

~ The Prologue

July 21, 2008 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World



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

Poets for Peace

Reverend Bill Breeden

Sharing the words of poets and reflecting on the possibility and the promise of peace. We will be joined by some of the poetic voices of our community. The Bloomington Chamber Singers will bring the gift of music.

Sunday, August 3, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Whoops! The Awakened Mistakened

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

How do we allow our lives to be a work in process? How do we embrace the imperfection of our lives? What role do mistakes play in our spiritual journey, and how do we awaken to them as part of that journey? These questions and others will be explored in this worship service. We will also celebrate our district Chalice Lighter program as part of the service. Special music will be provided by Beverly McGahey, piano; Susan Taxman, viola; Bob Broemel, clarinet.



Next Veggie Potluck July 27

Sunday, July 27th, 6:00pm. Bryan Park, North Shelter. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share (no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry; dairy and egg products ok; vegan dishes welcome, too) and a recipe/label for your dish, your own reusable, non-disposable place settings. Jason Wilbur in concert from 6:30-8pm. Info, Jill at jillmccourtney@gmail.com
--Green Sanctuary Task Force

Lughnassad Harvest Festival with Earthkin Pagan Group, Aug 1 – See Page 4.



Water Service is August 17

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures to our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Sunday, August 17. The new fall term for children's Religious Education also begins August 17.

MAM's Musings

I departed early Sunday morning, July 20th for our Unitarian Universalist Midwest Leadership School in Beloit, Wisconsin. I will be the chaplain for this week, which is created to heighten one's understanding and ability to navigate group process while developing leadership tools and skills as a Unitarian Universalist.

According to the brochure, "this is an extremely intense week of workshops, discussions, intimate small groups, worship preparation, personal theological exploration and growth. MWLS does not simply skate on the surface of teaching, but invites all to dive deeply into developing. As we all "lean into our discomfort" many times during the week, students discover the rewards that come from rising to meet challenge. In exchange for wholehearted commitment to a strenuous schedule, MWLS offers a life-changing and congregation-nourishing opportunity."

Our congregation strives to send two leaders from our community each year to this training. This year GK Rowe (board president); and Shari Woodbury, (board member) will be attending. Upon their return, please welcome them back with warmth and support.

I will be returning to the office on August 1st. Please note the topic of my August 3rd sermon, "Whoops! The Awakened Mistakened." For those of you inspired to do so, please send any personal anecdotes of mistakes made and lessons learned (or not learned) to my e-mail: macklin@uubloomington.org. Please KNOW that I may or may not use your

example in the sermon, but it helps to have other perspectives to ponder.

See ya in August, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

I think the heat and humidity has baked my brain cells and evaporated all the moist poignant thoughts that once found my mind to be fertile soil in which to grow. Our tomatoes seem to be suffering from the same malaise, a sort of withering that portends a meager harvest. Surely it will not be a forever sort of thing. As we prepare to ease into August and then gear up for September, let us allow ourselves the space to rest and breathe, and resist the temptation to scold ourselves for being less active than we expect. After all, it is hot, it is humid, and it is summer in Indiana. Thank you all for being a redemptive, healing community.

Peace—bill
Reverend Bill Breeden

Our Folks...

A memorial service for Dorothy Vitaliano will be held here on Saturday, August 2 at 2:00 p.m. Dorothy passed away in late June.

Judy Eichhorn's son-in-law Barry Kitterman, a UU from Clarksville, TN, will be at Borders Bloomington on Sunday, July 27 at 2 p.m. for a reading from his new novel, *The Baker's Boy*.

Congratulations to Judy Bennett upon the recent birth of granddaughter Kira.

Congratulations also to Denise and Harold Ogren, upon the birth on June 9 of a grandson (Alessandra's boy!)

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Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Program

Three Our Whole Lives
(OWL) sexuality education

classes will be offered in Religious Education this year. The 5th-6th grade and the 7th-8th grade programs will begin in August; first graders will have an opportunity to begin the program during the spring semester.

OWL is a positive, comprehensive, age-appropriate curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association in partnership with the United Church of Christ. There are six programs in the OWL series including an adult version as well as a new young adult version; we hope to offer these next year.

Our committed and experienced facilitators Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff will lead the 7th-8th grade program on *Tuesday evenings* starting in August. 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. An emphasis on valuing diversity and its grounding in Unitarian Universalist values sets it apart from what children learn at school and through the media about sexuality.

