

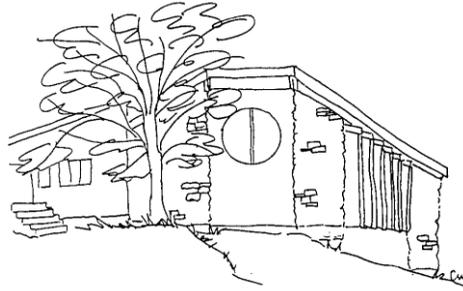
## The Prologue

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

March 2, 2009 (mailed on Mar. 3)

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

Return Service Requested



3/4/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	3/7/2009	1:00 PM	Cut Your Carbon Workshop
3/4/2009	5:30 PM	Denom Affairs Cmte	3/7/2009	3:00 PM	Montessori Children's Concert
3/4/2009	5:30 PM	Fam Worship	3/8/2009	2:00 AM	daylight saving time ends
3/4/2009	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship	3/8/2009	10:15 AM	Children's Choir Reh.
3/4/2009	7:00 PM	Historical Jesus	3/8/2009	10:15 AM	Fundraiser Breakfast
3/4/2009	7:00 PM	Membership Cmte	3/8/2009	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
3/4/2009	7:00 PM	Mindfulness Meditation	3/8/2009	1:00 PM	Chalice Circle - J. Knowlton
3/5/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	3/8/2009	3:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism
3/5/2009	1:00 PM	Database Implementation	3/8/2009	4:00 PM	Talent Auction
3/5/2009	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Executive Committee	3/8/2009	6:00 PM	YRUU
3/5/2009	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class	3/9/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team
3/5/2009	7:00 PM	UU Choir	3/9/2009	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators
3/5/2009	8:30 PM	String Band	3/9/2009	7:00 PM	Abwoon Study Circle
3/6/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	3/9/2009	7:30 PM	Voces Novae
3/6/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff	3/10/2009	12:00 PM	Lunch with Minister
3/6/2009	6:00 PM	Montessori Children dress reh.	3/10/2009	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators
3/6/2009	7:00 PM	Campus Ministry Pizza Party	3/10/2009	6:30 PM	Exploring Paganism
3/7/2009	9:00 AM	Clothing Swap	3/10/2009	6:30 PM	Membership Cmte
3/7/2009	10:00 AM	Menu for the Future	3/10/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
3/7/2009	11:00 AM	Intl Outreach Task Force	3/10/2009	7:00 PM	Bhagavad Gita
			3/10/2009	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus

**NOTE:** 3/13-3/15 Heartland District OWL Facilitator Training will take place in our building, Upper Level.

## Sunday, March 8, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Thought for Food Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In June 2008, Delegates at our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, selected "Ethical Eating" to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. As a congregation we are invited to explore this topic, confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it, take action—each in our own way. This worship service will be part of that exploration. A fundraising breakfast to support the Children's Task Force and the Habitat Task Force will take place between the services, 10:15-11:00 a.m.



**Remember to Set Your Clocks Forward on March 7**  
Daylight Saving Time starts at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Sunday, March 8.

## Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Talent Auction Sermon II Reverend Bill Breeden

This sermon is offered as payment for Harlan Lewis's winning bid at last year's talent auction. Being without my datebook today, I cannot remember the title I had chosen. Suffice it to say that the sermon will address the question whether science and religion, or faith and reason, can celebrate a civil union, an unholy matrimony, respect one another from a distance, or must engage in a never-ending exchanges of sticks and stones. Come join us.—bill

**UU Clothing Swap this Saturday, March 7, 9-12 noon**  
Bring your gently used clothing and swap with someone else!

**Talent Auction is March 8—Be There or Be Square!**

See Page 2 and our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org).

