

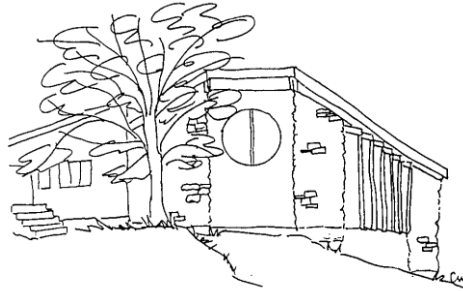
## The Prologue

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Monday, March 16, 2009 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Green Sanctuary since 2007



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

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

**A Year To Live Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

Inspired by the book "A Year to Live: How to Live this Year As If It Were Your Last" by author Stephen Levine, this service will explore how to live mindfully in awareness of our own mortality. The text "A Year to Live" served as a basis for a year-long Adult Religious Education class facilitated by Reverend Macklin which recently concluded. Reflections regarding that class will be offered. Some class participants will assist in the service.

**Sunday, March 29, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Holy Rock Revival: Gospel Music and Celebration  
Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship**

**Family Worship: April Fools! Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

Calling fools of all ages to come and sing, enjoy stories and poetry, and share in celebration of our annual day of silliness! Join us for crafts at 5:15PM, dinner at 5:30PM (provided, with a vegan option: \$1 donation requested), and/or worship from 6:15PM to 6:45PM. Newcomers are especially welcome at these services.

## Rinpoche Speaks Here March 31

Drupon Rinchen Dorjee Rinpoche, a Retreat Master born in Tibet, who has accomplished seven years of retreat partly in Lapchi, the site of sacred caves where the great Yogi Milarepa practiced, will give a talk titled "The Mind of Enlightenment" here in our Library on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Unique and essential to Buddhist thought is the concept of Bodhichitta, the mind of Enlightenment. Here, one not only wishes that all beings have happiness and be free from suffering, but one also wishes that all beings will ultimately be liberated from the suffering of Cyclic Existence. If we practice Bodhichitta with a clear understanding of the interdependence of all phenomena, this will result in lasting happiness for ourselves and others.

March 16, 2009 (mailed on Mar. 17)

**TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Mar. 18**

Return Service Requested



3/18/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	3/23/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team
	2:30 PM	UU Quilting Group		6:30 PM	Religious Education Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship		6:30 PM	Science & Wonders of Universe
	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte		7:00 PM	Abwoon Study Circle
	7:00 PM	UU Board		7:30 PM	Voces Novae
3/19/2009	9:00 AM	Memb Coord Ofc Hrs	3/24/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	7:00 PM	BABS support group		7:00 PM	Bhagavad Gita
	7:00 PM	Islam Talk		7:00 PM	Next Steps Class
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		7:00 PM	Seder Planning
	8:30 PM	String Band		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Choir
3/20/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	3/25/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
	7:30 PM	Spring Equinox		6:00 PM	Gospel Sunday rehearsal
3/21/2009	11:00 AM	Silent Theft ARE class		7:00 PM	Historical Jesus
3/22/2009	10:15 AM	Children's Choir Reh.		7:30 PM	Prexy Nesbitt Talk
	5:00 PM	Veggie Potluck			
	6:00 PM	YRUU			

More church events at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) [Full Calendar](#)

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## From the Ministers

Our Stewardship Campaign began this week and will culminate on Sunday April 5, 2009, Commitment Sunday. A lot will be happening between now and then. We ask everyone, friends and members of this community, to consider their financial pledge to our liberal religious community and the words of Henri Nouwen who reminds us that financial stewardship "is not a response to crisis. It is a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision, and inviting other people into our vision with the resources that are available to them." May we, in the words of that great star-ship captain Jean Luc Picard, "make it so!"

Meanwhile, the months of March and April are ripe with opportunities which affirms the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith.

This Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Imran Ahmad – London-based author of the highly acclaimed non-fiction book, '*Unimagined: a Muslim boy meets the West*', and Board Member of *British Muslims for Secular Democracy*, will speak here with re-humanization between America and the Muslim world being his key aim.

