

### The Prologue

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Monday, March 29, 2010

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



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

**Sunday, April 4, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Gospel Music Celebration: Moving Down Freedom Road**  
**Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

Join us for a celebration of Easter, spring and all things new. The UU Holy Rock Gospel Band will lift your spirit, lighten your heart and make your feet move like a new pair of shoes. The music will include original compositions by Daniel Reed, Jonathan Hutchison, and Glenda Breeden as well as favorite gospel standards. Gospel means "Good News," and we believe that Unitarian Universalism is just that. We intend to have fun, and we hope you are there to share in it.

**Wednesday, April 7, 2010**

**Family Dinner and Worship: Dinner 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:15 p.m.**  
**"Celebrating Memory: Honoring Church Elders" --Elder Care Task Force**  
**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Director of Religious Education Cindy Port**

Sharing our stories is a wonderful way to share ourselves. Our church elders will be special guests at this multigenerational worship, where we will celebrate memories and experiences of people of all ages. Everyone is invited to bring an object associated with a special memory. Dinner is provided: \$1 per person donation requested (vegan and gluten-free options available).

**Sunday, April 11, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**"Mass in A Major" Johann Sebastian Bach**  
**The Unitarian Universalist Choir directed by Susan Swaney**  
**We Are Moving Forward**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**  
The ministers along with the Stewardship Committee invite you to celebrate our annual Stewardship Commitment Sunday service. A time of joy, celebration and financial commitment to our beloved community. Seeking the Spirit. Building Community. Changing the World. Please join us for this exquisite music offering by our choir as we celebrate our lives together.

As part of the morning's festivities, breakfast will be served from 8:00am to 9:00am (early-birds, tweet) and also between services 10:15am to 11:00am. All are welcome to join the celebration.

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3/31/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	4/7/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
4/1/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance		3:00 PM	Family Dinner Prep & Cleanup
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Exec Team		3:00 PM	Life Stories
	7:00 PM	Adult Religious Ed Cmte		5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons		7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
	7:00 PM	NAMI Class	4/8/2010	6:30 PM	A Psychiatrist Views the Feminine
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		7:00 PM	NAMI Class
	8:30 PM	String Band		7:00 PM	UU Choir
4/2/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	4/9/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	12:00 PM	Super Staff		12:00 PM	UU Staff
4/3/2010	10:30 AM	Live to 100 & Enjoy It		5:00 PM	Barber Recital
	10:30 AM	Stiglitz: American Free Markets		6:30 PM	Women's Drumming Circle
	3:00 PM	Wedding	4/10/2010	9:00 AM	UU Choir - Bach rehearsal
4/4/2010	10:15 AM	Habitat Task Force - Bake Sale		10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting
	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force		10:30 AM	Live to 100 & Enjoy It
	6:00 PM	YRUU		10:30 AM	Stiglitz: American Free Markets
4/5/2010	3:00 PM	Management Team	4/11/2010		COMMITMENT SUNDAY - STEWARDSHIP
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		10:15 AM	IOTF Bake Sale
4/6/2010	11:30 AM	Library Cmte		12:15 PM	Sound Committee
	2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler		12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
	6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion		1:00 PM	Chal Circle - Knowlton
	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers		1:00 PM	Coming of Age Lunch
	7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)		6:00 PM	YRUU
			4/12/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline

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

## MAM's Musings

Let's embrace our congregation's stewardship campaign *We Are Moving Forward*, with a spirit of generosity in the weeks ahead and heed those wise words which Dan Quilter offered about financial pledging, "Give 'til it feels good." May we all be inspired to do so.

We recently received some exciting news regarding the memory of Dan Quilter and fellow professor, Russell Salmon. The Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (IAATSP) has established a *Daniel Quilter/Russell Salmon Scholarship* for teachers of Spanish in Indiana. The IAATSP said of both Dan and Russ, "They not only taught their courses with enthusiasm, but they also created excellent didactic materials that teachers could use. Their influence also extended beyond the classroom."

