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Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World

Sunday, February 21, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Oh, Jerusalem Reverend Bill Breeden
 Reflections on the Middle East.

Sunday, February 28, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
The Great Uprooted Tree Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this worship service we will explore the changes in our lives and the discipline of radical acceptance. What does it mean to accept ourselves unconditionally, particularly in times of transition? How do we make sense of life's changes? Reflections on the books, "Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of Buddha" by clinical psychologist and Buddhist lay priest Tara Brach, and "Managing Transitions" by William Bridges, will be offered.

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Family Dinner and Worship: Unbirthday Celebration!
Hat Making 5:30 p.m. Celebration 5:45 p.m.

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Director of Religious Education Cindy Port
 What makes your birth month something special? People of all ages are invited to an unbirthday party! Celebrate with us with crazy hats, games, singing, birthday cakes, and dinner. (If it happens to be your birthday, you are welcome, too!) Dinner, with vegan and gluten-free options, will be provided. \$1 donation per person requested.

February Art Sculptures in the Meeting Room windows are from the collection of Doris Wittenburg and Harlan Lewis. The photos on display in the Pocket Gallery are by John Woodcock.

2/18/2010	1:30 PM	Advocacy for Elders Wkshp	2/23/2010	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	4:00 PM	Memorial Service		7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons	2/24/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM	NAMI Class	2/25/2010	1:30 PM	Advocacy for Elders Workshop
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
2/19/2010	8 AM-5 PM	Coming of Age Overnight prep		7:00 PM	NAMI Class
	8:30 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		9:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game
	12:00 PM	UU Staff	2/26/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	3:00 PM	LEED certification meeting		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	5:30p-2/20 11a	Coming of Age Overnight		7:30 PM	UU Coffeehouse
2/20/2010	10:00 AM	Cut your CO2ST (carbon reduction)	2/27/2010	10:00 AM	Cut your CO2ST (carbon reduction)
	5:30 PM	Bloomington Symphony Orch. Concert (\$)		2:00 PM	Jean Anderson's 90th birthday party
	6:30 PM	Valentine's GLBT Dance at Rachael's Cafe	2/28/2010	10:15 AM	Habitat Task Force
2/21/2010	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing		10:15 AM	IOTF Fundraiser Breakfast for Haiti
	12:15 PM	Talent Auction Cmte		3:00 PM	Evans Recital
	2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class		6:00 PM	YRUU
	6:00 PM	YRUU		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Concert (\$): The Proper Resolution of Dissonance
2/22/2010	3:00 PM	Management Team	3/1/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	6:30 PM	RE Committee		7:00 PM	Yoga & the Art of Living
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For more event info, go to www.uubloomington.org; click on Full Calendar.

MAM's Green Musings

As I mentioned earlier, my partner Deborah and I decided to enter The SIREN 2010 Energy Showdown. We both love a good contest. SIREN (Southern Indiana Renewable Energy Network) is a "community group of volunteers working together to expedite the transition to renewable energy production in Southern Indiana. The spirit and intent of the Showdown contest is to permanently reduce the energy consumption of local residents." Anyone living in Monroe County is eligible to enter. You can enter by going to the SIREN web-site (www.sirensolar.com). Basically the contest involves lowering one's household consumption in 2010 in comparison to 2009. The Grand Prize is a Grid-tied PV (photovoltaic) System, which is all about converting sunlight to electricity. Let the sun shine!

Recently, Marcia Veldman (co-chair of our congregation's Green Sanctuary Task Force) asked Deborah and me, "What motivated you to sign up for the SIREN contest?" We quickly realized that Deborah provided the initial inspiration for entering the contest. Deborah replied, "There were several things that proved to be motivating: discovering new ways of saving energy and money, learning new energy saving tips from SIREN along the way, revitalizing our dedication to be more intentional regarding our energy use. Also, it's always fun to participate in something that involves our community. It's a small way we can help heal our planet in this critical time of Global Climate Change."

Please join us. Even if you do not qualify for the contest, you can still play.

Peace, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

As I look out the window, it occurs to me that we should have put in a bid for the Winter Olympics, as it appears much more wintry here than in Vancouver. I think they should have a new Olympic sport of pulling a Subaru up the driveway, for which I might have won Bronze medal this morning. Of course, qualifying requires a high stupidity quotient which leads you to drive the vehicle down the steep snow-covered driveway in the first place. I trust you are all enduring, and even perhaps enjoying this weather. It has yet to dampen the spirits around here. It seems that whatever the conditions on the outside, the temperature of this congregation continues to be warm and toasty with energy to burn. I hope you pay close attention to all the things going on, and take the time to read the rest of the *Prologue* to make sure you don't miss something you might really like to attend. Hope to see you on Sunday.

