

The Prologue

Unitarian Universalist Church of
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Monday, May 11, 2009 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949
GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995
Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, May 17, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, and
Reverend Bill Breeden**

Please bring a flower (and extras if you have them!) and join us as we celebrate our congregational community through the annual Flower Communion. We will enjoy stories and singing and ritual as we recognize our interdependence and acknowledge the transitions happening in many of our lives. Please consider walking, biking or carpooling to services in honor of Walbicus Week!

Sunday, May 24, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

What Is the UUSC? Why Should We Care? Reverend Bill Breeden

If you believe in human rights and long for justice, you will want to know about the UUSC. Come join us. The three nominees for the 25% of Sunday Plate Fund will also make short presentations during the services.

“Mixing it Up” Deep gratitude to our senior high youth group, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU), for the youth-led worship service on Sunday, May 10. Your spirited thoughts, creativity, and ministry are greatly appreciated.

Nominating Committee Report

The following people have been nominated for elected office in our congregation. The election will take place at the Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 4PM.

Denise Ogren, Board of Directors
Kevin J. Rottet, Board of Directors
Chris Haynes, Secretary of the Board
Clarke Miller, Special Purposes Fund
Julia Heimer Dadds, Nominating Committee

5/13/2009	9:30 AM	Greeter Cmte Meeting	5/18/2009	7:30 PM	BLEMF Concert
5/13/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	5/18/2009	7:30 PM	Voces Novae
5/13/2009	10:30 AM	Elder Brunch	5/19/2009	10:00 AM	Chalice Cir - Ulla L.
5/13/2009	1:00 PM	Friends of Prisoners	5/19/2009	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus
5/13/2009	2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House	5/19/2009	7:30 PM	Yoga from the Ages
5/13/2009	6:00 PM	Campus Ministry Worship	5/20/2009	10:00 AM	May Common Ground Deadline
5/14/2009	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle	5/20/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
5/14/2009	7:00 PM	Membership Cmte	5/20/2009	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte
5/14/2009	7:00 PM	UU Choir	5/20/2009	7:00 PM	BLEMF concert-if rain
5/15/2009	8:00 AM	Annual Reports due	5/20/2009	7:00 PM	UU Board
5/15/2009	8:30 AM	Centerstone event	5/21/2009	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class
5/15/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	5/21/2009	7:00 PM	UU Choir
5/15/2009	12:00 PM	HeartMath	5/22/2009	8:00 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series
5/15/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	5/22/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
5/16/2009	10:00 AM	Board Policy Blitz	5/22/2009	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
5/16/2009	3:00 PM	Douglas Recital	5/24/2009	6:00 PM	YRUU
5/17/2009	12:30 PM	Video - Van Jones	5/25/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team
5/17/2009	1:00 PM	Chalice Circle - J. Knowlton	5/25/2009	7:30 PM	Voces Novae
5/17/2009	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class	5/26/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
5/17/2009	6:00 PM	YRUU	5/26/2009	4:30 PM	Habitat Women's Build
5/18/2009	11:00 AM	Sabbatical Committee	5/26/2009	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus
5/18/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team	5/26/2009	7:30 PM	Yoga from the Ages
5/18/2009	6:00 PM	Dances of Univ Peace	5/27/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
5/18/2009	6:30 PM	Program Team	5/27/2009	6:30 PM	Soc Justice Potluck and Sing-Along
5/18/2009	6:30 PM	RE Committee Meeting	5/28/2009	7:00 PM	UU Choir

Official Notice of Congregational Meeting: Sunday, June 7, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
The Meeting Room, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, Indiana

The West Window

Every morning brings more green into my consciousness as the trees completely closet our house in preparation for the summer. It is a good time of year to think about green, and in this Prologue you will find an insert describing our Green Spaces Initiative. This initiative has been in the dreaming and designing process for several years and we have received input from all areas of our congregation. I encourage you to give thoughtful consideration to the information provided in this insert. We will vote on whether or not to proceed with this initiative, subject to a feasibility study, at the congregational meeting on June 7th. Our liberal religious community has been a leader in many areas of social justice over the years. Climate change is an issue that has implications for all people on this planet, and justice presupposes a planet and a people committed to its preservation.

