

## The Prologue

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Monday, January 5, 2009 ~

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*

## Bagels and Hot Beverages Available 8:45-9:10 a.m. Each Sunday of January, in Fellowship Hall

The Denominational Affairs Committee will be providing muffins, bagels, coffee, and hot water for tea in Fellowship Hall preceding the first service during the month of January, 8:45-9:10 p.m., as a fundraiser for our General Assembly delegates. (Coffee & tea are free as always; donations welcome.) Thanks to Jackie Hall and Amy Taylor for organizing this!

## Wednesday, January 7, 2009 Family Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m.

Darkness Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Come share stories and songs as we reflect upon the gifts of the dark time of the year. Crafts at 5:15, Dinner at 5:30, Shared Clean-up at 6:00, Worship at 6:15 p.m.

## Sunday, January 11, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Reaching Across Guest Minister: Dawn Cooley

We welcome to our pulpit this Sunday guest minister Dawn Cooley from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Northfield, Minnesota. Her topic "Reaching Across" will address Moral Foundations Theory, which explores elemental differences between liberal and conservative worldviews—differences that liberal religion will benefit from understanding as we pursue various social justice causes.

## Sunday, January 18, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Modest Proposals for a New President Reverend Bill Breeden

Modesty is a relative term, and at the risk of being immodest, I will suggest some proposals for our new administration. I don't expect the President-elect will have time to read it before or after taking the oath, but I can't resist the opportunity to give voice to some of the hopes inspired by this historic moment in our nation's history. There will also be a baby/toddler dedication ceremony during each service.

## Habitat Fundraiser Breakfast, Sunday, January 18, 10:15-11:10 a.m.

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January 5, 2009 (mailed on Jan. 6)

**TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Jan. 7**

Return Service Requested



DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/7/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	1/12/2009	1:30 PM	Database Implementation Team
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Executive Committee		3:00 PM	Management Team w/Pres
	5:30 PM	Fam Worship		6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators
	7:00 PM	Membership Cmte		7:30 PM	Voces Novae
1/8/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	1/13/2009	12:00 PM	Lunch with Minister
	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship		6:00 PM	Our Whole Lives (Grades 7&8)
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle		6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators
	7:00 PM	Greeters Cmte		6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
1/9/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Choir
	1:00 PM	Todd/Bagwell rehearsal	1/14/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM	Women's Drum Circle		1:00 PM	Friends of Prisoners
1/10/2009	9:00 AM	Todd/Bagwell rehearsal	1/15/2009	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
	10:00 AM	Silent Theft ARE class		7:00 PM	UU Choir, String Band at 8:30 p.m.
	7:30 PM	Simple Gifts Benefit Concert	1/16/2009	12:00 PM	UU Super Staff Holiday Brunch
1/11/2009	12:45 PM	Campus Ministry Pizza Lunch	1/17/2009	10:00 AM	Menu for the Future
	12:45 PM	Subcmte of GSTF	1/18/2009	10:00 AM	Habitat Fundraiser Breakfast
	1:00 PM	Chalice Circle - J. Knowlton		12:45 PM	Just Peace Task Force
	2:00 PM	Facilities Use		2:00 PM	Sigma Alpha Iota Concert
	3:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism		3:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism
	6:00 PM	YRUU		6:00 PM	YRUU

For more church event info, go to [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and click on [Full Calendar](#).

## From the Ministers

In this first Prologue of the year, we want first to give thanks for this community of faith and reason in which we all find meaning. As we begin a new year and face the challenges of a failing economy and a seemingly endless global war, we recognize our need for one another more deeply than ever before. As your ministers, we find hope not in political parties, but in the strength of the human family, the Spirit of Life and the power of love to overcome estrangement. Crisis is another word for opportunity, and we pray that we will find the courage to embrace the future and strive for justice.

In the coming months we, all of us, will be asked to give of ourselves, our resources and our time to enable our congregation to be a prophetic, healing community in a world in need of reconciliation. Our task, simply defined, is to save this planet and give future generations the gifts of life and love. Let us be about it with joy and thanksgiving in this new year. As the Lakota people say "*mi takuye oyasin*"—"all my relatives," meaning all of life of which we are a part. May we honor all our relatives, past, present and future, in the way we walk this upon this earth.

