

The Prologue

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August 3, 2009 (mailed on July 21)

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Return Service Requested



Sunday, August 9, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Being a Companion Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Being a companion is about honoring the spirit; It is not about focusing on the intellect. Being a companion is about curiosity; It is not about expertise. Being a companion is about learning from others; It is not about teaching them. This excerpt from a poem by Dr. Alan Wolfelt describes the aspects of the companioning journey offered in our congregation's Chalice Circle small group ministry very well. We will explore the journey of companioning in this worship service. The Bloomington Chamber Singers will provide our music and there will be a Membership Recognition Ceremony.

Sunday, August 16, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

**The Stream Sings to the River: Our Annual Water Communion
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Barbara Carlson**

In this, our annual water communion ceremony (see below), Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson will wade in the theological waters of welcome and inspiration. We will welcome back our adult and children choirs, which will offer special music for the occasion, and we will welcome back everyone who has traveled near and far throughout the summer season. "The stream sings it to the river, the river sings it to the sea. The sea sings it to the boat that carries you and me."



Water Communion Service 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 new fall term for children's Religious Education also begins August 16, and each child is invited to bring water or and object to his or her Religious Education Class.

Ramadan Iftaar Celebration August 28 See Page 5.



Where is our big Rainbow Flag? Contact Carol Marks if you have info.

8/5/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class	8/10/2009	6:30 PM	Scientists and Unitarianism
8/5/2009	1:30 PM	Women's Alliance Bread Baking	8/11/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
8/5/2009	3:00 PM	Life Stories	8/11/2009	7:00 PM	Exploring Pan's Labyrinth
8/6/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	8/12/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
8/6/2009	6:30 PM	Earth Kin	8/12/2009	5:00 PM	Adult Rel. Ed. proposals due
8/6/2009	7:00 PM	Adult Rel. Ed. Cmte	8/12/2009	7:00 PM	Earth Care Meeting
8/6/2009	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!	8/13/2009	2:00 PM	Leadership Cultivation Cmte
8/6/2009	7:00 PM	Summer String Band	8/13/2009	7:00 PM	UU Children's Choir rehearsal
8/7/2009	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte	8/13/2009	7:00 PM	UU Choir - First Fall Rehearsal!
8/7/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	8/14/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
8/7/2009	12:00 PM	Super Staff	8/14/2009	4:30 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
8/7/2009	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	8/15/2009	9:00 AM	Chal Cir Fac Training
8/8/2009	10:00 AM	Viral Spiral Book discussion	8/15/2009	10:30 AM	RE Teacher Orientation
8/8/2009	10:30 AM	Wedding	8/15/2009	4:30 PM	Wedding
8/9/2009	10:00 AM	Intl Outreach Snack Sale	8/16/2009	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing
8/9/2009	10:15 AM	UU Children's Choir rehearsal	8/16/2009	5:00 PM	City North Neighborhd Group
8/9/2009	12:45 PM	Parent Talk	8/17/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
8/9/2009	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force	8/17/2009	6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace
8/9/2009	1:00 PM	New RE Teacher Orientation	8/17/2009	6:30 PM	Program Team
8/9/2009	2:00 PM	Cleaning crew set FH	8/18/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
8/9/2009	4:00 PM	Memorial Svc - Betty Perry	8/18/2009	7:00 PM	Exploring Pan's Labyrinth
8/10/2009	1:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	8/19/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
8/10/2009	3:00 PM	Mgt Team with President	8/19/2009	2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House
8/10/2009	5:00 PM	Deadline for Aug Common Ground	8/19/2009	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors

See also "Full Calendar" at www.uubloomington.org!

MAM's Musings

It is August 3rd as I write this. Reverend Bill Breeden celebrated his 60th birthday yesterday and began his sabbatical the day before! I dreamt last night that he shaved off his goatee and only had his mustache so he looked more like his brother Darrell. Perhaps that is my conception of a sabbatical strategy for remaining incognito. Of course, as Reverend Breeden shared with you all, he may be seeing you around town or out on the golf course. While you don't have to run and hide when you see him, the sabbatical committee requests that no church business be discussed. That helps us all keep healthy boundaries during this time.