Our building is our spiritual home. Former generations of Unitarian Universalists sacrificed to provide this beautiful space and it our responsibility to preserve for coming generations. It is also our responsibility to do so in ways that in keeping with our 7th principle, the respect for the independent web of life of which we are all a part. Come to the congregational meeting and join in the discussion as we consider this important decision. Hope to see you there.

Peace—bill
Reverend Bill Breeden

MAM's Musings

As one of the youth indicated in the youth-led worship service last Sunday, a major part of being a member of this congregation is the community aspect. It is up to all of us to tend to the needs and dreams of this congregation. Please take time to read the Green Spaces Initiative and the Adult Religious Education Prospectus enclosed. Oh and read the rest of the Prologue, too! ☺

The 2009 *Earth Celebrational All Congregational Intergenerational UU Retreat* has come and gone. We shared in Cooperative Games together, Dances of Universal Peace, Campfire Singing, Bird watching, new meal blessings, canoeing, archery, climbing, handicrafts and having some nice 'hanging out' time. The workshops on Ethical Eating were amazing and included *Wildflowers and Wild Edibles* (Lucille Bertuccio), *Local Food* (Maggie Sullivan), *Eating Well for Living Well* (Al Strickholm), *Gardening With Kids* (Rosalind May), *Cooking with Kids* (Reverend Emily Manvel Leite), *Ethical Eating Sampler* (Mary Beth O'Brien) and *Raw Food* (Siri Larsen and Andy Reed).

Highlights for me included a late-Friday night watching of the insightful documentary "King Corn" (which I highly recommend for everyone's viewing), Vulcan turkey drawing, birding-watching, eating well workshops, playing, walks in the woods, and simply hanging out with congregation members in a nature filled setting.

Before leaving on our retreat, the Management team met with Congregational Treasurer John Lawson. We STILL need folks to call or send in their pledges for our Stewardship Campaign. Please. We must start putting together our budget for 2009-2010 in order to tend to the needs and dreams of this beloved congregational community. Warmly, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Rally in Indianapolis for Health Care Against the Insurers on May 20 We've had it with higher premiums—affordable healthcare for all! Rally Wednesday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. on Monument Circle, just as WellPoint-Anthem shareholders exit their annual meeting. Sponsored by Hoosiers for a Commonsense Health Plan.

Lunch with a Minister June 8

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, June 8 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: 812-322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.
On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays
breeden@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 812-360-1779

Rev. Breeden will be on sabbatical Aug-Dec 09

Membership Coordinator Availability

Membership Coordinator Judy Bennett is 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.

Sabbatical Scoop (4)

Our congregational potluck on April 26th offered those gathered an opportunity to ask Reverend Breeden some questions about his upcoming sabbatical, scheduled for August 1-December 13th of this year.

What are your plans? *My plans are a nebulous cloud. I am going to have 4 and 1/2 months during which I will not have a single meeting that I am required to attend. I will play some golf, work on cars, do some things around our homestead that I have not found time to do, and I will do some travelling. I am leaning toward driving to central America. I have been offered housing off the coast of Mexico and in Costa Rica. I would also like to visit Cuba. I expect to be out of the country for two months or so. Glenda will be with me for a few weeks.*

What are your goals? *"Sabbatical" means "rest." My goal is to rest from what I have been doing for the past several years.*

Will you be in touch with the congregation? *I will not be in "contact" with the congregation as such. There is a possibility that I will post some notes on line about my travel, but I will not make a job of it. It should be said however, that I will carry this congregation in my heart and thus will be "in touch" at all times.*

Will there be a Sabbatical Minister? There will not be a single sabbatical-preaching minister but instead, in celebration of our congregation's 60th anniversary year, we're welcoming former ministers back to the pulpit. Dates have been confirmed for visits from our Minister Emerita Rev. Barbara Carlson, Rev. Bill Murray, Rev. John Young, Rev. Bruce Johnson, and Rev. David Johnson. Rev. Andy Burnette of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Danville will also fulfill preaching and some of Rev. Breeden's ministerial duties. Questions? *Sabbatical Committee: Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, and Jason Hill*

UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS
Next Bounty-
Full Sunday is
June 7



Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries: peanut butter, regular coffee (not decaf), canned mixed veggies & canned carrots, canned mandarin oranges, pancake mix & syrup, crackers, chicken & beef broth, hot chocolate mix. We gave 366 pounds of food on May 3, plus a \$20 donation. Thank you!

