

The Prologue

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Sunday, June 14, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Sophia and The Joy of Being

Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

How is joy available in our lives? What is feminine wisdom? What can our interconnections teach us about our experience of earth's sacredness? Our Co-Ministers will offer reflections on these questions. Special music will be shared by Harlan Lewis's grandsons.

Sunday, June 21, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Illuminating Interdependence: Solstice Signs and Songs

Steve Cotter and Darrell Breeden

Turnings in the heavens--such as the Summer Solstice--offer new illuminations. Our current abundance of light coaxes forth growth in the earth's living plants and beings. Members Steve Cotter and Darrell Breeden explore this beginning edge of summer and its call to our interdependent consciousness. The Quarryland Men's Chorus will bring the gift of music. There will be a short meditation to place earth healing intent into rocks--bring your own rock, or choose from rocks that we will provide. This service is presented by the Sunday Services Committee.



Water Service is August 16

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures to our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Sunday, August 16. The fall term for children's Religious Education also begins Aug 16.

Our Mission Statement

In this liberal religious community of inspiration, love and action:

- we celebrate life
- we nurture one another
- we welcome all
- we care for the earth and
- we work for the common good.

(approved at Congregational Meeting, June 7, 2009)

6/10/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	6/17/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class		5:00 PM	Floor finishing, ctyd entrance
	2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House		6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte
6/11/2009	3:00 PM	Memorial Service--Peter Noble-Kuchera		7:00 PM	UU Board
	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!	6/18/2009	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class
6/12/2009	8:45 AM	Workshop - Sydney Anderson		7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!
	10:30 AM	Life Stories		7:00 PM	String Band
	7:00 PM	Women's Drum Circle	6/19/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
6/13/2009	11:00 AM	Fwp Dinner Potluck		5:30 PM	O'Malley Wedding Reh
6/14/2009	10:00 AM	Intl Outreach Snack Sale	6/20/2009	7:30 PM	Summer Solstice Celebration
	12:30 PM	Parent Talk	6/21/2009	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing
	1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart		1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart
6/15/2009	11:00 AM	Sabbatical Committee	6/22/2009	3:00 PM	Management Team
	3:00 PM	Management Team		6:30 PM	RE Committee Meeting
	6:00 PM	Dances of Univ Peace		6:30 PM	Scientists and Unitarianism
	6:30 PM	Program Team	6/23/2009	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group
6/16/2009	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus
	7:30 PM	Yoga from the Ages	6/24/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
6/17/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers		10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class

The West Window

I want to say thank you to all those who were able to attend the Annual Meeting last Sunday. The democratic process is never simple and rarely easy, but this congregation exercises it with grace, good humor and good will. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, who was in California for a close friend's ordination into the UU ministry, called Sunday evening, and I was happy to report that once again we did the business of the congregation in a way that exemplified the principles we affirm.

As we begin the months of summer, we hope to see each of you in worship as often as you can make it, and we will hold those who cannot be with us in our hearts as the summer lazily passes by. We know there will be joys and we know there will be sorrows. Through it all, we know that we shall not walk alone. Thank you all, and may you be blessed.

Peace—bill
Rev. Bill Breeden



Mark Your Calendars! Sabbatical Picnic July 19

Come join us for a picnic lunch on Sunday, July 19, to celebrate our co-ministry and give Rev. Breeden a good send-off for his sabbatical, which begins August 1. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. July 19 will be Rev. Breeden's last Sunday in the pulpit until December.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite will each provide an on-

going ministerial presence to the congregation while Reverend Breeden is away. We have confirmed dates for visits from our Minister Emerita Barbara Carlson and former Ministers Reverend Bill Murray, Reverend John Young, Reverend Bruce Johnson, and Reverend David Johnson.

This week, we'd like to introduce Reverend Andy Burnette, from the Unitarian Universalist Church in Danville, who will fulfill preaching and several of Reverend Breeden's ministerial duties. We will be seeing a bit more of Reverend Burnette in coming months and hope he will be able to join us for our celebration picnic on July 19th.

Reverend Burnette recently wrote: "Heather and I have two children, Marcus, 6, and Josie, 14 months. My interests include motorcycles, hiking and reading David Sedaris, Sarah Vowell and anyone else who can write a good essay. I was raised near Bloomington in Guthrie, Indiana. I lived there until I went to college. My folks are still there...I can't wait to work with you and learn from you."

A member of the board of directors of the Indiana Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Reverend Burnette also serves as vice president of Mental Health America Hendricks County. He served as sabbatical minister at the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Columbus, Indiana, from January through April 2009.

We look forward to welcoming him.