Peace—bill & mary ann

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Elder Focus Task Force Gathers Information

The Elder Focus Task Force (EFTF), a subgroup of our Caring Committee, continues to collect surveys from members of our congregation 65 years and older regarding their gifts, resources, and needs. Members of the task force will be available after worship services on January 11<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> if anyone has questions, concerns or has not had the opportunity to complete a survey.

EFTF Members: Barb Backler, Jean Anderson, Jean Knowlton, Deborah Phelps and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## Our Folks...

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Lloyd Keisler, a founding member of our congregation, who died December 31. A memorial service for Lloyd will be held on January 5 at Meadowood; Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita, will officiate.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family and friends of Jane Hazelrigg, who died December 22, in New York.

## What is Volunteers in Medicine?

Volunteers in Medicine is a non-profit clinic providing both acute and chronic health care to the uninsured of Monroe and Owen counties. Its mission includes health education empowering individuals to take responsibility for their own well being. In June 2008, our members voted to contribute 25% of all non-pledge Sunday offerings to Volunteers in Medicine, through June 30, 2009. Since July 1, 2008, we have donated \$2790.

## Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

### Bloomington PRIDE Film Festival Jan 29-31

Bloomington's Annual PRIDE Film Festival, a celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer communities, will be held January 29-31, 2009. Features include full-length and short films, live performances, discussions with scholars and filmmakers, and a Saturday night dance party. There are four documentaries, one of which is with the father of a transsexual child, and another that follows a young isolated lesbian who discovers the hidden life of her great grandmother. In addition, there is a family feature-length film about a family with a young gay pre-teen. Check out the films at <http://pridefilmfestival.org/>

### Volunteers Greatly Needed For Area 10's Food Pantry-Just Once Per Month!

Area 10 Agency on Aging's Food Pantry provides nonperishable food to nearly 200 homebound elders and individuals with disabilities once a month. These clients rely on Area 10's food pantry to get their needs met. We currently have a growing waiting list, and the only thing we need to serve these people is VOLUNTEERS! We have diverse options for how YOU can get involved. It's a small commitment with a BIG impact! Contact Christine McKenna, (812-935-2514 or [cmckenna@area10agency.org](mailto:cmckenna@area10agency.org)) for details, or see our bulletin board in the courtyard entrance.

### Thank You From Stepping Stones

The residents of Stepping Stones would like to extend a big thank you to the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church for their generous support during the 2008 Christmas season. Your donations of "gift cards" and "apartment gifts" helped put smiles on the faces of our residents, at a critical time in their lives. Your gifts help them learn the importance of maintaining their apartments as well as having fun! Thank you for your continued support. —Sheri Benham

## Women's Alliance Meets January 8

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, January 8 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. The program is from 12:00 - 12:30 with guest speaker Attorney Guy Loftman. Hostesses will be Julie Lawson and Carol Arnold. Guests are always welcome.

## Lunch with a Minister Jan. 13

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, January 13 at 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org)  
mobile phone: 360-1779

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## UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**  
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is February 1  
Current Needs: rice, canned mixed



vegetables, canned carrots, canned potatoes, Jiffy Cornbread mix, baking mixes, powdered milk, canned fruit. (No Expired Food Please)  
Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 333-8957 or [mary\\_blizzard@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_blizzard@hotmail.com).

### Simple Gifts: A Concert for Hard Times

**Saturday, January 10** Please join us this coming Saturday, January 10th, 7:30PM, here in our Meeting Room for a benefit concert for Hoosier Hills Food Bank, sponsored by Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force. Janice Bagwell, Soprano; John Clodfelter, Piano; and Sally Todd, Piano, will perform music of America through the centuries including: Native American Chants, Shaker Hymns, Stephen Foster, MacDowell, Ives, Hoagy Carmichael, Cage, Copland, Bernstein, and others. Thanks to all of you, we collect pounds and pounds of food annually for Monroe County United Ministries and, thanks to Janice, Sally, and John, we are excited about this added opportunity to provide a fun evening of professional performance to the community while giving a helping hand through Hoosier Hills Food Bank to those who've fallen on hard times. Donations of non-perishable food or money for the food bank are suggested.