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 has designated Sunday, May 17 as a Walbicus (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to Worship Day for Bloomington. There won't be another official one until fall, but of course the goal is to make it a habit. Anyone who walks, bikes or carpools to church on May 17 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.

Social Justice Potluck and Sing-Along-May 27th, 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall.

Come celebrate the good work we've been doing around town and around the world! In one way or another we have all contributed to our social justice task forces this year so everyone is invited! Rev. Bill and I look forward to leading the sing-along and welcome other musicians to join us. Our Social Justice Coordinating Circle will convene for a short meeting following the

party. Mark your calendars! Contact the office, admin@uubloomington.org by May 20 if you need childcare after supper. Peace, Glenda Breeden, bgbreeden@att.net

Want to Help Make the World a Better Place?

Office Assistant Sought

Our most excellent Office Assistant Shara Ferrantelli must depart Bloomington with her family for South Carolina soon. We will all deeply miss her efficient, easy-going, cheerful presence in our church office.

Position is available July 1, with 20 hours of training last two weeks of June. The Office Assistant is a 12-month, 19 hrs/wk M-F position, integral to the functioning of our busy church office. One or two Sunday mornings per month are included in the schedule.

Applicants should have knowledge of Microsoft Office, fearlessness of technology, and sense of discretion. Should have ability to work under pressure; accounting exp. a plus! Send letter of interest and resume to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org or Attn: Carol Marks, Church Administrator, UU Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington IN 47408, by May 31. Info, call 332-3695.

Attendance

Sun, May 3, 9:15: 121; 11:15: 189;	RE: 124
	Total: 434
Sun, May 10, 9:15: 125 11:15: 159	RE: 113
	Total: 397
Sun, May 3 non-pledge offering:	\$ 437
Sun, May 10 non-pledge offering:	\$ 309
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:	\$ 187

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Cooking With Kids

At the UU Retreat this past weekend, ten children gathered for a Cooking With Kids workshop. Since the theme of the UU Retreat this year was

Ethical Eating, we began by talking about what they thought Ethical Eating meant. The kids had lots of ideas, and came up with the following list:

- Local Food
- Buy from a Local Business
- Organic Food
- Kind to Animals
- Low on the Food Chain
- Not much to throw away (little packaging!)
- Good for my body

We then had a great time putting colored stickers on each item we were going to be cooking with to show which characteristics it had. Some items (mostly produce) had six or seven stickers! After that, the kids felt especially good about the delicious vegan foods they made: creamsicle smoothies, black bean salad, and chocolate-peanut butter balls. Yum! You might have fun trying this at home.

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite
Cindy Port
Religious Educators



Thoughts from the Earth Celebrational... UU Retreat:

"We can only take care of the world & everything we love by first taking care of ourselves. We can only give our energy when we first have our own energy to give & we can only enjoy our accomplishments if we are healthy, happy &

rejuvenated." -- Siri Larsen, from her workshop on Living Raw Foods. Thank you to everyone who participated in a truly rejuvenating experience!



What Happens When You Sign The Membership Book?

At the membership ceremony you will sign the Membership Book as a sign of your commitment to the values, goals, and welfare of our church. You will receive a certificate confirming that commitment. You will be asked to provide a short bio and have a photo taken so that the congregation can get to know you. You will be invited to stand during a Membership Recognition ceremony at a later Sunday service and be introduced to the congregation. (You may opt not to do this, or even not to share a bio, but these procedures are intended to help integrate you into the congregation.)

Once you have become a Member of the church you will start to receive the quarterly *UUA World* from the Unitarian Universalist Association. This will give you a perspective on what is going on nationally and what other UUs are thinking.

We invite new members to sign the Membership Book every 2 months, and the next occasion will be June 21. If you have questions about joining the church, please ask! Libby DeVoe, Membership Committee Chair, edevoe@indiana.edu; Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, memcoord@uubloomington.org

BULLETIN BOARD

Check out Women Writing for (a)Change summer offerings: www.womenwritingbloomington.com, or contact Beth Lodge-Rigal.

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UU Campus Ministry News:

The amazing people in our campus ministry group are continuing to do amazing things with their studies, and with their lives! Here are some of the awards and honors that members have received:

Amy Bedford, a master's student in the Russian and East European Institute, will be continuing her tour of the world – she has received a Boren Fellowship to study Islam in Kyrgyzstan!

