

The Prologue

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

Saturday, May 1, 2010 7:30 p.m.
Beltane Celebration See Page 6 for details!

Sunday, May 2, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Faith in a Digital World Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

As liberal religious seekers, what does it mean to be human in a 21st century digital world? How do faith communities respond to an increasingly wired world? Is technology moving faster than we can adapt? Is resistance futile? We will explore these questions as part of our worship service. Our Children's Choir will join us with a special musical selection. Alan Backler will present our Social Justice Moment.

Wednesday, May 6, 2010 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:15 p.m. worship
Multigenerational May Day Celebration

Celebrate the May with people of all ages! Everyone is invited to wear your spring finery and dance simple May Pole dances lead by professional dance leader Tamara Lowenthal and accompanied by live music. No dance skill is expected! 5:15PM: make a crown of flowers, 5:30PM Dinner (provided, \$1-\$2 donation per person requested), 6:00 shared clean up, 6:15-6:45PM worship and dancing. Come whenever you can!

Sunday, May 9, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Parenting in a Digital World Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this Mother's Day service, we will begin with our spring Baby Dedication Ceremony. We will remember the historical roots of Mother's Day and then continue to explore the digital world theme from last Sunday's service, with an emphasis on parenting. Our choir will sing Bobby McFerrin's *Psalm 23* and Fred Small's *Everything Possible*.

UU Summer Camp? Yes, indeed! There are lots of summer camp and conference opportunities for Unitarian Universalists. See our bulletin board for details. Many families in our congregation attend the Midwest UU Summer Assembly (MUUSA) in the Ozarks each July. See www.muusa.org for info, and ask Ruellen Fessenbecker, Cindy Port, Clark Brittain, Mary Mahern, Ann Watzel, Karen Jewell, Jane McLeod, or Steve Krahnke how much fun it is!

4/28/2010	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers	5/3/2010	4:00 PM Polling Place Set up
	11:30 AM Spring Elder Picnic Get-together		7:30 PM Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	4:00 PM IU School of Social Work reception	5/4/2010	6am-6pm Polling Place - Bmtn 7
	6:30 PM Habitat Cooking - Dave's Chal Cir		2:00 PM Chalice Circle - Backler
4/29/2010	6:30 PM Social Justice Circle		7:00 PM UU Men's Group
	7:00 PM NAMI Class	5/5/2010	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM UU Choir		3:00 PM Family Dinner Prep & Cleanup
4/30/2010	10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group		3:00 PM Life Stories
	12:00 PM UU Staff		5:30 PM Family Dinner & Worship
5/1/2010	10:30 AM Live to 100 & Enjoy It		6:45 PM Green Spaces Initiative Committee
	2:00 PM Bmtn Symphony Concert (\$)	5/6/2010	11:30 AM Women's Alliance
	7:30 PM Beltane Celebration with Earth Kin		5:30 PM Chalice Circle Exec Team
5/2/2010	9:00 AM Children's Task Force bake sale		6:30 PM A Psychiatrist Views the Feminine
	9:45 AM UU Children's Choir Rehearsal		7:00 PM UU Choir
	12:30 PM Soc Justice Funds Committee		8:30 PM String Band
	12:30 PM Sound Cmte	5/7/2010	10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group
	12:45 PM Green Sanctuary Task Force		12:00 PM UU Super Staff
	1:00 PM Chal Circle - Knowlton	5/8/2010	10:30 AM BCS Board Meeting
	2:30 PM Evans Recital (FH, MR, Kitch)		10:30 AM Live to 100 & Enjoy It
	6:00 PM YRUU	5/9/2010	10:15 AM Intl Outreach Bake Sale
			2:30 PM Douglas Recital (FH)

For more event info, go to www.uubloomington.org; click on Full Calendar.

From the Ministers

Every year the power of spring amazes us. The large trees awaken, yawning with green in response to the fading red buds, flowering dogwoods, and mushrooms wriggling out of the soil at their roots. Of course, it isn't instantaneous. The trees have planned this spring display all winter, quietly doing their work in preparation.

