

## The Prologue

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Tuesday, January 20, 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**

January 20, 2009 (mailed on Jan. 21)

**TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Jan. 22**

Return Service Requested



DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/22/2009	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class	1/27/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Choir
	7:00 PM	UU Choir	1/28/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
1/23/2009	8:00 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series		7:00 PM	Mission Statement Task Force
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	1/29/2009	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
1/24/2009	10:00 AM	GLBTQ Workshop with Rev. Kron		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle
	10:00 AM	Talent Auction Cmte		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	10:00 AM	UU Board Policy Blitz	1/30/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	1:00 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers auditions	1/31/2009	10:00 AM	Menu for the Future
1/25/2009	both svcs	Rev. Keith Kron preaching		10:00 AM	Usher Meeting - tentative
	9:15 AM	Sunday Services & RE, 9:15 and 11:15		7:30 PM	Imbolc Celebration - Earthkin
	10:15 AM	Children's Choir Reh.	2/1/2009	9:15 AM	Sunday Services & RE, 9:15 and 11:15
	10:15 AM	Reiki Talk		10:15 AM	Children's Choir Reh.
	12:30 PM	Social Justice Funds Cmte		11:15 AM	YRUU high school youth
	12:45 PM	OWL party		12:15 PM	Campus Ministry Lunch
	6:00 PM	YRUU		12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
1/26/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team		1:00 PM	RE Teacher Orientation & Planning
	6:30 PM	Program Team		6:00 PM	YRUU
	6:30 PM	RE Cmte	2/2/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue deadline
	7:00 PM	Abwoon Study Circle		6:30 PM	Science & Wonders of Universe
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae		7:00 PM	Soc Justice Coordinating Circle
1/27/2009	6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism		7:30 PM	Voces Novae

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

**Sunday, January 25, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**The Van Gogh Café Reverend Keith Kron**

How do we make this world a little fairer, a little more open, a place where we can be whole? Maybe we need to create our own magic to make this happen. We'll explore what magic each of us has to make this world a better place. Reverend Keith Kron is the Director of BGLT (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Concerns of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We welcome Keith here this weekend to help celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our journey to become a Welcoming Congregation.

*Our semi-annual Getting Involved Fair procession will take place in each worship service. Representatives from various committees and task forces will be available after each service in Fellowship Hall to help you learn how to 'get involved' here at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. (see Page 4 for more information)*

**Sunday, February 1, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Sold at the Auction I Reverend Bill Breeden**

This sermon is a payment of sort. Hugo and Karla Kunoff bought the rights to this sermon at last year's talent auction. They gave me a wide berth with regard to the topic. So wide, I am unsure what it will be, but it is dedicated to them. It is the first of two sermons sold at last year's auction. Another will be forthcoming. Hope to see you there.—peace-bill

**Wednesday, February 4, 2009**

**Family Worship: Honoring Black History Month**

**Family Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m.**

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and our UU Children's Choir

Wear your African garb if you have some, and join us for a soul food feast prepared by Renee Reed and assistants in honor of Black History Month. The focus will be on the food and festivities, but we will also share a story of one of our Unitarian Universalist African American ancestors and hear music provided by our Children's Choir directed by Jill Courtney. Dinner is provided, with a vegan option. \$1-\$2 donation per person requested.

## MAM's Musings

Hey folks, I want to highlight an upcoming event. Our fourth annual "Longtime Member Recognition" will take place **February 22, 2008**. Three years ago we celebrated *current* members of our church who joined from 1950 through 1969. Two years ago we recognized and celebrated those *current* members who initially joined this congregation from 1970 through 1979 and last year we celebrated *current* members who initially joined from 1980 to 1989. This year we plan to honor those members who initially joined this congregation from 1990 through 1999 and are *current* members of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation. As you might expect there is quite a rich list of folks from that decade. Below is the compiled list of names. Please let us know if you or any congregational members were inadvertently omitted from this list:

