

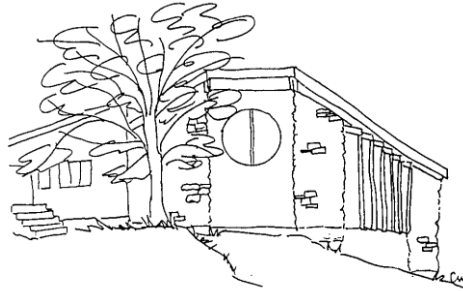
The Prologue

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Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

February 16, 2009 (mailed on Feb. 17)

TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Feb. 18

Return Service Requested



2/18/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	2/26/2009	10:00 AM	IU Residence Hall Resource Team
	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship		6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class
	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	7:00 PM	Greeter Training	2/27/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
	7:00 PM	Historical Jesus		12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation	2/27-28/2009	5:00 PM	AYTL retreat, @Rancho Framasa
	7:00 PM	UU Board	2/28/2009	10:00 AM	Menu for the Future
2/19/2009	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle	3/1/2009	12:15 PM	Campus Ministry Lunch
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
	8:30 PM	String Band		1:00 PM	Mission Statement TF
2/20/2009	8:00 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series		6:00 PM	YRUU
	10:30 AM	Life Stories	3/2/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		3:00 PM	Management Team
2/21/2009	10:00 AM	Silent Theft ARE class		6:30 PM	Science & Wonders of Universe
	10:00 AM	UU Board Policy Blitz		7:30 PM	Voces Novae
	11:00 AM	UU Choir rehearsal - Bach A Major Mass	3/3/2009	10:00 AM	Chalice Cir - Ulla L.
2/22/2009	9:15 AM	RE Teacher Breakfast		5:30 PM	Denom Affairs Cmte
	10:15 AM	Long Time Member Reception		5:30 PM	Stewardship Cmte
	6:00 PM	YRUU		6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism
2/23/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	6:30 PM	RE Committee Meeting		7:00 PM	Bhagavad Gita
	7:00 PM	Abwoon Study Circle		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Choir
	7:00 PM	SOUL Cong. Dinner	3/4/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae		5:30 PM	Fam Worship
2/24/2009	6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism		6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers		7:00 PM	Historical Jesus
	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
2/25/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers		7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation
	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship			
	7:00 PM	Historical Jesus			
	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation			

Sunday, February 22, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Gloria: Our Longtime Member Recognition

Our Choir, Directed by Susan Swaney

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

Join us for this worship service of celebration, reflection and story, highlighting our congregation's new and longtime members. Our choir will sing the "Gloria" from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Mass in A Major* in honor of the many members who have contributed and continue to contribute to the vibrancy of our congregational life. This year we will especially recognize those who joined our congregation from 1990-1999. A special reception will be held between services in honor of this auspicious member recognition occasion.

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

A Letter of Appreciation Reverend Bill Breeden

The first week of March is "Write a Letter of Appreciation Week" so I will give it a try. I will appreciate your being there. Peace--bill

Talent Auction is March 8-- See related articles on Pages 2, 4, & 6!

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.

25% Fund Applications Available March 1

Social Justice Funds Committee announces that applications for the 25% of the Sunday Plate funds will become available on March 1, 2009. Please see February's Common Ground (enclosed in this Prologue) for more information. Volunteers in Medicine is the current recipient of the funds. Stay tuned for more information!

From the Ministers:

Along with the approaching Spring comes a lot of happenings that involve members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. Here are a few that we would like to highlight, and we encourage you to participate as you are able. The *Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change* is striving to get a busload of Unitarian Universalists and friends to go to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national mobilization to call for action to stop global warming, develop sustainable energy sources and conserve our environment for the children of tomorrow. Our congregation has long heard the call to care for this spinning blue-green planet we know as home.

Plans are for the bus to leave Bloomington early Sunday evening, March 1st and arrive in time for the action on Monday, March 2nd. It will be an exciting experience and a journey to remember. It is also a reminder that many Americans voted for change last year. Congress and President Obama need to know that we will settle for nothing less than a new direction. See details in today's Common Ground.

Another event that is nearly upon us is the *Talent Auction* on March 8th. It is a fun event that raises funds to help our congregation meet our budget. Darrell Breeden is the auctioneer, and the items for sale are exciting in variety and substance. The bidding also gets a little wild. Plan to join us.

