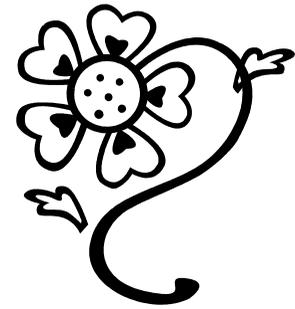


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**Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World**

Sunday, July 11, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rustic Gate

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Metaphorically, gates are often considered places of initiation or entry ways into holy places or spiritually significant transitions. In this worship service we will explore the Rustic Gate which implores us to reconnect to our creative spirit. As part of this exploration, we will honor the creative work of Harper Lee. July 11, 2010 marks the 50th Anniversary of her Pulitzer Prize winning book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Sunday, July 18, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

A Grand Review: Annual Poetry Sermon

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Sally Renée Todd, pianist

In this worship service we will revisit many of the poets and poems explored over the past seven years in this annual poetry service. From Pablo Neruda, May Sarton, Wislawa Szymborska and Alice Walker to Lee Young Li, Naomi Shihab Nye, Mary Oliver and Wendell Berry, we will once again experience the magic of the spoken word woven together with music from our grand pianist Sally Renée Todd.

6/24/2010	5:30 PM	Chal Cir Exec Team Mtg	7/10/2010	10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting
6/25/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	7/11/2010	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class
	12:00 PM	UU Staff	7/12/2010	10:00 AM	Summer Poetry Reading class
6/28/2010	7:00 PM	Talent Auction Cmte		6:00 PM	Pastors for Peace Caravan event
6/29/2010	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)	7/13/2010	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)
7/1/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	7/16/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	6:00 PM	Earth Kin Picnic	7/18/2010	10:15 AM	IOTF Bake Sale
7/2/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class
7/4/2010	9:00 AM	Children's Task Force bake sale		3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class
7/6/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline	7/19/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group	7/20/2010	6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)		7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)
7/9/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	7/21/2010	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors



Water Communion Services Aug 22

Are you traveling this summer? Remember to collect some water, a stone, or a shell for our Water Communion 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 is in your own backyard. On August 22, we will pour our collected waters together as a symbol of our reunion as a community. (We won't be drinking the water, of course!)

MAM's Musings

I was sorry to miss the July 4th worship services last Sunday. I hope many of you, including the children of our congregation, had a wonderful *Happy Birthday America* celebration with Reverend Breeden and all the special musicians.

My partner Deborah and I spent much of the Independence Holiday weekend in our car. We love to road-trip together. It gives us time to be with each other, share music, and talk to each other without the interruptions of everyday life. We also brought along our English Bulldog, Mr G, who does not care for the loud booming celebratory nature of July 4th.

Our travels took us to Wyoming, Illinois where I performed a wedding ceremony for Kelly Banz and her Australian fiancé, Andrew. Kelly, along with her twin sister Kim, were very active in the Madison, Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry which I served from 1997 to 2002. It was a delight to see the Banz twins again and to share in such a special event. At this time in my ministerial career, I have been the wedding officiant for over 300 weddings. Each ceremony is as unique as each couple.

My partner Deborah grew up in Vermont, or as she likes to say "100% Vermontah!". I have always appreciated the independent spirit of the Vermontahs. This spirit was exemplified over a year ago on April 7, 2009 when Vermont became the fourth state to recognize gay marriage. Deborah and I have been receiving paper clippings from her Vermontah Mom regarding this inspired

vote by Vermont's legislature to override the governor's veto ever since that April day.

While traveling through the sun-filled Illinois cornfields last weekend, Deborah and I had a chance to talk about our own wedding. We have decided to get married, legally, on September 22nd in Vermont. There are many reasons which led to this decision. However, in the end it was not a decision of logical reasoning but rather one of love, dignity and gratitude for the many privileges of a life-long partnership. Deborah and I have been together for 21 years. We are planning a very simple ceremony. We will take a very leisurely road-trip out, get married mid-week, and enjoy a balanced road-trip back. September 22nd is midweek and the eve of the autumnal equinox.

Our congregation's Women's Alliance has graciously accepted our request to host an afternoon tea reception upon our return to celebrate our Vermontah legal status. We hope many of you can join us for this afternoon tea (details to come) on Sunday, September 26th in late afternoon. Of course, if any members of this congregation are wild and resourceful enough to join us for a mid-week, low-key wedding in Vermont on September 22nd, just let us know by August 1st. We haven't decided upon a location yet, well, except that we will be in Vermont.

I do, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

See Our Bulletin Board for a number of volunteer opportunities now available in the larger community.

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 will be out of the office until July 25.

Church Administrator Carol Marks will be away during July. She will return on August 3.