The 5th-6th grade class will meet on Thursday evenings. Parents are an integral part of the program and are required to attend orientation. Classes are closed once they have begun, so please let us know soon if you are interested.

We are committed to making this program available to all of our children and youth on a regular basis and continue to work toward getting more adults trained as

facilitators in order to do so. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about OWL.

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

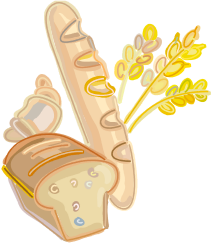
Adult Religious Education Proposals Invited—Due Aug 1

The Adult Religious Education (ARE) Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an ARE offering for Fall 2008. If you have an area of interest that is relevant to ARE, let us know. An Event Proposal Form is available from the ARE box in the workroom, from the church office, or electronically from <http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/index.php>. To allow time for adequate planning, please return completed forms by August 1 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to are@uubloomington.org. The committee will review all proposals by August 8, 2008 and then contact you about your proposal.

You can view this Spring's ARE offerings at http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/ARE_JanMayProspectus08.pdf
Bob DeVoe, Chair, ARE Committee

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Earthkin Celebrates the Harvest August 1

On Friday, Aug 1, Earthkin will celebrate the first harvest festival of the pagan year 2008, Lughnassad. We will gather in the courtyard for the celebration of the first fruits of this harvest season and feast afterwards in the fellowship hall. Begin gathering at 7:00pm. Formal festivities begin at 7:30pm as we cast a circle in the courtyard--weather permitting. You are invited to bring summer flowers to decorate the space, breads, casseroles, and fruits and salads made from the wonderful harvests of this bountiful season to share with everyone afterward at the feast. This celebration is open to adults and children alike. Drums, rattles, chants and other musical instruments are welcome as we celebrate the bounty of our generous Mother Earth. Childcare for younger children will be available during the more formal festivities. Our gatherings usually last about 2 hours from the time we begin to gather until we have finished eating together. All are welcome.
--Beckie Wagner

More New Books in Our Library

Green, Michael. *An Illuminated Rumi: One Song.*
Levine, Stephen. *A Year to Live.*
Sanders, Scott R., *A Private History of Awe.*
Sanders, Scott R. *Wilderness Plots.*
Trzop, Allison. *Beacon Press and the Pentagon Papers.*
UU Grounds Committee. *UU Short Grass Prairie Primer*

Ramadan Iftar Celebration Sept 19: Call for Volunteers



Our Annual Ramadan Iftar Celebration of the breaking of the fast (called Iftar in Arabic) is one of the most enjoyable and powerful ways we connect with our new and old friends from other local religious communities. We will join with members of the Islamic Center for Iftar, prayer, and dinner during the evening Friday, September 19 this year. We had 300 guests last year, and we want to be prepared for even more. Islamic Center members do all the cooking, and we need about 25 UUs to make this event as wonderful as always. Please help if you can, by volunteering to fill one of these needs:

Set-up team 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Java Team 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Greeters team 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Clean-up team 8 - 10 p.m.

Please contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@bluemarble.net, 812-837-9978, to volunteer.
Thank you.

Traveling Shoes... When you go out of town for vacation or other time away, and ask the Post Office to hold your mail, please be sure to let us know when you return, so we can restart your Prologue. The P.O. tells us when you leave, but they won't tell us when you come back. Thanks! Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org

Address Changes for your Pictorial Directory 7-22-08
These are changes since May 2007. Tape this sheet into the back of your pictorial directory.

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UU's Changing the World

HELP FEED



**OUR HUNGRY
NEIGHBORS**

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**Next Bounty-Full Sunday is
August 2**

Current Needs:
canned fruit,
canned meats,



cornbread mix and other baking mixes, rice and pasta boxed side dishes (no expired food please). Thanks to everyone for donations in July: 125 lbs. of food and \$40 in cash. Don't forget to bring some fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs which are surplus from your own gardens. Collection area is in the Commons each Sunday between services and will be delivered to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard the next day. Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com.

