

# *The Prologue Tuesday, Sept 2, 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, September 7, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Eternity's Sunrise: Paradise Lost or Found Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

In this worship service we will explore the spiritual concept of paradise in our lives. When is paradise lost? When is it found? We will explore ancient concepts of paradise as well as the recently published Beacon Press book "Saving Paradise" by theologians Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Parker. Special music from our choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will include "In Paradisum" from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem. A Children's Hymn sing will also take place during the service.

**Sunday, September 14, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Poverty, Prosperity, and Posterity:  
The Haves, The Have-Nots, and the Leftovers  
Reverend Bill Breeden**



**Chalice Circle Kick-off Event September 7**

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**All-Church Shaping Our Future Together: Sept 28**

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## The West Window

Did anyone get the number on that truck? I mean that truck that whizzed through here, loaded up the slow times of summer and hammered down the road! I was just getting into the summer zone, and now it's out of here. I'll swear it used to stay around longer and yet here we are, picking peaches off the tree in the yard, canning salsa, and all those other things that remind us that it won't be long before the taillights of that aforementioned summer-hauling truck are nothing but the distant fireflies of our memories. I reckon "here today, gone tomorrow" has never been more true.

Our community continues to grow, and this year presents new opportunities for spreading the good news of Unitarian Universalism. Strange as it may seem, Indiana is fertile ground in which to plant the seeds of tolerance, diversity and justice for all. On Sunday, September 7, I will preach at the UU congregation in Danville, Indiana. Started just over a decade ago, this congregation now has a half-time minister. On September 14 I will speak at the ordination of Amy Kindred. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin recently participated in Amy's installation as half-time minister at the Terre Haute UU congregation. Terre Haute and Danville are examples of the potential for progressive, liberal religious communities in the Midwest. Our own congregation played a part in their growth. The courage of our congregation to create a co-ministry allowed me to provide pulpit supply to these congregations for several years. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Barbara Carlson also served these churches on occasion. It is good to remember that we are not just an isolated community of faith, but part of a growing community of believers in a better world for all the children of the earth. And it

is good to see the harvest from a labor of shared ministry.

Peace—bill      Rev. Bill Breeden

## MAM's Musings

Speaking of harvest AND speaking of shared ministry, our Chalice Circle ministry is about to kick-off this September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm (see related article pg 4). As ministers, Reverend Breeden and I highly value our small group ministry program for the caring it cultivates within our liberal religious community. Our Chalice Circles bring to mind these words from Unitarian Universalist minister Richard Gilbert:

Come into this circle of caring.  
Come into this community of  
gentleness, justice and love.  
Come, and you shall be refreshed.  
Let the healing power of this people  
be with you,  
Let loving kindness and joy pass  
through you.  
Let hope infuse you,  
And peace by the law of your heart.  
In this human circle,  
Caring is a calling.  
All of us are called.  
So come into the circle of caring.

Are you feeling called to join a Chalice Circle? As ministers, we encourage you to listen deeply to this call. Chalice Circles are a place for you to be nurtured and acknowledged within a circle of care. Again, sign-ups continue up until next Sunday's kick-off, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm.

In the faith, *Mary Ann*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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## Rev. Macklin Shares Love of Sports with Grades 2-3

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin was a special guest on Sunday August 24, 2008 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 11:15am Spirit of Adventure religious education class. The Spirit of Adventure class is doing a unit on sports, and they interviewed Rev.

Macklin in her role as an avid sports fan. Some of the class members acted as sports reporters to ask Rev. Macklin questions for this news story.

"What is your favorite sport?" asked third grader Ysabel Cluver. "My absolute favorite is football," said Rev. Macklin. Some of the children were surprised to hear that, Rev. Macklin explained that some girls and women play football or like to watch it.

Third grader Aiden Blankenship asked Reverend Macklin about golf; "What is your golf swing strategy?" Rev. Macklin replied, "I always like to take a deep breath before I swing." "What is your golfing diet?" asked Aiden. "Usually a banana, I like bananas," replied Rev. Macklin. She brought in various items of sports equipment (that she keeps in her car) to show the children. After practicing breathing and swinging, they were able to use her clubs to hit golf balls into cups in the room.