For answers to your administrative questions during this time, please see Ginger Ko, our Office Assistant, in Room 204. Ginger will read admin@uubloomington.org email periodically, but for quickest response during July, please send administrative email to Ginger directly at office@uubloomington.org. Ginger can also be reached on weekdays at 812-332-3695.

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What Does The Membership Coordinator Do? If you are new to the church, or if you have been

around for a while, and have some questions about programs, task forces, or how to join the choir, you need to contact the Membership Coordinator, Judy Bennett. Judy can give you information about opportunities, and put you in contact with people that you would like to meet. Look for Judy on Sundays between the services at coffee hour. You cannot miss her eye-catching hat! She is also available in the sanctuary after the second service. During the week Judy can be reached by calling the church phone number 332-3695, by email memcoord@uubloomington.org or by visiting her in Room 207B for coffee or tea on Thursdays 9am-11am.

Judy Bennett,

memcoord@uubloomington.org

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:

July 27, Aug 17, Sep 7, Sep 28.

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

Women's Alliance August 5

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, August 5. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Beverages and dessert are provided. Guests are always welcome. Info, Lois Holl, loisholl8@yahoo.com.

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Aug 1.
Current needs at Monroe County

United Ministries: canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, beef stew, spam, etc.), canned veggies (potatoes, mixed, carrots, beets, corn, etc.), rice, jelly and jam.

Our Folks...

Mary Beth O'Brien, Matt Zink, and Auggie O'Brien-Zink welcome their newest member of the family, Marina Kathleen O'Brien-Zink.

Our thoughts are with Russell and Bonnie Boulding and their family upon the passing on June 24 of Russ's mother, Elise Boulding, in Massachusetts.

Our healing thoughts are with Harlan Lewis, who is recovering from recent back surgery.

Our healing thoughts are also with David Wiley, who is home from surgery. Cards are welcomed.

Harriet Pfister and her children Charlie, Cathy, and Margy, want to thank all those in our church family who sent cards, called, or provided food during the difficult time of Dick's illness and death in June. No words can describe how helpful these acts of kindness were and each one was greatly appreciated.



What is the RENEW in Green Spaces?

RENEW refers to both pressing repair needs and the potential for improving the beauty and functionality of our spiritual home. Not only do we need to replace siding, doors, windows, and carpeting, the courtyard needs serious renewal. Look it over and you will see:

- Overgrown bushes that take up space and require upkeep but provide little benefit
- Slanted concrete patio that is uncomfortable to stand or sit on
- Awkward in-ground planters puncturing the patio
- Wet playground areas that are frequently unusable
- Sidewalk puddles that ice over in winter
- No safe place for outdoor grilling
- Limited seating on picnic table benches

Courtyard renewal could mean:

- An area so inviting that everyone is drawn to it
- Generous seating for parents, seniors, and kids
- Carefully planned space where every inch has one or more uses
- A welcoming and accessible entryway
- Safer children's play space with more room to run
- Easier grounds upkeep
- A dedicated cooking area
- A showcase for our environmental and spiritual values

In short, a beautiful outdoor room! Let us know your ideas at greenspaces@uubloomington.org

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Passport to the World!!

Children entering grades 1st through 9th grade are always welcome at our Passport to the World summer program!! Come join the fun as we learn about other cultures during worship each Sunday. Preschool class and childcare for children 0-3 are also happening.

July 11 Brazil day features drumming with Colleen Haas!

July 18 Netherlands-Dutch games, art and snack!

July 25 South Africa-learn more about the host of the World Cup

August 1 Iran-what is it like to be a child in Iran?

Lemonade for Haiti – UU Kids Summer Fundraiser.



- Get parental permission and supervision.
- Have a lemonade stand over the summer with signs that says "all money will be

donated to help people in Haiti".

- Bring the money you raise to UUCB by August 22, 2010!

All proceeds from this event will be split between the UUSC/UUA Joint Haiti Relief Project and Partners In Health-Haiti. Contact Cindy Port or Jason Blankenship jasonblank33@yahoo.com for more information.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel Ed

Coffee As a Ministry



We practice radical hospitality here in our congregation, and having fresh hot coffee and tea available on Sunday mornings is one very welcoming ministry we all can support. Please volunteer to help on Java Crew, especially with cleaning up. Call 332-3695, email office@uubloomington.org, or sign up on Sunday on the sign up list in Fellowship Hall. Fresh coffee! Ahhhh...