Contact the Sabbatical Committee if you have questions:
Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, and Jason Hill

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Hoosiers for a Common Sense Health Plan invites all who are concerned about the need for universal health care to join us in the 4th of July Parade. Polls have consistently shown that most U.S. citizens favor a strong not-for-profit option. As Rev. Breeden said in his sermon on June 7, "democracy means people power"-- this is the time for us to empower just and equitable health care reform! (You are also welcome at HCHP's monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library.) --Rev. Barbara Carlson

ROCK THE SHOPS
June 26, 2009 - 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.
At Wandering Turtle Art Gallery & Gifts
Carrie Newcomer. Krista Detor. Scott Russell Sanders. Favorite local musicians and writers rock our favorite local downtown businesses Friday, June 26 with a free 5-hour concert during Bloomington's first ever "Rock the Shops," to support our local downtown businesses which are teetering because of the national recession. Shop Downtown!

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,
August 1-December 13, 2009

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.

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.

Our Folks...

Our prayers and sympathy are with Glee Noble and her family, upon the death on June 7 of Peter Noble-Kuchera.

Our prayers are also with Christoph Irmischer and Lauren Bernofsky and their family, upon the passing Christoph's father, Prof. Dr. Hans Dietrich Irmischer, in Cologne, Germany, on May 5.

And our prayers are also with Bill and Cookie Lynch and their family; Bill's sister Miriam Bergamini (known as Hoppy) died recently after a long illness.

New Addition to the Fuchs

Library The Library Committee has just purchased "Jesus Interrupted" by Bart Ehrman. This scholarly examination of the New Testament was on the best-seller list for Bloomington readers in March of this year. Ehrman says that to make sense of the Bible's many paradoxes you need to understand who wrote it and why its stories contradict each other. Church Library books may be borrowed for 30 days.

Attendance

Sun, May 31,	9:15: 89;	11:15: 180;	RE: 87	Total: 356
Sun, Jun 7,	9:15: 90;	11:15: 166;	RE: 106	Total: 362
Sun, May 31	non-pledge offering:			\$ 493
Sun, Jun 7	non-pledge offering:			\$ 534
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:				\$ 257

UUs Changing the World



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



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. Thank you to all who contributed on June 7.



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



July 4th Fireworks BBQ Cookout Fundraiser

On Saturday, July 4 (the night of the Bloomington Independence Day Fireworks Celebration) the

International Outreach Task Force (IOTF) will be having a BBQ Cookout Fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the Unitarian Universalist Church of Burundi Micro Lending Project. The BBQ Cookout Fundraiser will be held at the UU Bloomington Church beginning at 7:30pm and will feature grilled chicken, brisket, and vegetarian kabobs, along with sides and drinks. Please come out and join us as we enjoy a summer BBQ, fireworks, and fun with family and friends...all for a meaningful cause. For more info on this event, the IOTF, or the UU Church of Burundi Micro Lending Project please contact Jason Blankenship, 765-318-8851 or jasonblank33@yahoo.com

Women's Alliance Meets July 2

The Women's Alliance will be meeting July 2 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. Guests are always welcome.

Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, June 14, from 12:30 – 2:30 in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion.

We meet to share joys & concerns and ideas about staying connected with our adult children. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@comcast.net



Passport to the World!

This summer in Religious Education for grades 1-9 our theme will be "Passport to the World". Join us as we explore a different country and culture

each Sunday. Participants will be issued a Passport and should come prepared to have fun! We will start by gathering in Room 105 after the Children's Moment. Most Sundays children will be able to choose between different activity stations such as crafts and games.

RE will usually end upstairs; plan to pick up your child near Room 210. We do need extra adults willing to help out once during the summer, let us know if you can join us! Here is a tentative schedule for you to clip and keep. Preschool class for children 3-5 and childcare for 3 and under will be available as usual each Sunday.

June 14, Bon Voyage Party

June 21, New Zealand

June 28, Italy

July 5th, Germany

July 12th, India

July 19, Mexico and Cuba "Buen Viaje"

July 26, Kenya

August 2, Afghanistan

August 9, Welcome Back Magic Show!!

*Remember to collect a little water during your summer adventures; Fall semester Religious Education classes will begin with the Water Ceremony on August 16th.

~Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education

Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If you would like to officially become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, June 21 between the services at

10:30 am in Room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements for signing the Membership Book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, June 17.



Let it Shine

I am proud to be involved with such a caring and passionate community. I am also grateful for those who helped make our June

7th Congregational Meeting possible by your presence, voice and actions.

As we move together through this transitional time of governance, I am reminded that we have just completed our first year of a multi-year process. It is fair to say that our work is just beginning!

Our new vision and mission statements will indeed establish the roots of our congregation from which our leadership will branch. In August, the Board will begin the visioning process under our new governance at our annual retreat that will consist of the Board of Directors, Management Team, Program Team and the Nominating Committee. Simultaneously, the Management Team will begin their work with the new set of policies; and, the Program Team will become more visibly defined.