**More from Help Feed Our Hungry
Neighbors:**

***Each One, Feed One, Community Food
Drive***

Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) needs 200 volunteers on August 23rd and 24th to assist with this community wide food drive. Volunteers will be provided with water and snacks. A boxed lunch will be available for volunteers working two consecutive shifts. Children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Volunteer opportunities include:

1. Collect donations of food or money at grocery stores in Bloomington or Ellettsville.
shifts: 10:00am-1:00pm and 1:00-4:00pm
2. Transport donations from stores to MCUM. *Requires heavy lifting. *
shifts: 9:00am-1:30pm and 1:30-6:00pm

3. Sort donations for use in MCUM's
Emergency Food Pantry
shifts: 12:00-3:00pm and 3:00-6:00pm

For questions call Judy Bennett at 327-4172. To sign up please e-mail judybennett2@gmail.com. Indicate which date you are available, which shift, and for which opportunity you are volunteering. Volunteer with a friend or family and have fun! THANK YOU for supporting our hungry neighbors.



Green Sanctuary Reconvenes August 3

The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change reconvenes after a summer break. Our first fall meeting is Sunday, August 3 at 12:45 pm in the Library. Meetings typically last an hour and a half and are held on the first Sunday of the month. If you are interested in helping with one of our existing projects such as coffee sales, veggie potlucks, Bike to Worship or you have a climate change project you would like to start, please come to the meeting or contact Marcia Veldman at meadowlk@bloomington.in.us.

Carpool to Church!

Carpool to church! Can't quite manage to bike or walk? Check out the carpool list at the Green Sanctuary table in Fellowship Hall. Add your name, or find a carpool buddy.

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

Hub Ride for the Hungry, Sat August 2

Saturday, August 2nd, 7:30am - 3:00pm

Location: Karst Farm Park, 2450 S Endwright Rd
Calling all bikers, from novice to nuts! Join Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for a community bike ride offering 50, 25, 14, and 4 mile rides. \$25/adult & \$15/kid for the 4 & 14 mile rides; \$35/adult & \$25/kid for the 25 & 50 mile rides. SAG support, bike mechanics, lunch and music will be provided. For registration forms, merchandise ordering, route maps and more information contact us at brooke@mhcfoodpantry.org or 812.355.6843. All proceeds benefit Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

Women's Alliance Meets Aug 7

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, August 7 in Fellowship Hall, beginning with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. There will be no speaker, just fellowship. Guests welcome.

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. Macklin will be away until August 1.

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

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

Lunch with a Minister Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, September 9 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. No Lunch with a Minister in August.

High Impact, Low Commitment

Volunteer Job Want an easy way to help at church? Come to the Library on alternate Tuesday mornings, 9-11 a.m., when we fold and label The Prologue. We'll be folding next on Tuesday, Aug 5.

Attendance

Sun, July 13, 9:00:	56	11:15:	124	RE:	54	
					Total:	234
Sun, July 20, 9:00:	63	11:15:	129	RE:	60	
					Total:	252

Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, July 13</i> non-pledge offering:	\$336
<i>Sun, July 20</i> non-pledge offering:	\$270
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:	\$152

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FOR SALE: complete grill set-up: grill, full lp, cover, tools - \$75. 2 blonde wood end tables \$40/both. Computer (desktop, HP, dual hard drives)/monitor/printer/spkr/peripherals, all for \$80. Tim Slack 812.827.3082.

FOR RENT: Furnished house, 2BR, 1 ½ BA, Southside, on bus routes. Avail for short term, up to one year. \$600/mo, not including utils. 812-929-7171, Gladys Corpuz.

They are much to be pitied who have not been given a taste for nature early in life.
-Jane Austen

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Jul and Aug 2008	23 7:00pm Green Spaces	24	25 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff Campus Ministry Camping Trip	26
27 6:00pm Veggie Pottluck at Bryan Park	28 6:30 pm RE Committee	29	30	31	1 August 10:30am Lifestory 12:30pm UU Super Staff 7:30pm Lughnasagh Celebration	2 2:00pm Vitaliano Mem Svc
3 9:00am R.E. in Library 12:45 Green Sanct Task Force	4 10:00am Prologue Deadline	5 9:00 am Prologue folding	6	7 11:30am Women's Alliance 7:00pm Greeter Cmte	8 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff	9 10:00am Board Retreat
10 9:00am R.E. 12:15pm Parent Talk 12:30pm RE Teacher Orient 12:45pm Rainbow Rights Task Force 2:00pm Fac Use- Fwp Hall	11 3:00pm Management Team w/Pres. 7:30pm Voces Novae	12 7:00pm 7&8 OWL Parent Orientation	13 5:30pm Chalice Circle Exec Cmte 7:00pm Membership Committee	14 7:00pm UU Choir	15 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff	16 9:00am Chalice Circle Facilitator Training 12:00pm RE Teacher Orient