Nicole Repetto and Sean Egyhazi shared that they like to play different kinds of sports, including basketball. Alex Brackee said that he likes to do diving, as well as archery with his bow and arrow. Many of the children, including Margaret Comentale, Nicole and Ysabel, stated that they enjoy watching the Olympics. Rev. Macklin states that she thinks you can learn a lot of lessons through sports. "Like what to do, what not to

do and what they do," suggested Olivia McDermott-Sipe. Rev. Macklin shared that sports have helped her understand that "Losing is okay, I always try to do my best, I lose sometimes and it's not a big deal." This week, The Spirit of Adventure Class is planning a field trip to Assembly Hall on Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy Port, Dir. Religious Education  
Rev. Emily Marvel Leite,  
Minister of Religious Education



## UU Children's Choir Schedule

New singers, Kg-6th grade are welcome any time! See upcoming schedule below. Unless otherwise stated, rehearsals are from 10:15-11:00am on the scheduled mornings, in the Library. For more info, contact Jill Courtney at [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu).  
9/21 & 9/28: Rehearse  
10/1: Sing @ Family Worship service, 5:30p  
11/16 Rehearse;  
Thurs. 11/20 rehearse 7-7:30pm  
11/23: Sing both services  
12/7, 12/14, & 12/21 Rehearse  
12/21 evening: Sing @ Winter Solstice svc

## Social Justice Grant Applications Due October 1

Applications for members of the congregation for grants for social justice projects are available now from the church office, or by email from Stephanie Estell, [nanaysteph@hotmail.com](mailto:nanaysteph@hotmail.com) The deadline for applications is October 1st. For complete information read the article in the August 18 issue of *Common Ground*.

---The Social Justice Funds Committee:  
Stephanie Estell, Jennifer Blankenship, Joan Caulton, Bob Taylor, Jan Neff, Jerry Neff

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## Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday, September 19

Come to the Ramadan Iftaar  
Celebration, Friday,

September 19 starting at 7:15 p.m. here in our Fellowship Hall. Connect with friends from the Muslim community and enjoy their delicious food at the Annual Ramadan Iftaar Celebration of the breaking of the fast (*iftaar* in Arabic). We will join with members of the Islamic Center for Iftaar, prayer for those who wish to participate, and dinner.

Ramadan is the most blessed month of the year according to Islamic teachings. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace, strengthening ties with family and friends, and refraining from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Come honor their tradition of annual rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and refocusing.

Sign up on the RSVP list in the Commons by Sunday, September 14, so we can plan to feed everyone heartily. This event is free of charge. Details, contact Erin Hollinden, [ehollinden@bluemarble.net](mailto:ehollinden@bluemarble.net). You may also RSVP by sending an email to Erin.

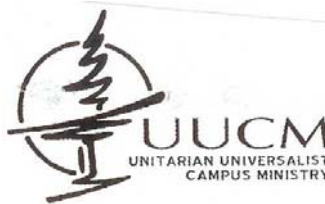


## Next Veggie Potlucks: Sept. 28 and Oct. 26

Join us for the next Green Sanctuary Task Force-sponsored vegetarian potluck, Sunday, September 28th @ 5:00 pm in

Fellowship Hall. 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), a recipe/label for your dish, and your own reusable, non-disposable place settings. If you need childcare during the movie viewing following supper, please contact the church office, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), two weeks

in advance. Following the September and October veggie potlucks at 6:15 pm will be a showing of four segments of "Renewal," (about one hour), a documentary on the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists, co-sponsored by the Bloomington Friends congregation. Bill Moyers said, "I watched this film with admiration and hope millions of others will have the chance to see it. You will be stirred to discover people of different faiths who are engaged in an exhilarating stewardship of the earth that offers our best chance yet to save creation." Questions? contact [jillmcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcourtney@gmail.com).



## Campus Ministry Plans

Our active and growing campus ministry for

college students has been busy! We have lots on our calendar for the Fall!