The same is true of our annual spring pledge drive. Our stewardship committee, along with many others did their work preparing for the blossoming of our gifts in this year's campaign. Our campaign theme, "*We are Moving Forward*" is an expression of this congregation's love and commitment, not only for our congregation but for the world in which we live. *We are moving forward* in lessening our carbon footprint while expanding our footprint for justice.

As your ministers, it is our responsibility to serve, to lead, and to challenge this community to be a healing and inspiring presence in a hurting world. It is also our responsibility to call upon you to help provide for the financial health of our congregation. If you have yet to pledge in this year's campaign, we are asking you to do so now. You may pledge on line with the following link: www.uubloomington.org/pledge. You may also contact the church office to make your pledge: 812-332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org

Let's *move forward* together.

Bill and MAM

Reverend Bill Breeden and
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Campus Ministry News

April and May are busy months for students at IU. Here is some of our news!

Katie Peebles will leave Bloomington in mid-July to start her dream job, teaching medieval literature and interdisciplinary humanities courses at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, near her family.

Molly Perchlik is beginning her final year of college, and has received a Blatchley Nature Study Scholarship for her work in the Biology department.

Anne Starace recently received her PhD in chemistry. Her thesis research consisted of studying small pieces of metal containing fewer than 200 atoms, called metal clusters, and how they are different from the much larger pieces of metal that are familiar to all of us. These metal clusters can be used as building blocks for nanomaterials and, in some cases, catalyze reactions, i.e. make the reactions occur with less energy.

Please congratulate our students and wish them well on their journeys!
Susan Blake, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Earth Celebrational Retreat

While we will not be holding our springtime Earth Celebrational All Congregational Intergenerational UU Retreat this year, plans are in the making for its return in May of 2011. We simply took a break this year to allow the proverbial field to be fallow, so energies can revitalize for another great gathering in 2011.

Peace, Mary Ann

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

See the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance for community volunteer opportunities!

Shalom Center Needs Your Help

Because of the sudden termination of its lease in its current location, the Shalom Community Center must relocate. Shalom needs to raise \$150,000 by May 15 in order to continue to serve the neediest citizens of this community. Checks should be marked "relocation fund" and mailed to Shalom Community Center, PO Box 451, Bloomington IN 47402.

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,
mobile: 812-322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, T, W, F
breeden@uubloomington.org,
mobile: 812-360-1779

Want to Save Paper?

If you would like to read The Prologue on our website instead of receiving it on paper in the mail, we would be happy to send you a reminder email when each issue is posted. Just send Office Assistant Ginger Ko an email, to let her know, office@uubloomington.org, and she will take care of it!



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. Judy will be unavailable on Thursday, May 13th

Grocery Gift Cards Make a Difference!



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. Please consider joining in this easy way to help the church by purchasing your grocery gift cards this Sunday!



UU Children's Choir

One more chance to sing this Spring! New & returning Kg- 6th grade singers are welcome!

Sun. May 2: Sing end of 1st service and start of 2nd service. Meet at 9:45am in the Library. Questions? Contact Jill: jcourtne@mccsc.edu

This issue will be posted at www.uubloomington.org by April 29.

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is May 2

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:
canned meat - chili, chicken, hash, etc.
canned fruit - peaches, pears, mixed fruit
canned veggies - potatoes, beets, carrots.



Walbicus to Worship

Participate in the second spring Walbicus to Worship on Sunday, May 16. Help us reach a tipping point, a critical mass of people walking, biking and carpooling. Join with friends and neighbors to be a visible presence. We are one of twenty Earth Care Bloomington congregations participating in the Walbicus to Worship Weekend and working together to protect our sacred Earth. For more information contact Steve Cotter at stevecotter6@gmail.com.

