

The Prologue

Tuesday, July 5, 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, July 10, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Annual Poetry Sermon: Plenty of Rumi
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Guest Musician: Deborah Hutchison

In our annual poetry worship service we will focus on the amazing words of Persian poet and Sufi mystic Mevlana Jalaluddin *Rumi*. A well known phrase of this prolific poet is "Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground." Join us in our love of poetry. Guest flutist Deborah Hutchison will weave music with the poems throughout the service. Sura Gail Tala will provide the Children's Moment.

Sunday, July 17, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Beyond Agnosticism: A Third Way of Not Knowing
Guest Minister: Reverend Andy Burnette
Guest Singer: Scott Hogsed

Neuroscientist David Eagleman has proposed a theory of everything that he has termed Possibilianism. We'll explore this philosophy and its value in our world. We welcome Reverend Andy Burnette into our pulpit this morning. Andy served our congregation as one of our sabbatical ministers several years ago. Scott Hogsed will offer a gift of music.

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

Sun, June 26, 9:15: 86; 11:15: 127; RE: 83 Total: 296

Sun, July 3, 9:15: 77; 11:15: 135; RE: 83 Total: 295

6/26 non-pledge offering: 339; 7/3 non-pledge offering: 450

Total to People and Animal Learning Services: **\$85**

Total to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: **\$113**

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.

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MAM's Musings:

Last Tuesday I returned from travel to North Carolina. While there I attended the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association's Ministers' Days as well as our General Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina. I also spent time with my younger brother Dan and my niece and nephew, Carter and Grace...oh, and their pet snake, Reepicheep. Oh, and the kitties, Mrs. Whatsit and Zep. Anyone out there have a guess at these pet-name origins? Also it was my good fortune to have breakfast with former pianist Sally Todd in Greensborough on my way back to Indiana. I had a breakfast biscuit, bacon, eggs, and cheese. Sally had home-fries and cantaloupe. Guess who is still a vegetarian?

The Unitarian Universalist General Assembly is the annual gathering of our association of congregations to do the business of our denomination, worship together, and learn together through lectures, workshops, networking and general schmoozing. Our congregation had a number of folks who attended as delegates: District President Amy Taylor, Congregational President Steve Dillon, Denominational Chair Iris Kiesling, Social Justice Co-chair Jackie Hall, Special Purposes Fund member Lloyd Orr, Choir Member Sandy Dolby, and Young Adult leaders Kelly Rauch and Rachel Johnson. Thanks to all of these fine folks for representing our congregation.

Of note, prior to General Assembly, when I was attending Ministers' Days, our church administrator attended Administrators' Days and our membership coordinator, Judy Bennett, attended Membership Professionals' Days. So much learning and sharing has occurred.

A few highlights of this year's annual meeting of our delegates at General Assembly (GA) include:

- The adoption of a commitment to ethical eating. Delegates at GA 2011 approved a Statement of Conscience on Ethical Eating, encouraging Unitarian Universalists (UUs) to "eat ethically" by becoming aware of the ways that food choices affect personal health as well as the planet's health. As congregations we have been studying and learning about this issue for the past three years.
- Planning for General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix, AZ, as a special "Justice GA" which you will hear more about later.
- Celebrations and workshops in honor of the merger of Unitarianism and Universalism 50 years ago.
- Approved the Board of Trustees' proposal to lessen the Board size and make all delegates at-large;
- Voted down the Board's proposal to abolish Actions of Immediate Witness, our annual social justice resolutions, and instead approved the Commission on Social Witness's proposal to not to have them in 2012, when we'll have a special GA in Phoenix for immigration justice, but to reinstate them in revised form as of 2013.
- Approved Actions of Immediate Witness opposing the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision maintaining that corporations are persons; the AIW maintains that true free speech depends on regulating corporate spending for political purposes. Also, approved an AIW condemning discrimination against Islamic Americans.