*Some Upcoming Events:*

**Sunday, September 7:** Lunch! We'll be going out to an as-yet-undisclosed but vegetarian friendly local restaurant. Meet us in the foyer after second service!

**Friday, September 12:** Lock-in! 6 PM – morning. We promise to make sleeping on the floor more fun than it sounds! Also, did we mention hijinks?

We hope that you can join us for some of these events! For more information, contact Susan Blake, Campus Ministry Coordinator, at [blakes@indiana.edu](mailto:blakes@indiana.edu) or [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org).

## Chalice Circle Kick-Off: Sunday, Sept. 7



On Sunday, August 10, Chalice Circles small group ministry was reintroduced for the third year. Everyone should have received a letter and brochure in the mail or by email about Chalice Circles. Chalice Circles is a program of small group ministry which enables us to know others and ourselves better by deep listening with an open heart. The groups are guided by a facilitator who uses written session plans. This year we have many new session plans available. Please see below for sample topics.

This is a great way to meet new people from our church community and get to know yourself and others better.

There are 10 different Chalice Circle times offered. If you need childcare, sign up for the group that meets on Thursday evenings at the church and indicate that you need childcare. Sign up sheets are posted in the Commons and will be available through **Sunday, September 7th**. There are groups meeting during the day and in the evening, and a group may meet once or twice a month or even every three weeks. A Chalice Circles executive committee member will be available before and after services to answer your questions.

The next step after sign up is to attend the **Chalice Circle Kick Off on Sunday September 7th, 4:00-6:00 pm** in the **Meeting Room**. This is crucial, and will be the orientation meeting of your Circle. **Please mark your calendar**. If you do not attend you will be contacted to attend a make-up session.

Questions? Anne Haynes at 336-3221 or Judy Bennett at 331-4181, Chalice Circle co-chairs.

## Sample Topics for Chalice Circles

- Getting to Know You
- Sharing Our History
- Gratitude as a Spiritual Practice
- Asking for Help
- Being Alone
- Exploring Gandhi's Non-Violence
- Forgiveness
- Giving and Receiving Joy
- If You Could Invite 3 People....
- Making Peace with Unhappiness
- Once Upon a Time
- Our Misbehaviors
- Our Place in Nature
- Prayer
- Priorities
- Procrastination
- Questions at the End of the Day Part I
- Radical Hospitality
- Saying Goodbye
- Spiritual Experiences
- Terror and War
- Those Who Have Touched Our Lives
- Truth
- What Part Do Traditions Play in Your Beliefs

## Voter Registration Available September 14

If you have not yet registered to vote in Monroe County and would like to do so, there will be a non-partisan opportunity to register here at church between the services September 14. Abe Shimm will be facilitating this effort. For details, Abe can be reached at [ashimm10@cmc.edu](mailto:ashimm10@cmc.edu)

## UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED



OUR HUNGRY  
NEIGHBORS

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Next Bounty-Full Sunday is  
September 7

Current Needs:  
powdered milk,  
crackers, canned



fruit, jello and pudding mixes, peanut butter and jelly (no expired food please). Thanks to everyone for donations in August: 89 lbs. of food. Remember to bring your garden surplus to share each Sunday. Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 333-8957 or [mary\\_blizzard@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_blizzard@hotmail.com).

### Crop Walk Date Set For October 19

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 19 at 2:00 p.m.! This is when we may take a walk around town and raise money for the hungry both at home and abroad. You may either walk, with pledged support, or donate to those who are walking. Look for more details over the next few weeks.

--Harriet Pfister, Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

### Assistance Needed for Iraqi Refugee

Abdullatif Mohammed is a 29 year-old Iraqi refugee with Ewing's sarcoma, a form of cancer. When he became ill, he and his sister Nada went to London and were told he urgently needed proton therapy. Since his arrival in Bloomington in late June, his physical condition has improved, but the family's financial situation has become dire. Our ministers and members of the Just Peace Task Force have been among those trying to help with public (emergency Medicaid) and private assistance (for lodging and other expenses). Sherwood Oaks Christian Church has set up a fund to assist this family, and we invite you to make a tax-deductible gift to SOCC (Sherwood Oaks Christian Church), 2700 E. Rogers Road, Bloomington, IN 47401. Put "Attn: Vickie Carmichael" on the envelope and indicate in a note with – but \*not\* on the check – that your

contribution is for Abdullatif's care. Here is a specific way the Iraq tragedy touches our community and we can make a difference.  
--David Keppel, for the Just Peace Task Force

