

The Prologue

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

Sunday, June 13, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

On Happiness Reverend Bill Breeden

Is happiness necessary? Does it come natural, or do we have to work at it?

Why?

Sunday, June 20, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Father Knows Best? Reverend Bill Breeden

I have my doubts, but it will be fun to explore. The Children's Moment will feature Theodore Barker and a special guest.



UUA Board Considers Protest by Moving General

Assembly Out of Phoenix

Because of Arizona's recent passage of a law which may lead to profiling of specific ethnic groups, the UUA Board is considering moving our planned convention in June 2012 out of Arizona in protest. What do you think? Do you support the UUA moving the 2012 General Assembly from Arizona? Or do you think our moral religious presence in Arizona will do more good, and have more of an effect, than our financial boycott will have a negative impact? Please let our congregation's GA delegates know what you think: ifkiesling@aol.com;

jmhall@indiana.edu; orr@indiana.edu; keppel@sbcglobal.net; breeden@uubloomington.org. This matter will be debated and voted on at General

Assembly in Minneapolis later this month.



Passport to the World!!

Children entering grades 1st through 9th are always welcome at our Passport to the World summer program offered at 9:15a or 11:15a each Sunday. Come join the fun anytime, bring last year's passport if you have one or get a new one. Preschool and childcare will be offered as usual during the summer.

June 13 Bon Voyage Party, June 20 Haiti, June 27 Egypt, July 4th Brazil, July 11 China, July 18 Netherlands, July 25 South Africa, August 1 Thailand, August 8th Iran
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6/10/2010	6:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Group	6/18/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	7:00 PM	Fac use		12:00 PM	UU Staff
6/11/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	6/19/2010	6-10 PM	Cleaning, Sunday set up
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		7:30 PM	Summer Solstice
6/12/2010	10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting	6/20/2010	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing
	6-10 PM	Cleaning, Sunday set up	6/21/2010	8:30 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series
6/13/2010	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15		10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	10:15 AM	Intl Outreach Bake Sale		6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace
	12:30 PM	Parent Talk	6/22/2010	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)
	2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class	6/23/2010	12:00 AM	UUA General Assembly, in Mnpls, MN
	4:00 PM	New Member Picnic	6/24/2010	12:00 AM	UUA General Assembly, in Mnpls, MN
6/14/2010	10:00 AM	Summer Poetry Reading class		5:30 PM	Chal Cir Exec Team Mtg
6/15/2010	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group	6/25/2010	12:00 AM	UUA General Assembly, in Mnpls, MN
	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)		10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
6/16/2010	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors	6/26/2010	12:00 AM	UUA General Assembly, in Mnpls, MN
6/17/2010	5:30 PM	Habitat Women's Build wrap up meeting		6:00 PM	Cleaning, Sunday set up
			6/27/2010	12:00 AM	UUA General Assembly, in Mnpls, MN

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

The West Window

Indiana in June doesn't get any better than this. As I watch the birds eating the June berries outside my window, I hope all of you are enjoying the low humidity and sunshine. If this is not your cup of tea, be patient. It will change soon.

Reverend Macklin and I wish to express our appreciation to those who attended the annual meeting. Once again we were reminded of the beauty of this community evidenced by the way we conduct our internal affairs as well as the way we relate to the greater community. Congratulations to PALS (People and Animal Learning Services) the social service agency selected to receive 25% of our Sunday offering for social justice. Also congratulations to Chris Clothier and Guy Loftman on receiving the 2010 Outstanding Service Awards. (Details in the next Prologue)

The annual meeting brought to mind the dual nature of ministry, caring for others and caring for ourselves. With regard to others, we are called to struggle for justice, a pre-condition for peace. In the upcoming General Assembly, Unitarian Universalists from all around the world will struggle to be a voice for justice on issues ranging from immigration, health care, incarceration and education to justice in the Middle East, militarism, poverty, hunger, etc. *ad infinitum, ad absurdum, ad nauseum.* Wendell Berry's counsel to "laugh, though you know all the facts," will be important to remember, for that is part of caring for ourselves, and crucial to communicating with others.

Caring for ourselves has many elements. We hold one another in our times of sorrow, and we dance together in times of joy. Reverend Macklin and I are blessed with a caring community of people who help us meet the pastoral needs of our

congregation. Another element of caring for ourselves is expressed in meeting the financial needs of our congregation. In this element too we are blessed to have caring lay leaders including our treasurer John Lawson who is working hard to help us shepherd this community through difficult times.