**UU Passover Seder Wednesday, April 8 at sundown –**  
Mark Your Calendars for this delicious and inspiring event.

## MAM's Musings

Worship. It comes from the Old English *Woerthschippen* which means to 'shape what is of worth' in our lives and in this world. Jacob Trapp said of worship, "Worship is kindred fire within our hearts; it moves through deeds of kindness and through acts of love. Worship is the mystery within us reaching out the mystery beyond. It is an inarticulate silence yearning to speak; it is the window of the moment open to the sky of the eternal." We gather each Sunday to worship and to remember who we are. Of course, each Sunday requires many, many volunteers in order to insure high quality worship, create an atmosphere of welcome, hospitality, aesthetic beauty, and offer religious education. We are grateful for everyone who volunteers time and energy to 'shape what is of worth' on a Sunday morning at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.

At this time we need a few more volunteers to be Worship Associates. Some of the primary tasks of Worship Associate are: Check in with minister half hour before service to see if there are any special needs for the worship service; renew candles for joys and sorrows; assist in the preparation for the chalice lighter; light the "lighter" candles for Joy & Sorrow candles at the end of Children's Moment; extinguish candles/chalices at end of service in a prayerful and thoughtful manner that acknowledges the sacred joys and sorrows represented in the flames; and last but not least, other tasks as needed.

If you are interested in or have questions about becoming a Worship Associate please contact me, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin ([Macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:Macklin@uubloomington.org)) or Worship

Associate Coordinator Glenda Breeden ([bgbreeden@att.net](mailto:bgbreeden@att.net)), or call the church office, 332-3695. Meanwhile, let us all be grateful for every person who helps 'shape what is of worth' each Sunday.

Warmly, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## TALENT AUCTION TALENT AUCTION TALENT AUCTION!

**MARCH 8, 4:00 P.M.** Remember that the UU Art and Talent Auction is Sunday, March 8 at 4 PM at the church. There is something for all budgets and tastes. There will be both a silent and live auction with minimum bids ranging from as little as \$3 to over \$100. Items cover the gamut from gourmet meals in members' homes to phenomenal art work by local artists. This is one of the two major fundraisers for our church budget. Last year, the auction raised over \$11,000. Please invite your friends and neighbors so the 2009 auction will be as successful as possible. (Childcare is available during the auction, but not the dinner.)

The catalog is available on our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org). Please check it out before attending. You can bid even if you cannot attend. Complete the bid form on the last page of the catalog and get it to the church prior to 11 AM on Sunday, March 8. Someone will bid for you. You will be notified if your bid is the successful one.

Thanks to all the members/friends who donated items. The success of the auction is due to your generosity. We couldn't do it without all the donations and volunteers who make the auction happen.

Afterwards at 6:30PM, a chili or pasta dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall. See you at the auction.

---Art and Talent Auction Committee

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

**Financial Help Needed for Winter Shelter at Trinity** Will you sponsor a night at the Emergency Winter Shelter? Trinity Episcopal Church has been serving between 20 – 30 guests each night in our shelter. (58 different individuals in January!) For safety reasons, we have two professional Shalom staff persons at the shelter each night. It costs \$290.40 to fund our Emergency Shelter staff each night, or approximately \$15 per guest each night--roughly \$2,000 per week. We urgently need funding for March, our last month! Would you like to sponsor a night (or month) at the shelter? Make checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, memo: Emergency Shelter. Mail to: Trinity Episcopal Church, Emergency Shelter Support, 111 S. Grant, Bloomington, IN 47408 Info: Jacque McCaffrey [jmccaffrey@trinitybloomington.org](mailto:jmccaffrey@trinitybloomington.org)

**Stand Up For Abused Children, So They Can Stand A Chance** Volunteers are urgently needed to serve 30 children currently waiting for a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Become a CASA Volunteer! Court Appointed Special Advocates provide representation in juvenile court for abused and neglected children. CASA volunteers gather information about the child, help identify needs and possible services, and monitor court orders and case plans to help the child find a safe, loving home. CASA is the voice of a child in court. Call 812-339-1551 or email [monroecasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monroecasa@sbcglobal.net) for more information or to receive an application. Application deadline is March 13, 2009.