Dan Quilter was a long-time member of this congregation and, among many things, served as its President in 1995-1996 with passion and wit. Russell Salmon was a dear friend of our congregation. He helped with Spanish translations for worship services and shared his warm presence with all. Dan died May 29, 2008, and Russ died May 28, 2009. We join with their families in celebrating this scholarship which was created in their honor. We love you Dan and Russ, and we miss you.

As we move forward in our own stewardship campaign, let us always look back and remember those who, as Clarke Dewey Wells said, "live on as a benediction to our own days."

Peace, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## West Window

I am continually amazed by the level of commitment exhibited by so many to make this church such an exceptional expression of community. Being in community means caring for one another, and for the past few years we have had a group of persons caring for all of us during our worship services. Those persons are members of our usher corps. They volunteer to be present and ready to assist those who attend our services and respond as needed to any emergency or unexpected contingency that might arise. Recently we have been reminded of how important this service is to our community.

Some of our ushers have had to step down in order to do other things such as teaching in Religious Education, or some other service. **We need some more persons to step up and join the usher corps.** We are going to have a meeting on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 in the Fellowship Hall.** We will provide pizza for lunch and the meeting should last no more than one hour. We will explain the responsibilities of being an usher, and we will demonstrate our on-line sign up that is very easy to use. Contact me if you are interested or have questions.

Lastly, I will say a big thank you to all those who volunteer in many ways to keep us moving forward in ministry to the world in which we live.

Peace—bill  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

**Jewish Theatre of Bloomington** will celebrate its fifth anniversary year with staged readings of two powerful Holocaust-themed productions in 2010. The first is *Leipzig*, by Wendy Graf, and will be performed at the Bloomington Playwrights Project on April 15 and April 17 at 7:30 p.m. and April 18 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket info at 336-3198. In Fall 2010, A choreographed staged reading of excerpts from *Hiding in the Spotlight: A Musical Prodigy's Story of Survival* will be performed. More info on both productions is posted on our bulletin board.

## 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  
[breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto: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](mailto:memCOORD@uubloomington.org).

## Baby Dedication Ceremony Sunday, May 9, 2010

The Co-Ministry Team (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden) offers services each year to celebrate the babies of our community with a dedication ceremony. May 9th is the date for the spring dedication ceremony. If you would like your baby to be included in the May 9th ceremony, contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education. ([dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)). Reverend Macklin will then contact you regarding details. The ceremony will be available at both services. Please let us know which service (or both) you would like to participate in, 9:15 am or 11:15 am.

## Seeking Info on Hit and Run Fender Bender in December

A visitor to our services on December 13 found that her car had been damaged in our parking lot, by someone who had hit the right rear of her white Honda, parked near the south end of the parking lot. The right rear quarter panel and the tail light were damaged. The owner of the damaged vehicle called recently to see if anyone had provided any information about the accident yet. She would really appreciate hearing from the person who hit her vehicle. Please contact Carol Marks, Church Administrator, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), 812-332-3695 if you have information.

## BULLETIN BOARD

CENSUS: Did you send in your census form? Do it today! --Iris Kiesling 332-5224

## UUs Changing the World



### Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Apr 4

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

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

### Templeton School Fundraiser for Children's Task Force Project

The Children's Task Force will continue to receive donations through April 4 for their fundraiser to help the Templeton Elementary School kindergarten take their field trip to Peden Farm. Please look for the donation box and Jennifer Livesay near the Social Justice table in the Commons. If you send a check during the week, please write "Children's Task Force" on the memo line.

### WALBICUS to Worship on April 18

Participate in WALBICUS to Worship: Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus to Worship on April 18th. Help us reach a tipping point, a critical mass of people who bike, walk, bus or carpool to worship services. Join with friends and neighbors to be a visible presence on the streets, biking or walking if possible and otherwise sharing a ride. Let's work together to protect our sacred earth. We are one of over twenty Earth Care congregations participating.

