

The Prologue

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Return Service Requested



10/28/2009	9:00 AM	Bread Baking	11/1/2009	9:15 & 11:15	For All The Saints: Remembering Ancestors
	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers		12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
	7:00 PM	Historical Jesus: What Did Jesus Do?		6:00 PM	YRUU
	7:00 PM	Our Whole Lives: 1st & 2nd Grade	11/2/2009	12:30 PM	Sabbatical Cmte meeting
10/29/2009	6:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart		6:30 PM	Science & Religion: Progress & Purpose?
	6:30 PM	Ego & Archetype		7:00 PM	Bazaar Cmte
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
10/30/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	11/3/2009	12:30 PM	Weekly 9K Walk
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler
	6:00 PM	"Small Box" rehearsal		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	6:15 PM	New Member Potluck		7:00 PM	Yoga
	7:30 PM	UU Chalice Coffeehouse	11/4/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
10/31/2009	9:00 AM	Clothing Swap		3-5 PM	Family Dinner Prep
	9:30-3:30	Board-Mgt Team-Staff-Prog Team retreat		3:00 PM	Life Stories
	4:00 PM	"Small Box" Rehearsal - BCADP		5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship
	7:30 PM	Samhain Celebration - Earth Kin		7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
				7:00 PM	Historical Jesus: What Did Jesus Do?
				7:00 PM	Our Whole Lives: 1st & 2nd Grade

For more, go to www.uubloomington.org and click on "Full Calendar"

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Monday, October 26, 2009

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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



Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World



Fall Back on November 1 Before you go to sleep on October 31, be sure to set all your clocks back one hour, as daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 1, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

For All the Saints: Remembering the Ancestors

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this worship service we will remember those who have gone before us. We will offer special homage to the early members of our Women's Alliance who were pioneers in our Bloomington community as well as our congregation in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Women's Alliance this year. We will learn about the celebration of ancestors from the Dagara tribe in West Africa as well as the "El Dia de los Muertos" celebrations in Mexico. **You are invited to bring a picture or small memento of an ancestor, loved one or a beloved pet that has died; a special altar will be created during the service to celebrate those who have given us life and love.**

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 5:30 dinner, 6:15 worship

Family Worship: Stories of Our Ancestors Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

In honor of the Day of the Dead, come and hear the story of a mystery hero: one of our Unitarian Universalist ancestors. This time of fellowship includes dinner (provided, including a vegan option), a simple craft at 5:15PM, and time to learn about and celebrate our heritage. All ages are welcome.

Sunday, November 8, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Spirituality Unstuck: Lessons from the Pages Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

This worship service will feature our beloved "Age of Reason" ceremony with our young new readers during our Children's Moment. Reverend Macklin will provide comments and excerpts from her current top-10 list of sacred texts she turns to for spiritual insights. Please bring along the title of one of your favorite "spiritual books" (however you define that!). Between the worship services from 10:15 – 11:00, boys and girls and counselors from the Crestmont Boys and Girls Club are cooking breakfast for us as a thank you! We support their club with 25% of our weekly Sunday non-pledge offerings.

MAM's Musings

Gratitude, as I often say, is one of the great prayers we can offer in our lives. Gratitude opens the heart and brings focus to the many gifts in our lives which are often overlooked. In fact, recent research has demonstrated that daily gratitude practice can transform your life, improve sleep, overall energy, and emotional well-being. It is with gratitude that I return from two weeks away in the Arizona desert to this congregation. My time there was filled with leadership training, personal growth experiences and explorations in spiritual transformation. It was challenging, beautiful and enriching. Thank you to our staff, lay leadership, and everyone who kept things running smoothly in my absence.

On behalf of our congregation, I also want to offer our gratitude to members Ledford and Julia Carter whose financial generosity has been foundational in our ability to bring back former ministers to our pulpit for the 60th anniversary celebration of our congregation. Reverend Bill Murry, Reverend John Young and Reverend Bruce Johnson were here in October and Reverend David Johnson will be here on the last weekend of November.

Lastly, it is with sadness that we learned of the death of long-time member Walt Owens this past Sunday, October 25. He will be dearly missed in this congregation. In this column we offer gratitude for all of the beauty Walt created in our church building through his creative endeavors in woodwork. From cabinets to tables, from bookshelves to the very pulpit which we step into to conduct our worship services, the beauty of Walt's spirit will always be with us.

