

The Prologue

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Congregation founded 1949

GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995

Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

March 30, 2009 (mailed on Mar. 31)

TIME VALUE! Please deliver by Apr. 1

Return Service Requested



4/1/2009	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers	4/4/2009	10:00 AM Menu for the Future
	12:00 PM Aesthetics Cmte		10:00 AM Tal Auction Cmte
	3:00 PM Life Stories II	4/5/2009	Commitment Sunday
	5:30 PM Fam Worship		10:15 AM All-church Retreat registration
	6:00 PM Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship		12:15 PM Campus Ministry Lunch
	7:00 PM Historical Jesus		12:45 PM Green Sanctuary Task Force
4/2/2009	11:30 AM Women's Alliance		6:00 PM YRUU
	1:00 PM Database Implementation	4/6/2009	2:00 PM Cleary Memorial Service
	5:30 PM Chalice Circle Exec Committee		3:00 PM Management Team
	7:00 PM Chalice Circle		7:30 PM Voces Novae
	7:00 PM Support Group	4/7/2009	10:00 AM Chalice Cir - Ulla L.
	7:00 PM UU Choir		5:30 PM Denom Affairs Cmte
	8:30 PM String Band		5:30 PM Stewardship Cmte
4/3/2009	8:15 AM Soc. Justice Steering Cmte		7:30 PM Quarryland Men's Choir
	10:30 AM Life Stories	4/8/2009	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers
	12:30 PM Super Staff		10:30 AM Silent Theft Workshop Planning
4/4/2009	8:30 AM SPF Committee		6:30 PM UU Passover Seder
	10:00 AM Board Policy Blitz		1:00 PM Friends of Prisoners
			6:00 PM Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship

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.

Sunday, April 5, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

It's Matter of Principle: Some Gilbert and Sullivan
The Unitarian Universalist Choir directed by Susan Swaney
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin Reverend Bill Breeden

The ministers along with the Stewardship Committee invite you to celebrate our annual **Stewardship Commitment Sunday** service. A time of joy, entertainment and commitment to our beloved community. Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Creating a Better World. Our Unitarian Universalist Choir will rise in song to bring us The 7 UU Principles According to Gilbert and Sullivan! Solos and special numbers by David McIntosh, Scott Hogsed, Susan Swaney, the Krahnke-McLeod family and the Loftman-Cusack family. Many thanks to Steve Krahnke for his creative interpretation of this music and our UU Principles.

As part of the morning's commitment festivities, **breakfast will be served** from 8am to 9am (early-birds, tweet) and also between services 10:15 am to 11:00 am (not-so early birds, tuh-weet). We hope to see everyone as we celebrate together and make our financial pledge commitments to this Unitarian Universalist congregation.

Sunday, April 12, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
From Jesus to Christ to Superstar: Easter Reflections Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this season of resurrection, rebirth and renewal, we will celebrate Easter by exploring the life and legacy of one, Jesus of Nazareth. From Jesus to Christ to Superstar. We will explore the meaning of his life in our world today as liberal religious seekers. Special music from our Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will include: Telemann's *Hallelujah*, Byrd's *Agnus Dei from a Mass of Four Voices*, and Poston's *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*.

Our full congregational calendar is at www.uubloomington.org -- Check it out! --cm

From the Ministers

A word of thanks to all who attended “The Holy Rock Revival” last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration of the sweet spirit of this place. Kudos to everyone who sang, danced, and joined hearts and minds in affirming our wonderful community. Join us this Sunday, April 5th for our annual Stewardship Commitment Sunday. It will be a great celebration. Our choir and soloists under the direction of Sue Swaney will bring us the genius of Gilbert and Sullivan as a unique way of highlighting the principles of Unitarian Universalism. (See sermon blurb)

We will also be pledging our financial support to continue the ministry of this church. It is a “Matter of Principle” to assure that we can meet our obligation to build a better world presenting a message of respect for all persons, and putting our faith into action, working for peace, civil rights, economic justice, environmental sustainability and global community. We need each other, and we need everyone to pledge. We ask you to pledge out of your love for this community that we may fulfill our ministry to a world in need. Pledging your support is the way to “Get on Board” and be a part of the mystery of this place where “We need not think alike to love alike.”

Meanwhile, registration begins for our annual “Earth Celebrational All Congregational Intergenerational UU Retreat!” this Sunday. The focus this year will be on Ethical Eating and the workshop selection looks awesome. See page 6 for details. Also, if you need one of our volunteer scholarships in order to attend, please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (332-2695) or Macklin@uubloomington.org.

