

The Prologue

Monday, June 20, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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



Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Sunday, June 26, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

A Summer Potpourri

Reverend Bill Breeden

A little bit of a lot things, perhaps to make a cool sermonic Gazpacho for the summer heat.

Sunday, July 3, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin offers reflections on religious historian Karen Armstrong's latest book. Armstrong believes that we must learn to make allies of our enemies. Is this just the foggy dreams of another "bleeding heart" or are there practices that can open the path of compassion in our lives and break what Armstrong calls our "addiction to our egotism?"

Attendance and Offering *We have 452 certified members, as of 2/1/11. Our current membership is 467.*

Sun, June 5, 9:15:	119;	11:15:	154;	RE:	75	Total:	348
Sun, June 12, 9:15:	101;	11:15:	159;	RE:	74	Total:	334
Sun, June 19, 9:15:	67;	11:15:	110;	RE:	66	Total:	243

Sun, 6/5 non-pledge offering: 530; Sun, 6/12 non-pledge offering: 425; Sun 6/19 non-pledge offering: 277
Total to People and Animal Learning Services: **\$308**

Our members voted in June 2010 to give 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) through June 2011, to help with its work in our community. For info on PALS, see this Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoH4Hn-maU4>

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From the Ministers:

The West Window

The view sure has been chaotic out our west window over the past few months. I want to begin with a word of appreciation for Bob Flynn and Paul Lozensky for providing excellent traffic control this past Sunday as we were limited to one lane entrance and exit. I also appreciate all those who braved the weather and the construction problems to be with us Sunday morning.

Reverend Macklin and Church Administrator Carol Marks are en route to the UU General Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina, along with other delegates from our congregation. We look forward to hearing from them about the activities surrounding this annual meeting of Unitarian Universalists.

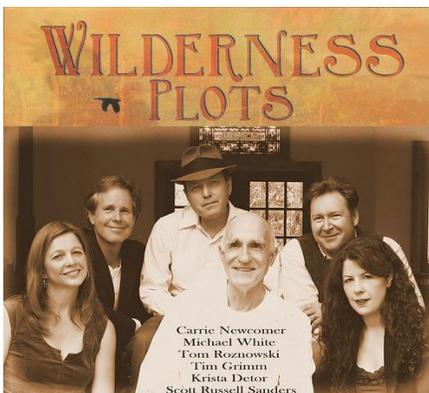
I recently recommended a book about Michael Servetus the sixteenth century Unitarian martyr who was burned at the stake along with what we supposed to be the last copy of his book, *Christianismi Restitutio*. In one service I erroneously stated the title as *Out of the Fire*. The correct title is **Out of the Flames**, by Lawrence and Nancy Goldstone. The incorrect title, I have been informed, will lead you to a book about sadomasochism. The correct title will lead you to a compelling read about a fearless scholar, the Spanish Inquisition, The Reformation and one of the rarest books in history. Our book table folks, whom you can visit during coffee hour, will be happy to order it for you.

I will be out of the office most of July. This community is never far from my heart and mind. I pray that the summer months will bring you peace, love and understanding. As we look ahead, we know that the road construction will soon move down the road, and we will begin our own reconstruction of much of our campus. All of this will require of us patience, goodwill and a continued commitment to keep the flame of religious freedom and integrity burning brightly here at Fee Lane and the By-Pass. Hope to see you on Sunday morning.

Peace— *Bill* Reverend Bill Breeden

Our Folks...

If you would like us to include an item of a pastoral nature (weddings, births, illnesses, condolences, etc.) in your life in an issue of *The Prologue*, please send the info to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org by 10:00 a.m. on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month.



Friends of our Congregation Perform Wilderness Plots Here June 26

WILDERNESS PLOTS: Songs and Stories of the Prairie is the presentation of a collection of songs by local singer-songwriters Carrie Newcomer, Krista Detor, Tim Grimm, Tom Roznowski and Michael White, based on short tales by author Scott Russell Sanders. See and hear the Original Award-Winning Cast of *WILDERNESS PLOTS* in a special Bloomington appearance on Sunday, June 26, 3:30 pm here in our Meeting Room (doors open at 3:00). Tickets are \$18 in advance (Sunrise Box Office or www.buskirkchumley.org), \$20 at the door, \$12 for students and seniors.



Opportunity: Teach Religious Education Fall 2011



Katie Summerlot and Willow Johnson,
photo by Laura Jessep

Seeking adults or youth willing to spend 10 hours this fall with our wonderful children! No experience necessary. Training, curriculum, supplies and support provided. Teachers work in teams of three, so scheduling is flexible and new teachers get paired with experienced teachers. New Teacher Orientation is August 14th, Teacher Team meetings August 20th and Fall Semester begins August 21st.

Most teachers will lead 5 weeks and assist 5 weeks of 17 Sundays. Teachers can choose to teach during the 9:15a or the 11:15a service. Interested in learning more? Contact Cindy Port, DRE (332-3695, dre@uubloomington) or RE committee co-chairs: Kitty McIntosh kittymcrea@yahoo.com Charlotte Appel mscharlotte@comcast.net

Passport to the World Summer Religious Education 2011

Children entering grades 1-8* are invited to explore other cultures during our Passport to the World summer program. Begin in RM 105 after the Children's Moment, pick up in RM 210.