JAN ARMSTRONG, MARIANNE AURICH, EDRICE BAKER, SHERI BENHAM, JUDY BENNETT, SUSAN BOOKOUT, GLENDA BREEDEN, REV. BILL BREEDEN, DENISE BREEDEN-OST, CLARK BRITAIN, SUSAN BUCOVE, SCOTT BURGINS, REV. BARBARA CARLSON, KAREN CASSIDY, CHRIS CLOTHIER, BILL CORCORAN, DEBORAH DECHURCH, MICHAEL DENUNZIO, ALICE DOBIE-GALUSKA, DOLORES R. FREIBURGER, JOHN GALUSKA, HOWARD GEST, TOM GREGORY, VELMA HARRISON, CHRISTOPHER HAYNES, BETH HOLLINGSWORTH, TOM HOLLINGSWORTH, JEFFREY HUNTSMAN, KAREN LEE JEWELL, HELEN KANE, GEORGIA KOUSHIAFES, BJ LAWRENCE, JENNIFER LIVESAY, MARY MAHERN, DYLAN MARKS, SHARON MAYELL, ANN MCINTOSH, DAVID MCINTOSH, SUSI MILLER, LISA-MARIE NAPOLI, MARTHA NORD,

MARTHA OAKLEY, DENISE OGREN, HAROLD OGREN, CAROL PARKS, KEN PIMPLE, CINDY PORT, ROGER REIMERS, CAROL REIMERS, LIZ ROBB, BARRY RUBIN, DEBORAH RUSH, ELISABETH SAVICH, ROBERT SHULL, KATHY SIDELI, FRESCA SOBRER, KATHY STARKS-DYER, SUSAN SWANEY, DEBBIE THORGREN TURNER, BECKIE WAGNER, DAVID WATERMAN, LEWIS WHIKEHART, TYLER WHIKEHART, SHARI WOODBURY, IAN WOOLLEN.

We hope all of you will join us for our worship services on February 22<sup>th</sup>. In celebration of our dynamic liberal religious community we will recognize new members and long time members during the services. There will be special music by our choir, and a reception in Fellowship Hall (thanks to our Membership Committee) 10:20am-11:00am, to honor this particular cohort of Long Time Members.

Warmly, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## West Window

The inauguration ended just a few minutes ago. I feel better already. I don't expect miracles, but I am thankful for the one I just witnessed, a miracle of courage and hope on behalf of the American people. Let us continue the struggle for justice and peace in our world. Rev. Macklin and I hope many of you will join us this Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am for a workshop at the church. Reverend Kieth Kron of the Unitarian Universalist Association will lead the workshop on GLBT affairs. (See Common Ground for details.) We will have lunch and we will have fun.

Peace--bill

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## Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

### GLBTQ Events in Columbus, Indiana

**Sunday, January 25:** "Homosexuality and the Bible" a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender-affirming workshop with Rev. Dr. Miguel de la Torre, Sunday, January 25, 4pm at First Presbyterian Church 512 Seventh St, Columbus, IN. Childcare provided.

**Monday, January 26:** "From Gay Basher to Gay Ally: A Southern Baptist Minister's Conversion Story" keynote speech by Rev. Dr. Miguel de la Torre, Associate-Professor of Social Ethics & Director of the Justice and Peace Institute, Iliff School of Theology, Denver CO. At North Christian Church, 850 Tipton Lane, Columbus, IN. A light meal will be served 5:30-5:45pm. Keynote address at 6:00pm. RSVP to Julia Stumpff, [julia.stumpff@gmail.com](mailto:julia.stumpff@gmail.com) OR 344-2908 if you would like to attend.)

## Women's Alliance Meets February 5

The Women's Alliance will be meeting Thursday, February 5 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 Bob Taylor and friends speaking about the jail. Hostesses will be Dixie Welch and Jean Knowlton. Guests are always welcome.