With warmth in this Spring Season,
Bill and MAM

Reverend Bill Breeden and
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Sabbatical Scoop

The Sabbatical Committee was convened in March and will be meeting regularly in preparation for Reverend Bill Breeden’s Sabbatical, August 1st through December 13th of this year. Our ministers and staff have begun planning and with the assistance of the committee, we’ll approach Reverend Breeden’s leave and the Congregation’s sabbatical journey by honoring our Congregation’s 60th Anniversary. This is a good time to honor our past, celebrate who we’ve become, and continue to consider where we are headed. Reverend Breeden also celebrates his 60th year on the planet at this time. As we learned not long ago when Reverend Macklin went on her Sabbatical, a time of temporary change can stimulate growth and renewal for all of us if we choose.

In this spirit, we will welcome some of our former ministers back to the Bloomington pulpit during Reverend Breeden’s sabbatical this fall. Plans include visits from former Ministers Reverend Bill Murry, Reverend John Young, Reverend Bruce Johnson, and Reverend David Johnson. Reverend Andy Burnette, from the Unitarian Universalist Church in Danville, will also fulfill preaching and some of Reverend Breeden’s ministerial duties. Our *Minister Emerita*, Reverend Barbara Carlson will be available for occasional pastoral needs, and we are assured of the on-going presence of Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite.

The Sabbatical Committee plans include fun and connecting activities as we move through this transition as well. **Put April 26th -6pm- on your calendars now for a Congregational Sabbatical Pot-Luck**, sponsored by the Program Team, the Board of Directors, and the Sabbatical Committee.

Questions? Contact the Sabbatical Committee:
Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, and Jason Hill

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Mentors Needed for People on Parole

Norman Horrar, an employment specialist for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), has launched a program to put people on parole to work. If you want to help curb the recidivism rate in Monroe County by helping someone make a new life for himself or herself, please contact Norm: 812-876-3383; nhorrar@area10agency.org. (Glenda Breeden, for Friends of Prisoners Task Force)

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
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

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.

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 and other helpful info.

It’s All on Our Website!

This newsletter and Prologues and Common Ground newsletters for about that last 400 years are all available on our website, www.uubloomington.org. Handy! New issues are posted to the website by about Wednesday of the week of publication, in case the postal service is slow in delivering your paper copy for inscrutable reasons of their own.

Women’s Alliance April 2

The Women's Alliance will be meeting April 2 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall; beverages and desserts will be available. The program is from 12:00-12:30 with Elizabeth Lion speaking on how the learning and teaching of human sexuality changed her life. Hostesses will be Katherine Hopkins and Jean Anderson. Guests are always welcome.

BULLETIN BOARD

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED. Need positive, honest, reliable part-time help with chores 2-4 days/month now—more in summer. \$7/hour plus lunch. Will train. 337-1306 (Mitch or Helen).
PIANIST AVAILABLE. Pianist Sally Todd available to play parties and weddings; also taking piano students of all ages and levels – introductory lesson half price.
sallyreneeodd@gmail.com

UUs Changing the World



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



Current needs: Peanut Butter, crackers, canned fruit, canned soup, pancake mix and syrup, rice. (No expired food please) Non-food items in high demand are laundry soap and all purpose cleaners.

Our congregation has donated 614 pounds of food so far in 2009! Thank you for your contributions.

I Walbicus. Do You?

I like to get to church by foot. I like to get to church by bike. I like to get to church with a friend. I would like to be able to get to church in a bus. Earth Care designated Sunday, April 19 Walbicus (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to Worship Day for Bloomington. Anyone who walks, bikes or carpools to church on April 19 may pick up their free "I Walbicus. Do You?" button at the Earth Fair in Fellowship Hall between services courtesy of the Green Sanctuary Task Force. It's a conversation starter and awareness raiser.

Live Green, Make the Connection

Earth Fair April 19

The Green Sanctuary Task Force and Earth Kin are hosting an Earth Fair on Sunday, April 19 between services and following the second service. We'll be giving out free tree seedlings and information on earth friendly activities and organizations in Bloomington and hosting resource and legislative action tables. Get connected to live green.

3rd Annual Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational



UU Retreat May 8-9th

Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County
 A gathering of spirits focusing on ethical eating, care for the

earth, fellowship, and enjoyment in a lovely Brown County setting. Registration every Sunday in April at the Green Sanctuary Task Force table in Fellowship Hall.

Cost:

\$60/person or \$215 (max)/family for bunkhouse

\$50/person or \$205 (max)/family for tent camping. Children 6 & under are free.



Earth Note: Organic Food Labels

Eating organic food has benefits for your health

and for the environment. Here are some clarifications of labels and what they mean:

- "One hundred percent organic": food contains only organically produced ingredients.

- "Organic": 95% of the ingredients must be organically grown, and the remaining 5% must come from nonorganic ingredients that have been approved by the National Organic Standards Board.