Plant-A-Row For The Hungry & Share Your Bounty

When you harvest from your vegetable garden consider sharing some of the bounty with the hungry. **Each Sunday morning** during the growing season there will be a large green bin located next to the grocery gift card table in the commons for your fresh produce. This delicious, fresh, vitamin-rich food will be delivered to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard the next day. And thank you for sharing. --"Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors" Task Force



Earth Kin Celebrates Beltane May 1st

May is the month of sensuality and sexuality revitalized, the reawakening of the earth and Her children. It is a time when we reawaken to the vivid colors, vibrant scents, tingling summer breezes, and the rapture of summer after a long dormant winter. It is a time of extraordinary expression of earth, animal, and person, a time of great enchantment. It is a time of running through fields, picking flowers, rapturing in the sunlight, delighting in the fragrance of Spring, and dancing in the fresh dew covered grass. Enjoy the grand pleasure, warmth, and bliss of the gift of Beltane!

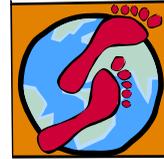
Earth Kin's Beltane celebration takes place Saturday, May 1st in the fellowship hall. We gather at 7:00pm with the festivities starting at 7:30pm. Come earlier to help set the circle and get the May Pole ready! Bring long-stemmed flowers to weave circlets of flowers for your hair and musical instruments to make the May Pole Dance go! Bring food of the season to share at the feast after ritual. We will jump the fire in the courtyard for protection and purification. Questions to elmbeckie@yahoo.com.



Our Folks In Print

Check out this new section on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall! You will find articles, letters to the editor and other references to UUs from the local newspaper. UUs are involved!

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Church of the Helping Feet

Everyone is invited to join the Religious Education Helping Feet campaign!

Walking and going slow in our church is one way to take care of each other and be helpful. This month Religious Education teachers, staff, children and youth invite parents and adults to join us by reminding one another that helping feet are walking feet, go slow! Some classes have even modified our typical chalice lighting words to be, "This is the church of the open mind, this is the church of the helping feet, this is the church of the loving heart, together we take care of our Earth". No one wants to stifle our children's joy and excitement so asking children to slow down is easier said than done. But we know our children have a huge capacity for loving and caring and that they want to contribute to our community. If you are a parent of a joyful child please talk to them about using 'helping feet'. And let's all remember, ***This is the church of the helping feet-- please walk! ***



May Day Celebration May 5th at 5:30pm

On Wednesday, May 5th our Family Worship will celebrate May Day and spring with our annual indoor Maypole

Dance. Everyone can learn to do this traditional dance; newcomers and visitors are especially welcome. Local professional dance caller Tamara Lowenthal will lead us while we dance around the maypole to the music of our own Heartland String Band. A simple kid friendly meal will be provided at 5:30 pm, \$1-2 suggested donation per person. The service led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite begins at 6:15pm with the Maypole dance as the main activity. We hope you can join us.

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



Garden Spot Seeking Adoptive "Parents"

Sunny garden spot looking for adoptive "parents."

The Grounds Committee is looking for a someone --or a couple of someones-- to give some *special and ongoing* caretaking to the garden spot on the northeast corner of the grounds--inside the parking areas, where the birdbath sits. The area was rescued a few years ago by Tom and Stephanie Wilson, who are, alas, moving away from Bloomington. There are some flowering shrubs and perennials established there now, but also ample room for more flowers or perhaps vegetables to be planted. If you're interested, please get in touch with Julie or John Lawson, lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net or 335-1856.

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Stewardship Update

Many thanks to all of you who have now made a pledge for 2010-11. We appreciate your generosity and support. We encourage everyone to participate in

financially supporting this dynamic religious community!

Lotsa choices: Pledge online at www.uubloomington.org/pledge, or contact the church office, 812-332-3695, admin@uubloomington.org, or mail in your pledge card. Total on April 26 is **\$343,992**. We are hoping for pledges totaling about \$430,000 by May 2.

Sound Technician Sought

Position is available immediately. 12-month, 4-6 hrs/wk Sunday morning sound technician provides sound reinforcement and recording of Sunday services, and sound reinforcement for occasional other congregational events. Skills: Ability to maintain our sound system, including testing and arranging for repair; good understanding of sound systems and recording technology in worship environment; ability to train volunteers in basic use of the system; good communicator, team player, sense of humor. Send letter of interest and resume by May 1 to Ms. Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org or Attn: Carol Marks, Church Administrator, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington IN 47408. No phone calls, please.