Thanks to David Keppel for the latter two summations. Please see page 3 for more General Assembly news; there will be other updates in upcoming newsletters. Also you can go to the Unitarian Universalist Association GA 2011 website for videos, recordings, scripts, photos and information: <http://www.uua.org/ga/2011/index.shtml>

Lastly, Glee Noble from our congregation's book table has ordered copies of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, by Karen Armstrong, which I mentioned in my last sermon. Copies will be available for purchase next week. More about an autumnal book discussion group based on that text in next week's MAM's Musings.

Warmly (to say the least), *MAM*
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Paul and Marni Karaffa and big brother Alexander on the birth of Benjamin Robert, born June 6, 2011.

Our thoughts for healing go to Jan Skinner who is home recovering from recent hospitalization and surgery.

Our thoughts for healing also go to Rob Hongen who is recovering from wrist surgery, which was required due to an earlier snowboarding accident.

Bon voyage and safe travels to Jennifer Blankenship and Claire Robertson. Claire and Jennifer will be traveling to Kathonzwi, Kenya next week. They will meeting with the women from the Ndethya wa Ngutethya cooperative, checking on the progress of past projects, and discussing ideas for the future in regard to monies raised in our congregation as part of our Social Justice International Outreach Task Force.

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.

Administrative Questions?

Carol Marks, our Church Administrator, will be out of the office and away from email July 2-9. For answers to your administrative questions, including facilities use, space reservations, reimbursements, communication, address changes, etc., please contact one of our Office Assistants, Erica Caldwell or Ginger Ko, who can both be reached at office@uubloomington.org or 332-3695. To report a building maintenance problem, please email Reverend Bill Breeden, breeden@uubloomington.org or call 332-3695 to leave him a message.

Notes from UUA General Assembly 2011

Breakfast with International Convocation of UU Women (ICUW) Convention to End Discrimination Against Women Still Not Ratified in USA

During this year's UUA General Assembly, ICUW breakfast speaker, Erica Swanson, from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, presented information about the Convention to End Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). This international agreement has been ratified by 187 countries around the world and only 7 including the United States have not yet ratified it. CEDAW strengthens the United States as a global leader in standing up for women and girls, and it affirms that women's rights are human rights.

CEDAW needs to be voted out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and then ratification requires 67 Senators to stand together for women and girls. Ratifying the CEDAW treaty would continue America's proud bipartisan tradition of protecting human rights. Ratification of CEDAW has no financial cost. For more information visit <http://www.ratifycedaw.org>

2nd International Convocation of UU Women, October 4-7, 2012 "Keeping Your Balance in a Changing World"

In 2009 Iris Kiesling and Jackie Hall attended the 1st ICUW Convocation held in Houston, Texas. It was a wonderful, inspiring, and informative gathering of UU women from about 25 countries. The next convocation will be held in Oct 4-7, 2012 in Transylvania, Romania. The Convocation is the second international meeting of UU women and people from liberal faiths who are committed to initiatives to improve women's lives worldwide. Cost is \$300 before March 1, 2012 and includes hotel (airfare not included). For information contact Jacqueline Hall jmhall@indiana.edu



Opportunity: Teach Religious Education Fall 2011

Seeking adults or youth willing to spend 10 hours this fall with our wonderful children! No experience necessary. Training, curriculum, supplies and support provided. Learn more about World Religions, Bible Stories or Unitarian Universalist history with our kids. Teachers work in teams of three, so scheduling is flexible and new teachers get paired with experienced teachers.

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 at kittymcrea@yahoo.com, or Charlotte Appel at mscharlotte@comcast.net, today! New Teacher Orientation is August 14th, Teacher Team meetings August 20th, and Fall Semester begins August 21st.



Esau Weaver fills bags of dog food in RE for Back to Basics, 3/2011

Pet Food Drive! UU Religious Education Kids Summer Social Justice

UU children invite you to **bring in a bag of dry dog food or cat food** to help those in poverty keep their pets out of the shelter. The Back to Basics project is a 501c3 that distributes pet food through local food pantries. Our children love to help pets and people; so when we heard that a fire resulted in the loss of 1,000 pounds of pet food we thought we should help!

Youth in grades 6-9 will make signs and donation boxes to advertise this effort on Sunday July 10 during 11:15a RE. All youth are invited to come help youth Hannah Kasak and Emma Dilavore! Dry pet food or money will be collected through August 14th.