Warmly, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



Chalice Coffee House Oct 30

Come to the Chalice Coffee House in Fellowship Hall on Friday October 30th at 7:30pm.

Featured musicians include pianist Craig Brenner, guitarist Dave Sharp, cellist Jake Woollen, and poet Carol Marks. There is something for everyone. Light refreshments provided. Children are welcome. Freewill donation requested to cover costs. Questions? Contact Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

Touched by Cancer Support Group Has Space Available: Will Begin Nov. 8

Our congregation's Caring Committee is offering a group for cancer survivors. This group will provide space and time for persons who have experienced or are experiencing cancer first-hand. The group will be facilitated by Will Watt and Ian Woollen who are both cancer survivors and local therapists. Second Sunday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., November 8 through May 9. There is still room to register for this group. Please contact Ginger Ko in the church office, office@uubloomington.org to register. Space is limited to 12 participants. If you have questions, please contact either Ian Woollen (339-5655) or Will Watt (829-7255).

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Friends of Prisoners Supports "Small Box" Opera November 8

Bloomington Coalition Against the Death Penalty is presenting a new one-act opera, "Small Box," at the Buskirk-Chumley on Saturday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. This production is supported in part by our Friends of Prisoners Task Force. Tickets available at Bus-Chum box office.

Invitation To Friendship Dinner Nov. 12 You're Invited!

Thursday, November 12th, 2009 at 6 PM, Convention Center—Duke Energy Room. Keynote Speaker: State Senator VI Simpson The Holy Dove Foundation

(www.theholydove.org) organizes annual dialogue dinners and meetings with people from a wide variety of ethnic traditions. To reinforce friendship and dialog between diverse communities, we gather at these intercultural dinners with people from all walks of life and from varied faith groups to emphasize values such as mutual understanding, deep respect, love, and peace. (This is not a fundraiser; the Holy Dove Foundation is providing this event for the community.) Please RSVP by November 5 to bsnmfg571@gmail.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, Aug-Dec 2009.

Rev. Andy Burnette, Sabbatical Minister Friday Office Hours

November 20th, 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Save Trees and \$350: Get a church directory on pdf

If you would like to receive the new congregational directory in a pdf file sent to your email address (file size: 500 KB), instead of a paper copy in the regular mail, please send a note to Office Assistant Ginger Ko at office@uubloomington.org and let her know. This will save gas (postal service won't need to send this particular mail to Indpls and back again), trees (no paper), and money (no printing costs). If we have 150 of the 756 households currently in our database say they are willing to receive the directory this way, it will save around \$350. --Carol Marks, Church Administrator



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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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Nov 1
Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

carrots, greens, mixed veggies and potatoes, desserts such as pudding and jello mixes, canned meat such as chili, chicken or beef. Many thanks for your generous donations; we collected 198 pounds of food on October 4.

CROP Walk A Success!

Although the final figures aren't in yet, the UU CROP (Community Response to Overcome Poverty) Walkers collected close to \$1,000 for the CROP Walk on October 18. Many thanks to the walkers: Mary Blizzard, Mark Day, Jean Umiker-Sebeok, and Harriet Pfister, and much applause for those who donated to the walkers!
--Harriet Pfister for the Hunger Task Force



Clothing Swap **October 31**

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting

a clothing swap on Saturday, October 31 from 9:00-12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Clear out your closets, freshen up your wardrobe and maybe even find a costume, all without increasing your carbon footprint. For information or to volunteer to help, contact Stephanie Kimball at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com.

Harvest Veggie Potluck Sunday, November 8

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting a vegetarian potluck on Sunday, Nov. 8

from 5:30 until 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. The theme of the potluck will be sharing the harvest and deepening our understanding of the link between food and global climate change. During the dinner several people will share personal stories of how climate change influences their decisions on what to eat. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Rosalind May at may615@yahoo.com.

Exploring Unitarian Universalism Classes

in November You are invited to the Exploring UU Class if . . . you are new to the church or interested in considering membership or just want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays November 8 and 15. Sign up (space is limited) at the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Free child care is available with advance notice. For more information contact Jack King, 332-9682, jdscking@aol.com.