### Thanks To Those Who Buy Grocery Gift Cards

Thank you for buying grocery gift cards for Kroger, Marsh, O'Malia's, and Bloomingfoods! Because of your loyalty in using these cards, we have just given

the church a second check for \$1500-- a total of \$3000 since July 1, 2008. We expect to contribute a total of \$6000 to the church by the end of this fiscal year. We can always use more patrons, so stop by our table between the church services on Sunday and find out how easy it is to use the cards and to make a substantial contribution to the church at the same time!

--Harriet Pfister, UU Fundraiser Treasurer

### Earth Care Hosts MLK Day Celebration

Earth Care, Bloomington's Interfaith Group for the Environment, is hosting a Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 19 at First United Church (2420 East Third St.). The program begins at 10:30 a.m. with MLK day songs and stories, information on what faith communities in Bloomington and nationally are doing to green their congregations, at noon there will be a free lunch and in the afternoon Sherlock Homes will do a workshop on increasing home and church energy efficiency. Our Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change is a member of Earth Care. Info, contact Stephanie, [kimball.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kimball.stephanie@gmail.com)

### Talent Auction Coming March 8

Mark your calendars for March 8, 2009 and attend the Talent Auction at 4:00 p.m. There will be something for all budgets and tastes. Silent bidding as well as live auction with auctioneers extraordinaire Bill and Darrell Breeden. Open to the public so invite your non-church friends and neighbors. Meal to follow at 6:00 p.m. (or earlier if all items are purchased before 6:00!) More information in upcoming Prologues.

--Jan Skinner, Talent Auction Committee



## Top 10 Reasons to Attend 9:15 am Worship and Religious Education

10) Bagels and muffins will be available for your hungry children along with coffee for you at 8:45 a.m.! \$1 bagels and \$.50 muffins

9) You are helping build community by creating open and welcoming spaces for newcomers at 11:15 a.m.

8) Have more of your Sunday to enjoy as a family after church.

7) You don't have to feel guilty for not parking on Jordan Avenue if you are leaving right after church.

6) Your children may feel more comfortable in a smaller class.

5) Enjoy fresh hot coffee, cocoa or tea before and after service.

4) Smaller RE classes allow for engaging conversation and enduring friendships.

3) If you're running late you won't have to stand in the back of the room.

2) RE Intersession is a great time to try out the new 9:15 a.m. start time! Crafts, cooking, preschool, and drama have room for visitors and would love to have you join us.

1) Did you here about the new start time?? It's later: 9:15 a.m.!

--Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

## GLBT Events January 24 and 25 with Rev. Keith Kron

On the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, this church will be celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the beginning of our journey towards becoming a Welcoming Congregation (Certified in 1995). Please join us on Saturday, January 24 from 10am-2pm for a workshop led by Rev. Keith Kron, Director of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Office of GLBT Concerns, and a luncheon with a special program recounting the history of the Welcoming Congregation here at our church. Childcare will be available 10-12 and 1-2 during the workshop. Both services on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> will also especially honor this anniversary. Let's take the time together to recognize the good work that has been done and find out where we can all fit in to the effort towards making this church and country a more just place for GLBTQ people.

### Attendance

Sun, Dec 28, 9:00: 81 11:15: 123 RE: 41  
Total: 245  
Sun, Jan 4, 9:15: 123 11:15: 215 RE: 93  
Total: 431  
Sun, Dec 28 non-pledge offering: \$ 510  
Sun, Jan 4 non-pledge offering: \$ 656  
Total to Volunteers in Medicine: \$ 291

### Maroon Fire Blanket Missing from Room 210

Our upstairs special fire dousing blanket is missing from Room 210. It is 100% wool, maroon in color. It serves as a cover for the piano in Room 210 while staying handy for fire emergencies in the R.E. Wing. If you know where this blanket has wandered off to, please call Carol Marks at 332-3695.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS-JANUARY

Here are the Dinners for the New Year 2009

#18-HOST- BOB & LIBBY DEVOE

GUESTS-Kevin Rottet & Dave Crane

Patsy Flint  
Beverly McGahey  
David Parkhurst  
Ann Watzel

Loren & Lindsay Wood

#19HOST- STEVE LESSMANN

GUESTS-Dolores Freiburger

Cathy & Dick Hiatt  
BJ Lawrance & Jan Skinner  
Cookie & Bill Lynch  
Ray & Rita Rust  
Carol Sandberg