### Benefit for the People of Iraq March 25

A Benefit Concert and Program of Musical Offerings, Education, and Inspiration, Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the John Waldron Arts Center. Raising awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Iraq and raising funds for Direct Aid Iraq, an organization providing aid to

Iraqis, tragically affected by six years of war, violent sectarianism, and military occupation.

Musical offerings of Peace, Hope, and Healing by Curtis Cantwell Jackson, Deborah and Jonathan Hutchison, and other Bloomington-area musicians. Tickets (\$15) go on sale March 4th.

### Pathway from Poverty?

Madi Hirschland will give a talk on her experience with microfinance in rural Kenya on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m. in Monroe County Public Library Room 2B. Sponsored by Women's Intl League for Peace and Freedom.

## 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 Freiberger. 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.

Attendance			
Sun, Feb 22,	9:15: 166	11:15: 290	RE: 126
			Total: 582
Sun, Mar 1,	9:15: 103	11:15: 187	RE: 145
			Total: 435
Sun, Feb 22	non-pledge offering:		\$ 718
Sun, Mar 1	non-pledge offering:		\$ 596
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:			\$ 328

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## UUs Changing the World



### HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Next Bounty-Full Sunday is April 5

Current Needs:  
bags of rice,  
baking mixes,



peanut butter, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, cooking oil, flour and sugar. (No Expired Food Please)

### Clothing Swap March 7

The Spring Clothing Swap is on Saturday, March 7 from 9 am – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to attend!

If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie at [kimball.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kimball.stephanie@gmail.com).

### Nominate an Agency to Receive 25% of Our Sunday Non-Pledge Offerings

Applications are available for the 25% of the Sunday Plate funds. Please contact Stephanie Estell at [nanaysteph@hotmail.com](mailto:nanaysteph@hotmail.com) for an application or more information. Volunteers in Medicine is the current recipient of the funds.

### Journey of Hope-from Violence to Healing

Bill Pelke lost his grandmother to murder; Bess Klassen-Landis lost her mother to murder. Through stories and songs, they tell of loss and forgiveness, and call for an end to the death penalty. Friday, March 20th, 7PM, St. Paul Catholic Center, refreshments and discussion following program. Sponsored by Bloomington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, UU Friends of Prisoners, and the Social Justice groups at St. Paul's, Trinity Episcopal, and Friends Meeting.

(Contact: Glenda Breeden, [bgbreeden@att.net](mailto:bgbreeden@att.net), 812-829-3431)

## What's Next for Exploring UU

**Grads?** Finished the Exploring UU class or recently signed the Membership Book and wondering how to get more involved in the church? Come to **The Next Steps, Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.** in the church library. It's a one-session class with info and stories about church groups and how you can join them. Whether you are drawn to social activism, fellowship activities, classes, lay ministry or meditation, bring your questions and join us. Information: Libby DeVoe ([edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu), 336-8688. Childcare available if reserved by March 10, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

## Talent Auction

**March 8, 4:00 p.m.:**

### Catalog Now Online

Full catalog of items for the Talent Auction is now available on our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org). The link also includes an Absentee Bidder Form, in case you want to participate but cannot attend.

## 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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## Our Favorite Physicist

We're lucky to have a lot of scientists in our midst here at the UU Church—and the second- and third-graders in the 11:15 a.m. Religious Education class recently got to know one of

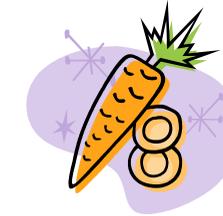
them a little bit better. As part of our "Spirit of Adventure" curriculum, we invited Harold Ogren to be a special visitor on March 1. Ogren, a physicist at Indiana University, has spent his career studying elementary particle physics.