Final note: Reverend Macklin, on vacation, called in to insist I include the following statement. "Congratulations to Reverend Breeden whose sermon, "Oh Jerusalem," was selected by unanimous vote as the winning sermon in the Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle sermon contest." I thank you Mary Ann. I will be preaching the sermon at the UUJME awards banquet held in conjunction with the General Assembly in Minneapolis later this month. Peace, bill (Rev. Bill Breeden)

From the Ministers:

At present we are facing a cash flow problem because of a slow down in pledge payments in this last quarter of the fiscal year. We know that some persons simply are not able to make ends meet, and we are not in the business of foreclosing or devaluing members and friends of our community. We are asking those who are able to make a special effort to catch up on pledge payments, or for those who do not pledge to make an extra offering in the coming weeks, so that we do not have to deplete our reserves to meet our financial obligations. We are not meaning to be alarmists. We are not about to close the doors, but we do need to pick up the slack if possible, and as the Co-Ministers of this Church, we feel it is our responsibility to let you know. We thank you in advance for doing your best. You will be receiving pledge statements in the mail very soon.

Thank you, *mary ann and bill*

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

The City's Council for Community Accessibility is hosting a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, July 29, at 6 p.m. in Fountain Square Ballroom, The event is free and open to the public. For information - Craig Brenner, 812-349-3471, brennerc@bloomington.in.gov.

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 will be out of the office until June 23.

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

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

Interested in UU Summer

Camp? Have a look at this YouTube link about Midwest UU Summer Assembly <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNWMDbrjxuE>



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 out of town Thursday, June 17 and Thursday, June 24.



It's NUTS not to buy a grocery card!

You've got to eat—and this way you help the church when you buy groceries.

Get one between services

in the Commons!

Attendance, Offering, Membership

Sun, May 30, 9:15: 99; 11:15: 169; RE: 81

Total: 349

Sun, June 6, 9:15: 128; 11:15: 163; RE: 95

Total: 386

Sun, May 30 non-pledge offering: \$661

Sun, June 6 non-pledge offering: \$1114

Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club: \$444

Our certified membership (Feb 2010) is 431.

Current membership: 449

UU Men Meet Every 3 Weeks

The UU Men's Group will be meeting every 3 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. on the following dates:

June 15, July 6, July 27, Aug 17, Sep 7.

The location varies: contact Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu

Women's Alliance July 1

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, July 1. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Alliance always welcomes guests. Info, Diane Gregory, diane.gregory1@comcast.net

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is July 4

Current needs at Monroe County

United Ministries: Canned vegetables: potatoes, beets, carrots; jelly or jam; baking mixes: cornbread, pancake, biscuit; canned meats: salmon, chicken, beef stew, spam.

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 marked 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.

Habitat Women's Build Photos

Posted The Habitat Task Force offers ongoing volunteer opportunities to participate in building or furnishing food for work sites. Each spring the task force with congregational support of willing hands and donations from many participate in the annual Women's Build. Click here to see an album of photos of the recent 2010 Habitat Women's Build:
<http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/habitatForHumanityTF.php>

PALS to receive 25% of Sunday

Plate The members at the congregational meeting on June 6 voted to donate 25% of our non-pledge Sunday offering to People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) in the coming year, starting July 1.

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, June 20, 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, at memcoord@uubloomington.org, or 812-331-4181 no later than Weds, June 16.

Our Folks...

We send healing thoughts to Mary Andrus-Overley, who is recovering at Bell Trace from an auto accident.

Our healing thoughts are also with Dick Pfister, who is rehab at Bloomington Hospital. Cards are welcome.

Congratulations to Gladys DeVane who recently won "Dancing with the Celebrities," helping to raise funds for Stonebelt.

Congratulations also to former member Sarah Gettie Burks who was awarded Master of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School on May 16.

Stepping Stones Class Art

As part of their final class, students in the Stepping Stones class (11:15 4th-5th grades) helped beautify the grounds outside entrance 2 and the back parking lot on Sunday June 6th. Students in the class made a series of mosaic stepping stones, "I'm guessing probably to represent our class", explained 11 year old Claire Janda; "We were learning a lot about questions and making choices". Children in the class were introduced to religious questions and learned that Unitarian Universalists find the answers for themselves. Their wood burning project is also on display which shows some of the ideas that can help them make decisions in life. Claire Janda said; "we were supposed to write something...some wrote 'science', some wrote 'psychology', things like that; and I wrote 'questions and answers' and we turned it into a sign post. And that was really cool". Thanks to Kim Sackmann, Laura Jesseph and Marcia Harlow, the awesome teachers of this creative class. Cindy Port, DRE

Seeking Religious Education Assistant

We are looking for an upbeat, organized multi-tasker with experience with infants and childcare to join our Religious Education team. One hourly part-time position is available. This RE Assistant will work 32 hours a month and be responsible for childcare scheduling. Hours include Sunday mornings and the first Wednesday of the month from 4-7p. Please send a letter and resume to Cindy Port, DRE, dre@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.



