

## The Prologue

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Green Sanctuary since 2007



**Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World**

February 2, 2009 (mailed on Feb. 3)

**TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Feb. 4**

Return Service Requested



2/5/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	2/11/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	5:00 PM	Habitat Women's Build mtg		1:00 PM	Friends of Prisoners TF
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Executive Committee		6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class		7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation
	7:00 PM	UU Choir, String Band at 8:30	2/12/2009	6:30 PM	Spirit in Practice - Tapestry of Faith
2/6/2009	12:30 PM	UU Super Staff Meeting		7:00 PM	Adult Rel. Ed. Cmte
2/7/2009	10:00 AM	Tal Auct Cmte		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
	4:00 PM	UU Choir Bach extra reh		7:00 PM	UU Choir
2/8/2009	12:15 PM	Parent Talk	2/13/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	1:00 PM	Chalice Circle - J. Knowlton		7:00 PM	Women's Drum Circle
	6:00 PM	YRUU	2/14/2009	10:00 AM	Menu for the Future
2/9/2009	6:30 PM	Bazaar Wrap up	2/15/2009	10:15 AM	Reiki Talk - sponsored by Just Peace TF
	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators		1:00 PM	IU B-ball
	7:00 PM	Abwoon Study Circle		6:00 PM	YRUU
	7:00 PM	Mission Statement TF	2/16/2009	10:00 AM	Common Ground deadline
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae		10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
2/10/2009	12:00 PM	Lunch with Minister		6:00 PM	Dances of Univ Peace
	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators		6:30 PM	Program Team
	6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism		6:30 PM	Science & Wonders of Universe
	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Ruellen
	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus		7:30 PM	Voces Novae

**Sunday, February 8, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**On Love and the Rattling of Skeletons Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

What do rattling skeletons have to do with love? Hey, that's what I wanted to know! In this pre-Valentines Day worship service, we will explore love, skeletons, and the liberal religious path. Our Teacher Dedication will be part of the Children's Moment.

**Sunday, February 15, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Sold at the Auction II Reverend Bill Breedon**

This sermon is the final installment of my Talent Auction sermons from 2008, and was purchased by Harlan Lewis. The topic is still being negotiated. Hope to see you there.—peace-bill

**Talent Auction is March 8! See insert in this issue!**

**Fellowship Quilting Group Forming – First Meeting February 18**

New member Janet Greenblatt will facilitate the forming of a new quilting group for fellowship and creativity, starting Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 210. Bring your ideas for a quilt we can make together over the next several months. Questions, contact Janet at jgreen8790@aol.com. All experience levels welcome!

**Java Crew Serves Bagels at 8:45 Each Sunday**

Come to church a little early and have a cup of coffee and a bagel. Bagels and cream cheese available for \$1.00 in Fellowship Hall, 8:45-9:10 a.m. each Sunday.

## MAM's Musings

The Management Team (Reverend Breeden, Church Administrator Carol Marks and Reverend Macklin-moi) is very happy to announce that Judy Bennett has accepted the position of Membership Coordinator for our congregation. We had many wonderful applicants for this part-time position, and we look forward to having a Membership Coordinator on our staff. Again, we are thankful to all the lay leaders who helped create this position. Special kudos to board member Shari Woodbury for all her work on the Chalice Lighter grant which makes this position possible. Also many thank yous to Program Team member Jackie Hall and Membership Committee chair Libby DeVoe and all the lay leaders that offered input into this position.

Initially, our new Membership Coordinator will be asked to: take time to familiarize herself with the job and the overall *membership landscape*; then eventually schedule a meeting with new members to learn individual interests, needs and gifts; clarify congregation's expectations of involvement and financial stewardship; link new members with appropriate groups and activities; follow up with committee chairs and church; be available to new members to answer questions about church life. Eventually her focus will expand to all members to increase awareness of existing activities, connections and possible leadership opportunities. This position is part-time and will develop over the next few years. We will officially welcome Judy Bennett on board at the Long Time Member Celebration services on February 22, 2009.