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Call for Proposals: Summer Adult Religious Education

Would you like to offer an Adult Religious Education (ARE) course during the summer term? Do you have a Unitarian Universalist topic or theme you would like to explore with fellow UUs?

If so, you are encouraged to submit a course proposal to our Adult Religious Education Program. We are now accepting proposals for summer classes (May-August). Please go to www.uubloomington.org to download a proposal form (under Religious Education, Adult Religious Education), or pick up a form in the church office. Proposals can be mailed to the church or emailed to the ARE chair: Carolyn Emmert, at davidjemmert@sbcglobal.net.

Java Crew

- May 2:** 8:00 a.m. Don Halford
 9:00 a.m. Don Halford
 10:30 a.m. Andrea Murray & Scott Burgins
- May 9:** 8:00 a.m. Kara Reagan
 9:00 a.m. _____, _____
 10:30 a.m. _____, _____

Greeters and Welcomers

- May 2:** 9:15 a.m. John and Marjorie Crosby, Ann Watzel, Allison Chopra
 11:15 a.m. Karen Cassidy, Diane Gregory, Bret Earheart, Sylvia King, Abby Gitlitz, Elizabeth Lion
- May 9:** 9:15 a.m. Al and Lee Strickholm, Katherine Hopkins, Laura Jesseph
 11:15 a.m. Katherine Hopkins, Doris Wittenburg, Glee Noble, David Keppel, Jan Skinner



UUA General Assembly (GA) – What’s not to like?

Why do we go to GA? – our first response is that as volunteers, we’re beginning to wear out by spring and going to GA gives us a

boost. We look forward to the inspiration, information and networking with other UUs, UU Congregations and the UUA staff. Over the years, we have brought back ideas and programs that have helped move our congregation forward.

We love attending the Ware Lecture and seeing the talents of moderators like Denny Davidoff and Gini Courter as they adeptly lead meetings of thousands of people. We love seeing old friends that have moved and attend other UU congregations. The rich selection of workshops and presentations at any given time provide multiple opportunities for participation and learning. Some of the most touching moments take place as thousands of us sing together. What’s not to like about GA?

--*Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr*

For more information, contact Iris Kiesling ifikiesling@aol.com or 332-5224.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

–Mark Twain

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UUA Considers Changes in Governance Structure: Help Decide!

The UUA General Assembly is in beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota, this year, June 23-27. Represent our congregation at this meeting of delegates from all the congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association. There are proposed changes to UUA bylaws and governance structure. If you are interested, please call/email Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or ifikiesling@aol.com by April 30.

Special Artwork from Stonebelt

The artwork hanging in the Commons and the north hallway is by clients in the art program at Stonebelt. Many of the pieces, including “Blue-eyed Dog” are available for sale, and a price list is located in the north hallway.

Your Congregational Staff:

- Carol Marks, Church Administrator
- Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
- Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel.Ed.
- Susan Swaney, Music Director
- Becky Woodaman, Kelly Martel: R.E. Assts
- Ginger Ko, Office Assistant
- Jill Courtney, Children’s Choir Director
- Sally Todd, Pianist
- Susan Blake, Campus Ministry Coordinator
- Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator
- Jeff Stone, Custodian
- Maggie Jesseph, Beth Kaylor, Siri Larsen, Nic Martel, Emily Mohler, Emma Rice, Dana Roberts, Lily Rushlow: Childcare Staff

It is in spending oneself that one becomes rich. –Sarah Bernhardt



Feasibility Study Report Now Available

The long anticipated Green Spaces Initiative feasibility study is complete! Our consultant, Jessica White and Associates (JWA), interviewed 39 congregation members about the Green Spaces plan and a wide range of additional topics important to our members. The overall finding is very positive – the fund raising goals are within our reach and there is support for all four components, namely replacing deteriorating windows, enhancing sound in the Meeting Room, improving the courtyard, and building up a much-needed and long-dreamed-of reserve for ongoing building repairs. You can read the executive summary of the report on the church website by April 30. Click on the Green Spaces banner on our front page: www.uubloomington.org.