On Thursday, March 19, in Fellowship Hall, we will host Imran Ahmad the author of *Unimagined, A Muslim Boy Meets the West*. Mr. Ahmad is doing a national tour and visiting with many Unitarian Universalist congregations, because he finds our

message to be one that resonates with his heart and experience. *Unimagined* is his memoir of a life of being torn between his Islamic identity and his desire to embrace the West. We encourage those of you who are staying in town for spring break to join the discussion.

On Tuesday, March 31st, we will host Buddhist teacher Drupon Rinchen Dorjee Rinpoche who will be teaching in Indiana from March 26-31, 2009. He will be giving a public talk in Indianapolis on March 26th. After that he will be offering teachings on advanced Buddhist topics from March 27th through March 31st. He will visit us in our Library on March 31st for a public talk at 7:30pm.

Last but not least, the month of March kicks off our *Annual Stewardship Campaign* and we hope that you will thoughtfully consider the value of this community to you and those you love through a generous financial pledge. Our congregation continues to expand and share its ministry in ways that exceed our dreams of just a few years ago. As your ministers, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve this congregation, to work with its staff and lay leadership, to share with everyone memories of hope and acts of justice, to mark our times of joys and sorrows along this liberal religious path, as we continue to say together "Yes to life!"

In gratitude and peace,

MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin) and
bill (Reverend Bill Breeden)

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Fundraising Party for WFHB and Tibetan Mongolian Cultural Ctr March 7, 2009 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center invites you and your family to come to the Cultural Center Building at 3655 Snoddy Road to support WFHB (Community Radio for South Central Indiana) and enjoy an evening of entertainment and education. (Proceeds will be shared 50/50 by WFHB and TMCC.) To commemorate Tibetan National Uprising Day March 10, there will be a tour of the center and information on the arts, culture, and recent political history of Tibet. An introduction of the country of Mongolia will be included with a showing of the movie *The Weeping Camel*, a story that will also make you cry--and rejoice. The suggested donation is \$30---\$55 per couple. Children 12 and under are free. Reservations are required. You may pay at the door. RSVP by Wednesday, February 25 to tmbcc@tmbcc.net or 812-331-0014; 812-336-6807.

Evansville UUs Plan Katrina Relief Service Trip To New Orleans

Saturday July 11-Sunday July 19
If you are interested in going with UUs from other Heartland congregations to help on a work project in New Orleans in July, please contact Rev. Deane Oliva, Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville by email, cogenisys@aol.com. Cost of the trip for UUs is \$20.00 per night per person in New Orleans plus food, travel expenses and discretionary monies. Older youth (15 +) are invited, but small children are not well accommodated. Preliminary information can be found on the UUCE website: www.uuevansville.org. Reserve space by sending name and contact information to Rev Deane Oliva, cogenisys@aol.com by April 10.

Women's Alliance Meets March 5

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, March 5 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for brown bag lunch. The program is from 12:00 - 12:30 with Marcia Veldman speaking about the farmers market. Hostesses will be Anna Wiley and Dolores Freiburger. Guests are always welcome.

Lunch with a Minister Mar. 10

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, March 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
mobile phone: 322-0205
Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.
On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays
breeden@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 360-1779

Attendance

Sun, Feb 8, 9:15:	111	11:15:	191	RE:	146
				Total:	448
Sun, Feb 15, 9:15:	97	11:15:	n/a*	RE:	127
				Total:	n/a

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Sun, Feb 8 non-pledge offering: \$1651
Sun, Feb 15 non-pledge offering: \$ 668
Total to Volunteers in Medicine: \$ 580

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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.

Clothing Swap March 7

The Spring Clothing Swap is on Saturday, March 7 from 9 am – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com.

Capitol Climate Action in Washington, D.C. Monday, March 2, 2009

Now is the time for the first national mobilization on climate justice and energy solutions. Join thousands of people young and old, who are taking action to lead us toward a just and sustainable future.

The Capitol Climate Action is endorsed by over 50 organizations nationwide, Wendell Berry, Bill McKibben and, according to The Guardian, Al Gore and James Hansen.