### International Outreach Task Force Fundraiser Lunch and Forum for Africa – Sept 21

On Sunday, September 21 the International Outreach Task Force will be hosting a Giving Back to Africa - Congo Lunch and Forum Fundraiser, in Fellowship Hall from 12:45pm - 2:30pm, and will feature a lunch of "traditional" Congolese food (\$5.00 per plate / vegetarian option available), a presentation of artwork by 4th grade students from Kinshasa, and a forum by Giving Back to Africa on the recent history of the Democratic Republic of Congo and their groundbreaking work there. Join us for good food and good discussion at this culturally enriching event. **\*\*\*Important Note:** The lunch and artwork presentation portion of this event (12:45-1:15) is for all ages. The forum may include content on recent tragic events in Africa that could be inappropriate for children. Childcare will be provided from 1:00pm - 2:30pm, in Room 108.  
–Jason Blankenship

### Unitarian Universalist Friends of Lotus Fund Drive

The amazing Lotus World Music and Arts Festival (Oct 2-5) is right on our doorstep. In support of our shared values regarding cultural diversity, acceptance, and love, you may wish to join the International Outreach Task Force, along with other UU Friends of Lotus in our efforts to become an official Lotus Sponsor. Write a personal check to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), get tax credit for your donation, and create one united UU contribution (free UU advertising!) Put "UU Friends of Lotus" in the memo line to insure UU support for this event is recognized. Send donations by September 10 to: Deborah Klein, LEAF, Development Director, 103 N. College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47402. Questions? Deb Hutton (344-4103/[huttond@indiana.edu](mailto:huttond@indiana.edu))

## Our Newest Members

CHRISTOPH IRMSCHER A native of Germany, Christoph Irmscher moved to Bloomington two years ago, after a decade on the East Coast. He adores his family--his wife Lauren, his children Nick and Julia, and his three cats. Christoph teaches American literature at IU and has been working with organizations such as the National Park Service and the National Endowment for the Humanities to increase public interest in artists and writers of the past, such as the painter John James Audubon or the Unitarian pacifist and poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

LAUREN BERNOFISKY moved with her family (husband Christoph and children Nicholas and Julia) to Bloomington two years ago from Baltimore. She is a violinist and composer, and both her violin playing and her music are heard around the UU Church from time to time. Her music has ventured out farther, across the United States and to other countries. She is pretty much a music nerd, so there aren't any other significant activities to mention.

JANICE BAGWELL moved to Bloomington in 1981 with her partner, Georgia Emmert, to pursue a doctorate in choral conducting and for ten years taught and developed music curriculum at Bloomington Montessori School. She has enjoyed singing at our church services with Bloomington Chamber Singers, Bloomington Feminist Chorus, or Voces Novae many times over the years and currently drives to DePauw University every day to work as the event coordinator for the university's performing arts center.

BLAINE CARRELL lives in Martinsville and works there at a nursing home in the Activities Dept. He will be attending college to broaden his career in that field. He enjoys writing poetry (a necessary passion), music, reading, and politics. He admires and embraces our congregation's ideals. Openness and being unassuming are two very important qualities he believes this church has. For Blaine, our church has been an important place of finding spiritual centeredness.

GEORGIA EMMERT was inspired to sign the Membership Book by her participation in "A Year to Live" class with Rev. Mary Ann Macklin. An experienced procrastinator, she is now cultivating a "Life is short! What am I waiting for?" attitude. Georgia has been a job coach and community outing leader for the past 9 years at Stone Belt. Her interests include gardening, nature study, kayaking and volunteer work. She has also found joy in meeting Emmert cousins through UU participation this year.

