

The Prologue

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GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995
Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Sunday, July 12, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
For the Love of Justice: A Social Gospel for Our Times
Reverend Bill Breedon

The gift of music will be provided by the Bloomington Chamber Singers.

Sunday, July 19, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
On Saying Goodbye Reverend Bill Breedon

Reverend Macklin will join me in a celebration of thanksgiving for this community and all that we share. Join us. Bright Blessings Women's Chorus will share selections from the Christian gospel tradition. A Sabbatical Picnic celebrating our co-ministry will follow the second service, at 1:00 p.m.



Water Communion Services 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)

7/8/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class	7/15/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
7/9/2009	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!	7/15/2009	2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House
7/10/2009	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte	7/16/2009	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!
7/10/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	7/16/2009	7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
7/11/2009	9:00 AM	Habitat Lunch Prep	7/16/2009	7:00 PM	Summer String Band
7/11/2009	10:00 AM	Viral Spiral Book discussion	7/17/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
7/12/2009	10:00 AM	Intl Outreach Snack Sale	7/18/2009	11:00 AM	Fwp Dinner Potluck
7/12/2009	1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart	7/19/2009	1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart
7/12/2009	4:00 PM	Younger Adult Potluck Barbecue	7/19/2009	1:00 PM	Sabbatical Picnic
7/13/2009	3:00 PM	Mgt Team	7/19/2009	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class
7/13/2009	6:30 PM	Scientists & Unitarianism: Darwin	7/20/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
7/14/2009	12:00 PM	Lunch with Minister	7/20/2009	6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace
7/14/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers	7/20/2009	6:30 PM	Program Team
7/14/2009	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group	7/21/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
7/14/2009	7:30 PM	Yoga for the Ages	7/22/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class

MAM's Musings

Hey folks. It is great to be back home again in Indiana after being away quite a bit in June, most recently in Salt Lake City for our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. This gathering of over 3,000 Unitarian Universalists to do the work of our association of congregations was quite an event. Of workshops and plenary sessions there were aplenty. Our congregation was honored as a Breakthrough Congregation Saturday morning; we shared our new breakthrough video and led a workshop Saturday afternoon. We offered deep gratitude to UUA President Bill Sinkford, the first African American President of the UUA, as he completed eight years of service. And we welcomed newly elected President Reverend Peter Morales who defeated Reverend Laurel Hallman in a lively campaign. And we worshipped together. On July 26th, the worship service will feature voices from folks who attended General Assembly.

Speaking of worship, some of you asked for the prayerful exercise I offered during the meditation to develop the inner healer. This practice, which I learned from cultural anthropologist Angeles Arrien, is based on traditions from parts of Africa and Oceanic societies. In this exercise you can lie down and place both hands over your heart, and then silently acknowledge 1) qualities you appreciate about yourself 2) strengths you appreciate about yourself 3) contributions you have made to the world 4) love given and received in your life. It is suggested that you do this 3 times a day. Morning, afternoon and evening.

Speaking of lawn mowing...wait, I wasn't speaking about lawn mowing, but now that I have...speaking about lawn mowing. We need volunteers to mow the lawn at church. Seriously. If you can help, contact John Lawson (treasurer@uubloomington.org). Warmly, MAM Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Mark Your Calendars! July 19th, 1pm Sabbatical Picnic and Celebration Send Off for

Reverend Breeden

Please join us for a picnic lunch on Sunday, July 19, to celebrate our co-ministry and give Reverend Breeden a lively send-off for his sabbatical, which begins August 1. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. July 19 will be Reverend Breeden's last Sunday in the pulpit until December. During our picnic time, we will show the Breakthrough Congregation video which was a big hit at the 2009 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly from which many of our staff and lay leaders have recently returned.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite will provide on-going ministerial presence to the congregation while Reverend Breeden is away. Our Minister Emerita, Reverend Barbara Carlson, will also serve as pastoral care back-up during this time. We have confirmed dates for visits from former ministers Reverend Bill Murry, Reverend John Young, Reverend Bruce Johnson, and Reverend David Johnson.

If you are available to provide home hospitality to any of our visiting ministers on the following dates, please let us know: 10/17, 10/24, 11/28.

From the Sabbatical Committee
Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, and Jason Hill

Administrative Office Hours

Church Administrator Carol Marks or Office Assistant Ginger Ko will be in the church office Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 9:00-4:00, Weds 12:30-5:00, and Sundays 10:15-11:00, 12:15-1:00.

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Farmers' Market Round Up

The Wednesday Market 7 am – noon, mid-June – October at Bloomingfoods East

The Saturday Market Saturdays, 8 am – 1 pm, April – September & 9 am – 1 pm, October & November, Showers Common

The Tuesday Market, 4 – 7 pm, June – September, Sixth and Madison Streets (next to Bloomingfoods Near West Side)

Vote for your favorite Farmers' Market at www.care2.com/farmersmarket in the "Love Your Farmers' Market" contest hosted by localharvest.org and care2.com. The Bloomington Community Farmers' Market is currently in fifth place.