Our folks. . .

We grieve the passing on October 25 of Dr. Walter Owens, a long-time member of our congregation. Our prayers and sympathy are with his wife Tommie and their friends and family.

Congratulations and thank you to Amy Taylor, who has accepted a position on the Heartland Unitarian Universalist District Board.

Many thanks to Ann McIntosh for her years of service to our congregation serving on the Fuchs Library Committee.

Age of Reason: Class of 2022

The Age of Reason Ceremony will take place on Sunday November 8th during both children's moments. This is a cherished tradition within our Congregation in which parents of first graders are invited to choose a book, old or new, to present to their child in honor of their journey of learning to read. As Unitarian Universalists, we value "the individual search for truth and meaning" and thus we recognize that the journey towards literacy is a major step in our children's spiritual journey, as well as their life journey.

This Ceremony was created by a former Director of Religious Education in our church in 1989. Yes, literacy is even more important for the class of 2022 than it was for those in the 80s, as they will have unlimited access to information. Children today are being raised in a media-saturated environment which is fundamentally different due to technology and the internet.

According to the Pew Internet and the American Life Project, text messaging, instant messaging, social networking sites and emerging technologies are causing youth to read and write much more than previous generations. Media provides access to other points of view and presents immense potential for improving global connection and understanding, but it can also reinforce negative stereotypes. Thus, these children not only have to learn to read, but they must also develop media and information literacy skills to evaluate and determine bias in information sources.

Within this context, our Age of Reason Ceremony seems even more appropriate

and worthwhile. Parents will present a book to their child as a gift, signifying their developing ability to discover for themselves, and our hope to guide and nurture them along the way. Will there be an Age of Reason Ceremony of the future where children are presented with an iphone or a Kindle? Today, we hope not. Please join us as we honor the class of 2022 and their parents on November 8th. Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

Bonus Adult Religious Education Offering-- November 8:

Don't Ask, Don't Tell: An Inconvenient Truth for the Military and Veterans

facilitated by John Summerlot
Sunday, November 8, 1:00-2:00 PM
Library

Are you curious about the current state of U.S. military policy on GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) issues? Come to this one-hour presentation to learn about service members' experiences in the transition to civilian life and college education and their attitudes concerning the GLBT population both in and out of the military. You will also learn about the growing support for current service members and veterans concerning GLBT issues.

Attendance

Sun, Oct 18, 9:15:	95;	11:15:	150;	RE:	131
				Total:	341
Sun, Oct 25, 9:15:	90;	11:15:	136;	RE:	68
				Total:	294
Sun, Oct 18 non-pledge offering:					\$ 421
Sun, Oct 25 non-pledge offering:					\$ 672
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club					\$ 273

Find Great Conversations, Food And Folks...

In a Fellowship Potluck Dinner. Join the monthly rounds for January through April. Register by mail (brochures are available at church) or contact Dixie Welch and she'll register you by phone or via e-mail: 339-1075 or deejaywelch@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP POTLUCKS

HOST: Bill Baus

Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet
Dolores Freiburger
Julie James & Brian Richwine
Paul Petersen
Renee Reed & Stephanie Burks

HOSTS: Maureen Biggers & Tony Reilly

Joan & Rob Hongen
Nancy Richman & Jana Anna

HOSTS: Karen & Jack Cassidy

Lois & Richard Holl
George & Maryann Cusack
Carol & Paul Arnold

HOST: Jon Chaffin

Mark Day & Jean Sebeck
Libby & Bob DeVoe
Beverly McGahey
Rita & Ray Rust

HOST: Dave Parkhurst

Cyndi & Dale Nelson
Carolyn & David Emmert
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr
Pat Aungst
Elizabeth Lion

HOSTS: Harriet & Dick Pfister

Don Halford & Mary Andrus-Overley
Natalia & Duane Schau
Abby Gitlitz
Harlan Rice

HOST: Nejla Routsong

Ann Watzel
Patsy Flint
Diann & Ted Lock
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
BJ Lawrance & Jan Skinner

HOSTS: Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Mike & Cindy Peek

Double Bag It! Holiday Miracle Food Baskets

C'mon! Admit it! You know you feel warm and fuzzy as you wander up and down the grocery store aisles trying to decide – hmmm . . . blueberry pancake mix or



buttermilk, tuna in water or oil, cranberry sauce smooth or lumpy. Yep! That's because you're buying food to fill a Monroe County United Ministries Food Basket. And once again you have the opportunity to join in the UU annual holiday food drive that shares our many blessings with families who are less fortunate than we are.