#20-CYNDI & DALE NELSON

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis  
Elizabeth Lion  
Denise & Harold Ogren

#21-HOST GLEE NOBLE

GUESTS-Bob & Laura Campbell

Karen & Jack Cassidy  
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr  
Renee Reed

#22-HOST-DICK & HARRIET PFISTER

GUESTS-Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum

Sandy & Fred Churchill  
George & Maryann Cusack

#23-HOST-NANCY RICHMAN

GUESTS-Mary Andrus-Overley & Donald Halford

Paul Petersen  
Stephanie & Tom Wilson

#24-HOST ANN ROBINS

GUESTS-Bill Baus

Jessie Cook, Klara Cook  
Diane & Tom Gregory  
Dixie Welch & Peter Schwandt

**Scheduling a Meeting?** Check out our new Web Calendar! Go to [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and click on [Full Calendar](#).

## UU Children's Choir Schedule



New singers, Kg-6th grade are welcome any time! Unless otherwise stated, rehearsals

are from 10:15-11:00am on the scheduled Sunday mornings, in the

Library. For more info, contact Jill Courtney at [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu).

1/25, 2/1 Rehearse (Please be punctual!)

Feb. 4 evening: Sing @ Family Worship



## Earth Tip-- Energy Saving for Winter

- Set your water heater to 120°.

- Open drapes on south-facing windows to warm your home. Consider closing drapes in rooms that receive no direct sunlight to insulate from cold window drafts.
- Start by setting your thermostat to 68°.
- If you have a clothes washing machine, use cold water.
- Replace your furnace or heat pump filter regularly.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucets.
- Weatherize and insulate older homes. For more information or to learn how these tips save energy (and \$), check online at <http://consciousconsuming.blogspot.com> or search for "winter energy saving tips" – many sites provide detailed information!

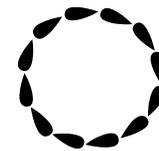
Green Sanctuary Task Force

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## Habitat Fundraiser Breakfast Sunday, January 18



The Habitat Task Force will host a fundraiser breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 18 from 10:15 to 11:10 a.m. Proceeds will be donated to a Habitat house currently under construction. Breakfast menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, fruit salad, juice and baked goods. The hope is to raise around \$3,000 total for this project on Bloomington's west side. Habitat builders are still needed for a January 24 build day; contact Barb Berggoetz, [barbberg@bluemarble.net](mailto:barbberg@bluemarble.net).



## Start 2009 in a Chalice Circle-- It's Not Too Late!

"Deep listening is miraculous for both listener and speaker. When someone receives us with open-hearted, non-judging, intensely interested listening, our spirits expand."  
--Sue Patton Thoele

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your connection with the UU Church of Bloomington? Have you been looking for ways to be of service to others? Would you like to get to know other members of this church in a purposeful and meaningful format? Becoming a member of a Chalice Circle may be for you. Groups of up to ten people, including a facilitator, meet once or twice a month with a focus on deep listening and sharing personal experiences. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session, with topics such as Joy, Encouragement, and Ministry. Groups also

do service projects for the church and community. For more information, please contact Judy Bennett at 331-4181, [judybennett2@gmail.com](mailto:judybennett2@gmail.com) or Chris Clothier at 332-3622, [c\\_clothier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c_clothier@sbcglobal.net)

## Congregational Art Exhibits This Winter and Spring

Reza Pishgahi will be exhibiting his glass sculpture in the windows of the Meeting Room during the month of January---a new kind of winter flowers! To start the new art-in-the-Commons project for the year, Patricia Coleman will hang her artwork beginning the first Sunday of January. Peggy and John Woodcock will be hanging their photos of Turkey during the month of February; Reza Pishgahi will hang his paintings in March; and Lynne Gilliatt will be exhibiting in April.  
--Sandy Taylor, Aesthetics Committee

## Getting Involved on January 25

The Getting Involved Fair will be held January 25. This will be a chance for all committees and groups in the church to "advertise" and "recruit" for new members. This is a great opportunity for new friends and visitors to see the wide variety of activities available and to talk with folks from these groups. This fun event will take place after each service on January 25. All groups in the church are welcome to participate. If you did not already receive information about this and you wish to have a table, please contact Denise Ogren so tables can be set up for you. [dogren@comcast.net](mailto:dogren@comcast.net).

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