- "Made with organic ingredients": a product must be made with no less than 70% organic ingredients.

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Passport to the World

This summer children in our Religious Education program will be learning about a different country, culture or place each Sunday. Where is your favorite place to go? Have you

experienced a different culture which you are passionate about? We are looking for adults or families who want to share their experiences abroad with our children. Religious Education staff will work with you to develop your ideas into a Sunday morning

experience. What kind of games do kids play in Gambia? Do you have photos and stories to share about your trip to Japan? Does your family have roots in Appalachian culture? Help us travel around the World in RE this summer; contact RE staff about your interests.



Cindy Port Director of Religious Education
 dre@uubloomington.org

Attendance

Sun, Mar 22,	9:15: 112	11:15: 174	RE: 118
			Total: 403
Sun, Mar 29,	9:15: 121	11:15: 226	RE: 104
			Total: 451
<i>Sun, Mar 22</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 552
<i>Sun, Mar 29</i>	non-pledge offering:		\$ 718
	Total to Volunteers in Medicine:		\$ 317



From the Membership Coordinator

Over the last few weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting several new faces. I attended an Exploring UU class and the Next Steps class, a class for those who want to know how to become more involved. I met new members at the membership book signing, and we met together subsequently to discuss their interests and opportunities to share their talents. I have checked in with the Membership Committee, the Connections Committee and the Stewardship Committee so that we can all work together. I have also been able to make the right connections so that one church member can get a ride to church, thanks to others in the congregation who are willing to share. I would like to meet with those of you who joined last year and find out how things are going for you. I have already contacted a few of you. Another goal of mine is to get to know more of the young families, so I have been attending the monthly Family Worship service. It is a joy to get to meet so many wonderful people.

I am going to be out of town March 28th until April 9th, but otherwise will be available on Sunday between services and after the second service. I am also available in the meditation room (207b) on Thursdays 9-11 am.

--Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator

Friday, April 10, 2009

11:30-1:00 p.m.

Good Friday Meditation Space

The Meeting Room will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 10, for meditation or prayer.

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“Here’s a Howdy Do” April 5

On April 5, “Commitment Sunday” our service will be a little different (well, a lot different, actually). In celebration of our renewed commitment to financially support the church (what we are calling the 8th UU Principle) members of the choir and our church community will perform *Here’s A Howdy Do: The 7 UU Principles according to Gilbert and Sullivan*. Performances include selections from *The Mikado*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Princess Ida*, *Iolanthe* and the rarely performed *Utopia Limited*.

Here’s a Howdy Do will explore our guiding principles in an entertaining and enlightening fashion.

After the service you will have an opportunity to complete your pledge card for the financial support the church for the coming year, even as you whistle your own version of “I’ve Got A Little List!”

--Steve Krahnke, for the Stewardship Committee



Our Folks. . .

We mourn the passing on March 29 of Fred Gregory, a founding member of our congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with Fred’s family and friends. A private graveside service is planned.

Elder Task Force Needs Names for Surveys

The Elder Task Force received 34 surveys from our church members. They were very helpful and gave us suggestions on what our Task Force can do to support older members. Unfortunately, we forgot to put a place for people’s names, and we received 4 surveys that had no name. If you think you might be one of these folks, please contact Barb Backler by phone (876-8368) or e-mail (bbackler@indiana.edu)

MidWest Leadership School, July 19-25, 2009

This leadership training is part of the Unitarian Universalist Association’s nationwide network of leadership schools. It offers a week-long intense program led by lay and ordained staff that includes a combination of lectures and small group encounters to develop the student as a leader and deepen Unitarian Universalist identity. Space is Limited. Please contact The Management Team (Carol Marks, Reverend Bill Breeden, or Reverend Mary Ann Macklin) by May 1st if you are interested. www.uumwls.org

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS - APRIL

HOSTS: VELMA HARRISON & JEAN KNOWLTON
Loren & Lindsay Wood
Stephanie & Tom Wilson
Beverly McGahey
Allison & Chris Chopra
Renee Reed

HOSTS: LOIS & RICK HOLL
Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum
Bob & Laura Campbell
Cyndi & Dale Nelson

HOSTS: HARLAN LEWIS & DORIS WITTENBURG
George & Maryann Cusack
Rob & Joan Hongen
Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Patsy Flint
Nancy Richman

HOSTS: DIANN & TED LOCK
David Parkhurst
Ann Robins
Mary Andrus-Overley & Don Halford
Denise & Harold Ogren

HOSTS: TOMMIE & WALT OWENS
Sandy & Fred Churchill
Elizabeth Lion
Glee Noble
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr

HOSTS: RAY & RITA RUST
Bob & Libby DeVoe
Karen & Jack Cassidy
Derek & Marisa Jones
Diane & Tom Gregory