Last year our congregation was able to supply MCUM with over 90% of the Holiday Food Baskets that they needed to distribute in our community. You can see that they depend heavily on our generosity. Please sign up on the Holiday Food Baskets contributors' sheet found in the foyer by the Social Justice table. Grocery lists with careful instructions are placed with the sign up sheet. Be sure to take all the information you will need. And note: you may bring in your food baskets anytime the UU offices are open. The deadline for this year's basket deliveries is Thursday, December 3. VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE PUT YOUR TURKEY OR HAM IN THE REFRIGERATOR--DON'T LEAVE THEM IN YOUR GROCERY BAGS!

If you have any questions, call Mary Blizzard 333-8957. And don't forget, you can double that warm, fuzzy feeling by purchasing the grocery store coupons for Kroger, Marsh, and Bloomingfoods, sold every Sunday between services, which donate 5% of the proceeds to the UU Church!

Thank you for contributing to the MCUM Holiday Miracle. Your efforts and generosity will be much appreciated by families who receive food baskets.

Women's Alliance Meets

November 5 Jason Blankenship of the International Outreach Task Force will speak about the IOTF's recent trip to Kenya at the Women's Alliance November 5 meeting. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month's hosts, Anna Wiley and Lynne Gilliatt, will provide beverages and desserts. Guests are always welcome.



We Love Coffee, We Love Tea

We want to be sure coffee hour is always there, welcoming everyone to our community each Sunday. Several willing members have volunteered to call people to ask them to help make coffee or help with clean up. If you would like to be on the list of people to be called, sign up in Fellowship Hall or email Ron Ellis, rondeb_ls_03@verizon.net. If you know the date you'd like to help, sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall next to that date.

Women's Drumming Circle

November 13 Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship! Dorothy Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Nancy Richman will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, November 13, in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All levels

of drumming experience and non-experience are welcome. We encourage you to bring drums and other percussion instruments (instruments will not be provided).



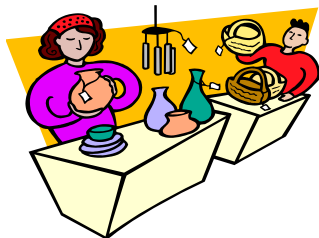
Sssshhhhh!

We've been quiet lately, but the Green Spaces Initiative (the building improvement and

courtyard redesign project) is moving forward! In June, the congregation voted to proceed with planning and fundraising contingent on a feasibility study. In a feasibility study, an outside consultant interviews church members anonymously to get comments about the project, an estimate of giving, and a sense of project priorities. This summer we've been researching and interviewing potential consultants. However, feasibility studies themselves are not cheap, so we have also been busy applying for a grant to potentially cover half the costs. As always, we welcome your thoughts and involvement. Contact Cynthia L. Port with questions or to get involved: 331-2360, cport@epi.umaryland.edu.

Art in the Windows

The corn-themed pottery displayed during the month of November in the Meeting Room windows is from the collection of Beau Vallance, with handcrafted stands by Steve Lessmann.



Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar Dec. 4 & 5

Bazaar Frequently Asked Questions

What is the bazaar?

A major church fundraiser.

A lively community social event.

A tradition begun in 1959 when the women of the church needed funds to send the Rev. Paul Killinger to a conference, so, yes, this year is our 51st consecutive bazaar!

Why is it called an arts fair?

Because it includes a juried art show featuring 31 of Bloomington's leading artists in pottery, glass, fiber arts, photography

But isn't all that art super expensive?

No. Although many items are costly, one-of-a-kind treasures, almost all of the artisans offer gorgeous items for less than \$20.

How big is the bazaar?

The bazaar covers the first floor of the church. Artisans fill the Meeting Room and Commons. Fellowship Hall holds congregation-sponsored booths and café. Rooms normally used for child care overflow with books and the unexpected treasures of the White Elephant's Trunk. Our well-known bazaar attracts an excellent crowd.

What will I find at the bazaar besides art?