Becky Edmonds just graduated with majors in Political Science and Gender Studies. She will be departing this week for her job this summer at a Girl Scout camp on the ocean in western Washington. Afterwards, she plans to stay in the Olympia, WA area for at least a year, “pending employment and until I figure out my true passions”.

Dave Lewis, a graduate student in Ethnomusicology, was awarded a Fulbright grant for very cool research in Trinidad and Tobago. While there, he plans to continue his research into the use of music by NGOs in their HIV-prevention campaigns.

Katie Peebles is revising her dissertation (for English and Folklore) about the late medieval invention of early medieval traditions (and currently battling it out with Sir Thomas Malory's knights). This fall, she will enjoy brushing up her Latin, submitting more articles, and exploring the Lilly Library manuscript collections.

Molly Perchlik, a rising Junior majoring in Biology and Latin, has received a Lillian Gay Berry Latin Scholarship from the Classics department. This grant is given to Latin majors for excellence in their studies, and will provide a scholarship for the coming year.

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Eddie Witlicki, a graduate student in Chemistry, has received a summer fellowship to continue his research in the Chemistry department.

If you see any of these folks at church, make sure to congratulate them, and congratulations to all graduates this May, some of who are not part of the campus ministry group.

--Susan Blake, Campus Ministry Coordinator



Denominational Excitement Continues to Build

The Denominational Affairs Committee has several exciting and interesting programs scheduled for the next few weeks.

May 17 Fundraiser luncheon and Van Jones Ware Lecture video at 12:30 p.m.

May 31 UUA presidential candidate forum as presented by local supporters of each candidate, at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your own lunch/snack.

June 2 New delegate orientation. 5:45 pm All delegates to 2009 GA please attend this important meeting. Former GA delegate also welcome. Iris Kiesling 332-5224.



Help Support Unitarian Universalist Friends of Lotus

You are invited to support the upcoming Lotus World Music and Arts Festival (Sept 24-27). In support of our shared values regarding cultural diversity, acceptance, and Love made manifest through the power of music, we encourage you to join the International

Outreach Task Force, along with other UU Lotus supporters, in our effort to support the Lotus World Music and Arts Festival, and get some free publicity for our congregation.

Write a personal check payable to LEAF (Lotus Education & Arts Foundation), get tax credit for your own donation, and create one united Unitarian Universalist Friends of Lotus contribution. Write "UU Friends of Lotus" on the memo line.

Send donations to: Deborah Klein, Development Director, LEAF, 103 N. College Ave., Bloomington, IN 47402 (336-6599 / dklein@bluemarble.net)

Questions? Please contact Deb Hutton (334-4103 / huttond@indiana.edu)

Welcome to our Newest Members

We warmly welcome the following members, who signed our Membership Book on Sunday, April 19: Adrienne and John Summerlot

John and Adrienne Summerlot met while attending college at Mississippi State University and married in 2001. They moved to Bloomington in 2004 and even though they were raised in diverse backgrounds, they are happy to have found a community at the UU Church. They have two beautiful daughters, Susannah (5) and Katharine (3) who look forward to coming here every Sunday. John is a proud veteran of the US Marine Corps who works at Indiana University and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Higher Education Student Affairs. Adrienne is a New Jersey native who works at the YMCA and will be attending Ivy Tech in the Fall.

*Committee and Task Force
Annual Reports due May 15 –
to admin@uubloomington.org*

Our Folks...

Our thoughts and wishes for a healthy recovery are with Judi Epp. Judi will be donating a kidney to her sister, Anita, on May 26 in Indianapolis. Cards are welcome.

Our healing thoughts are also with Patsy Flint, who is undergoing surgery this month. She enjoys humorous cards and funny political cartoons.



Please Let Us Know About your pledge this week!

The Finance Committee and Management Team are hard at work making decisions about our budget for the coming year which begins July 1, based on your pledges. We have received pledge commitments from 331 households so far, for a total of a little over \$401,000. Budget requests for the coming year total \$506,000. Of this amount, we plan to receive a total of \$437,000 in pledges.

If you have not pledged yet, we really hope you can do so this week. Every pledge is important! If you have not received a pledge card and self-addressed stamped envelope, and would like to pledge via email, please send the amount you would like to pledge to admin@uubloomington.org and we will make a record of it. It is also helpful if you can let us know if you cannot pledge at all this year.

Many, many thanks to all the generous, wonderful members of this religious community!