Java Crew Schedules

Sun, July 11,

8:15-9:15: Ed McEndarfer, _____;

9:00-10:30: Bob Port, Diane Port

10:30-11:10: (clean up) Dixie Welch, Peter Schwandt

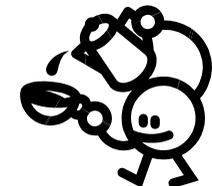
Sun, July 18,

8:15-9:15: _____, _____;

9:00-10:30: Brandee Marksberry, _____;

10:30-11:10: (clean up) _____,

→ **We have lots of open spaces in the Java Crew schedule! Volunteer now, office@uubloomington.org.**





Elof Carlson invites those interested to a book discussion at the Carlsons' on Sunday July 11 at 1034 Azalea Lane, Bloomington (Azalea runs into Highland where the Montessori school is located). Time: 3PM We will be discussing *Solar*, a novel by Ian McEwan. It is a satire on the science/humanities cultural divide, as well as a sour look at fame, applied science, and the significance of academic life. Info, contact Elof at ecarlson31@netzero.com.

2010-2011 CHILD-FRIENDLY 'FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES'



To help include families with children we will try an additional Fellowship dinner program called "Fellowship 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: **Friday, Oct. 15; Saturday, Jan 22; Sunday, April 3**, from about 6 to 8 p.m.

On each date several hosts will provide their homes for simultaneous family-friendly gatherings. All participating 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.

Registration forms are now available at church or from the Coordinator, Dixie Welch, at deejaywelch@gmail.com

Fill a Jar for the Bazaar!

We know folks are not ready to think about the Holiday Bazaar, but we'd like you to do exactly that! As you are preserving the bounty of the summer in the coming weeks, please put aside a jar or two of jam or jelly, or pickled watermelon, or just plain pickles for us to sell at the Gourmet Galaxy. Preserves will add a welcome taste of summer to our wintery offerings. Questions? Contact Julie Lawson or Joanne Henriot. Thank you! - Your Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Committee

Knitters: Time to start thinking of the UU Holiday Bazaar!

When planning your next knitting projects, please keep in mind the 2010 Holiday Bazaar, and knit something extra!

CHIP in and buy a grocery card between Sunday services! Buying a grocery card benefits the church at no cost to you.

Attendance, Offering, Membership
Sun, June 27, 9:15: 98; 11:15: 136; RE: 85
Total: 319

Sun, July 4, 9:15: 83; 11:15: 178;
RE: intergenerational worship
Total: 261

Sun, June 26 non-pledge offering: \$503
Sun, July 4 non-pledge offering: \$314
Total to PALS : \$204
Our certified membership (Feb 2010) is 431.
Current membership: 447

This issue will be posted at www.uubloomington.org by July 8th.



Invitation to all for Ramadan Iftar Celebration Friday, August 20

Our Annual Ramadan Iftar Celebration of the breaking of the fast (called Iftar in Arabic) is one of the most enjoyable and powerful ways we connect with our friends from another local religious community. UUs will join at the church with members of the Islamic Center for Iftar, prayer for those who wish to participate, and dinner on Friday, August 20, with doors opening at 7:45 p.m. Iftar begins at sundown at 8:22 p.m. We will be finished eating around 10:00 p.m.. You are invited to participate, enjoy delicious foods prepared by Islamic Center members, and make new friends! It's free of charge, all ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar—the most blessed month of the year, according to Islamic teachings. Muslims all over the world abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs during daylight hours, purifying the soul, re-evaluating their lives, and refocusing attention on God. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace; strengthening ties with family and friends; and refraining from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Come honor their tradition of annual rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and worship—and gain understanding of Muslim culture and concerns.

Please sign up on the RSVP list posted in the Commons by Sunday, August 22. For

more information, contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@yahoo.com, 812-837-9978.

Summer Prologue Dates

Articles for The Prologue are due by 10 a.m., to admin@uubloomington.org, on the following dates:

- Mon July 19
- Mon Aug 2; Mon Aug 16
- Tues Sep 7; Mon Sep 20

This year, we will publish the Prologue on the first and third Mondays of each month (except July and Sept when the first issue will be on a Tuesday due to federal holidays.)

Where's the Lost and Found?

Lost items will be placed on the courtyard coat rack or in the basket underneath it. Every 8 weeks or so we will give these unclaimed items to a local charity. Small items such as cell phones, keys, and eyeglasses, will be kept in Room 204. Ask the Office Assistant or Church Administrator for assistance.

SEEKING SUMMER WORK. High school graduate seeks summer work. childcare, administrative work, summer projects, etc. (812) 606-5408 sophie.krahnke@mail.mcgill.ca

ADORABLE PERSIAN CAT URGENTLY NEEDS TEMPORARY FOSTER HOME.

Food, litter and all other needs will be provided for. Please help if you can, or know of someone who could. Call Robin at (812) 876-6789 (can leave message).