June 26th **Russia**,

- Picnic and Hike for All Ages at Willard Pavilion (register at dre@uubloomington.org)

July 3rd **Ivory Coast**

July 10th **Turkey**

July 17th **Mongolia**

*Preschool Class for children ages 3-5 and Childcare for children ages 0-3 will happen as usual during both services throughout the summer. Volunteers for a few Sundays are needed at 11:15am. Contact Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org

Water Communion Services Aug 21st

Collect some water, a stone, or a shell for our Water Ceremony, which will be held on Sunday, August 21st during the services and the first day of Fall RE classes.



Willard Pavilion: Photo by Zoe Johson. 5th grade

Hike and Picnic at Willard Pavilion and University Lake for All Ages Postponed to June 26th, 12:45am

After a picnic lunch at Willard Pavilion, built in memorial of Daniel Willard, we will hike the 1.5 mile trail around University Lake. Daniel was a teacher, family member and a friend who fought to protect the ecosystem and encouraged us to play outdoors. Children are welcome! Pack a picnic lunch, meet for carpool in the Library, and please register beforehand. Sunday June 26th, 12:45p. Facilitated by Melinda Swenson, Carol McCord and Cindy Port (please register dre@uubloomington.org). <http://www.indiana.edu/~preserve/willard/index.shtml>



Bids from Contractors in Two Weeks

That's right - no more estimates! In two weeks we will have actual bids! We have received construction documents from the landscape architect (Context) for exterior work and from the building architect (Steve Miller) for entries, windows, and interior work. This means we have drawings with descriptions for each of the separate components of the process (e.g., demolition, concrete work, landscaping, drainage, etc.) that are in sufficient detail that contractors can bid on the work. Six contractors (primarily from the Bloomington area) have been asked to bid on the exterior work, and another set will be asked to bid on the building-related work. With bids in hand, not only will we then be able to price compare for the work itself, but we will have firm numbers in terms of costs. That information is essential as we 1) further prioritize and refine our building and fundraising options and 2) move ahead to launch construction in late summer.



Interested in Providing Occasional Home Hospitality?

Bloomington is a popular destination for UUs from other places. From time to time, the office receives calls from UUs passing through who would like to have home hospitality with members of our congregation. This is usually for only a night or two. If you would be interested in extending hospitality of this kind, please send a note to Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org, and we'll put you on a list of possible hosts.

Annual Stewardship – Green Spaces Capital Campaign Update

Current Annual Pledges for 11-12: \$438,884

Current Green Spaces Capital Campaign Pledges: \$780,000



Annual Operating Budget/Capital Campaign

Many thanks to all who have made pledges. A few weeks ago, we sent a thank you letter to all our pledgers to verify that we have all the numbers entered correctly in our system. Please do let us know if we need to make changes of any kind. – Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org 812-332-3695.

It is never too late to make a pledge. Please stop by church, call the office, 332-3695, or make your pledge online at <https://sites.google.com/site/uucbstewardship2011/>

Thanks to our Usher Crew!

Many thanks to our Ushers, who assisted with directing traffic on Sunday morning June 19, after INDOT made our parking lot almost inaccessible with construction on Fee Lane.

Childcare Leadership Position

We are looking for experienced providers for part-time childcare leadership positions. This very part-time hourly position includes shifts on Sunday mornings and some evenings, with hours varying between 12-20 hours per month. Responsibilities include providing leadership in childcare and ensuring adherence to relevant policies and procedures. The ideal candidate will have experience working with groups of children ages 0-3 and be comfortable giving directions to team members. For more information contact Cindy Port at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695.



Newcomers Invited to Exploring UU Class July 10th and 17th

New to the church and want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Sign up for the Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class, for those 14 and older, will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, July 10 and July 17. Free child care available with advance notice. For information contact Libby DeVoe, edevoe@indiana.edu.



How Do I Change My Committee Page on the Church's Website (www.uubloomington.org)?

If you are the chair of your committee or task force, you may send changes to your website pages to Carol Marks, Church Administrator. It's a good idea to review your committee's or your group's web page on a regular basis to be sure it is accurate. Here's how to make changes:
In your email to Carol at admin@uubloomington.org

1. Include the URL of the page that needs to be changed
2. Indicate the words that need to be deleted
3. Provide the words that need to be included and where they are to appear
4. Give URL or link information if you want links to other websites to be posted on your page

After the church office receives your requested changes, the pages will be updated within 3 business days.



Women's Alliance Meets July 6

Brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, July 6.



UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's Group will meet on the following dates: 6/7, 6/28, 7/19, 8/9, 8/30. The location varies. Please contact Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu for location.



Planned Parenthood is New 25% of Sunday Plate Recipient

At our annual congregation meeting on June 5 at 4:00 p.m., members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Planned Parenthood of Indiana, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.