ANN ROBINS chose to retire in Bloomington two years ago after coming here annually for 14 years to sell antiques at the Theta show. She's been a dealer for 25 years and a biology teacher for ten years before that. Her interests include saving the planet, sustainable gardening, native Indiana plants, floral arranging, bird and butterfly watching, concert and museum going, traveling, and gourmet cooking. She feels welcome in our congregation.

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## PHYLLIS BOYD & JAY RECORD

Jay Record was born in Indianapolis and moved to Bloomington when he was one. Except for the three years he served in the US Army, he has lived here ever since. He has been professional baker and bike mechanic since his teenage years. Bike riding in and around Monroe and surrounding counties is what brings him personal joy and fulfillment. Phyllis Boyd was born in Thailand and grew up in Indianapolis. After her undergraduate studies at IU, she left Indiana and eventually moved to Austin, Texas, living there for nearly twelve years. While in Austin, she studied botany, art and landscape architecture. Phyllis returned to Bloomington two years ago. She loves making art, growing things, books and works for a small landscape architecture firm in Indianapolis. Phyllis and Jay are the parents of Jade, eleven years, and Will, eighteen months.

VELDA KAUNE was born in Nebraska, the youngest child of a poor but honest Stonecypher family. She holds degrees in music from University of Miami and Indiana University (with doctoral work). She taught at the University of Minnesota – Duluth. She also taught with husband Fritz-Juergen Kaune (philosopher and Jungian psychologist) at Yankton College, South Dakota. In 1971, they moved to West Germany, where she studied singing. After a divorce, Velda and son Heiner moved to Bloomington (1983). Velda has been on a life-long quest for a system of beliefs which works for her. Our congregation seems to be a community of individuals experiencing the kinds of self-realization she is still exploring. She wants to become a part of it.

## UU Board of Directors

(Creating Policy, Envisioning our Future)

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John Lawson, Treasurer,  
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Chris Haynes, Secretary,  
secretary@uubloomington.org  
At Large Board Members: David Cox,  
Amy Taylor, Shari Woodbury

## Program Team

(Coordination with Committees and Task Forces)

Mark Burton, Ministry and Pastoral Care  
Patty Callison, Congregational Services  
Diane Gregory, Fellowship and Affiliated Groups  
Jackie Hall, Membership Journey  
John Woodcock, Social Justice  
Kevin Woodruff, Lifespan Religious Education  
Amy Taylor, Board Liaison

## Management Team

(Daily Management of Church Operations)

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Co-minister  
Rev. Bill Breeden, Co-minister  
Carol Marks, Church Administrator

## Attendance

|                    |     |        |     |     |     |            |
|--------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Sun, Aug 24, 9:00: | 90  | 11:15: | 191 | RE: | 109 |            |
|                    |     |        |     |     |     | Total: 390 |
| Sun, Aug 31, 9:00: | 108 | 11:15: | 173 | RE: | 98  |            |
|                    |     |        |     |     |     | Total: 379 |

## Sunday Offering

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Sun, Aug 24 non-pledge offering: | \$ 585 |
| Sun, Aug 31 non-pledge offering: | \$ 445 |
| Total to Volunteers in Medicine: | \$ 258 |



## Shaping Our Future Together All-Church ADVANCE: Sept 28 (not a Retreat!)

Potluck and Congregational ADVANCE Sunday, September 28, 2008 12:45-4pm, Fellowship Hall. Childcare available after lunch.

We are planning an ADVANCE event (not a "retreat"! ) to identify and begin work on **Innovative Ideas** generated from our stories of highlights in our church lives.

The Shaping Our Future Together Task Force has been working for nearly two years to develop a culture in our church that will ADVANCE our future growth and connectedness. We have been using Appreciative Inquiry as a means of grounding this work in the stories of our members that describe **what works** in our church and what **we want more of**.

Appreciative Inquiry is a process for positive change that asks us to tell our own stories of success as a congregation and as individuals. These stories, collected and analyzed, give direction for our future. Appreciative Inquiry involves the deliberate discovery of everything that gives a congregation "life."

Positive change begins with comprehensive inquiry into a church's "positive core": its unique set of strengths, resources, values, capabilities, assets, and competencies. We have conducted several story-telling events that culminated in the identification of Core Positive Values. It is now time to develop do-able **Innovative Ideas** that are grounded in our values.