Passport to the World Summer RE

Explore other cultures during our Passport to the World summer program. Children begin in RM 105 after the children's moment, pick up in RM 210.

- July 10th **Turkey**
- July 17th **Mongolia**
- July 24th **Palestine and Israel** with Just Peace Taskforce
- July 31st **Guatemala**

*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 still needed. Contact Cindy Port, dre@uubloomington.org

Water Communion Aug 21st



Remember to 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.

Annual Stewardship – Green Spaces Capital Campaign Update

Current Annual Pledges for 11-12: \$440,684

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/>



Pledge Statements Coming

A few weeks ago, the Stewardship Committee and the Green Spaces Capital Campaign sent a thank you letter to all those who have made pledges. This was not a pledge statement, but simply a thank you and verification of the amounts that have been pledged. Many of you have already made payments toward your 2011-12 operating budget and capital campaign pledges, and for this we are thankful! These payments were not reflected in the thank you letter. We will send pledge statements early in the fall showing payments made towards your operating budget pledges for 2011-12 and capital campaign pledges.

Fiscal year 2010-11 ended on June 30, and we will be sending pledge statements for 2010-11 operating pledges later this month. If you would like to know your balance on pledges for 2010-11 before that, please call the church office 332-3695 or email Ginger Ko or Erica Caldwell, our Office Assistants, office@uubloomington.org, and they will be happy to provide this information to you.

Many thanks to all the generous members and friends of this thriving spiritual community.

--Carol Marks, Church Administrator

Green Spaces Bid Updates



Annual Operating Budget/Capital Campaign

We have bids for courtyard, drives, drainage, and landscaping. Here's what's next:

July 8: Bids are due for entryways, Fellowship Hall and Library renovations.

July 11-15: Reconciliation of bids and budget and selection of contractors

August-November: Excavation, construction, paving, general upheaval.

Expect shifting traffic patterns, stop-gap building entry points and short-term alternative places for children to play. In the unlikely event that the building is briefly inaccessible for worship, we are exploring off-site options, possibly another church on a Sunday afternoon.

The church will incur major expenses soon, so any early payments of Green Spaces capital pledges would be extremely valuable. We welcome your questions and suggestions. Contact us at greenspaces@uubloomington.org



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.



Midsummer Grounds Spiff-up

Please join the Grounds Committee for a bit of much needed weeding and trimming on Saturday, July 16th from 9:00am until noon (or for however long you are able). Bring clippers if have them, wear gloves, a hat, and sunscreen. We'll have buckets of cold drinks. Questions? Contact Julie or John Lawson at 335-1856.



UU Coffee Houses in 2011 and 2012

Mark your calendars! Beginning in the Fall, the coffee houses will be on the **THIRD FRIDAY** of the month at 7:30 pm. Come and join us for music, poetry and conversation (and of course coffee or tea with snacks) on the following dates: October 21st, November 18th, January 20th, February 17th, and March 16th. If you would like to perform please contact Dave Sharp, dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

Community Connections

American Legion Benefit Breakfast, Saturday, July 9th For Shalom Community Center & New Hope Family Shelter

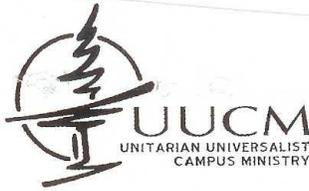
The American Legion Post 18 at 1800 W. Third Street is holding a benefit breakfast for Shalom and New Hope on Saturday, July 9 from 8:00-11:00 am. Tickets are \$6.00 each. If you purchase your tickets at the Shalom Administrative office, all the proceeds will go to Shalom. If you purchase your tickets at the door the day of the event the proceeds will be split between Shalom and New Hope.

Bloomington Really Really Free Market

The next Btown Really Really Free Market will be August 13th. It is held every month on the second saturday in People's Park from 12PM to 4PM.