See www.capitolclimateaction.org

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is organizing bus transportation to D.C. for this demonstration. The 55- passenger bus has seats available. For details, contact Marcia Veldman. If you are interested in going, it is important that we hear from you very soon. It's \$85 if you sign up by February 20 and \$95 after. Marcia Veldman, meadowlk@bloomington.in.us

Talent Auction Teaser! March 8, 4:00 p.m.

Here are some of the fabulous items that will be available at our Talent Auction on March 8 at 4:00 p.m.!

Armani statue
Paella Party for up to six people
Three-day vacation at condo in Florida
Two hours of Macintosh computer help
Biscotti baking lessons
Blue crystal punch bowl
Hobbit Tea Party
Antique English wall clock
Flute lesson
New Orleans gourmet dinner
Tie-dyed headband scarf
Melissa's bran flax muffins
Handmade afghan
Painting by Terran Marks
Original framed photographs...
and much more!

Full catalog will be posted soon on our website, www.uubloomington.org.

Ride to Church Needed

A member of the congregation who is unable to drive to church needs a ride on Sundays to either service. She lives at 2500 Rockport Rd. If anyone lives in that neighborhood and would be willing to help out please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator at judybennett2@gmail.com. Thank you!

Our Folks...

Hartrock Poetry Series and Open Mic with the theme of Lots of Love. Julia Heimer Dadds and Bill & Glenda Breeden will be among the featured poets on February 27th, 7:00PM, at Rachel's Café, (emcee: Patricia Coleman).

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Building Community for your child: Friendship

How can you help your child like Religious Education (RE) classes more? Children who have

friends at church want to come to church on Sunday mornings. RE classes for children and youth can be engaging and fun, but the time we have is very limited. Most children attend RE only 8 out of 16 Sundays a semester, and classes are barely an hour long. Children need unstructured free play time to form friendships. Consider inviting someone in your child's class over for a play date. Invite them to share a picnic lunch with you in a park after church or go skating or bowling together. Family Worship services on the first Wednesday of the month provide opportunities to share a meal (provided!) with other families, and there is unstructured time to talk and play before and after the service.

Religious Education volunteer teachers work hard to create community in our classes, having fun while also trying to provide a lesson. This semester the Holidays and Holy Days class will celebrate Mardi Gras,

Iranian New Year No Ruz and Buddha's Birthday. Spirit of Adventure will build structures out of Jello (invented by a Unitarian) and create a circus in honor of P.T. Barnum, another Unitarian. The Transcendentalism class will learn about Thoreau's Walden Pond and go on a field trip to Griffy Lake. Coming to class regularly and forming friendships will help your child



feel connected and part of our community. Cindy Port, Dir. Religious Education and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel. Ed.

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Doug & Julie Cauble

Doug Cauble and Julie Carter came separately to Brown County in the mid-1970's to pursue a simple life in the wooded hills. Julie worked as carpenter to support her two young sons, and Doug worked at various jobs in Nashville. In time, Doug and Julie met, built a house, a family, and a life together. Employment for both at Brown County Schools provided the ability to enjoy many interesting avocations.

Both were raised in the Methodist tradition and both considered themselves agnostic, but respectful of other religious traditions. However, something was missing; there was a need to communicate with like minded individuals, to be part of a larger community. Their involvement with the UU Church of Bloomington and a deeper understanding of Unitarian Universalism has brought them home.

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, jdskking@aol.com.

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UU ART AND TALENT AUCTION Sunday, March 8, 4:00- 6:30 PM

with pasta/chili dinner immediately following.
(Only two weeks away.) OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Are you thinking that you have not been asked or invited to participate in the UU Art and Talent Auction? Well, if that is the case, YOU are now being asked by the Committee.

The Auction is the largest fund raiser of the year and is counted on by the Finance Committee to balance the budget . Help us make more than \$12,000 for 2009.

- a.. Bake a dessert for the dinner
- b.. Attend and bring your non-church friends and neighbors
- c.. Bring your cash or checkbook. Items are available for all budgets.
- d.. Help set-up and/or clean up the meeting room for the auction
- e.. Help in the kitchen
- f.. Donate art or talent. This may seem scary for first time donors. It is easy.

Sign up to help in the Commons Area between services or contact 824-1394 to volunteer. With all of us helping, it will be the best auction ever!