HOSTS: PETER SCHWANDT & DIXIE WELCH
Dick & Harriet Pfister
Paul Petersen
Jan Skinner & BJ Lawrence
Pat Aungst

Carol Sandberg
Steve Lessmann
HOST: ANN WATZEL
Kevin Rottet & Dave Crane
Paul & Carol Arnold
Bill Baus

Dolores Freiburger

This is the last dinner of the season. Thank you for participating! New registration forms for the coming year are now available in the literature rack at church and you may register at any time. Dinners will resume next October. Dixie Welch

Green Spaces Looking at Permeable Pavers

The Green Space Initiative building and courtyard improvement project is looking at permeable pavers for our redesigned courtyard space. Phyllis Boyd is a church member and landscape architect who is



working with us. She explains that permeable pavers may seem like they cost more than traditional asphalt or

concrete, but less money needs to be spent on storm water management for drains, reinforced concrete pipes and catch basins which we would have to do with traditional asphalt. Permeable paving systems come in a variety of colors and styles which can add a lot to the look of an outside area. For a nice example of what permeable pavers look like and how colored pavers can be utilized see the new B-line trail when you visit the Farmers Market at the Showers Building. We want to preserve as much grass and natural areas in our courtyard as possible, and a permeable paving system could save us money, be kind to the earth, and add to a courtyard that builds community. Cindy Port, Cynthia L. Port and Phyllis Boyd.

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Grounds Committee Wake Up Call

Springtime! The time of rebirth and renewal! How about helping the Grounds Committee with a little renewal of our church grounds? Saturday, April 11 from 9-noon. Bring a rake, work gloves, sunscreen(?), and a happy face. We'll be raking, mulching, trimming, replanting, and on the look-out for the Easter Bunny. Thanks in advance for any time you can spare! Your Grounds Committee. Call John or Julie, 335-1856 with questions.



Mowers and Shakers Unite!

We are in dire need of volunteer lawnmowers for this season. We

supply the mower (We have a brand new one!), the gas, instructions, and encouragement; you put in whatever time you can. Call John Lawson, 335-1856, with questions and to get yourself onto the schedule. We'll be starting soon.



Women's Drumming Circle April 10

Dorothy Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Karen Gunderman

will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, April 10 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. Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship.



UU Passover Seder April 8, 6:30 p.m.

The UU Passover 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. This beloved event includes traditional (but not Kosher) Seder foods and a dinner. Vegetarian option is available. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children with a \$20 limit per family. Tickets will be on sale in the Commons after each service on April 5; or contact Ruellen Fessenbecker 837-9550, rfessenb@indiana.edu by April 5.

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 4th. To have your useful items picked up on the April 4th, 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 4th. --Habitat Task Force

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Rainbow Rights Task Force T-Shirt Design Contest

The Rainbow Rights Task Force would like the congregation's help designing their new T-shirt. Through Sunday, April 19th the task force will have a table in fellowship hall in between services where all congregation members can pick up a contest form. We are looking for a new T-shirt design that encompasses who we are as a GLBTQ advocacy task force. Our purposes are:

1. To educate the UU congregation regarding issues of concern to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning individuals.
2. To register opposition and promote the defeat of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Indiana that would limit the definition of marriage to one man and to one woman, and restrict the incidents of marriage to that definition.
3. To educate the electorate of Indiana regarding the proposed amendment and other issues of concern to GLBTQ individuals.

The T-shirt design should be reflective of who we are and be graphically appealing. The deadline to submit your design is Sunday April 19th and the winner will be announced during our annual breakfast fundraiser tentatively scheduled for Sunday April 26th. Make sure to fill out your contact information when you submit your design. Thank you for your support and good luck!

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Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, April 19 between the services at 10:30 in room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the Membership Book.) To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, April 15.

Summer Adult Religious Education Coming Soon

Our Adult Religious Education Committee will be inviting proposals soon for ARE classes for the summer months. Watch this space for details!

Our District Delegates

At the Heartland UU District meeting in Muncie, Indiana, on April 4, the following members will represent our congregation as delegates: David Keppel, Carol Marks, Kelly Rauch, Iris Kiesling, Libby DeVoe, and Jackie Hall. Libby and Jackie are also presenting a workshop at the conference about the Membership Journey.

Going to MUUSA?

Midwest UU Summer Assembly (MUUSA) will be held at YMCA of the Ozarks in July, and it is big fun! Several of our UU middle schoolers would like to go to camp, but their parents cannot attend, so they need adult sponsors. All of these kids are wonderfully well-behaved, of course. If you are attending MUUSA and would be willing to be a sponsor, please contact Jane McLeod, jmcleod@indiana.edu.