Some of you have queried about making donations to Reverend Breeden's sabbatical fund. Such donations, in honor of the ministry my colleague Bill has given so generously to this congregation over the years, will be warmly welcomed. I am sure it will enhance his travels throughout Mexico and Central America and wherever his spirit leads him. Sabbatical fund donations can be made by sending a check to: UU Church with **Reverend Breeden Sabbatical** on the memo line. Meanwhile our sabbatical committee (Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, Jason Hill and moi) will continue to meet throughout the next months until Reverend Breeden's return on December 13th.

I am looking forward to our time together in these next months. I will be attending a training for the Standing on the Side of Love advocacy campaign in mid-August, and look forward to exploring this exciting opportunity with you. I close with these words from Nikki Giovanni which were shared this past Sunday, "*We are alive to imagination, And open to possibility, We will continue, To invent the future*".

Warmly, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Highway Widening Point People

John Lawson and Guy Loftman have agreed to be the church Point People dealing with the Indiana Department of Transportation and others concerning the impending widening of the State Road 45/46 bypass. Unfortunately, the community information meeting which had been scheduled on the expansion was cancelled, and has not been reset. An INDOT contact was recently made, with the upshot being that the project is on the Governor's desk at this very moment, and that everyone has been instructed to say nothing until he has acted on it. There is every reason to believe the project will proceed, with construction beginning as early as this fall. But that is all we know about the construction itself.

We do know that the project will not take any of our land permanently, but that there is a construction easement which allows the state to temporarily use the northern edge of our property, along the highway, while the project is being built. During this we are likely to lose some parking, and may not be able to use the northern loop of our driveway. (We might be able to use the area on weekends, but there would be safety issues.) Eventually, there will be a wall from the highway level up at the current northern border, where the chain link fence is.

Our western boundary, toward Fee Lane, is really the center of our driveway, which was actually Fee Lane many years ago. Construction will definitely bring Fee Lane closer to our building, but not by much. However, the curb is likely to make use of our lawn parking adjacent to the current Fee Lane impractical except for SUV drivers. If you have questions, insider information, or suggestions, contact John or Guy. John Lawson, 335-1856, lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net
Guy Loftman, 824-7402, loftmanlaw@choiceonemail.com

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Living with Loved Ones Who are Mentally Ill
Family to Family, an educational program developed and written by professionals for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), will be offered by the local Bloomington affiliate. It will meet one evening a week for 12 weeks and is especially designed to help family members deal with the issues of living with loved ones who are mentally ill. Classes begin August 25 and although there is no charge to attend, enrollment is limited. For additional information and to register contact Cathy Korinek at 812-339-6168 or _catkorinek@aol.com

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 is 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. Rev. Breeden is on sabbatical through mid-December.

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Our Folks...

Happy 95th birthday to **Irma Cassels**, and many happy returns of the day!

Reminders of upcoming memorial services:

A memorial service for **Betty Perry** will be held here on Sunday, August 9 at 4:00 p.m.

A memorial service for **Maryann Orr** will be held here Sunday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Social Service Quilt Project to Be Displayed at City Hall

Please contact Natalia Schau if you are interested in helping with the design of a quilt project that will be presented to social service organizations founded by members of the UU church. The quilt designs will complement the Trees of Life quilt in the church library in some way. All quilts will be on display in the atrium of the Bloomington City Hall in June 2011. Contact info: nschau@alumni.iu.edu or 332-7205.

Art in the Commons in August

The paintings in the Commons this month are the work of Peggy Gohn.

BULLETIN BOARD

ARTWORK AND GALLERY SHOW & SALE of the work of Maryann Orr, in our Library Aug 21, 11-7; Aug 22, 10-4. To benefit UU Friends of Prisoners & bereavement expenses. jmhall@indiana.edu.

TALENT AUCTION DINNER AT PORTS-- SPACES AVAILABLE. Doris and Harlan have 4 places available for a Talent Auction dinner at Bob and Diane Port's on Aug 22; they paid \$40 per person but will negotiate. Contact Doris Wittenburg, 336-4993 or email dwittenb@indiana.edu

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UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Sept 6

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.