## Lunch with a Minister Feb. 10

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, February 10 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  
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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

## Earth Tips

### Buy Used

To steal a euphemism from the car industry, buying "pre-owned" instantly saves all the resources that would have gone into and the pollution that would have come out of producing a brand-new item. Whether you're shopping for a house, furniture, a vehicle, electronics, clothes, jewelry, books, or most anything else, going vintage is a great way to go green. Source: The Sierra Club Green Life e-newsletter ([Green.Life@sierraclub.org](mailto:Green.Life@sierraclub.org))

### E-Newsletter for the Prologue

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## UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**

**Next Bounty-Full Sunday is February 1**

Current Needs:

1- or 2-pound bags of



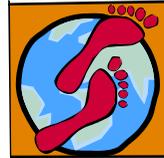
rice, baking mixes, peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, cooking oil, flour and sugar. (No Expired Food Please) Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 333-8957 or [mary\\_blizzard@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_blizzard@hotmail.com).

**THANK YOU!** Through your continued support in 2008, UU Bloomington was able to donate 2,952 lbs. of food to Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) via the Bounty-Full Sunday food collections. Your generosity also provided 78 Holiday Food Baskets (total cost around \$8,000) which allowed so many needy families in our community to have their own holiday dinners. This brings our total food donations to MCUM in 2008 to 10,552 lbs. of food. Through monetary donations and the sale of hats and scarves at our Holiday Bazaar, we were able to raise over \$2200 for MCUM which went towards emergency food, rent, and utilities payments. Your compassion is being put to work in visibly important ways. Monroe County United Ministries and the Help Feed Our Hungry Task Force would like to thank you all for a critical job well done.

—Mary Blizzard, HFOHN

**Our Folks...** Our community is being represented at the inauguration by many of our folks including Kim, Keith, Mac and Ethan Vogelsang, Amy Cornell and Geoff McKim, Grayson McKim, and Renee, Marsha, Noah and Jarien Reed.

Our thoughts for quick healing are with Elisabeth Savich, who was recently hospitalized.



## Green Spaces Initiative Working on Details

The Green Spaces Initiative has been working on plans that will address necessary repairs, create a wonderful outdoor space and increase the energy efficiency of our building. Currently they are working on details such as which type of windows and window covering will be best for Fellowship Hall. Efficiency, utility, expense, aesthetics, sustainability and accessibility are just a few of the factors that we will be considering as we explore options for the design and materials. We have been gathering information and seeking feedback throughout the process and welcome more input from anyone who is interested. Are you a detail person? Let us know if you would like to become more involved! Cynthia L. Port [cport@epi.umaryland.edu](mailto:cport@epi.umaryland.edu) and Cindy Port, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)

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

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.

### BULLETIN BOARD

**JOB WANTED** Tim Slack, longtime Unitarian, seeks administrative position. Skilled in most administrative tools, specialized knowledge of credit evaluation & claim processes; very capable, easily trained. Resume & local references available on request. Cell: 812.827.3082

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## Religious Education Volunteers Needed!

Each year Religious Education relies on over 50 volunteers who are willing to spend time as teachers or advisors for our children and youth. This represents a

major commitment our congregation has made to our children. Teaching teams of three makes it easier; there is always another adult in the room and each Sunday at least one teacher has the Sunday 'off'. We are always recruiting and training new teachers because no one is expected to teach all the time. Please consider letting us know how you would like to be involved; the spring semester begins Feb. 8th. Curriculum is provided, RE staff help with prep work, gathering supplies and planning. New teachers are put on teams with experienced folks. Subs, family worship helpers, OWL and senior high volunteers are all needed as well. Learn about your own faith and beliefs while helping make our Religious Education program a wonderful place to grow up.

## Soul Food Dinner Family Worship Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

In honor of African American History month, Chef Renee Reed will prepare a Soul Food dinner for Family Worship on Wednesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Collard



Greens, black eyed peas, corn bread, mac and cheese and triple-decker peach cobbler are just a few items on the menu which



accommodates vegans and vegetarians. Everyone is invited to join us for this family worship where food is the focus of the evening; the Children's Choir will also perform. Please consider joining us in the kitchen for prep or helping with clean-up!! \$1 or \$2 per person suggested donation for dinner. Newcomers, visitors and families with young children are especially welcome! Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education



## 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)

## Top Reasons to be a Greeter

- **Spiritually rewarding.** Welcoming others makes your spirits soar.
- **Earth friendly.** No extra driving Greet on Sundays when you are coming to church anyway.
- **Time-efficient** Right before, during and after Sunday services.
- **Flexible schedule** You decide which hour and date to serve each month.
- **Great benefits** You make a difference to visitors and the congregation.