Join us for a potluck lunch after Second Service on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. After the meal, we will work together to identify and focus on the positive values we most want to preserve and enhance. Work groups, large and small, will be formed and

encouraged to choose specific values as the basis for Innovative Ideas to ADVANCE our congregational life: spiritual, communal, and global.

Please join us for this ADVANCE toward shaping our future together!

Melinda Swenson [msewnson@iupui.com](mailto:msewnson@iupui.com), 332-1020.

## Support Group Forming for Progressives from Martinsville and Ellettsville

Larry Friedman is facilitating a support group for progressives from Martinsville and Ellettsville, to talk about their local community needs. Next meeting is Sunday, September 7, 10-11 a.m. in Room 207B. For info, contact Larry at [ljfriedm@indiana.edu](mailto:ljfriedm@indiana.edu) or 812-822-1653.

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

**COTTAGE FOR RENT.** Blgmn. 2 BR, a/c Cottage. Newly renovated, 20 min from city/IU, no pets.\$550/mo + deposit. Utilities not included. 824-8122.

***Finding Your Way To Love!*** Join Dr. Caesar Pacifici, psychologist, author and teacher, for 10 classes that will challenge you to liberate your spirit. See poster on Bulletin Board for details.

**CAR FOR SALE:** 2001 Subaru Forester, 84.5 K mi., one owner, very good cond. \$5200. We'll donate 10% to the church. Call 339-1075 or [deejaywelch@gmail.com](mailto:deejaywelch@gmail.com). Avail. Sept 15. Dixie Welch & Peter Schwandt.

**CANOE FOR SALE:** Old Town "Poly 3" canoe. 14'7", green, like new. \$250.00. John or Julie Lawson, [lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net)

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## E-Newsletter with Earth Tips

Mother Earth News has an e-newsletter that delivers an email 2x a week with practical tips on wiser (i.e. greener) living. Topics include Alternative Transportation, Do It Yourself, Green Building, Green Transportation, Homesteading & Self-Reliance, Livestock & Farming, Natural Health, Nature & Environment, Organic Gardening and Whole Foods & Cooking. Check out <https://www.motherearthnews.com/newsletters> to try it out.

You can also save trees by accessing The Prologue on our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) instead of receiving it on paper. If you would like to receive an email when the newest issue has been posted, send an email note to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) to let us know.

## Fellowship Dinners Sign-Up

A Getting Involved Fair for church activities, committees, and task forces will be held on September 21 after each service. We will have a table for Fellowship Dinners Sign-Up available that day. Please come to see me and fill out your Application, if you haven't already. Once I have these all in hand, "Let the Dinners begin." The Dinners will begin in October and the Hosts will receive the lists of their Guests ASAP after the Fair. If you enjoy Eating, Meeting New People, Good Conversations, Maintaining Old Friendships, and Fun this is the place for you. Sign up with Dolores.

## Scheduling a Meeting or Event?

Consult our excellent new web calendar by clicking on Full Calendar on the right hand side of the front page of our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org), and you can see if the date and time you're interested in is

available or not. Then email [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) to reserve space for your meeting.

## New ways to learn at Meadville Lombard, a Unitarian Universalist Seminary

Weekend and Week-long formats at Meadville-Lombard allow flexibility for Ministers and Lay Leaders. Meadville Lombard offers courses in formats that make it easier for working religious professionals and lay leaders to broaden or deepen their theological and congregational understanding. Visit the website for a full listing and course syllabi: [http://www.meadville.edu/Ac\\_CourseOfferings.htm](http://www.meadville.edu/Ac_CourseOfferings.htm) or contact Erika Chavez, Director of Admissions, at 773.256.3000 x 250 for more information.



## \*Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Planning Underway\*

Believe it or not, it's that time again. The \*50th\* annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on December 5th and 6th. Church groups and non-profit groups who want space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by Nov. 1st. Space is limited as you know, so we appreciate your cooperation! Please contact Julie Lawson [juliakarin.j8gmail.com](mailto:juliakarin.j8gmail.com) or Joanne Henriot [jhenriot@indiana.edu](mailto:jhenriot@indiana.edu) and watch this space for more notices!