Warmly, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## From the Ministers:

The snow is melting to the dismay of some and the joy of others, and the groundhog is said to have retreated for another six weeks of winter. After a bit of a respite in January following the frenzy of the holidays, the pace of life and work picks up again. We will soon be in the midst of our annual pledge drive, and the Talent Auction is only a month away. We have another task before us this spring and that is the creation of a video about our congregation to be presented at the 2009 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Salt Lake City.

Being named a "Breakthrough Congregation" should be an incentive for us to look deeply into the value of this congregation, not only in our own lives, but in the life of the greater community. On January 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrated that value and honored the work of all those who struggled through the sometimes painful process of becoming a Welcoming Congregation, and then led the way in getting the Bloomington City Council to include sexual orientation in the city's anti-discrimination policy. A Rainbow Flag for our Commons was given in memory of Dan Quilter for his leadership in that effort.

We want to continue to be leaders in this community in the struggle to become a more just society. Your support, financial and otherwise, is crucial to that effort. We are thankful for it.

Peace—mary ann and bill

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Please see the bulletin board in the Courtyard Entrance for ways you can volunteer in our community.

## Women's Alliance Meets February 5

The Women's Alliance will meet 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 our jail ministry. 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  
[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

## Earth Tips

### All-Church Retreat May 8-9 Mark Your Calendar!

for the 3rd Annual Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Inter Generational UU Retreat. Friday and Saturday, May 8 & 9th at Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County. This year's retreat will focus on Ethical Eating (the current UUA Study Action Issue). More info coming soon from the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.

### E-Newsletter for the Prologue?

If you would like to receive an email reminder when each issue of The Prologue has been posted to our website, instead of receiving The Prologue on paper, please send your request to Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

### Attendance

Sun, Jan 25,	9:15: 110	11:15: 196	RE: 125
			Total: 431
Sun, Feb 1,	9:15: 109	11:15: 191	RE: 127
			Total: 427
<i>Sun, Jan 25</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 501
<i>Sun, Feb 1</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 509
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:			\$ 252

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## UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**  
**Next Bounty-Full Sunday is March 1**  
Current Needs:  
1 or 2-lb 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).

## Clothing Swap March 7

The Spring Clothing Swap is on Saturday, March 7 from 9 am - noon in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with it, please contact Stephanie at [kimball.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kimball.stephanie@gmail.com).

## Capitol Climate Action March 2

On Monday, March 2 there will be a mass protest in Washington, DC, at the Capitol Coal-fired Power Plant that literally powers Congress with dirty energy. Members of the Green Sanctuary Task Force are considering the efficacy of this protest and may be organizing carpools or renting a bus. For more information on the action visit [capitolclimateaction.org](http://capitolclimateaction.org). If you are interested in participating, contact Marcia at [meadowlk@bloomington.in.us](mailto:meadowlk@bloomington.in.us).

## Truth In Recruiting, Feb 8

Military recruiters continue to talk to children in our high schools on a regular basis. Unfortunately, potential recruits are often not told enough to make an informed decision. We believe that our children are owed the truth about what they will be expected to do if they join the armed services and what they will get in return. 57% of enlistees get no college

money; of the 43% who do, the average grant is \$1,000. In an effort to promote honesty and candor, volunteers are needed to give children a basis for thinking critically about what they are told by recruiters.

The American Friends Service Committee will train us to talk to high school students about a decision that will alter lives forever. Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2 -4 pm, Monroe County Public Library, Room 1A For more info, contact Deb Garretson at (812) 334-8890 or [library336@yahoo.com](mailto:library336@yahoo.com)

## Our Folks...

Our thoughts and prayers for healing are with Susan Schneider, who is recovering from an automobile accident. Cards are welcome.

Our thoughts are with Loretta Godfrey and family. Loretta's mother Betty Sachs died last week. A Memorial will be held this Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in Bloomfield. Reverend Macklin will preside.

Our thoughts are also with the family and friends of Elisabeth Savich, who died on January 21. A memorial service led by Rev. Breeden will be held at Meadowood on Saturday, February 7 at 1:00 p.m.

## Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, February 8, from 12:15 to 2:15 in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share joys & concerns and ideas about staying connected with our adult children. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, [d.j.sowell@comcast.net](mailto:d.j.sowell@comcast.net)

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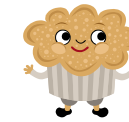


## Spring 2009 RE Teaching Teams

Spring semester  
Religious Education  
begins Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.  
A wonderful group of people has

volunteered to teach this semester. Please let them know you appreciate the time and energy they put into teaching our children.

Contact Cindy Port if you can help by bringing a food item for one of the Teacher Appreciation Breakfasts this spring.



### 9:15am Preschool: Chalice Children

Glenda Breeden, Alan Paton, Rejoyce Enright

### 9:15am K-2: Treasure Hunting

Elizabeth Collins, Karen Jewell, Diane Monroe

### 9:15am 2-6: Holidays and Holy Days

Charlotte Appel, Bob Port, Matthias Weber

### 11:15am Preschool: Chalice Children

Denisha Jones, Martha Nord, Tiffany Walton

### 11:15am K-1 Treasure Hunting

Terry Loucks, Mary Mahern, Amy Wallace

### 11:15am 2-3 Spirit of Adventure

Jeanette Miller, Ceci Schrock, Liz Rosdeitcher

### 11:15am 3-4 Holidays and Holy Days

Marcia Harlow, Anne Starace, Kim Sackmann

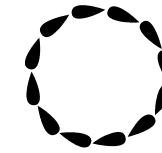
### 11:15am 5-6 Transcendentalists

Bret Earheart, Abby Mitchell, Melissa St. John

### 11:15 YUUMS: Grades 7-8

Dan Beauregard, Julie James, Jane McLeod

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education  
[dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)



## 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)

## Celebrate Spring Break with Exploring UU Class

Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Sign up for the Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, March 8 and March 15. Free child care is available with advance notice. For more information contact Jack King, 332-9682, [idskking@aol.com](mailto:idskking@aol.com).

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The Green Spaces Initiative Building renovation and courtyard design committee is dividing into subcommittees to work on the details of a proposal to be voted on this coming June. The 'inside' committee is looking at the windows, doors, window covering and flooring for Fellowship Hall. In addition they are looking at whether an indoor airlock may be a feasible and economical option. The Green Spaces committee agrees that building on an airlock as an addition is not practical economically or environmentally. The 'outdoor' subcommittee is considering details involved with the pavilion, hardscapes, plantings, outdoor kitchen area, walls and gates, the mosaic, and electrical details such as lighting and automatic doors. Anyone with opinions, interests or expertise in these areas are invited to contact Cynthia L. Port [cport@epi.umaryland.edu](mailto:cport@epi.umaryland.edu) or Cindy Port, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)

### 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 or contact Libby DeVoe, [edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu).



### Singers of United Lands Welcome Dinner Monday, February 23,

7pm-8pm in Fellowship Hall

The International Outreach Task Force (IOTF) will host a Welcome Dinner & Meet and Greet for the members of SOUL on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. SOUL is vocal ensemble comprised of four singers from four different continents who travel the world performing and teaching songs from their native lands. The IOTF is proud to support SOUL's mission to develop international and cultural relationships through vocal music from around the world.

This dinner will also serve as a thank you to those members of our congregation and wider community who have graciously agreed to host group members during their stay in Bloomington. All members of the congregation who wish to attend the dinner and help welcome the members of SOUL to our community are most welcome. The dinner is free, but monetary donations to help with the costs of the dinner will be thankfully accepted, with any excess funds collected going to the IOTF general fund to support their work with selected international

service organizations. Both meat and vegetarian lasagna will be served. This is an all ages event. To attend the dinner, R.S.V.P. to Jason Blankenship ([jasonblank33@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonblank33@yahoo.com) / 765-318-8851) by February 20.

