals. Call Al or Lee Strickholm at 339-5440.

UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED



**OUR HUNGRY
NEIGHBORS**

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NEIGHBORS**

**Next Bounty-Full Sunday is
May 4**

Current
needs are
soups,



canned meat, including
salmon, jelly, honey, syrup and canned pasta
meals. No outdated products, please.

UU Seder April 21, Tickets Available April 20

The UU Seder will be held on Monday April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The dinner includes the celebratory foods and a chicken dinner with vegetarian option. Please join us for this traditional but not Kosher Passover feast which also includes Matzo ball soup and Redbud salad. Tickets will be on sale in the Commons after the services on Sunday April 20. Adults \$8 and children \$4. You can also reserve a place by calling Ruellen Fessenbecker 837-9550 or e-mail

rfessenb@indiana.edu. There are a few places available at no charge to those who are willing to help clean up after the dinner. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Green Sanctuary Task Force Clothing Swap May 24

Have you ever thought about how much energy it takes to grow cotton, ship it to China (India, Mexico, Sri Lanka....), have it manufactured into clothing, ship it to the US and finally to a store near you? All these greenhouse gases while so many clothes sit in our closets unused! Bring your unneeded men's, women's or children's clothing (clean, and in wearable condition please!) to the

Clothing Swap on Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, then "shop" for whatever you can use. No money exchanged! Info, contact Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com. Live Green, Make the Connection!

Deb Hutton to Speak at Women's Alliance May 1

Deb Hutton, church member and staff member at the IU Center for the Study of Global Change, is the speaker at the May 1, 2008 meeting of the Women's Alliance. Her topic is "Global Perspectives at Work and at Church". This is the annual salad luncheon and members are asked to bring a salad for four to share. Beverages and a side dish will be provided by the hostesses, the current Alliance officers. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and the program starts at 12 noon. Officers for next year will be elected at the business meeting following the program. Visitors are welcome.

Upcoming Children's Choir Schedule:

Sun. May 4th- 10:15-11:00am Rm 212
Sun. May 11th - 10:15-11:00am Rm 212
Sun. May 18th- Meet at 9:30am in Rm 212,
Sing @ end of 1st service & beginning of
2nd service

New Singers, grades K-8, always welcome!
This will be our last set of rehearsals
until August. Contact: Jill Courtney,
jcourtne@mccsc.edu

Attendance

Sun, Apr 6, 9:00:	191	11:15:	263	
RE: 9:00:	44,	11:15	75	Total: 563
Sun, Apr. 13, 9:00:	88	11:15:	192	
RE: 9:00:	30,	11:15:	63	Total: 373

Sunday Offering

Sun, Apr 6 non-pledge offering:	\$769
Sun, Apr 13 non-pledge offering:	\$463
Total to Martha's House:	\$308

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community “Home Construction and Remodeling for Energy Conservation” April 21

Cut the Carbon - and Your Energy Bills, Too!
Monday, April 21, 7-9 p.m., at Bloomington
Convention Center (Cook West Room), 302 S.
College Ave. Presenter Bob Geswein from the
Harrison County REMC provides practical
information on how to cut energy use from
heating and cooling buildings. The seminar is free
and open to the public. Contact: Marcia Veldman,
Earth Care, 812-988-4956. *Presented in part by
Earth Care - Bloomington's Interfaith Group for
the Environment*

“Building Green” Film Festival Apr 26, May 3

Saturday April 26, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 3, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monroe County Public Library Auditorium
The “Building Green” film festival shows how we
can transform our world, proving that green
buildings make good business sense. Free and
open to the public. Contact: Amanda Shaw, 812-
339-0646. Sponsored in part by Earth Care

End of Life Choices is a workshop presented by
Diane Kondrat for Compassion and Choices of
Indiana and will take place here in Fellowship Hall
at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Info 334-1129.

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

All-Church Retreat May 9-10 REGISTER NOW, FOLKS!



The Earth Celebrational All
Congregational
Intergenerational UU
Retreat is on the horizon.

There are TWO SUNDAYS left for
registration, April 20th and April 27th. Your
early registration helps us plan for this event.
Please register soon. Contact Ruth Ann
Cooper, racsings@insightbb.com for
registration information. Please see
Reverend Macklin's column,
MAM's Musings (page 2), for details.

Lunch with a Minister Join Rev. Bill
Breeden for a brown bag lunch in Fellowship
Hall on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon.

Our Folks...

Our thoughts are with Barb and Alan
Backler and their family; Barb's mother
passed away in early April.

Our thoughts are also with Dee and Paul
Lane who are dealing with health challenges
at home. Cards are most welcome.

Our healing thoughts are with Wayne
Mitter, who is recuperating at Meadowood
Health Pavilion after a recent hospitalization.

Chalice Circle Collects School Supplies in

May Rick and Lois Holl's Chalice Circle is
collecting the following school supplies to
help Teachers' Warehouse: No. 2 pencils,
pens, crayons, rulers, pocket folders, spiral
notebooks, markers, yarn, craft materials.
Bring to church on May 4 or May 11, and
place in the box near the social justice table.

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TIME VALUE! Please deliver by April 16

Return Service Requested



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 2008	16 1:00pm Chal Cir 7:00pm UU Board	17 6:30pm Neighboring Faiths 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Chal Cir	18 6:30am Ctr Beh Hlth 10:00am Homeschool Group 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 6:00pm Earth Kin and Green Sanct.	19
20 9:45am Neighboring Faiths 10:00am Forum on Labeling 10:30am Membership Book Signing 2:00pm Recital 5:30pm Congregational Mtg 6:00pm YRUU	21 6:30pm UU Seder 7:30pm Voces Novae	22 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	23 6:00pm Green Sanctuary TF 6:30pm Earth Kin 7:00pm Buddhism (ARE)	24 6:30pm Neighboring Faiths 6:45pm Bloomington Chamber Singers 7:00pm UU Choir	25 10:00am Homeschool Group 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 4:00pm Recitals	26 9:00am Bloomington Chamb 9:30am BCS Board 1:30pm Compassion and Choices 2:00pm Recitals
27 10:00am RE Teacher Breakfst 12:30pm Playground Mainte 12:45pm Shaping Our Future Together 2:00pm CCMA 5:00pm Veggie Potluck 6:00pm YUUMS 6:00pm YRUU	28 10:00am Prologue Deadline 6:30pm Nominating Cmte. 7:30pm Voces Novae	29 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	30 5:30pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Family Worship 6:30pm Facilities Use			

Calendar is also available on our website: <http://www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php>