Gently used treasures in the White Elephant's trunk, homemade baked goods, cookies, used books, hand-knits, affordable gifts, yummy lunch and supper, and more

What is the Gourmet Galaxy?

A booth in Fellowship Hall selling wonderful home-made breads, pies, candies, jam contributed by the congregation. Donate your own signature specialties then purchase treats made by friends.

How does the Cookie Walk work?

Imagine 28 linear feet of freshly baked cookies of every variety, yours to select and purchase by the pound. The only tough thing is deciding.

How can I help?

Contribute baked goods, books, and White Elephants, and volunteer your time before, during, and right after the Bazaar. There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall soon. Most volunteer shifts last two hours. There are all kinds of jobs, but we especially need folks to help in the café (take and fill orders, peel potatoes, scrub pots, make change) and to help with set-up and teardown. Watch for information about each activity in the Prologue. No job, no contribution is too small. The Bazaar cannot happen without your help!

May I work more than one shift?

Absolutely!

Is there child care for bazaar volunteers?

No, but responsible children may work with their parents on a volunteer shift.

When is the bazaar open?

Friday, December 4, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What if I am not a member?

Friends and newcomers are especially welcome to participate in all aspects of the bazaar: bake cookies, bring in your best bread, move chairs, assemble sandwiches, wash dishes. Working at the bazaar is a good way to meet people and help the church.

What does the church do with the money?

Our current operating budget depends on \$9,000 from the Bazaar. In these tough times, church fundraisers are more important than ever. The Bazaar is a fine example of how lots of people working together, each doing his or her small but pleasurable part, can combine to do something great. Please join us! Bazaar Co-chairs: Julie Lawson,

juliakarin.j8@gmail.com and Joanne Henriot 323-9941 or jhenriot@indiana.edu



How Many UU's Does it Take to Staff a Bazaar? More than 200!

We need you to move furniture, price and sell White Elephant donations, serve soup, weigh cookies, collect cash, or clean up when the bazaar is over. There is work for everyone--newcomers and members--and the reward of working with friends. Sign up in Fellowship Hall beginning Nov 8. Ann Kamman aok719@comcast.net and Libby DeVoe edevoe@indiana.edu

Cookies For The Bazaar!

Think about baking cookies for the Cooke



Walk! How about decorated cookies, bar cookies, drop cookies, cut-out cookies, sugar-free cookies, and cookies that weigh a lot? We sell almost 300 lbs. of cookies at the bazaar cookie walk. If you make them, our patrons will buy them. If you can't bake them, consider selling them or buying them! Boxed homemade cookies make great gifts. EVERYBODY loves COOKIES! The sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall in November. Thank you all! Your friendly cookie walk committee, Mary Jo Conley, chair.

Bazaar Book Sale Collection



will start November 1st! So start dusting and sorting through the bookcases and boxes and find those oldies but goodies you are sure someone else must read! Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall near the used book shelf, from Nov. 1st through Nov. 29th. Please do

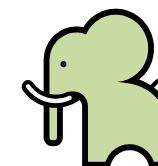
not bring them before Nov. 1st, as we have no place to store them. If you have questions or need help with pick-up or delivery, please contact Kate Cruikshank at 339-6096 or cruiksha@indiana.edu Thanks!



Fill Your Freezers for the Gourmet Galaxy

We need lots of breads, candies, jams, coffee cakes, pies, spiced nuts and other special treats to satisfy the demand. Fudge and peanut brittle and persimmon pudding are very popular. People in the community count on our special foods; we make lots of money from this sale! Give yourself plenty of time to make your specialty in time for the bazaar Dec. 4 and 5th. Donations should be wrapped and labeled. We will do the pricing. Let's make this the best year ever. Denise Ogren and Karen Cassidy

ONE Simple Way to Feel in Control of Your Life!



It's easy, it's simple, it's what only YOU can do -- Are there "things" in the back of closets? Are there "things" hiding in the basement? In the garage?

Solution: fill some boxes with these THINGS which have been slightly used, used once, or never used.

ONE Simple Way to Feel Good About Your Life! Solution: Give those boxes to the UU White Elephant sale! White Elephant will be accepting donation of items which are CLEAN and USEFUL to others after 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, in Room 108. That gives you a month to get control of your life and feel good at the same time.