### Taskforce Forming to look at our Mission Statement

A Mission Statement taskforce of the Shaping our Future Together Committee is forming. The current Mission Statement can be viewed at our website [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org). Our church community has grown and changed a lot since we adopted this statement in 1994, and the process we have gone through with the Shaping Our Future Together Committee and the Advances is a great place to start to look at our current vision and mission. Cindy Port is chairing the committee as a part of her Leadership practicum for the IU Masters of Social Work program. The first meeting of the taskforce will be Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Cindy if you are interested, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)



### Women's Drumming Circle February 13

Dorothy Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Karen Gunderman will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, Feb. 13th from 7 to 9 pm in Fellowship Hall at the church. All levels of drumming experience and non-experience are welcome. We encourage you to bring

drums or percussion instruments; instruments will not be provided. The four of us, who are novice drummers, attended a women's drumming weekend in Muncie at the beginning of October. We would like to share our excitement about drumming with other women. Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship.

### Deepen Your UU Roots—Attend the District's Annual Meeting

The Heartland District of the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) invites you to join other Heartland Unitarian Universalists at our family-friendly Annual Spring Conference and Annual Meeting, in Muncie, Indiana, April 3-5, 2009. Come and join us for Workshops, Speakers, good food and great fellowship. Brochure, registration forms and details are available in the church office in the Denominational Affairs mailbox or at <http://www.heartlanduu.org>

### Ready to Sign the Book?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, February 15 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) on the 2nd floor. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [stephw3@yahoo.com](mailto:stephw3@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, February 11.

# Talent, Goods & Services Auction

**March 8, 2009 (4-6:30 pm)**

Registration 4:00-4:30

Live Auction & Silent Auction 4:30-6:30

Dinner Begins: 6:30



Don't miss this delightful evening of auction, music, and delicious food! You'll be amazed by the range of goods and services for sale! Watch for list of selected sale items in church and on church web site: [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and full catalog no later than March 1, 2009.

## You don't have to be rich to enjoy this UU fundraiser!

Admission is free and there will be items to suit all pocketbooks. Childcare will be provided for children under 13 at no cost.

## Delicious dinner with music will follow after the Auction!

Pasta/Chili, salad, dessert, & drinks will be available for purchase after the auction in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the good food & relaxing atmosphere.



**Half-pot drawing!** Win half of the proceeds! Tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5, starting Jan. 10, 2009 (You don't have to be present to win).

**We need your donations!** Consider donating a service (babysitting, house cleaning, party or trip, music lessons, computer help, etc.). How about those gently used household items sitting in a closet? Or a loaf of bread, cake, or something you've crafted? *Please see the Donor Form on the reverse side.*

**Please volunteer!** Volunteers are needed to cook, serve supper, set up, clean up, register bidders, be cashiers, mark sale items, and decorate. Look for the Volunteer Sign Up poster in the Commons each Sunday.

**Bring your friends and neighbors!** The auction is **open to the public**. Help us break last year's record and raise over \$12,000 for the Church!

## Information:

Arzetta H. Losensky – Ph (812) 824-1394 or [zetta@bluemarble.net](mailto:zetta@bluemarble.net)

# Talent, Goods & Services Auction — Mar. 8 '09 Donor Form

**\*\*\* Please submit this form no later than February 15 \*\*\***

Please consider donating your talents, services, or gently-used goods to this year's UU Auction. Previous items have ranged from gourmet dinners, original artwork, and golf lessons to home baked bread, babysitting, and handmade socks. Use your imagination!

## I can donate the following (please describe):

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No. items available: \_\_\_\_\_ (or) No. times service offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum bid per item (required) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date for meal or event (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people served (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Delivery & display of items:

- Bring wall art items to the auction table in the church on February 15
- Bring other non-perishable items on February 22
- Bring food items (unless special orders) on auction day March 8
- **Note: all items must have the name of the donor and minimum bid securely attached to the item upon**

Contact Kevin Rottet or Dave Crane (812) 339-2606 to make other delivery arrangements.

- Wall art will be hung for viewing and other selected items displayed beginning Feb. 22, 2009.
- Watch for list of selected sale items in church and on church web site: [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) and full catalog no later than March 1, 2009.

You may leave the completed form in **Room 204** or send it to:

Kevin Rottet or Dave Crane

2811 E. David Dr.

Bloomington, IN, 47401

[krottet@indiana.edu](mailto:krottet@indiana.edu) or [drccrane98@hotmail.com](mailto:drccrane98@hotmail.com) / Ph (812) 339-2606

**An electronic version of this form is available from Kevin or Dave**