On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> our Earthkin group will be celebrating our Spring Equinox at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Drupon Rinchen Dorjee Rinpoche, a Retreat Master born in Tibet, who has accomplished seven years of retreat, partly in Lapchi, the site of sacred caves where the great Yogi Milarepa practiced, will give a talk titled "The Mind of Enlightenment" in Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm.

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate gospel music as part of our stewardship week Sunday service.

On Wednesday, April 8 we will honor the Jewish tradition of Passover with our UU Seder at 6:30 p.m.

On April 10, Good Friday, we will honor the Christian tradition by making the Meeting

Room available for meditation from 11:00 am to 1:30pm.

Our religious pluralism is just one aspect of the many-colored facets of our liberal religious community beacon. Let us keep the light shining.

Last, but certainly not least, we wish to say thank you and congratulations to **Glenda Breeden who was recently honored by Amnesty International as the Abolitionist of the Year in Indiana.** She was presented the award honoring her work to end the death penalty at a ceremony in the capitol rotunda in Indianapolis, She continues that work in helping to organize the **Journey of Hope** events which present members of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation this month in Indiana. Please see the article in the **Common Ground** included in this issue.

Be Well and enjoy the coming Spring.  
Peace, MAM and bill  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Commitment Sunday, April 5,

**9:15 and 11:15** We'll have delicious free breakfast by David Cox and Cynthia Schultz, wonderful music from our Choir Sunday, and heartwarming testimonials to celebrate making our financial pledges to the congregation for the coming year, which begins July 1, 2009. All this on Sunday, April 5. Don't miss it!

Attendance			
Sun, Mar 8,	9:15: 81	11:15: 177	RE: 128
			Total: 386
Sun, Mar 15,	9:15: 87	11:15: 178	RE: 80
			Total: 345
<i>Sun, Mar 8</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 146
<i>Sun, Mar 15</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 132
	Total to Volunteers in Medicine:		\$ 278

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

**Community Lecture Here March 25 with Prexy Nesbitt** Activist and educator Prexy Nesbitt has worked for 40 years connecting freedom-loving peoples in Africa, Europe and North America, strengthening progressive political and social movements around the world. He will give a public lecture here in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**Volunteers In Teaching Adult Learners** needs our help. The VITAL Quiz Bowl is coming up in April, and you may wish to make donations to support the work of this important literacy organization. Send your donation check made payable to MCPL-VITAL to MCPL-VITAL, Attn: Sue Murphy, 303 E Kirkwood Ave, Bloomington, IN 47408.

### Walbicus Weekends with Earth Care

Faith communities throughout Bloomington are planning Walbicus weekends for 2009. During these weekends worshipers are encouraged to walk, BIKE, carpool or take a bus to worship.

Walbicus weekends are scheduled for:  
April 17-19, May 15-17, Sept. 11-13, Oct. 9-11.

### BULLETIN BOARD

HOUSING AVAILABLE IN INDPLS Barbara Krall, member of All Souls Unitarian Church, has room to rent in her condo. H 317-545-4621 C 317-727-9956 homecomingsindy.com  
NEED TO BORROW ROTOTILLER Sara Beatty would like to borrow a rototiller to get her garden started. contact sara123beatty@yahoo.com

### Lunch with a Minister April 14

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, April 14 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

## Membership Coordinator Availability

Membership Coordinator 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).

## Trying to email a staff member?

Go to this relentlessly useful webpage:  
<http://www.uubloomington.org/contact/index.php>  
Which it contains a list of all staff members' email addresses.

## More Chance on the Talent

**Auction!** Did you get outbid on that desirable item at our exciting Art and Talent Auction? Worse yet, did you miss the auction altogether? Fear not - you still have a chance to acquire some of the wonderful items still available from both our live and silent auctions, including lovely artwork guitar lessons, and participation in a nature walk. Just check out the Talent Auction table between services on Sunday, March 22, or call Lois Holl, 334-8171.

## UUs Changing the World



### HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday

Your contribution is vital and your support is appreciated. Current needs:



rice, baking mixes, corn bread mix, canned fruit, cooking oil, flour, sugar, and canned vegetables. (No expired food please). Our congregation donated 230 pounds of food to Monroe County United Ministries on 3/2/2009. Thank you!