### The Green Sanctuary and Earth Kin Present the Earth Fair on

**Sunday, April 18** Participate in the Earth Fair on Sunday, April 18 after each service. The perennially popular tree giveaway will

happen with a wide selection of small trees and shrubs, plus a wide variety of tables with information on how to take the next step in cutting your carbon footprint. For more information or to get involved, contact Stephanie at [kimball.stephanie@gmail.com](mailto:kimball.stephanie@gmail.com).

### Interfaith Winter Shelter Gratitude Celebration

Our congregation contributed a total of \$1500 in social justice funds this year to support the Winter Shelter project, and many members of our congregation also gave volunteer time at the shelters. We received an invitation to a Gratitude Celebration. All are welcome: If you have contributed time, talent or treasure to the Interfaith Winter Shelter Initiative, please join us on Sunday April 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fellowship Hall of First United Church, 2420 E. Third St., Bloomington for a Gratitude Celebration. RSVP to Tom Capshaw at [tom@innerspark.org](mailto:tom@innerspark.org) or 219-6734, to let him know how many are attending. And thanks to each of you in this faith community for your support of the Interfaith Winter Shelter!

### Our Folks...

Our hearts are with Yvonne Wittmann and Bob Flynn and their family. Yvonne's mother Eva Wittmann died on March 10. A funeral was held in Pittsburgh on March 13.

We send healing thoughts to members John Hicks and Dick Pfister, who were recently hospitalized.

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### Children and Youth are Ready for Spring

Many exciting activities are planned in Religious Education this spring. Those of us who attended worship on Sunday March 28th were inspired and challenged by the service created and presented by our amazing high school youth group the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists). Please help thank their wonderful volunteer advisors, Ben Montgomery, Kelly Rockhill and Abby Gitlitz, for their support and guidance.

If you noticed baggies taped to windows in recent weeks, that was the 'Experiences with the Web of Life' class sprouting seeds. They also found out that the carrots and potatoes they eat all the time can be sprouted in water. These kindergarten and first grade children are looking forward to growing the sprouted veggies in the children's garden.

'Transcendentalism' 4-6th grade class received a visit from Louisa May Alcott last week, one our favorite authors and Unitarian ancestors. Likewise the 'UU Superheroes' 2nd-3rd class studied the life of UU Christopher Reeve, who played Superman as an actor, and then demonstrated real heroism after experiencing a severe disability.

6th and 7th graders have been invited to attend a youth Conference in Louisville, and the 8th and 9th graders will share their experiences in our Coming of Age and

Neighboring Faiths programs on Sunday, April 25th.

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)

### DEADLINE for Delegates

**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>!** The UUA General Assembly is in beautiful Minneapolis June 23-27. Represent our congregation at this meeting of delegates from all the congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association. There are many proposed changes to bylaws and our structure. If you are interested, please call/email Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or [ifkiesling@aol.com](mailto:ifkiesling@aol.com)

### Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, April 18, between the services, at 10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements to sign the Membership Book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, 331-4181 or [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org), no later than Wednesday, April 14.

### Special Artwork from

**Stonebelt** The artwork hanging in the Commons and the north hallway is by people in the art program at Stonebelt. The artists will be with us at coffee hour April 4th; chat with them about their program!

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## Stewardship Testimonial from Jason Blankenship

The analogy that arises foremost to mind when I think of our UU congregation, and my family's place within it, is that of a fertile garden.

When my wife Jennifer and I started attending the church back in 2004 we were full of both excitement and apprehension. To have found such a welcoming liberal religious community seemed a stroke of wonderful good fortune. However, breaking with our religious past was in a sense severing the ties of family and community belief that had always been a part of our lives. From our perspective as a couple, and as parents, it was a kind of declaration of independence. "This is who we are, this is what we believe, and these are people with whom we choose to live and raise a family."