First Steps Class Beginning In July

First Steps, a new class which will offer a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, will begin in July. It will be a 40-minute drop-in class held on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:30 am and 12:30 pm in the meditation room (207b). It is designed for the newcomer who is curious but not yet ready to commit to a longer class-- just a "taste of UU." Questions? Please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator at memcoord@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.

Our Newest Members

On June 19, 2011 we welcomed the following people to membership in our church:



Ruth Aydt & Von Welch

Ruth was born in Galesburg, IL and until March lived in the land of corn, black dirt, straight roads, and minimal land features. Bloomington is different! In a good way (except for the dirt in the garden). Ruth continues to work for The HDF Group, a non-profit company in Champaign that develops software for managing large and complex data. She enjoys being outdoors and spending time with Von and their two dogs.

Von is the son of Dixie Welch and Peter Schwandt. He grew up in Bloomington and attended the U.U. Church until he left for college. After spending the last 20-odd years in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois he has returned to take a position with IU's Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research, where he works to make the Internet a safer place. His hobbies include woodworking and learning to play Ruth's guitar.



Shali and Nina Manwani

Shali and Nina have recently moved to Bloomington, IN and are absolutely delighted with the community. Shali is originally from Brazil, with a Brazilian mother and an Indian father. The whole family moved to the U.S. in 1988. Shali loves the outdoors, teaching, and reading, but her absolute favorite passion is traveling the world and experiencing different places, customs, and people with her daughter Nina. Shali knows Portuguese, English, and Spanish! Her future plans are to continue her educational interests at Indiana University and to help make foreign language education accessible to everyone.

Fire and Weather Take Toll on UU Congregations

Unitarian Universalist congregations around the country have been struggling to salvage and rebuild after tornadoes, storms, flooding and fires have caused damage this year. On June 1st, 2011, severe storms and tornadoes ravaged the town of Monson, Massachusetts, [destroying the steeple](#) of the local UU church and severely damaging the home of a UU family. The church was in the final stages of completing \$215,000 worth of renovations to their building when the storm hit.

In Brunswick, Maine, a fire destroyed much of the [125-year old UU church](#), including its historic stained glass windows, on June 6th, 2011. Amid the tragedy, the Rev. Sylvia Stocker, minister of the Brunswick congregation, found small miracles. "Our rainbow flag is still hanging on the side of the church," she said. "We are quite struck that 'by the dawn's early light, our flag was still there.'" Amazingly, the church's historic Bible, given by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was rescued by the local fire department, and only suffered some smoke damage.

More information on these and other regional and national stories can be found in the Heartland District's Newsletter: [Heartline Online](#) at <http://heartlanduu.org/communications.htm>.

UUs Changing the World--



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

Bring your grocery donations to services on the next Bounty-Full Sunday, July 3. The food pantry at Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but current needs include: canned meats such as chili, beef stew, spam, and chicken; soups, especially tomato and cream; sugar, flour, oil, baking mixes.



Green Sanctuary Task Force *on Global Climate Change*

Green Sanctuary Task Force's Task of the Month: June Updates

Over 135 UU households have signed-up to participate in the Task of the Month Program. We are 6 months into this 12 month project to reduce our carbon footprint, and YOU can still participate! If you have not yet signed-up, please consider taking part—the tasks are simple to accomplish. Find information, supplies and support at our coffee table in Fellowship Hall. Our streamlined sign-up and progress reporting forms are alphabetized so it's easy for you to let us know when you've completed a task and if you need help or can offer assistance in completing tasks. You can also update us at TaskoftheMonth@gmail.com.

We still have spots available for households interested in a special assistance program. We are in the process of organizing trained experts to help those households accomplish 4 of the 12 monthly tasks. We warmly welcome additional volunteers who will learn valuable weatherizing skills while having fun with other participants!

Our monthly drawings continue for prizes that help accomplish the designated tasks. Congratulations to June's winners of hand fans. July's drawings will be Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) bulbs (which Green Sanctuary Task Force sells at our table in Fellowship Hall). For more information about Task of the Month go [here](#) or come by and chat with us at our coffee table between services.

Prologue Publication Schedule This newsletter, The Prologue, is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with minor exceptions in January and July. The deadline for articles, sent to admin@uubloomington.org, is 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication. **The next issue will be published on Tuesday, July 5th and posted on our website www.uubloomington.org by July 6th.**

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Return Service Requested



1st class pstg here

06/24/2011 10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	06/26/2011 4:30 PM	Intermission of Wilderness Plots - Rainbow Rights fundrsr
06/24/2011 12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	06/27/2011 7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee
06/24/2011 7:30 PM	Bloomington Classical Guitar Society Concert	06/29/2011 12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
06/25/2011 6:30 PM	CA Meeting - The Fix	07/01/2011 10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
06/26/2011 9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	07/02/2011 3:00 PM	Wedding reception
06/26/2011 12:45 PM	RE Class: Picnic and Hike for All Ages at Willard Pavilion	07/03/2011 9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
06/26/2011 3:30 PM	Wilderness Plots with Carrie Newcomer and Scott Russell Sanders	07/04/2011 7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee

For more calendar information, go to www.uubloomington.org and click on "Full Calendar".