### Hurry In With Your Great Local Cause!

Applications are available for the 25% of the Plate funds, and are due April 1st. Please contact [nanaysteph@hotmail.com](mailto:nanaysteph@hotmail.com) for an application or more information. Volunteers in Medicine is the current recipient of the funds, around \$5,000 per year.

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

### Lending a Hand to Elder Members

Spring is just about here, and some of our older members would love some help with a little spring cleaning. If you're willing and able to help for a few hours we could go in teams of two or three people and wash some windows, rake some lawns, clean out a cupboard or two and leave in a

few hours with everyone feeling great and everything looking shiny. The Elder Task Force is organizing helpers. Once we know how many can volunteer to help, we'll know what we can commit to. Please call Barb Backler at 876-8368 or e-mail her at [bbackler@indiana.edu](mailto:bbackler@indiana.edu) and let her know if you prefer Saturdays or weekdays.

### UU All-Congregational Retreat Focus is Ethical Eating

"It has been estimated that in one year, more than 90% of the human body is replaced by what we eat, drink and breathe. The implication is that if the environment is contaminated or polluted, one can be certain that living systems, including humans will also follow." - from information provided by Al Strickholm to the Menu for the Future adult Religious Education class.

Mark Your Calendars for an experience centered around Ethical Eating! UU Spring Retreat -- May 8-9 at Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County Registration every Sunday in April at the Green Sanctuary Task Force table in Fellowship Hall.

### Spring Equinox Ritual with Earthkin March 20

All are invited to attend Earth Kin's Spring Equinox Ritual to be held on Friday, March 20th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring some food to share for after the ritual. We will welcome back the return of the light and celebrate the great balance of the season. Spring is truly in the air. Fresh flowers would be welcome to decorate the circle.

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### Religious Education Helping Hands



Most of our Religious Education classes start out their class on Sunday morning with these chalice lighting words; "

*We are Unitarian Universalists, This is the church of the open mind, of the loving heart, of the helping hands, together we care for our earth and work for peace and friendship in our world.*"

On Sunday, March 15, children in Religious Education (RE) used their helping hands to make children's goody bags for Shalom Community Center, a day program that serves families at risk of homelessness in Monroe County. Participants in vacation RE decorated paper bags and filled them with a juice box, granola bar, pretzels, crayons, notepad and stickers. Shalom Center will distribute the bags to families that come to access resources there; often these families are in crisis.

Together our kids made 200 bags, and all of the children in preschool through eighth grade participated. Children can feel empowered by working to make a difference for others. Talk to your child about how we act our Unitarian Universalist principals and why we would spend a Sunday making things for other children. --Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education



### Adult Religious Education Seeks Parent Member

The Adult Religious Education Committee is seeking a parent of children at home to join their committee, which meets around 8 times per year on Thursday evenings. contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite for more information (333-9822).

### Giving Where Your Heart Is

Times are hard, and we are told daily that things are "only going to get worse" before (or if) there is significant change for the better. It is very difficult not to bow to this negative mantra and the fear of scarcity it creates. Last fall I received the usual myriad appeal letters from the many

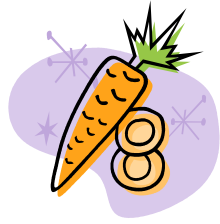


organizations doing excellent work in our community. The letters sat untended for several weeks as I debated what to do. Finally it became clear to me. The only way to deal with fear of scarcity is to give--not just with money, but in all the ways we can be generous with each other. As I wrote each check and addressed each envelope, I felt a deeper connection with those who I know are truly in need.

The church is where I make my largest donation each year. Why? Quite simply it is where my heart is. And I know that in order to preserve and nourish this generous spiritual home, there is caretaking to be done. The money I give to our church means our wonderful staff will be paid, our beautiful building maintained, and our many programs and good works in the greater community can continue to thrive. My financial giving is doing my part; but more than that it is an affirmation of the abundance that is only possible through generosity. Now more than ever it is the best antidote I have found for the fear of scarcity. --Dan Lodge-Rigal

### Meditation Space on Good Friday

Our Meeting Room will be open for prayer or meditation on Good Friday April 10, from 11:30 to 1:00. *The Prologue* March 16, 2009 Page 3



## 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. 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. Contact Anne at [anneveldman@yahoo.com](mailto:anneveldman@yahoo.com).