Peace—bill
Reverend Bill Breeden

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

We need you to walk for Middle Way House! Middle Way House is currently looking for volunteers who would be interested in representing their organization in the 2010 Homeward Bound Walk. Homeward Bound is an annual walk that raises funds to help people experiencing homelessness with shelter, food, and other emergency assistance needs. This year's walk will be held Sunday, April 18. Middle Way needs both walkers and captains who can organize teams. Interested? Email Kate Slavens at koslavens@umail.iu.edu.

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,
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Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.
On call M, T, W, F
breeden@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.

Advocacy Workshop Feb 18 and Feb 25 It's not too late to sign up for the Advocacy Workshop that will be held on February 18th and February 25th from 1:30 - 4:30 each day. This is an opportunity to learn from Ashley Hillman from Area 10 Agency on Aging how to be an advocate for someone in a nursing home. You can get involved at several levels, anything from simply learning information that will help with yourself or a parent all the way to becoming a legal ombudsman for people in nursing homes. Let Barb Backler know if you are interested. 876-8368 or bbackler@indiana.edu

Standing on the Side of Love LGBT Valentine's Ball Feb. 20

Come enjoy an exciting evening at Rachael's Café on Saturday, February 20th, 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. Volunteers will be given a T-shirt, and free admission to the event! --Kevin Woodruff

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Mar 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.

UU Bloomington T-Shirts for Sale

The Public Relations Committee created T-shirts sporting "UU Church of Bloomington" and a beautiful design that highlights the Earth. T-shirts will be available for purchase on the last Sunday of every month in the Commons between services. Many of the T-shirts were made in Haiti. Proceeds from the shirts during February and March will be donated to Haiti relief. Stop by the table to get your shirt. Adult sizes \$8. Child sizes \$5.

Habitat Women's Build Seeks a Few Good Women

Looking for a few good women: The UU-sponsored Habitat Women Build team needs more members to participate in a wonderful day of building with 25 women on Tuesday, May 18. The deadline to register is March 8. Team members need to donate or fund-raise \$250 each to financially support the nine-day build. We will be doing siding, but you don't need experience. Contact Barb Berggoetz, team leader, at barbberg@bluemarble.net or call 876-6659.

Our Folks...

Friends of Jean Anderson are warmly invited to attend her 90th birthday "High Tea" Party on Saturday, February 27, 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Barb Backler bbackler@indiana.edu or 876-8368. Snacks welcome.

Poetry Book Signing In Fellowship Hall February 21st

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.

Today's Issue Delayed Due to Snowstorm

We are mailing this issue of *The Prologue* a day late due to heavy snows and travel problems. Remember that each issue of *The Prologue* can also be read online at www.uubloomington.org, by Wednesday of the week of publication which is generally way sooner than you'd receive the paper version.

Attendance

Sun, Feb 7, 9:15:	101;	11:15:	172;	RE:	114
				Total:	387
Sun, Feb 14, 9:15:	133;	11:15:	243;	RE:	131
				Total:	507

Sun, Feb 7 non-pledge offering:	\$ 682
Sun, Feb 14 non-pledge offering:	\$ 751
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club	\$ 358

UU Youth News!

Our Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) 6th-7th graders will volunteer at the Soup Bowl Benefit this Sunday Feb 21, 2010. For over ten years, our YUUMs have volunteered at the Soup Bowl Benefit as table runners; filling water glasses and bread baskets. This event takes place at Bloomington Convention Center on Sunday afternoon. Last year it raised over \$80,000 for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, which fights hunger in our community.

Did you know that our 8th and 9th graders are experiencing an innovative *Coming of Age* program which incorporates *Neighboring Faiths*? Participating eighth and ninth graders have been paired with an adult mentor from our congregation. They have also been learning about other faiths on Sunday mornings and are attending a different worship service once each month including St. Paul's Catholic Church and the Buddhist Cultural Center. This weekend they are looking forward to a UU overnight here at our church!

Youth-led worship service Sunday March 28:

Currently the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU), our high school youth group, is preparing to lead the worship service on Sunday, March 28th at 9:15am and 11:15am. Our Congregation is truly enriched by the contributions of youth and our YRUUs; don't miss this great worship.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, dre@uubloomington.org
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education mre@uubloomington.org



We Love Coffee, We Love Tea, We Love the Java Crew...