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 the family and friends of longtime member Betty Perry, who passed away on June 7. A memorial service for Betty will be held here on Sunday, August 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Our prayers and sympathy are also with the family and friends of Maryann Orr, who passed away on June 12. A memorial service for Maryann will be held here on Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Barb Lund upon the birth on May 29 of grandson Niko Alexander Lund Beam, in Oregon.

"Fellowship Dinner Group" Potluck, Saturday, July 18

On Saturday, July 18th participants in the Fellowship Dinners are gathering to share a potluck lunch at the church, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This mid-summer event will keep the group fed both in body and in mind as the food and conversation flow. Participants, mark your calendars and watch for information to come to you via e-mail soon. Note to Everyone: Registration forms for the 2009/2010 year of the Fellowship Potluck Dinners are available now in the literature rack at church. The "year" will begin with an open-enrollment kick-off dinner in September. --Dixie Welch

Attendance

Sun, Jun 28, 9:15:	75;	11:15:	127;	RE:	44
					Total: 246
Sun, July 5, 9:15:	74;	11:15:	131;	RE:	46
					Total: 251
Sun, Jun 28	non-pledge offering:	\$ 225			
Sun, Jul 5	non-pledge offering:	\$ 302			
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:		\$ 56			
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club		\$ 75			

UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Next Bounty- Full Sunday is August 2

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 July 5.

"Each One, Feed One" Community Food Drive - Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30

The fourth annual "Each One, Feed One"
food drive aims to collect 15,000 pounds of
food over a two-day period to re-stock MCUM's
food pantry. More than 250 volunteers are
needed to make this two-day event a success.
Volunteer opportunities include:

Store Volunteers: These folks will distribute
information about local hunger and collect
donations at area grocery stores. Sign up early
to get the shift and the store of your choice!
Shifts: 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Sorters: Volunteers are needed to sort
donations as they arrive at MCUM. Although
you will be working in air-conditioned comfort,
some lifting is required. Shifts: 12am-3pm and
3pm-6pm

Store Coordinators & Assistants: These
volunteers play an essential role in this drive,
serving as a liaison to the grocery stores and
the store volunteers. Tasks include setting up
and closing down volunteer stations and
transporting donations from the stores to
MCUM. Most drivers will drive their own
vehicles but gas will be paid for. Lots of heavy
lifting is required. Assistants may work half-day

shifts, but drivers are asked to commit to a full
day. Shifts: 9am-6pm

Interested in volunteering? Contact Meri
Reinhold at mcum@bloomington.in.us or 339-
3429.

Thanks to the stores who are participating
in this year's drive:

☀ Bloomingfoods

☀ Buehler's Buy-Low

☀ Kroger

☀ Marsh

☀ O'Malia's

☀ Sahara Mart - new this year!

☀ Save-a-Lot

Women's Alliance Meets August 6

The Women's Alliance will be meeting
Thursday, August 6 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.

New Email for Common Ground, Deadline One Week Ahead

Aleisha Kropf, our new Common Ground
social justice newsletter editor, has a special
email address for submissions:
commonground@uubloomington.org.
Deadline for the July 20 Common Ground is
5:00 p.m. Monday, July 13.



Summer Vacation Religious Education

Passport to the World, grades 1-8

July 12th, India- Join us as we

travel to India in our imaginations. We learn
about yoga and the images and symbolism
of Ganesh.

July 19th, Mexico and Cuba-We'll have a
goodbye Fiesta for Rev. Bill Breeden's
sabbatical; stay for the congregational picnic
at 1pm. Let us know if you or your child has
show and tell items to share!



Back to School Magic Show, August 9th!!

All children are invited to see
Carol Marks's amazing magician
brother Rich Hill perform a fabulous magic
show at 9:15 and 11:15 for our back to
school Sunday celebration!

New Teacher Orientation and fall
curriculum pick up August 9th, 1PM

We still need a few folks who want to learn
more about their faith and have fun with our
adorable children; contact us! All teacher
planning sessions will be on Saturday,
August 15th, 10am-12noon.

2009-2010 Religious Education (RE)
registration is going digital! We'll be
registering children online for Fall RE in the
RE office upstairs on our computers starting
in August; more details to come.

Water Ceremony and first day of Fall
Religious Education classes will be on
Sunday August 16th, don't forget to collect a
little water on your summer adventures to
bring to this community ritual.