## From The Planned Giving

**Committee** Reverend Bill Breeden, Deborah Hutton, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Lloyd Orr are members of the Planned Giving Committee. In order to strengthen and extend the mission of our congregation, we will assist the congregation in the areas of special gifts, endowments, and bequests. Please watch for future Prologue articles.

SEEKING THE SPIRIT BUILDING COMMUNITY  
CHANGING THE WORLD

## Our Folks. . .

Our prayers and thoughts of sympathy are with Jessie Cook and Steve Dillon and their friends and family, upon the passing of Jessie's mother Klara Cook this week. Klara's memorial service will be Saturday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m.

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Our thoughts are with Mitch Aurich and Helen Kane. Mitch had to return to the hospital for a second surgery. Cards and thoughts of comfort are most welcome.

Our thoughts for quick healing are also with Ysabel Cluver, who will have surgery on Tuesday, March 17. Cards are welcome, sent care of her dad, Jon Peters.

Thanks from Elizabeth Lion: "It is a rare moment when I am left speechless. I figure it happens to me about once a decade. Those of you who sang 'Happy Birthday' and gave me a most wondrous ovation left me speechless in this my eighth decade. To each of you and all of you, I promise to work to deserve it. Much love, Elizabeth Lion"

## How Can We Eat to Save the Planet?

Explore this question in the "Menu for the Future" discussion class. The first class of six sessions, sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force, is just ending, and participants are so enthusiastic that they've recommended offering another six-session round. The class will meet Saturdays in the library from 10 to 12, beginning April 4 and will meet weekly except for May 9 (which is our retreat). The book of readings is \$20, but there are two copies in the UU library. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance, but if you'd like further information, contact Kate Cruikshank at [cruiksha@indiana.edu](mailto:cruiksha@indiana.edu) or 339-6096.

## JOB OPENINGS: Application Deadline Extended to March 27

RE Assistant positions available. Two hourly positions will be available starting immediately; 50 hours a month for **RE Assistant I** and 32 hours a month for **RE Assistant II**. Send a letter and resume by Friday, Mar 27 to Cindy Port, DRE, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408.

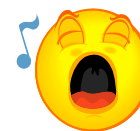
## What's Next for Exploring UU Grads?

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).

## Seder Organizational meeting March 24

The UU Seder will be held Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to share your traditions or preparing traditional foods, we would love to have your input. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 210. Please join us in making this the best Seder ever.

This beloved event includes traditional (but not Kosher) Seder foods and a dinner. Vegetarian option is available. Tickets will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children with a \$20 limit per family. Tickets will be on sale in the commons after each service on March 29 and April 5; or contact Ruellen Fessenbecker 837-9550, [rfessenb@indiana.edu](mailto:rfessenb@indiana.edu). For reservations. If the redbud trees cooperate, there will even be redbud salad! –Ruellen



## UU Children's Choir Tunes Up March 22

UU Children's Choir will rehearse THIS Sunday, March 22nd, from 10:15-11:00am in the Library, in preparation for singing in the March 29<sup>th</sup> 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. 3/22 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, Children's Choir Dir.

## Habitat For Humanity – Donation Drive April 4

Do you have furniture, appliances, cabinets, lights, building materials or other items to donate to Habitat for Humanity? Your donation to Habitat's ReStore supports the building of homes in this community. The Habitat Task Force is conducting a Donation Drive on April 4<sup>th</sup>. To have your useful items picked up on the April 4<sup>th</sup>, call the ReStore at 331-2660 to get on the schedule. When you call mention that you are donating for the UU Donation Drive April 4<sup>th</sup>. --Habitat Task Force

## New Light Fixtures in Fellowship Hall?



The Green Spaces Initiative building and courtyard improvement project is considering whether we should get new light fixtures in Fellowship Hall. Some have

suggested that the current fixtures are very outdated looking. New fixtures could significantly improve our energy efficiency. Green Spaces is looking at fixtures that are compact and energy efficient; they could provide twice as much light and save us \$300 a year in our energy bills. Recommendations will be presented later this spring. –Cynthia L. Port, Cindy Port, Tom Gregory *The Prologue March 16, 2009 Page 5*