Thanks to all of you who brew coffee and clean up afterwards every Sunday, making our UU Fellowship Hour such a wonderful way to start the week. We need some folks to help make coffee in March, specifically

March 14, 8:00 a.m. 1 person
9:00 a.m. 2 people

March 21, 8:00 a.m. 2 people
9:00 a.m. 2 people

March 28, 10:30 a.m. 1 person (clean up)

All of the other clean up shifts for March are full! Hooray! As always, we are filling the schedule for future months so if March doesn't work for you, we have ample opportunities for the remainder of 2010. Please contact Stephanie at steph.estell@gmail.com for more information.

Exploring UU Class

If you are new to the church, interested in considering membership, or just want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, this is for you! The Exploring UU Class will be held in the Library from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays March 14 and 21. 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 John Woodcock, 339-2741, woodcock@indiana.edu.



A Spiritual Stimulus Package

As we approach the annual UU Pledge Campaign in April, your Stewardship Committee would like to challenge the congregation to provide a “spiritual stimulus package” for this church. In these difficult economic times, imagine the message we could send by challenging ourselves, not to make do with less, but to **do more, with more**, because the world **needs** more. Rather than tasking our leadership with deciding which programs to limit and which of our staff must go another year without even a cost of living raise, what if we, as a congregation, set the challenge to decide which programs to expand and how best to compensate those who bring so much value to our lives? As you begin to think about your pledge for this upcoming year, consider what new works it might stimulate, in addition to the current work it will support. For more information on Stewardship or Pledging, contact Drew Schrader – drew.schrader@gmail.com

Women’s Alliance March 4

The Women’s Alliance will meet on Thursday, March 4. Our speaker, Reverend Bill Breeden, will share some of his Sabbatical Memories with us. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month’s hosts, Harriet Pfister and Ann Watzel, will provide beverages and desserts. Guests are always welcome.

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Chalice Circles, the exciting program of small group ministry in our congregation, is

looking for a few deep listeners. The focus of each Chalice Circle meeting is a topic that serves as a springboard into reflection on deeper issues of who we are and what gives our lives meaning. At the core of each session is deep listening. Questions are posed and each person responds in turn. The other participants provide the speaker with rapt attention. They don’t ask questions; they don’t give advice – they listen deeply.

More from Chalice Circles

Members of our congregation are actively involved in helping others in the denomination with small group ministry, also called covenant circles. Anne Haynes and Judy Bennett, both currently serving as Chalice Group Facilitators, are involved with the UU Small Group Ministry Network (<http://www.smallgroupministry.net/>), which supports member congregations by providing planning, training, and publications. Anne is in her third year on the Network Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly by conference call and in person at UUA General Assembly. Both Judy and Anne are on the Network’s Membership Committee. They meet regularly by conference call with others from around the country to recruit new member congregations. In addition, on a more local level, Anne worked with the UU Church of Indianapolis (UUI) in November 2009, where she co-taught an all-day Facilitator Training workshop with Rev. Barbara Child. UUI began their Chalice Circles program last month. For info, contact Alan Backler, 340-1323 abackler@aol.com

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

Ways to participate:

- a.. Volunteer to help
- b.. Attend the auction and bid.
- c.. Bring friends and neighbors.
- d.. Bake dessert(s) to sell at the dinner after the auction.

e.. Stay for the pasta dinner to socialize
If you will need childcare to attend the auction, contact Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org by February 21. 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

Book Discussion in March and April: Stiglitz on America and Free Markets

March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 10, 17, 24 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon, Library

Discuss Nobel Laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz’s book, *Freefall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy*. The book jacket states: "For anyone who watched with indignation while Wall Street destroyed homes, educations, and jobs, while the government took half-steps hoping for "just-enough" recovery; and while bankers fell all over themselves claiming not to have seen what was coming, then sought government bailouts while resisting regulation that would make future crises less likely, "Freefall" offers a clear accounting of why so many Americans feel disillusioned today and how we can realize a prosperous economy and a moral society for the future." Tomi

Allison will lead our discussion. A limited number of books will be available at a discounted price at The Book Corner, 100 N. Walnut.

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 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: Mar 2, Mar 23, Apr 13, May 4. Meetings are from 7-9pm.