Thank you to all who contributed on August 2.



Help Support Unitarian Universalist Friends of Lotus

The Lotus World Music and Arts Festival

(Sept 24-27) is on the horizon. In support of our shared values regarding cultural diversity, acceptance, and Love made manifest through the power of music, the International Outreach Task Force encourages you, along with other annual 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. Any amount \$5 and over is welcome!

Please be sure to write "UU Friends of Lotus" on the memo line to insure our support for this event is recognized.

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

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

Wanted: A few good vegetables.

Plant-A-Row needs your home-grown fruits, veggies or herbs to share with hungry Monroe County residents. Bring your produce to church on Sunday and put it in the bin next to the Social Justice table. A member of the Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force will deliver the food to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. You may also drop off produce at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, 1010 S. Walnut, M-F drop off between 4 and 6pm) or Hoosier Hills Food Bank (615 N. Fairview, drop off M-F 9am-5pm). Mention you are from the UU Church.

Unique Summer Volunteer Opportunity to Help Feed People

Spend a few hours this summer enjoying the lovely weather and help fight local hunger. Stranger's Hill Organic Farm (just a few minutes west of Bloomington) needs volunteers to help pick slightly blemished or oddly shaped vegetables to donate to Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30pm and Fridays 5:50-6:30pm. Contact Georgia Emmert (gemmert@stonebelt.org or 333-7166).

Earth Kin New Moon Ritual August 20

Join Earth Kin for a New Moon Ritual on August 20th and explore the five points of the pentacle from the pagan point of view: earth, air, fire, water and spirit.

Time: 7pm potluck. Please bring a dish to share. Ritual around the fire will begin at approximately 9pm.

Location: 514 S. Meadowbrook Ave., Bloomington

Contact: Natalia Schau at nschau@alumni.iu.edu or 332-7205 for more info. Families are welcome!

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What do UU Children Learn?

What do Unitarian Universalists teach to children about the Bible? How do we help children address bigger questions like,

"Why are we here?" or "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Volunteer to teach RE this semester and find out! A few more adults are needed to join Religious Education teaching teams. Teaching our children is fun and rewarding, no experience is necessary! Teachers work as teams to support one another and to accommodate busy schedules. Religious Education staff help with planning, preparation and are there on Sunday mornings, but we rely on volunteers! Please contact RE staff today if you are interested. We are also looking for those who can be substitute assistant teachers, or who are willing to provide food for our teacher appreciation breakfasts.

Fall 2009 Prospectus Available

The Fall 2009 RE prospectus is available and will be distributed during registration. Curriculum that will be utilized this year include; "Celebrating Me and My World" (preschool), "Picture Book World Religions" (K-2), "Super Heroes Bible People" (grades 2-6), "A Stepping Stone Year" (grades 4-5), "How Can I Know What to Believe?" (Grade 6-7), "UU Action" and "Neighboring Faiths" (grades 8-9). In addition we plan to offer Our Whole Lives sexuality education to grades 1-2 this fall and the Coming of Age program for youth grades 8-9. Pick up a prospectus or contact staff for more information.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite,
Minister of Religious Education

UU Children's Choir Rehearsals

Sun. 8/2: 10:15-11am, Library (reh. for 8/16)

Sun. 8/9: 10:15-11am, Library (reh. for 8/16)

Thurs. 8/13: 7:00-7:45pm, Fellowship Hall/Meeting Rm. (rehearse for 8/16)

Sun. 8/16: Sing in both services; details TBA

Register for Fall Religious Education

During the month of August we will be registering children and youth for Religious Education classes 2009-2010. We are excited about using our new online database system. The plan is to register families electronically on Sunday mornings in the upstairs RE offices, RM 203 and RM 205. This should be a quick process and we appreciate your patience as we work out the bugs. RE fees have not changed and still represent a small fraction of the costs of the program. Fees are \$20 for one child and \$30 for families with two or more children, an additional \$5 per youth is asked for registration in YUUMs, Neighboring Faiths, or YRUU. Scholarships are available upon request. If you would like to donate more money towards the program please do so by pledging or gifting the church.