Water Communion Services Aug 22

Are you traveling this summer? Remember to collect some water, a stone, or a shell for our Water Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, August 22 during the services. Children will also participate in this ritual so let them help collect water during your adventures this summer, even if the adventure was in your own backyard. On that Sunday morning, we will pour all our collected waters together as a symbol of our coming back together as a community. (We won't be drinking the water, of course!)



Governance Changes Proposed for the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

Please join the Denominational Affairs Group Thurs June 10 @ 6:30pm in Room 210 to discuss with delegates the issues to be addressed at the June 24-27 GA meetings in Minneapolis. Delegates and former delegates are welcome. Iris Kiesling 332-5224.

Pledge statements for 2009-10 will be mailed this week.

Annual Report Of Membership Coordinator, 2009-10

I have now been in the position of Membership Coordinator for over a year, and my responsibilities have been evolving over this time as expected with a new position. My main focus has been on our newest members, meeting with them to learn of their needs and gifts, and linking them with activities that interest them. Sunday mornings, I have been available to help welcome visitors and answer questions from anyone, advertized by the eye-catching hat. Other activities included:

- Re-introduced Coffee Houses to provide an opportunity for fun and socialization. Self-funded.
- Offered weekly office hours Thursday mornings.
- Recently, coordinator of Membership Book signings.
- Assisted with pastoral care as appropriate.
- Attended Membership Committee meetings monthly, and also events for new members.
- Attended Family Worship services.
- Started Our Folks in Print, a display on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall showing recent newsprint by our members.
- Summer Barbeque for Young Adults

I appreciate the Chalice Lighter Grant which helps fund my position, and am very grateful that I have had the opportunity to meet with so many

members and visitors and assist them to become a part of our community.
Judy Bennett

(Due to an administrative error, Judy Bennett's report was omitted from the Annual Report for 2010 which was distributed at the Congregational Meeting on June 6. A corrected report will be posted on our website shortly. –ed.)



Something New! Child-Friendly 'Fellowship For Families'

Our very successful Fellowship Potluck Dinners have been ongoing for many, many years, but we've also had requests to include children. That's a challenge! To help include families with children we will try an additional Fellowship dinner program called "Fellowship for Families." (This is in addition to regular Fellowship Potluck Dinners.)

Knowing what a challenge it sometimes is to schedule events for families, this new program will have fixed dates—set far enough in advance for you to put them on your calendars long before they happen. There will be three scheduled evenings, on a Friday, a Saturday and a Sunday.

On each date several hosts will provide their homes for simultaneous

family-friendly gatherings. The guests will provide the potluck dishes and have this time to get better acquainted.

Everyone is invited to join, whether adults (of any age, with or without children), youngsters, children, toddlers, and babes.

Watch for dates and registration information in a future Prologue!
Your Fellowship Dinner Coordinator:
Dixie Welch



Taking Inventory and Dreaming Big

Did you know: It's been over a decade since we have done major improvements or repairs to our building?

We've never had a plan for the courtyard?

The cloudy windows in Fellowship Hall and the Library aren't dirty-- their seals are broken and moisture has seeped in?

The small Library windows are boarded up because the sills are rotten?

Many people have difficulty hearing in the Meeting Room?

Visitors have difficulty finding the courtyard entrance?

Approximately 1,121 cups of coffee and 74 cups of cocoa (or maybe the other way

around) have been spilled on the Fellowship Hall rug?

Light fixtures and appliances do not reflect our green aspirations?

We have no automatic doors for people with handicaps?

Playground toys have burn marks from bouncing off the hot outdoor grill?

Our facility needs attention. Green Spaces invites you to join us in taking inventory and dreaming big. Together we can identify what we need to do to beautify our space, increase accessibility, use energy and space more efficiently, and plan for our financial future. What have you noticed? What are your dreams? Jackie Hall and Tom Gregory have joined Cynthia Port, Libby DeVoe, Andrew Appel and Deb Hutton on the Green Spaces Initiative steering committee. Send us your ideas at greenspaces@uubloomington.org.

Parent Talk will meet on Sunday, June 13, from 12:30 – 2:30 in Room 207B. 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

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