-Cindy Port, DRE and Rev. Emily Leite, MRE

Excerpts from A Letter From UUA President Peter Morales

June 28, 2009

Friends,

As you know, I have just been elected
President of the Unitarian Universalist
Association (UUA). I have trouble expressing
how profoundly I am touched by the
confidence people have placed in me. I can
only say, in the Spanish phrase, mil gracias,
"a thousand thanks."

I am humbled and grateful. The challenges
before us are great. We continue to live in a
world where fear and hatred cause suffering
and violence. Greed and acquisitiveness
threaten life on our planet...We face historic
cultural and ethnic change in America.

We will build on the great achievement of
President Bill Sinkford in social witness. Ours
will be a presidency passionately engaged in
the great moral issues of our time: economic
justice, peace, and human rights.

I would like to thank and praise the Rev.
Dr. Laurel Hallman, the other candidate for
president, for her deep insights and inspiring
contributions to our faith. Her concerns for
spiritual depth, covenantal relationships and
stewardship are values I share.

To Laurel's supporters, I offer my warmest
welcome...Your call for spiritual depth has
always been a call that leads us to work
together to make a better world.

The challenges we face are great.
However, together we have the passion, the
spirit, the determination and love to face the
tests of our times. Together, we can grow
our faith and help heal the world. We can be,
we must be, the religion for our time.

—Peter Morales



Younger Adult Potluck July 12

What: Younger adult potluck and barbecue
When: Sunday, July 12, 4:00 PM

Where: The courtyard at church, Fwp Hall
Who: All interested younger adults, ages 18-35. Families welcome!

In the face of growing clamor, we are pulling together an event designed to give younger 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 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 331-4181 or memcoord@uubloomington.org.

Celebrate Midsummer with Exploring UU Class

New to the congregation and want to learn about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Sign up for the Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays July 19 and 26. Free child care is available with advance notice. For information contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com.

Our Newest Members

Daniel Julian grew up nearby at the confluence of the Wabash and the Ohio. His philosophical and spiritual growth has been a co-mingling of understandings from many traditions. So, as a place for the joining together of sundry paths to truth, the UU Sanctuary is just his kind of meeting hall. He's a little older than he looks, and has studied and taught here in Bloomington, in Alaska, and in South Korea, and is currently in training to do high-tech therapy with cancer sufferers. Having passed a full turn of the seasons attending as a friend of the congregation, he's gratified to become a card-carryin', nametag-wearin' member of the community.

Vickie Provine has lived in Bloomington since 1997 and has enjoyed being a part of such a wonderful community. Vickie administers Neighborhood Programs for the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department (HAND) of the City of Bloomington. It is a great job that enables her to work with people in the community who care about the quality of life in Bloomington. Previously she worked in non-profits and social services. Vickie enjoys gardening, reading and riding her bike. Most of all, she enjoys time with her two grandchildren Ella and Jack.

Linda Boyle, fiber artist and co-owner of In a Yarn Basket, came to Bloomington in 1975, having completed her degree in dental hygiene at the IU School of Dentistry and German studies at Earlham College. Born in Poseyville, Ind., where she grew up in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Linda brings to her profession as master basketmaker, knitter and fiber arts teacher a deep appreciation for the beauty and complexity of her craft. Prior to becoming a full-time artisan and business owner, Linda was a dental hygienist in the office of Sally Sturgeon. Linda is loved by children Matthew Gibson (Miami, FL), Sarah Gibson Graff (Baltimore, MD) and yellow labrador, Franklin. *July 6, 2009, Page 4*

Chris and Allison Chopra, both born and raised in Indiana, have been living happily in Bloomington since arriving and meeting at the IU Tennis Center. Chris has remained an employee there for nine years and Allison owns Urban Fitness Studio, a private fitness facility on the square. The Chopras are delighted to be expecting their first child, a son, in September and look forward to introducing him to the community. As a family, Chris and Allison enjoy tennis (playing and watching), exercise and dining out.

Doris Parlette and husband Tom Hinesley and daughter Tiffany Walton have lived in Bloomington for over 20 years. Having attended UU intermittently for years, Doris has become a "regular," and is excited about becoming a member of our spiritual community. After a long career in adult and juvenile corrections, Doris now works in child welfare as a consultant to juvenile probation departments. She enjoys travel, reading, listening to jazz, and spending time with family and friends.

Paul and Jeanie McElwain moved to Spencer to be near family, leaving a consensus-based, low-impact, agricultural co-housing community in Puget Sound. Paul is a computer programmer/architect who now designs music learning software for Indiana University. He plays multiple instruments, specializing in Celtic music, and yearns to get back to photography. Jeanie has been a body-worker, social worker, and death and grief facilitator for much of her life, and is currently earning advanced certification in Energy Medicine. Together they are passionate about living lightly, loving animals, organic gardening, natural building, and honoring the "light within" wherever they find it.

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