

**The Prologue**  
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# The Prologue

Monday, February 1, 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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**Seeking the Spirit Building Community**  
**Changing the World**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010 5:30 p.m.**

**Family Dinner and Worship**

**African American History Month Celebration Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

Join us as we celebrate African American history with Renee Reed's annual soul food dinner feast. The Children's Choir will be singing. \$2 per adult, \$1 per child suggested donation.

**Sunday, February 7, 2010**

**9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Time Enough Guest Minister: Reverend Nancy Shaffer**

We live in a time-starved culture, racing from one event and task to another. What would happen if we slowed down to sort, savor, and consciously choose what we are engaged in? How might our lives take on new satisfaction? How would this be an enduring gift to the larger world?

Guest worship leader Rev. Nancy Shaffer serves the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she integrates ministry across age groups, assisting all ages in understanding the meaning of Unitarian Universalism in daily life and in the larger world. A published poet, Rev. Shaffer is the author of the UUA meditation manual, *Instructions in Joy*.

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**

**9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Standing on the Side of Love**

**The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

Join us and celebrate a Valentine's Day re-imagined. Love is more than romance, greeting cards and chocolates. We want to celebrate love's power to nurture souls and transform communities! Special musical selections from our choir will be offered throughout the service.

**February Art** Paintings on display in the Commons during February are the work of Peggy Gohn. The photos on display in the Pocket Gallery are by John Woodcock.

2/3/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	2/9/2010	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators - Tues grp
	2:00 PM	Family Dinner Prep		6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
	3:00 PM	Life Stories		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship		7:00 PM	UU Men's Group
	5:30 PM	Woody reh.		7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)
	7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven		8:30 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
2/4/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	2/10/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Exec Team		11:30 AM	Soup & Sage-ing
	7:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game		1:00 PM	Friends of Prisoners Task Force
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		6:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Cmte
	7:00 PM	Woody reh.		6:30 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game
2/5/2010	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	2/11/2010	7:00 PM	NAMI Class
	12:00 PM	Super Staff		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	7:30 PM	Woody Guthrie's American Song (\$)	2/12/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
2/6/2010	10:00 AM	Cut your CO2ST (carbon reduction)		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	2:00 PM	Woody Guthrie's American Song (\$)		6:30 PM	Women's Drumming Circle
	7:30 PM	Woody Guthrie's American Song (\$)	2/13/2010	10:00 AM	Cut your CO2ST (carbon reduction)
2/7/2010	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force		10:00 AM	Indy Baroque Reh.
	2:00 PM	CCMA Scholarship Winners Concert		10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting
2/8/2010	3:00 PM	Mgt Team with President	2/14/2010	10:15 AM	Intl Outreach Bake Sale
	5:30 PM	Stewardship Cmte		12:15 PM	Parent Talk
	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators - Monday grp		1:00 PM	Chal Circle - Knowlton
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Ruellen		2:00 PM	Bishop John Shelby Spong at First United Church
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		6:00 PM	YRUU
				7:30 PM	Indy Baroque Orchestra Concert (\$)

For more event info, go to [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org); click on Full Calendar.

## MAM's Musings

At the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Conference I attended last week at Pokagon State Park, one of the workshops addressed 21<sup>st</sup> century trends in congregational life. Thirteen trends were presented along with questions to ponder such as: Will these forces and trends continue on their present course or will they change direction? What impact will these trends have on the next decade? What trends result in people being more receptive to Unitarian Universalism? Less receptive?

non sequitur: I left Bloomington on a warm Sunday afternoon and arrived at Pokagon without a coat. The next day it was like 20 degrees and snowing. Luckily I had a blanket in my car so I could explore some of the state park trails and stay warm. Luckily, again, one of my colleagues noticed my blanket walk and offered me her spare coat. It is nice to have colleagues. End non sequitur. Uh, actually non sequiturs are more humorously effective when they are not named. Oh well.

What were some of the trends in congregational life that we learned about? \*Growth in people claiming no religious affiliation \*Folks reporting that they feel less religious and more spiritual \*Increasing social, cultural and religious diversity in the US \*A distinctive post-boomer spirituality "a faith that makes cognitive sense but also embodies expressive spiritual experience" \*Living in a digital world \*Increasing numbers of older adults.

For more information on these trends and more go to [www.LifelongFaith.com](http://www.LifelongFaith.com).

Peace, MAM (Blanket Woman)  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## Nursing Home Advocacy Training February 18 and 25

Our Elder Focus Task Force invites you to a training on February 18 and February 25, 1:30-4:30 p.m., on advocacy for nursing home residents. Are you interested in learning about how to advocate for elders living in care facilities in our community? If so, Ashley Hillman, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Deputy Director of Area 10 Agency on Aging will be teaching skills necessary for providing that service. A long-term care ombudsman is an advocate for residents in both assisted-living and long-term care facilities. There is no fee or future obligation for this training.