Looking back over the past few years, it is clear that we are a community of action. This next year will bring about new challenges and exciting opportunities that will be an investment in the spiritual and temporal health of our congregation.

In Your Service,
GK Rowe
President of the Congregation



Young Adult Potluck in July

What: Young adult potluck and barbeque

When: Sunday, July 12, 4:00 PM

Where: The courtyard at church

Who: All interested young adults. Families welcome!

In the face of growing clamor, we are pulling together an event designed to give us young adults the chance to meet and make merry together! We also hope to use this as an opportunity to plan future events – come with ideas for what you'd like to make happen!

We hope you will join us!

The church will provide burgers (veggie and otherwise) and lemonade, but please bring a dish to share. If you can let us know you're coming, and what your dietary preferences are, we can make sure to procure enough supplies.

Questions or suggestions? Contact Allison Chopra at: allison.chopra@mac.com; or Susan Blake at blakes@indiana.edu or 812-339-2985; or Judy Bennett at memcoord@uubloomington.org or 812-331-4181.

Social Service Organizations in Bloomington – UU Founders?

Natalia Schau is assembling a list of social service organizations that were begun by members of our congregation and were founded to serve the Bloomington community as a whole.

Please contact Natalia at nschau@alumni.iu.edu or 812-332-7205 if you have the following information about any

organization that was founded in the last 60 years:

- 1) the name of the organization (and if that has changed, the current name);
- 2) who was involved in founding it; and,
- 3) whether or not it still serves the community today.

Members to Speak at Services on June 21

Steve Cotter is Natural Resources Manager with the Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. Working in our local natural areas has taught him how wonderful our natural communities are, and how important it is to protect and preserve them. As a member of the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, Steve is both concerned about the sun overheating our planet and excited about how it can help us solve global warming by providing clean and safe energy. Steve and Marcia Veldman intend to live happily ever after on their organic farm in Brown County.

Often confused with Bill Breeden, **Darrell Breeden** is actually a self-appointed envoy and Unitarian Universalist missionary to that hinterland and bastion of neo-conservatism known as Daviess County, Indiana. Darrell lives there with his wife Vivian and their two dogs, Maggie May and Penny Whenny.

Lost Books from the Fuchs Library

The following titles have been "lost" from the Fuchs Library here at church; they were checked out and never returned. Perhaps some of you might have a copy of one of these on the bookshelf at home, and would like to donate it.

- Spong, "Sins of the Scripture",
- Fleck, "The Blessings of Imperfection",

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More lost books:

- Wells, "Papal Sin",
- Buehrens, "A Chosen Faith",
- Robinson, "The Unitarians and the Universalists",
- Buehrens, "UU Pocket Guide",
- Easwaran, "Dialogue With Death",
- West, "Race Matters",
- Fox, "The Reinvention of Work",
- Graff, "What is Marriage For?",
- Schaefer, "How to Talk to Kids",
- Crosby, "Grounds for Marriage",
- Rikoon, "Rachel Carlot's Story".

Earth Kin Summer Solstice Celebration, Saturday, June 20th

at 7:30pm in the courtyard (Fellowship Hall if it rains). We will celebrate the arrival of the Sun to its fullest aspect and also recognize the beginning of the growth of the darkness. We celebrate all that we have been given and continue to receive from the Sun and offer thoughts and prayers for the healing of the Earth. This celebration is open to members and friends of the congregation. Please bring some food to share after the celebration. Also bring pine cones to offer to the fire on behalf of the Earth. Summer flowers are always welcome to decorate the circle. Blessed Be! --Beckie
Direct questions to: elmbeckie@yahoo.com.
A reminder: We must know 10 days in advance to provide childcare for church events. No one has requested childcare at this writing, so it will not be available for this event.



Women's Drum

Circle June 12 Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship on Friday, June 12! Dorothy

Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Karen Gunderman will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, June 12 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 and other percussion instruments (drums will not be provided.)

Annual Congregational Meeting Re-cap

Over 100 members of the congregation gathered on Sunday, June 7 at 4:00 p.m. for our Annual Congregational Meeting. We heard reports and elected Board members for 09-10 (GK Rowe, Andrea Murray, John Lawson, Amy Taylor, Denise Ogren, Kevin Rottet, Chris Haynes); a new member for the Special Purposes Fund Committee, Clarke Miller; and a new member for the Nominating Committee, Julia Heimer Dadds. We also approved forward movement in the Green Spaces Initiative building project, approved a new Vision Statement and Mission Statement (included in today's Prologue), and approved the budget for 2009-10. Outstanding service awards were given to Barb Berggoetz, Arzetta Hulst Losensky, and David Parkhurst, and the new 25% of Sunday Plate recipient for 2009-10 was selected: Crestmont Boys and Girls Club. Many thanks to all who attended this action-packed meeting.

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