As a husband, a parent, and individual in my own right, becoming a UU is one of the best decisions I ever made. Now, 6 years down the road, the seeds that Jennifer and I decided to cast into the "fertile garden" back in 2004 have taken root.

Our daughter Maemie, who turned 13 on March 18, is developing a sense of herself and her worldview that is a joy to behold. Aiden, our oldest son, has received both encouragement and guidance within this UU congregation that has helped to bolster his unique and wonderfully vibrant character. And our

youngest son Emerson is able to play, grow and spread his joyful havoc on Sunday mornings thanks to the dedicated and caring folks in the childcare room.

For Jennifer and I the UU Church of Bloomington has become a pillar of our family structure. The money we are able to pledge each year is simply our effort to water the garden in the hope that all of us will continue to grow in peace and love.  
--Jason Blankenship

## Women's Alliance Meets Apr 1

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, April 1. Our speaker, Rachel Perry, will discuss her new book, *T.C. Steele and the Society of Western Artists 1896-1914*. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month's hosts, Laura Campbell and Lois Holl, will provide beverages and desserts. Guests are always welcome.

## UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's group meets every three weeks at different 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: Apr 13, May 4. Meetings are from 7-9pm.

### Attendance & Offering

Sun, March 21,	9:15: 87; 11:15: 154; RE: 69	<b>Total: 310</b>
Sun, March 28,	9:15: 83; 11:15: 168; RE: 105	<b>Total: 256</b>
Sun, March 21 non-pledge offering:	\$547	
Sun, March 28 non-pledge offering:	\$412	
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club:	<b>\$240</b>	

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## Women's Drum Circle April 9

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, April 9, in Fellowship Hall at the church from 6:30 - 8:00 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.

## We Welcome a New Staff Member, Custodian Jeff Stone

Beginning April 1, we will have a new member on our UUCB staff: Jeff Stone, Custodian. A long-time resident of Bloomington, Jeff brings a great many useful experiences and skills to the task of keeping our facility clean and ready for the huge number of activities that take place in our building each week, and we look forward to a long and happy working relationship!

## More Space for Art –

Many thanks to Steve Lessmann, who created, finished and hung new oak boards in the north hallway so that we would have more room to hang art for exhibits and for the auction each year--good job, Steve!

## No Common Ground for March—

deadline for April Common Ground articles is April 23, [commonground@uubloomington.org](mailto:commonground@uubloomington.org)

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## Fellowship Potluck Dinners For April

#30 Hosts: Sandy & Fred Churchill  
B.J. Lawrance, Jan Skinner  
Paul Petersen  
Jean Umiker-Sebeok & Mark Day

#31 Hosts: Maryann & George Cusack  
Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet  
Barbara Edmonds  
Cyndi & Dale Nelson  
Natalia & Duane Schau  
Ann Watzel

#32 Hosts: Lois & Rick Holl  
Bill Baus  
Dolores Freiburger  
Dave Parkhurst & Linda Bucklin  
Rita & Ray Rust

#33 Hosts: Joan & Rob Hongen  
Abby Gitlitz  
Donald Halford  
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr  
Dixie Welch & Peter Schwandt

#34 Host: Beverly McGahey  
Pat Aungst  
Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum  
Kathleen & Steven Gilbert  
Diann & Ted Lock

#35 Hosts: Denise & Harold Ogren  
Mary Andrus-Overley  
Karen & Jack Cassidy  
Carolyn & David Emmert  
Patsy Flint

#36 Hosts: Renee Reed & Stephanie Burks  
Carol & Paul Arnold  
Maureen Biggers & Tony Reilly

#37 Hosts: Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis  
Libby & Bob DeVoe  
Cathy & Dick Hiatt  
Elizabeth Lion  
Sharin Martin  
Nancy Richman & Jana Anna

This is our last potluck for this season.  
See you in the Fall! --Dixie Welch