In our Unitarian Universalist movement, we are always looking for new ways to Stand On the Side of Love. We believe this training is one opportunity to learn ways to help some of those who have been marginalized in our society.

The training will be educational. For those who are interested, this training can also lead to becoming an ombudsman volunteer. These volunteers regularly visit with residents at a facility, observe and help resolve issues and complaints. The ombudsman volunteer visits a facility at least once every two weeks, and meets with Ashley once a month to discuss issues as well as listen to guest speakers who provide information about aging, medications, and dementia/Alzheimer's. For further information, or to sign up, contact Barb Backler: 876-8368 or [bbackler@indiana.edu](mailto:bbackler@indiana.edu).

## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

### Woody Guthrie's American Song Here February 5 and 6

Several members of our congregation are participating in performances of Woody Guthrie's American Song, here in our Meeting Room, Feb 5, 7:30p, & Feb 6, 2:00 p and 7:30p. Tix: \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids under 18 and Seniors. Tickets avail. At Buskirk-Chumley Box Office and at the door on dates of performance. To benefit Mental Health America Monroe County and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.

### John Shelby Spong Visits Bloomington February 14, First United Church, 2:00 p.m.

Author and advocate for liberal religion John Shelby Spong will speak on February 14 at First United Church, 2420 E. Third St. A retired Episcopal bishop, Dr. Spong will conduct their 10:45 worship service and give a lecture on the topic "Can a Citizen of the 21st Century Still Believe in Life After Death" at 2:00 p.m., exploring his latest book, "Eternal Life, A New Vision. Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism and Beyond Heaven and Hell." Come and have your beliefs challenged.

**Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival February 25** hosted by Indiana Forest Alliance as a membership raising event. Thursday, February 25 at 7:00pm, Buskirk-Chumley. This year's theme is "FOOD"! See [wildandscenicfilmfestival.org](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org).

**Citizen Advocacy of South Central Indiana** Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Incorporated (CASCI, Inc) facilitates and supports one-to-one matches between citizens with disabilities (Partners) and other members of the community (Advocates) for the purpose of friendship and advocacy. Through these matches, we help build a stronger sense of community where everyone, regardless of their ability, is included and valued. A citizen

advocate's role may be that of friend, mentor, assistant, or ally. To become involved, contact Coordinator Diana Reynolds, 812-219-1637 or email her at [casci.inc@gmail.com](mailto:casci.inc@gmail.com). Visit [www.casciweb.org](http://www.casciweb.org) for additional information.

## 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](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org), mobile: 812-322-0205  
Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday. On call M, T, W, F [breedeen@uubloomington.org](mailto:breedeen@uubloomington.org), mobile: 812-360-1779



## 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](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org). (Judy is away until January 25.)

## No YRUU on Feb 7

Our youth facilitators deem it unwise to compete with the Super bowl; Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (high school youth) will not meet on February 7.

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## UUs Changing the World



### Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Feb 7

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

canned meat - chili, chicken, hash, etc.  
canned fruit - peaches, pears, mixed fruit  
canned veggies - mixed, potatoes, beets, carrots.

### Women's Drum Circle Feb. 12

Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship! Drumming circle for women on Friday, February 12, 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). Dancers are welcome.

### UU Yoga Is Back!

Beginners and experienced yoga participants are invited to attend this professionally-taught class which meets in Fellowship Hall 7-8pm on Tuesdays, January 12-April 27<sup>th</sup> (with the exception of March 16). Drop ins are welcome to participate. It is suggested that you bring a mat or towel. \$5 donation per session is requested. Sorry- no child care available.

### Our Folks...

Our comforting thoughts are with Sharon Yarber and her family and friends, upon the death of her father on Friday, January 29. A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 1 in Madison, Indiana.

Many blessings to Adrienne and John Summerlot, upon the birth on January 17 of Nathaniel John Summerlot, who joins sisters Susanna and Katherine at home.

Congratulations to Katie Peebles who successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in English and Folklore & Ethnomusicology.

Member Scott Hogsed will sing the role of Enrico in IU Opera's Lucia di Lammermoor on February 6 and February 12. Don't miss it!

### Poetry Book Signing In Fellowship Hall February 21<sup>st</sup>

The Free Range Poets have just published *At Our Windows*, their first collective work after ten years of meeting together. Three of the seven authors represented in the book are UU's: Bob Taylor, Ian Woollen, and Jack King. They and others will be on hand to sign your copy between services on Sunday, February 21. *At Our Windows* is priced at \$6.00 at our Booktable.