If you still would like to donate an item, please contact Dave Crane, drcrane98@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Your Auction Committee, Jan Skinner, Chair.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – FEBRUARY 2009

#25 HOST- PAT AUNGST

GUESTS - Rob & Joan Hongen

Ann Watzel

Stephanie & Tom Wilson

#26 HOST – JOAN CAULTON & ED GREENEBAUM

GUESTS - Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet

Cathy & Dick Hiatt

Beverly McGahey

Paul Petersen

#27 HOST – DIANE & TOM GREGORY

GUESTS - Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr

Carol Sandberg
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
#28 HOST –VELMA HARRISON & JEAN KNOWLTON

GUESTS - Bill Baus

George & Maryann Cusack

Patsy Flint

Cyndi & Dale Nelson

#29 HOST – ELIZABETH LION

GUESTS - Dolores Freiburger

Rick & Lois Holl

Mary Andrus Overley & Don Halford

#30 HOST – TED & DIANN LOCK

GUESTS - Marisa & Derek Jones

Renee Reed

Dixie Welch & Peter Schwant

#31 HOST – DENISE & HAROLD OGREN

GUESTS - Glee Noble

Bob & Libby DeVoe

Lucy & Marc Papier

Jan Skinner & BJ Lawrance

#32 HOST – DAVID PARKHURST

GUESTS - Carol & Paul Arnold

Sandy & Fred Churchill

Tommie & Walt Owens

Ann Robins

#33 HOST – LOREN & LINDSAY WOOD

GUESTS - Karen & Jack Cassidy

Steve Lessmann

Dick & Harriet Pfister

Nancy Richman

New Coordinator for Fellowship Dinners

Dixie Welch is the new Coordinator of the Dinners. After interviewing numerous applicants it was finally decided Dixie would be the chosen one. You all had excellent qualifications, but there can only be one.
--Dolores Freiburger



From the Membership Coordinator

I am delighted to be the new Membership Coordinator for our congregation, and hope to be making contact with many of you over the next several weeks. With the congregation as large as it is, it can be difficult sometimes to navigate a pathway through the maze of possible contacts, or to find what possible interests you would like to pursue. Perhaps you have an idea about something new that could be done. I can take questions and concerns and refer you to the person who can help you. I will be available at church in the meditation room (207B) on Thursday mornings 9am-11am if you would like to stop by to meet me and have tea or coffee. I will also be around in coffee hour between Sunday services, and after the second service the first 3 Sundays of the month. I can be reached at judybennett2@gmail.com or 331-4181 at any time before 9:00 pm.

-- Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator

Heartland UU District Annual Meeting and Conference April 4

Our annual Heartland UU District Meeting will be in Muncie, Indiana, Apr 4-5. We invite you to attend as a member/friend or as a delegate (we can send 9 delegates) for a brief business meeting plus many informative workshops. Our own Libby DeVoe and Jackie Hall will be presenting a workshop. You can make it a family weekend and see the Muncie Children's Museum as well as various children's activities at the meeting. (More info at www.heartlanduu.org Click on Events-District). Delegate registration (early bird 3/6) will be paid by our congregation.

Carpooling will be available for Saturday. Contact Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or ifkiesling@aol.com if you would like to be a delegate.



Stewardship Greetings

Kurt Vonnegut wrote that we really have six seasons instead of four, that “spring doesn't feel like spring a lot of the time, and November is all wrong for autumn.” Vonnegut straddles the long winter months with “locking” and “unlocking.” I love the idea that we are headed into the “unlocking” season. Rather than feeling depressed at the slowness of spring, I can rejoice in the world opening back up after a long shut-down.

It seems fitting that we start our yearly Stewardship conversation during “unlocking.” Talk of money often seems cold and overly practical, somehow out of place in a gathering of spiritual seekers. But as we warm to the subject, we find that conversations about giving invariably lead to conversations of gifts. We see our stewardship campaign as a yearly opportunity to unlock conversations about our purpose, our vision, and our successes.

In the coming weeks, we will open up this conversation about giving as we prepare for Commitment Sunday, April 5. This year, we hope to merge our campaign theme “It's a Matter of Principle” with our recent designation as a Breakthrough Congregation. We encourage you to discuss the principles of Unitarian Universalism, what they mean for you, how they have lead to our recent designation and successes, and to begin considering their value in your spiritual life. --Drew Schrader, for The Stewardship Committee