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 August Common Ground is 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 10.

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Summer Veggie Potluck Aug 9



Join the Green Sanctuary Task Force on August 9th at 5:30 for our annual summer Veggie Potluck at the North Shelter at Bryan

Park. Help us celebrate the bounty of summer from our local gardens and farms as we continue our focus on Ethical Eating. Share your favorite summer vegetarian dishes with others (labels and recipes are greatly appreciated). The choices seem endless: tomatoes, peppers, corn, potatoes, eggplant and zucchini to name a few. Following the potluck, the Bryan Park Summer Concert Series will be taking place with Carrie Newcomer performing at 6:30. Great food, great music, great company... and all local!

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. Water will be provided. Questions, Stephanie Kimball (kimball.stephanie@gmail.com).

Order Out of Chaos: New Plan for Lost and Found

In an effort to keep order in our facility, we will begin attaching a dated tag to lost and found items each week, and placing them on the coat rack nearest where they were found. Items left in the building for longer than 8 weeks will be given to charity. -Your Administrative Staff, Carol Marks and Ginger Ko

Now Hiring Childcare Staff

We are seeking individuals with experience with infants and young children to join our childcare staff. Flexible schedule, 10-15 hrs

a month, must be available some Sunday mornings. Inquiries, Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.

Home Hospitality Requested For Visiting Ministers This Fall

As we turn toward fall and visits from former Ministers of our UU Church, the Sabbatical Committee seeks individuals who might have room in their hearts and their homes to provide home hospitality for Ministers and possibly, their partners.

Visiting Dates needing coverage (plus or minus an extra night) are:

10/18 Reverend John Young

10/25 Reverend Bruce Johnson

11/29 Reverend David Johnson

If you are able to assist us, please contact a member of the Sabbatical Committee.

Many Thanks,

The Sabbatical Committee

Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, Jason Hill

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)

Attendance

Sun, July 26, 9:15: 80; 11:15: 118; RE: 77
Total: 275

Sun, Aug 2, 9:15: 78; 11:15: 139; RE: 69
Total: 286

Sun, July 26 non-pledge offering: \$ 303

Sun, Aug 2 non-pledge offering: \$ 540

Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club \$ 210

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Ready to Become a Member of Our Congregation?

If you would like to become a member of our congregation, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, August 16 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, August 12.

Thank you from Laurette

Hello everyone! I am at Bell Trace Rehab for a short time--then I get to go home.

I've had my Left artificial knee removed as the result of an infection. I'll be in and out of hospitals and Rehab centers for approximately 6 months. I am hopeful that I will be able to return to some type of work that provides a service to the public--as I did when I worked as a pharmacist.

Thank you very much for all of your kind words and healing wishes.

Sincerely, Laurette Frazier

Adult Religious Education (ARE) Proposals Due

Aug 12 If you would like to offer a course during our fall session (October-December 2009), please let the ARE

Committee know about your interest by completing a Proposal Form. These forms can be found in the ARE mailbox in Rm 204 or online at uubloomington.org under Religious Education. Deadline for proposals is August 12. Questions, contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite at mre@uubloomington.org or 333-9822.



Ramadan Iftaar Call for Volunteers August 28, 2009

Our Annual Ramadan Iftaar Celebration of the breaking of the fast (called Iftaar in

Arabic) is one of the most enjoyable and powerful ways we connect with our new and old friends from other local religious communities. We will join with members of the Islamic Center for Iftaar, prayer, and dinner during the evening of Friday, August 28 this year. We had 260 guests last year, and we want to be prepared for even more. Islamic Center members do all the cooking, and we need about 25 UUs to make this event as wonderful as always. Please help if you can by volunteering to fill one of these needs:

Set-up team 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Java Team 7 - 9
Greeters team 7:25 - 9
Clean-up team 9 - 10:30

Please contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@yahoo.com, 812-837-9978, to volunteer. Thank you.

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