#### Attendance

Sun, Jan 24,	9:15:	116;	11:15:	199;	RE: 138
					<b>Total: 453</b>
Sun, Jan 31,	9:15:	102;	11:15:	191;	RE: 126
					<b>Total: 405</b>

Sun, Jan 24	non-pledge offering:	\$ 534
Sun, Jan 31	non-pledge offering:	\$ 547
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club		<b>\$ 270</b>

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### Spring 2010 Religious Education Teachers

Please help me thank this wonderful group of teachers who have volunteered to teach Religious Education in Spring 2010!

9:15 Celebrating Me and My World (preschool) -- Allan Paton, Marni Karaffa and Lindsey Weaver

9:15 "We Believe" (multi-age) -- Charlotte Appel, Matthias Weber and Erin Wager Miller

9:15 "Transcendentalism (4th-6th) -- Katie Peebles, Phil Cooper and Rhonda Baird

11:15 Celebrating Me and My World (Preschool) -- Martha Nord, Jennifer Livesay and Dana Roberts

11:15 "Experiences with the Web of Life" (K-1st) -- Madeline Rivera-Gill, Terry Loucks, Christy True

11:15 "UU Superheroes" 2nd-3<sup>rd</sup> -- Dave Crane, Carolyn Emmert, and Pat Aungst

11:15 Stepping Stones 4-5th -- Kim Sackmann, Marcia Harlow, Laura Jesseph and Emma Rush

11:15 YUUMS (6th-7th) -- John Jesseph, Melissa Keller and Thomas Kuhn

11:15 Coming of Age/Neighboring Faiths-- Dan Beauregard, Melissa St. John, Emily Leite, Mary Beth O'Brien

High School YRUU -- Abby Gitlitz, Ben Montgomery, Kelly Rockhill

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education [mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)

### FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNERS -- FEBRUARY 2010

#### #23 Host: Pat Aungst

Freiburger, Dolores  
Holl, Lois & Richard  
Lawrance, BJ & Jan Skinner

#### #24 Host: Bill Baus

Halford, Don & Mary Andrus-Overley  
Cassidy, Karen & Jack  
Peek, Mike & Cindy

Richman, Nancy & Jana Anna  
Wittenburg, Doris & Harlan Lewis

#### #25 Hosts: Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum

Biggers, Maureen & Tony Reilly  
DeVoe, Libby & Bob  
Edmonds, Barbara

Ogren, Denise & Harold  
Petersen, Paul

#### #26 Hosts: Carolyn & David Emmert

Churchill, Sandy & Fred  
Cusack, George & Maryann  
Gitlitz, Abby

Lock, Diann & Ted  
Martin, Sharin

#### #27 Hosts: Cathy & Dick Hiatt

Arnold, Carol & Paul  
Hongen, Joan & Rob  
McGahey, Beverly

Watzel, Ann

#### #28 Host: Elizabeth Lion

Gilbert, Kathleen & Steven  
Hall, Jackie & Lloyd Orr  
Rice, Harlan

#### #29 Host: Dave Parkhurst

Day, Mark & Jean Sebeck  
Flint, Patsy

Nelson, Cyndi & Dale

Reed, Renee & Stephanie Burks

Routsong, Nejla

Schau, Natalia & Duane

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## Women's Alliance Feb. 4

The Women's Alliance's next monthly meeting is Thursday, February 4. The meeting begins at 11:30 with a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided. From noon to 12:30 we have a speaker. February's speaker is Nancy Richman. New members and guests are always welcome.



## Greeter Training February 17

Put on a smile and join the friendly Greeters and Newcomer Welcomers! Greeting and welcoming on Sunday mornings are great ways to make friends and help everyone feel welcome. Greeters assist at one service per month on the date they select. The spring Greeter training will be Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Join us! Libby DeVoe, [edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu).

## Parent Talk Meets February 14

Parent Talk will meet on Sunday, Feb. 14, from 12:30 – 2:30 in Room 207-B. 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](mailto:d.j.sowell@comcast.net)

## UU Children's Choir at Family Worship Feb. 3

New & returning singers, Kg-6th grade, are always welcome! Questions? Contact Jill: [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu)  
\*Wed. Feb. 3rd: Family Service, 5:30 pm

## Census Takers Wanted:

**\$12.50/hour** John Keays is actively seeking persons who are willing to be census takers for the 2010 census. \$12.50/hr., including travel time, \$.55/mile mileage. Most of the jobs are as field census takers, following up at households where surveys have not been returned. 900 workers are being sought for Monroe County alone. Flexible hours, 20-40 hours/week, for 4-6 weeks, mid-April through May. Must have own transportation. Four days paid training. Must take and pass a basic 30 minute test. Call 812-314-7430 for test times. Help support democracy: be a census taker.