As a classroom visitor, Ogren first got to know the kids. He answered a variety of questions, ranging from "what do you like best about physics?" and "how long have you been a scientist?" to "where did you grow up?" and "how long have you been coming to this church?" We discovered a few interesting things. Ogren's favorite thing about physics is "trying to understand everything—it's a big job," says Ogren. We found out he grew up in Roscommon, Michigan, and that he has a twin brother! He has been coming to this church for about 20 years. He's wanted to be a scientist for his whole life—at least since he was six or seven.

After answering the kids' questions, Ogren showed photos of his work on the largest and most complex particle accelerator ever built, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Geneva, Switzerland, which began operation last year. After that, Ogren demonstrated sound waves by encouraging the kids to whistle (and even play musical instruments) into a spectro analyzer. The kids also visualized sound waves by playing with Slinkies. Thanks, Harold Ogren, for showing us your life as a scientist!  
--Ceci Schrock

## Membership Coordinator Availability

Judy Bennett will be available at church in the meditation room (207b) on Thursdays 9am-11am. If you have questions please come by. Her email is [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org).



## The New Veggie Potluck March 22!

Join the Green Sanctuary Task Force on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for our next

Vegetarian Potluck as we begin to address our new Study Action Issue on Ethical Eating. While the potlucks will continue to be vegetarian, an additional focus will be on seasonal and local food. Not sure what's in season in March? All the more reason to join us! We will begin with appetizers and mingling at 5:00 and move on to dinner at 5:30. Some members of the GSTF will share some of their thoughts on seasonal and local eating. It will be a great time to share recipes and ideas, as well as excellent food and conversation. Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice and a recipe/label for your dish. Also, in an effort to set healthy planet habits, we request that those who are able, please bring your own table setting of reusable, non-disposable materials. While this is definitely a family friendly event, childcare can be made available for those children who are ready to leave the table before their parents are done eating. Please contact [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by March 8 if childcare is needed. Additional questions? Contact Anne at [anneveldman@yahoo.com](mailto:anneveldman@yahoo.com).



### Pledge Moments

There are many times during the year when I experience what I call "a pledge moment". Something moves me to the point where I think, "THIS is why I pledge to this church."

My many pledge moments this year included the five Sundays when I taught an Intersession Religious Education (RE) class. I like to stay involved with RE because I get to know the children of the congregation and enjoy working with the RE staff. It was a joy to work on craft projects with Ada, Mandy, Ainsley, Eric, two Natalias, Anneka, Ysabel and James! Their creativity is amazing. Cindy, Emily, Adrienne, and Addie, our wonderful Religious Education staff, had all materials ready to go each week. It was interesting to see how Emily's stories during the Children's Moment fit the curriculum. I hope to teach these children in future classes and watch them grow.

A long time ago my own children attended RE classes in the farm house that stood on this church property. I have watched the program grow along with the number of children in the program. There is no better place to invest my money than Religious Education and the other programs of my church. --Joan Caulton



### UU Children's Choir Tunes Up March 8

UU Children's Choir will begin our next set of rehearsals THIS Sunday, March 8th,

from 10:15-11:00am in the Library, in preparation for singing in the March 29th Sunday services. New & returning singers, grades Kg-6, are always welcome! See schedule below, and e-mail Jill with questions: [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu)  
Sun. 3/8 Rehearse 10:15-11am Library  
Sun. 3/15 No rehearsal, Spring Break  
Sun. 3/22 Rehearse 10:15-11am Library  
Week of 3/23: Possible extra rehearsal TBA  
Sun. 3/29: Sing in both services (Gospel Music Sunday!) –Jill Courtney

### First Meeting of UU Quilt Group a Success!

On Wednesday, Feb. 18th, a new UU Quilting Group met and made many decisions. They will meet 2 times a month - on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. The next meeting will be on March 4th from 6:30 - 8:30. The following meeting will be during the day on March 18th from 2:30 to 4:30. They will alternate day and evening meetings so those who prefer to meet during the day can be part of the group. They will make a quilt together which they hope can be part of a drawing to raise money for our congregation. Their first quilt will be made up of individual 12" quilt blocks made from fabric they will buy together. Come to the next meeting and sign up for a block! For more information, contact Janet Greenblatt 812-287-8899.