A Really Really Free Market (RRFM) is like a community gathering where participants bring, and give away absolutely free, any usable items, skills, ideas, smiles, talents, friendship, excitement, discussions, games and many others things that we as a community can come together and share. An RRFM is a 100% free and non-commercial event, organized by participants just like you. It is a temporary autonomous zone instituting the gift economy as an alternative to the capitalist mode of resource distribution. An RRFM is not just a once a month party, it is an ethos and a way of being that transforms people through its experience and is then carried into other areas of life.

Find us on Facebook or contact Nicole Johnson at btownbreadroses@riseup.net for more information or to volunteer!



New Campus Ministry Coordinator Hired

We would like to welcome our new Campus Ministry Coordinator, Rachel Johnson, to our congregational staff. Rachel will serve our congregation's young adults and college students in this role. We remain grateful to former Campus Ministry Coordinator Susan Blake for her years of service and enthusiasm. Again, welcome aboard Rachel!



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



First Steps Class Beginning July 24

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 10:35 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. in the meditation room (RM 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." Free childcare available in Room 108 (substantial snack provided at 12:35 p.m.). Our next class is Sunday, July 24th. Questions? Please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at memCOORD@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.



Women's Alliance Meets July 6

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



Rainbow Rights Task Force meets July 10

The Rainbow Rights Task Force will be meeting between services on Sunday, July 10, in the Library. Anyone interested in our efforts is welcome to attend. The Rainbow Rights Task Force educates and advocates for LGBTIQA concerns within the congregation and the community.



UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's Group will meet on the following dates: 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.

UUs Changing the World—



Green Sanctuary Task Force *on Global Climate Change*

Green Sanctuary Task Force's Energy-Saving Task of the Month for July:
Change Your Light Bulbs!

The Task of the Month Program enters its 7th month of implementing cost-effective, energy conserving projects. For July, in our households we are replacing 6 interior and 1 exterior incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Lighting accounts for about 25% of the average home's electric bill. *An ENERGY STAR CFL will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months. It uses 75% less energy and lasts about 10 times longer than an incandescent bulb. Green Sanctuary Task Force (GSTF) sells CFLs at our coffee table in Fellowship Hall.*

Tips from the US Department of Energy website for using CFLs:

- Choose the right bulb for the job. For tips on making the transition, visit [this site](#). There is an amazing [array of choices](#) available. For a slick interactive site with tips for choosing bulbs, click [here](#).
- When disposing of CFLs, do not put them in the trash. Take them to the recycling center! CFLs contain a small amount of mercury, and therefore should be handled with care and not deposited in landfills.
- While CFLs do contain mercury, this should not deter you from using them. Consider this: when coal is burned to make electricity, mercury is released into the atmosphere and returns to us in our air and water. CFLs require less energy, so they result in less mercury in our environment. Assuming they are handled carefully and disposed of responsibly, the mercury in CFLs is contained rather than released to contaminate our streams, rivers, lakes and air.
- CFLs last 7 - 10 times as long as incandescent bulbs and use less energy over their lifetimes – making the higher upfront cost worth it.
- CFLs last longer if they are not turned on and off rapidly.

Not yet signed-up for Task of the Month? Please join UU's 135+ participating households for this important pilot program. Ask questions, offer/request assistance and report your progress by visiting GSTF's coffee table between services or emailing Stephanie at TaskoftheMonth@gmail.com.

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 Monday, August 1st and posted on our website www.uubloomington.org by August 3rd.**

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Return Service Requested

1st class pstg here



7/5	7:30 PM	Green Spaces	Library	7/12	5:00 PM	Mental Health America Board	Library
7/8	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	Room 207B	7/13	11:30 AM	Hope For Prisoners Task Force	Library
7/8	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	Library	7/15	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	Room 207B
7/10	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15		7/15	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	Library
7/10	10:00 AM	Children's Task Force Fundraiser for Harmony Scholarship fund		7/16	1:00 PM	Reiki Clinic	Library
7/10	10:15 AM	Rainbow Rights Task Force	Library	7/16	3:00 PM	Carlson Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7/10	3:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism	Library	7/17	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	
7/11	6:00 PM	Pastors for Peace Caravan event	Fellowship Hall	7/17	10:15 AM	Intl Outreach Bake Sale Fundraiser	
7/11	7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee	Library	7/17	3:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism	Library

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