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Parenting From the Heart: Compassionate Families for a Compassionate World
8 Sunday Sessions, 1-3PM,
June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26
Room 210

Facilitated by Rhonda Clower

This program will be an enriching and moving exploration of the principles of non-violent communication geared specifically towards parents and those who work with children. The book, "Parenting From Your Heart" by Inbal Kashtan, is required. It may be purchased from the instructor at the first session (\$8). Enrollment: maximum 16

Learn to Swing Dance!

8 Thursday Sessions, 7-8PM (optional practice to 8:30PM) June 4, 11, 18, July 2, July 16, 23, 30, Party on Aug 6
Fellowship Hall

Facilitated by Stephanie and Tom Wilson

Learn the basics of East-coast swing dancing! No Partner required. In this class, anyone can dance the lead or follow role. In addition to dance instruction, we'll discuss the history of swing dancing and various music styles. The course will end with a potluck dance party at the last session. Tom and Stephanie Wilson met at a dance class 14 years ago and have been dancing ever since. Enrollment: Minimum 4, Maximum 12

SERIES: Scientists and the Development of Unitarianism: Priestley and Darwin

Facilitated by Noretta Koertge

We'll read recent books on scientists who influenced the development of Unitarian ideas.

Session 1: Priestley

3 Monday sessions, 6:30-8PM, June 8, 22, July 6, Room 210

We will read about Joseph Priestley, an English chemist and Unitarian minister. When mobs burnt down his house, he fled to America, where he discussed religion and politics with Thomas Jefferson. Required book: "The Invention of Air: A Story of Science, Faith, Revolution, and the Birth of America" by Steven Johnson.

Session 2: Darwin

4 Monday sessions, 6:30-8PM, July 13, 27, August 10, 24, Room 210

This book argues that Darwin's Unitarian family and friends instilled in him a life-long antipathy to the institution of slavery and claims about racial differences, which played a major role in the development of his theory of natural selection.

Required book: "Darwin's Sacred Cause: How a Hatred of Slavery Shaped Darwin's Views on Human Evolution" by Adrian Desmond and James Moore.

Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 12

Exploring "Pan's Labyrinth" as Spiritual Epic

3 Tuesday sessions, 7-9PM, August 11, 18, 25, Library

Facilitated by Chris Haynes. The recent Spanish movie, "Pan's Labyrinth", is an extraordinary story of spiritual growth, with similarities to such epics as Homer's "Odyssey", Star Wars, and the Lord of the Rings trilogy. In the first session, the film will be viewed without interruption. In the second and third sessions, it will be viewed again, with frequent pauses in which participants will have the opportunity to reflect on spiritually meaningful elements and how they illuminate life's journey. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 12



Adult Religious Education Prospectus Summer 2009

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Registration: [Register for classes beginning Thursday, May 14](#), by signing up on the bulletin board at the Courtyard entrance. You may also register by e-mailing Office Assistant Shara Ferrantelli at office@uubloomington.org or by calling 332-3695. Some class sizes are limited, so register early.

How to purchase required texts: Some classes **REQUIRE** a book. You may often be able to purchase these books (with a 10% discount) through our Booktable (chaired by Kevin Rottet, krottet@indiana.edu) in advance of the first class meetings.

What About Child Care? Childcare can be arranged for most events if parents reserve 10 days in advance of the first class meeting, and if at least two families request childcare for a given class or event. Reserve on the sign-up sheet, call 332-3695, or email office@uubloomington.org.

Yoga From the Ages (for all ages)
Five Tuesday Sessions, 7:30-8:30PM
May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, Fellowship Hall

Facilitated by Derek Tanber

This class will present Hatha (physical) Yoga appropriate for all ages and levels of physical fitness. Breathing exercises and meditation techniques will be offered to complement the yoga.

A padded yoga or workout mat is suggested but not required.

Enrollment: minimum 2, maximum 20

Book Group: "Viral Spiral" by David Bollier

Five Saturday Sessions, 10:00-11:30AM June 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, Library

Facilitated by James and Tomilea Allison "Viral Spiral" describes the process by which internet users come together to build shared online resources and tools and explores major technological developments and legal struggles to secure democratic values in cyberspace.

Required book: "Viral Spiral: How the Commons Built a Digital Republic of Their Own" by David Bollier

The author of the book, David Bollier, will be speaking at our church on October 10.

Enrollment: minimum 5, maximum 15

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