### 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. (More info at

[www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org) Click on Events-District). Contact Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or [ifikiesling@aol.com](mailto:ifikiesling@aol.com) if you would like to be a delegate.



### Women's Drumming Circle March 13

Dorothy Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Karen Gunderman will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, March 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.

### BULLETIN BOARD

**PIANO LESSONS** Sally Todd is now accepting piano students of all ages and all levels, with an emphasis on teaching adults. She has enjoyed teaching K-12 and beyond for nearly 20 years. Contact: [sallyreneeatodd@gmail.com](mailto:sallyreneeatodd@gmail.com).

**GUITAR LESSONS** for all ages. Beginners to Adults, by Sarah Flint at Roadworthy, 812-330-0706. 12 years experience. Give the Gift of Music to Children, Grandchildren, Grown-ups... **"Explore Shared Housing for Seniors"** Tues. March 17, 5:30-7:00 pm Monroe Co. Library, Rm.1A. Details: <http://www.bloomingtononline.net/forum/showthread.php?t=2919>

**Our amazing and dynamic calendar is at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) -- Check it out! --cm**

### FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – MARCH 2009

HOSTS: PAUL & CAROL ARNOLD  
GUESTS: Patsy Flint, B.J. Lawrence & Jan Skinner, Harlan Lewis & Doris Wittenburg, Paul Petersen  
HOST: BILL BAUS  
GUESTS: Pat Aungst, Bob & Laura Campbell, Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet, Elizabeth Lion, Tommie & Walt Owens  
HOST: DOLORES FREIBURGER  
GUESTS: Diane & Tom Gregory, Lucy & Marc Papier, Dave Parkhurst, Nancy Richman  
HOSTS: CATHY & DICK HIATT  
GUESTS: Libby & Bob DeVoe, Ted & Diann Lock, Cyndi & Dale Nelson  
HOSTS: ROB & JOAN HONGEN  
GUESTS: Karen & Jack Cassidy, Rick & Lois Holl, Ann Robins, Carol Sandberg  
HOST: BEVERLY MCGAHEY  
GUESTS: Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr, Velma Harrison & Jean Knowlton, Denise & Harold Ogren  
HOST: GLEE NOBLE  
GUESTS: Mary Andrus Overley & Don Halford, Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum, Loren & Lindsay Wood  
HOST: RENEE REED  
GUESTS: Marisa & Derek Jones, Steve Lessmann, Dick & Harriet Pfister, Ann Watzel  
HOSTS: STEPHANIE & TOM WILSON  
GUESTS: Sandy & Fred Churchill, George & Maryann Cusack, Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch  
If you would like to participate, contact Dixie Welch at [deejaywelch@gmail.com](mailto:deejaywelch@gmail.com).

### E-mail for the Prologue?

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## Taskforce of the Shaping Our Future Together Committee looking at Vision and Mission Statements

A Taskforce of the Shaping Our Future Together Committee will be presenting new drafts of our Vision and Mission Statements.

Organizational definitions of vision and mission statements have changed over the years. A Vision statement should answer the question; "What is the dream for our Congregation?" and the Mission Statement answers the question; "What do we do as a Congregation to reach our Vision"? Both statements should be broad enough to be inclusive but specific enough to give direction and differentiate us from other faith communities. In addition, both statements should be concise and easily recalled. The taskforce hopes to develop a Vision statement that gives clear direction, conveys ambition and excitement, is memorable and has motivational power (Davidson, 2002). The mission statement should be outcome-oriented and inclusive.

It has been over 15 years since we revisited these statements, and our church has evolved considerably since that time. Our current Mission statement can be found at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) The data collected through the Appreciative Inquiry process provides a rich narrative the taskforce is using to construct new Vision and Mission statements. After the drafts have been considered by the Board, Management Team and Program Team, we will be seeking your input about our shared Vision and Mission. Feel free to speak with taskforce members Cindy Port, Denise Breeden-Ost, Karen Jewell, Richard Janda or Christoph Irmscher.