UU Coffeehouse Friday, Feb. 26

Join us on Friday February 26th at 7:30pm for coffee, music and original poetry. This month’s featured musicians

include Steve Mascari and Sarah Flint on guitar, Mary Ann Williams on hammer dulcimer with Richard Torstrick on fiddle, and the magic of the Heartsongs on flute and guitar. Our wordsmiths will be Tim Slack, Patricia Coleman, and Julia Dadds. Children are invited! Light refreshments will be served. A freewill donation is requested to cover costs. Any questions, please contact Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net.

Bulletin Board

Experienced builder avail. for construction work. Call Bill Corcoran, 340-7932.

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Some of Our Newest Members

Amy Crozier is a Special Ed. teacher and Bloomington native but spent the last 12 years in California as a stay at home mother. She is looking forward to raising her 2 sons in Bloomington around her family, friends & the UU church family. Currently she is a substitute teacher for MCCSC & RBB and has learned to embrace the daily unknowns. ☺ One of her top priorities is to find a job using her many years of experience in Special Education. She is truly grateful to have found this UU community!

Maryann and George Cusack

George Cusack (BSAE) and Maryann Whisler met and married while students at Purdue. Over the next 40 years, George's work took them to Worcester, MA, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Charlotte, North Carolina. Maryann finished undergraduate and graduate degrees along the way.

They have three super children and eight super grandchildren.

Upon retiring from work and the Catholic church, they moved to Elizabeth City, NC into a 100 year old house and spent eight years restoring that faded beauty, with gallons of paint, many tubes of caulk, bags of plaster and tons of sweat equity.

They are now enjoying life and family in Bloomington. They love choir

and fellowship dinners; volunteering; and are becoming intensive gardeners. They are grateful to Connie and Guy Loftman for introducing them to many good things in Bloomington and especially the UU family. And they love living near Sam and Eve, Dela and Nola Cusack and seeing them all frequently.

Professor Emeritus Gladys F. DeVane taught in IU's Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences as a Clinical Speech/Language Pathologist for more than 25 years, and taught Business and Managerial Communication in the Kelley School of Business for 13 years. Upon retirement in 2003, she became active in local theater as an actress, storyteller, writer, director, and producer. Gladys has served on local and state boards dedicated to improving the lives of the special needs population and is cofounder of Options for Better Living Inc. She is the wife of 47 years to the love of her life, Gene, and the mother of three wonderful young men.

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A native of Cape Cod, MA, **Andrea Fiedler** moved to Bloomington to attend the I.U. Jacobs School of Music as a violin performance major in 1996. A UU since childhood, she is thrilled to be returning to her spiritual roots, and to be able to expose her children, to this open minded congregation. A proud Mom, and I.U. employee, she is also singer/songwriter/fiddle player and plays out under the name Andrea Augustine.

Chris Hanna recently moved to the Bloomington area from Terre Haute. He has been attending services for the past year while traveling back and forth between the two cities. Chris has been an IT professional in higher education for many years, and besides computing enjoys hiking, reading, and football!

A Bloomington native, **Michael Harris** studied at IU, served in the Army, and is now retiring from IU after 33 years of service. Raised Baptist and Christian, Michael began following the Wicca path in 1995. He loves UU because it leads to the truth that there are many ways to God.

Jim and Erin Wager Miller moved to Bloomington in 2007 with two of their children, Harrison and Charlotte. The following year their older boy, Tom, joined them. Jim is in brain research at IU and Erin is an American Sign Language interpreter at South High

School. Their transition from the Great Northwest to the great-ish Midwest has gone smoothly thanks to the warmth of this community, and the Wager Millers continue to get into Bloomington as Bloomington gets into them.

Erik and Lindsey Weaver are happy to be back in the Midwest after spending several years living in New Mexico. During their time in the Southwest, Lindsey and Erik began their careers in Education and Landscaping respectively. They became familiar with the UU Church in Las Cruces and are looking forward to raising their two sons Esau and Ira in this liberal religious community.

Quaker Songwriter/Activist Carrie Newcomer to Perform March 6

Carrie Newcomer will be performing on 3/6/2010, 8:00 PM at the Buskirk Chumley Theater, celebrating the release of her new album on Rounder Records, Before and After. Barbara Kingsolver wrote, "Carrie Newcomer is much more than a musician. She's a poet, storyteller, snake-charmer, good neighbor, friend and lover, minister of the wide-eyed gospel of hope and grace. For a free music download of her song "Before and After" please click <http://www.carriewcomer.com/freemusic> and enter the promotional code, "beforeafter." Information: www.carriewcomer.com.

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