Also, PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 16TH from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm for an all-church meeting on the Green Spaces feasibility study. Childcare provided. Bagels will be available for purchase following the second service. Jessica White will describe the process and the findings from the study and will take questions. This is an important step in our

church's history. There are clearly many more decisions still to be made, and we want your input.
--Cynthia L. Port, Green Spaces Initiative

Women's Alliance Meets May 6

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, May 6. Our speaker is Liz Brown from My Sister's Closet. We will also have a clothing drive for My Sister's Closet. The meeting begins with a salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Guests are always welcome. Info, Diane Gregory, diane.gregory1@comcast.net



UU Coffeehouses Resume in the Fall

The Friday night Coffee Houses are finished for the season, but they will be back in the Fall. We are anticipating starting back up in October 2010, so mark your calendars for Friday, October 29th at 7:30pm. Music, poetry, and of course coffee will return then. If you would like to perform in Fall 2010 or Spring 2011 please contact Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net.

Annual Reports Due May 15

Committee and task force chairs are encouraged to submit a brief summary of their work over the last 12 months to be included in our Annual Report to the Congregation, which will be distributed at the June 6 Annual Congregational Meeting. Deadline for annual reports is May 15; please send to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org.

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We Welcome Our Newest Members

Lizzie Cooke

A native of Wisconsin, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Cooke attended college in the shadow of the Appalachians in Greenville, SC. After graduation, she spent one year working on a reforestation and alternative fuels project in Gonaives, Haiti. She is now pursuing her master's at IU's School of Public and Environmental Affairs. She enjoys the vibrant culture of Bloomington, including the UU Church, and loves exploring the natural beauty of southern Indiana.

Molly O'Donnell

Though raised a UU in the 1960s, I didn't attend church until 1990, when my husband and I moved to a town forty miles from each of our jobs in Massachusetts, and I found a supportive community in a fairly small local Universalist church. We moved to Bloomington in 1998, where I am an interior designer for the university. Although I attended the Bloomington UU church for a while, the rest of my family was not interested and I became involved in other community groups and formed friendships outside the church community. Now that my children are grown I am drawn to be involved in a church community again. Singing with the choir last fall was a good way to form a connection, and I have also joined the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

Cindy Mosca

Cindy and partner Dennis never expected to be living in the Midwest. After retirement as a bilingual/ESL director, Bloomington is far north of where they expected to live but they fell in love with the fish on the courthouse, the skeletons

on Fairfax Road and the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center. In addition to these attractions, Cindy enjoys reading, traveling, and art (both making and appreciating). Cindy is very grateful for the gracious and welcoming spirit she has found at UU.

Centralized Lost & Found

We will be placing lost and found items from throughout the building on the courtyard entrance coat rack from now on, to centralize our lost and found. Every eight weeks, we will donate lost and found items to charity. Small or valuable items, like jewelry, mobile phones, or car keys, should be brought to a staff member in Room 204, and will be placed in Small Items Lost and Found.

Attendance, Offering, Membership

Sun, April 18, 9:15: 106; 11:15: 228; RE: 104
Total: 438

Sun, April 25, 9:15: 143; 11:15: 195; RE: n/a
Total: 338

Sun, April 18 non-pledge offering: \$530
Sun, April 25 non-pledge offering: \$397
Total to the Crestmont Boys & Girls Club: **\$232**
Our certified membership (Feb 2010) is 431.
Current membership: 443

Board of Directors

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pres@uubloomington.org
Andrea Murray, Vice President,
vicepres@uubloomington.org
John Lawson, Treasurer,
treasurer@uubloomington.org
Chris Haynes, Secretary,
secretary@uubloomington.org

At Large Board Members: Amy Taylor,
Kevin Rottet, Denise Ogren

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