**Greeter/welcomer training Wednesday, Feb. 18** 7-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Sign up at the Getting Involved Fair on Jan 25.

## Get and Stay Connected Jan. 25

The Getting Involved Fair will be held January 25. This will be an opportunity for all committees and groups in the church to “advertise” and “recruit” 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. 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).

## 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.

## Come to a Green Drinks Event to Discuss Environmental Issues

Green Drinks is an environmental social networking "non-movement" which has spread to 450 cities world wide and now is coming to Bloomington. Every month diverse groups of people interested in the environment, ranging from members of environmental groups to the building professions, academia, business, real estate, government, farming and the arts, meet at social gatherings called Green Drinks to network and talk about environmental issues. The first Green Drinks Bloomington will be Wednesday, February 18 from 5:30 until 8 pm at Upland's banquet facility behind the brewery. The Bloomington branch of the US Green Building Council is hosting the mixer. For more information or to sign up for an evite, email [greendrinksbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:greendrinksbloomington@gmail.com).

### Attendance

Sun, Jan 11,	9:15: 123	11:15: 196	RE: 144
			Total: 463
Sun, Jan 18,	9:15: 90	11:15: 211	RE: 301
			Total: 436
<i>Sun, Jan 11</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 412
<i>Sun, Jan 18</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 620
	Total to Volunteers in Medicine:		\$ 258



## Want to be loved and appreciated forever and ever?

Help make sure that coffee is ready on Sunday mornings. Sign-up for a java crew shift –

monthly, quarterly or now and then. We need 2 smiling people for each shift: 8-9:15, 9-10:30, or 10:30-Noon every Sunday. New to the kitchen? Never fear; Deanna Lahre will be there to show you the ropes – coffee pots.

Stop by the Java Crew Table at the Getting Involved Fair, Sunday, January 25. The sign-up sheet will also be posted in the kitchen. Let's see if we can fill all the shifts between now and April 1<sup>st</sup>!

We do need YOUR help for this very important part of our congregational life!

Deanna Lahre, Dixie Welch, Amy Taylor, Jackie Hall

## UU Talent Auction – March 8, 2009 at 4PM

Needed: Volunteers to assist with the auction. Sign up in the Commons on Sundays.

Donors to contribute talents. Whether it is an art work, baked goods, services, such as teaching cello, walking dogs, bike repair, driving, a vacation spot. Your talent can be used.

Complete a form that will be available soon. Buyers for both the silent and live auction.

Invite all your church and non-church friends. This auction is open to the public and we hope many non-church people will purchase.

Plan to stay afterwards for dinner. Dinner begins at 6:30, or immediately following the auction.

Visit the Talent Auction table in the Commons area between services to ask questions and to volunteer. Your Talent Auction Committee, Jan Skinner, Chair

## Earth Kin events:

**Imbolc Ritual Sat. Jan. 31st** at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Bring food to share for the feast afterwards. The celebration of Imbolc is the feast of the returning light and the festival of purification. We nurture the flames born at the Winter Solstice as the days turn ever upward into Spring. Winter and death shall be swept away and banished until the Wheel turns once again to their time of rest and repose. Now is the quickening of the year and new life stirs once again in the womb of the Great Mother. Now is the feast of poets, and is sacred to the Goddess in her triple aspect. All are invited to participate.

**Earth Kin Gathering to study** and fellowship together. Using the book by Christopher Penzack "The Inner Temple of Witchcraft," we will begin to read together and consider what it means to be Pagan in our current world. Thursday, Jan. 22nd in Room 110 at 6:30pm.

## 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

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Let all who do justice and love mercy say amen and say amen.

–Rev. Joseph Lowery, 1/20/2009