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## Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

### Prosecuting Attorney's Office Offers DVD on Elder Crime

Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Gaal has sent churches in the area a DVD entitled Home Improvement Fraud, What you Need to Know. This is a tool intended to help prevent problems associated with home improvement and repair contracts in our community. This DVD is available to borrow, in our church office.

### The City of Bloomington's Council for Community Accessibility

invites nominations for its annual awards ceremony. The group recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations that make the community more accessible for people with disabilities. Nomination forms are available in the Community and Family Resources Department in City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Suite 260, Bloomington, IN 47404, or [www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd). Nominations due 9/26/08.

### Tenshug Nadaam Celebration at the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center

**Sept 19-22** From September 19 through September 22, the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, 3655 Snoddy Road, is hosting an international long-life festival to honor the 58th birthday of its Director, Arjia Rinpoche. The name of the event is Tenshug, the Tibetan word for "Long Life," and Nadaam, the Mongolian word for "Celebration." (free and open to the public on the TMGCC grounds: \$5 parking fee) For schedule of events, go to [www.tmbcc.net](http://www.tmbcc.net)

**Lunch with a Minister** Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, September 9 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

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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  
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mobile phone: 322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

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



## Green Spaces

**Initiative** is working with architect Steve Miller on our building renovation and courtyard redesign project.

Several issues are being considered by the committee such as shape and size of Fellowship Hall windows as well as window coverings for darkening the room. Aesthetics, ease of use, effectiveness, expense, and energy conservation are all factors that need to be considered just to make decisions about the window coverings. The Green Spaces committee welcomes new members who want to get involved with this exciting project.

Contact us now or look for us at the Getting Involved Fair on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10AM and at a forum on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM. Cynthia Lindman Port [cport@epi.umaryland.edu](mailto:cport@epi.umaryland.edu).

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| 09/04/08    | 11:30 AM    | Women's Alliance            |
|             | 7:00 PM     | 5&6 Grade OWL               |
|             | 7:00 PM     | UU Choir                    |
|             | 8:30 PM     | String Band                 |
| 09/05/08    | 10:30 AM    | Lifestory                   |
|             | 12:30 PM    | UU Super Staff              |
| 09/06/08    | 10:00 AM    | Silent Theft ARE            |
| 09/07/08    | 10:00 AM    | Habitat Task Force          |
|             | 12:15 PM    | Campus Ministry Lunch       |
|             | 12:45 PM    | Green Sanctuary Task Force  |
|             | 12:45 PM    | Shaping Our Future Together |
|             | 4:00 PM     | Chal Cir Kickoff            |
| 09/08/08    | 12:00 PM    | Management Team             |
|             | 5:30 PM     | Stewardship Committee       |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Chalice Circle Facilitators |
|             | 7:30 PM     | Voces Novae                 |

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| 09/09/08    | 12:00 PM    | Lunch with a Minister       |
|             | 1:15 PM     | Friends of Prisoners TF     |
|             | 6:00 PM     | 7&8th Grade OWL             |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Chalice Circle Facilitators |
|             | 6:30 PM     | Paganism ARE Class          |
|             | 6:45 PM     | Bmtm Chamber Singers        |
|             | 7:30 PM     | Quarryland Men's Chorus     |
| 09/10/08    | 5:30 PM     | Chalice Circle Exec Cmte    |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Membership Committee        |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Tolkien ARE Class           |
| 09/11/08    | 7:00 PM     | 5&6 Grade OWL               |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Tapestry ARE Class          |
|             | 7:00 PM     | UU Choir                    |
| 09/12/08    | 8:00 AM     | Centerstone Staff Retreat   |
|             | 10:30 AM    | Lifestory                   |
|             | 12:00 PM    | UU Staff                    |
|             | 6:00 PM     | Campus Ministry Overnight   |
|             | 7:00 PM     | Bmtm Storytellers Guild     |
| 09/13/08    | 12:00 AM    | Campus Ministry Overnight   |
|             | 10:00 AM    | Board Workshop              |

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