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## Indoor Air Lock?

The Green Spaces Initiative building improvement and

courtyard redesign project is looking at what it will take for us to be green leaders in sustainable building practices. One problem we have been addressing is the energy loss around the courtyard entrance. These doors are opening constantly on Sunday mornings and this time of year most of us know that hallway is freezing. One solution we considered was building on a new entrance that would also be an airlock. However, the costs of an addition are quite high and it is not likely we would ever save enough energy for it to make sense. Also, putting another addition into a corner where there is multiple roof lines was not possible to do with it looking like it was "stuck on" as an afterthought.

Green Spaces Initiative is considering other solutions. Architect Steve Miller has proposed adding an arch around the courtyard entrance and above the library windows which would add a strong sense of arrival and entry. We are also considering whether it is feasible to create an indoor airlock by adding two sets of doors to the downstairs hall. While it might greatly reduce the amount of energy that would be wasted on Sundays, traffic flow inside would be impacted. A parent going to childcare would have to pass through two additional sets of doors to get there. Green Spaces continues to weigh costs and benefits and is working on countless other details we are getting ready to share with the congregation for your consideration. To be involved, contact Cynthia L. Port [cport@epi.umaryland.edu](mailto:cport@epi.umaryland.edu) or Cindy Port [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)

## Another Life Stories Writing Group Forming

John Woodcock will help us start a second Life Stories Group. This is an opportunity for folks to draw on personal observations and the give-and-take of meeting conversations. Ruth Ray, who has written a book on life stories, says that this process can help folks articulate what life means and even initiate change and personal growth among older people. John will meet with people who are interested on April 1st and May 6th - both Wednesdays - from 3 - 5:00 p.m. in Room 207B. Please call Barb Backler at 876-8368 or e-mail [bbackler@indiana.edu](mailto:bbackler@indiana.edu) if you are interested in joining. Once John has a list of participants, he will send out some exercises that you can do before the first meeting. After John's initial guidance it's possible the people in the group could continue to meet on their own or join together again after 6 months to share their progress. The group will decide.

## JOB OPENINGS: Seeking Two Religious Education Assistants

We are looking for two upbeat, organized multi-taskers with experience with children, families or art to join our Religious Education team. Two hourly positions will be available starting in March 2009. **RE Assistant I** will work 50 hours a month and be responsible for RE classroom supplies, among other tasks, and **RE Assistant II** will work 32 hours a month and be responsible for childcare scheduling among other tasks. Both positions are expected to work most Sunday mornings from 8-1pm and the first Wednesday of the month from 4-7pm. Must have experience with children and enjoy cleaning and organizing. Please send a

letter and resume by Friday, Mar 13 to Cindy Port, DRE, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408. Inquires: Cindy Port, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org), 332-3695.

## Thank You for Love and Support

Member Beckie Wagner lit our chalice on February 22 in honor of her son Royce, who recently returned home from serving in Iraq. She recently sent these words of thanks.

Words cannot fully express the feelings of love and support that were showered upon me this morning (February 22) during the 11:15 service. It is hard to know how to respond. So, please accept these few words of thanks and deep gratitude for all the prayers, thoughts, expressions of concern, and other kindnesses that you have shared with me over the past year. My family and I now take up the task of healing from the wounding experience of being a part of the brokenness that is war. All of us suffer from our involvement in this brokenness. For those families put in the position of having a member actually serve in the war torn country, the hurt is only more apparent. I would welcome others of this congregation, who would have interest in forming a support group for persons and families who have the first hand experience of war, to call or write, [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com). The brokenness of war is pervasive throughout our society and there is much need for discussion and support as we work for a larger and more profound change in our society with our new President. This community has much to share with individuals and the community at large about love and healing. I would welcome the opportunity to breathe together as we struggle to understand what the healing process might look like. Thank you so much for being a part of the universal love that is all of creation. Blessed Be! Beckie Wagner

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