## Chalice Circles Invites New Members

Chalice Circles, our program of small group ministry, welcomes new members. Groups of up to ten people, including a facilitator, meet once or twice a month with a focus on deep listening and sharing personal experiences. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session, on topics such as forgiveness, gratitude, or saying goodbye. Groups also do service projects for the church and for the community. Participants find that they get to know themselves, and others, more deeply in these small groups. For more information, please contact Alan Backler at 812-340-1323 or [abackler@aol.com](mailto:abackler@aol.com)

## BULLETIN BOARD

House-sitter wanted, mid May to mid October to water plants and pick up mail. Free housing near UU church! Responsible adult or couple. Contact: Harold or Denise Ogren, [dogren@comcast.net](mailto:dogren@comcast.net), 336 6597.

## UU Art and Talent Auction is Coming! March 7, 4:30 p.m.

How will you participate in the UU Art and Talent Auction on Sunday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m.? Perhaps you can also help before the auction as we prepare for this festive event. Volunteer to:

a.. Donate item(s), either talent or art, to the auction. Complete the green auction donor form that was sent with The Prologue on January 19 or that is available at the Talent Auction table in the Commons between the services. Talk with us if you have questions about what to donate. You can also get a copy of the donation form online at our website, [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org). It is with the Prologue from January 19.

b.. Purchase tickets for the ½ pot. The winning ticket gets one half of all the funds collected in the pot. \$1 ea, 6 for \$5.

c.. Volunteer to help with set-up and tear-down, silent auction or other tasks.

d.. Attend the auction and bid. We will have both silent and live auction items for all budgets.

e.. Bring friends and neighbors. This is open to the public and the more people, the livelier the bidding.

f.. Bake dessert(s) to sell at the dinner after the auction.

g.. Stay for the pasta dinner to socialize and to enjoy your purchases.

Questions? Contact a member of the Auction Committee at the table in the Commons between services. Thank you. Jan Skinner, Talent Auction Chair  
[jan.skinner1@comcast.net](mailto:jan.skinner1@comcast.net)

## UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's group meets every three weeks at a variety of locations. Interested men should contact Chris Haynes [chaynes@indiana.edu](mailto:chaynes@indiana.edu) for meeting locations or to join the UU Men's email list. The meeting dates (on Tuesday every 3 wks) in the next few months: Feb 9, Mar 2, Mar 23, Apr 13, May 4. Meetings are from 7-9pm.

## Standing on the Side of Love LGBT Valentine's Ball

Come enjoy an exciting evening at Rachael's Café on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to midnight. As part of the UUA's "Standing on the Side of Love" initiative, we will be celebrating a community of love with fun, music, dancing, and a lot of **Door Prizes!** We will be featuring the local sounds of Mark Kunoff and Patrick Petro as **OTHERSHIP**, and the smooth grooves of Brian James Bennett, Jack Kilby, and Doug Watson. And did I mention **DOOR PRIZES**, all night long, by sponsors too numerous to mention. Look for our flyers around town! Tickets available at the Buskirk-Chumley Box Office, \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

If you are interested in helping out the night of the event (such as taking tickets at the door), contact Kevin Woodruff at [krw@inbox.com](mailto:krw@inbox.com). Volunteers will be given a T-shirt, and free admission to the event!

--Kevin Woodruff

## Space Still Available in Soup and Sageing Group

It's not too late to sign up for Soup and Sageing. We'll be \*seeking the spirit\* and creating an appreciation of elder years, \*building community\* by sharing our common concerns and joys around aging and \*changing the world\* by tapping the strengths and wisdom of our elders. We meet on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to eat soup together and begin our exploration into growing old. –Barb Backler  
Please let Office Assistant Ginger Ko know if you're interested, [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org).

## Mary Goetze Joins Fundraiser Committee

The Kroger/Marsh-O'Malia's/Bloomingfoods Fundraiser Committee welcomes Mary Goetze as Co-Coordinator of the committee's activities. She replaces Sheri Benham who has been a strong and reliable leader for several years (thank you, Sheri!) Mary joins Co-Coordinator and Treasurer Harriet Pfister. Congregational customers may purchase grocery cards from our dedicated team of salespersons between Sunday services in the Commons. The church receives 3% to 5% of each dollar spent at the participating groceries. Because of strong support by members of the Congregation, the committee has contributed \$3,000 to the church operating fund since July 1, 2009. Please consider joining in this easy way to help the church by purchasing your grocery gift cards this Sunday!

## Ready to Become a Member of Our Congregation?

If you would like to become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, February 21 between the services at 10:30 am upstairs in Room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to joining.) To make arrangements to attend the ceremony, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [stephw3@yahoo.com](mailto:stephw3@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, February 17.

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**Everyone's Invited!**

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