

The Prologue

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

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, January 8, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Science of Compassion: Annual Science Review

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

While honoring our theme of the month which is compassion, Reverend Macklin will offer her annual review and reflections on scientific discoveries for the past year. We will explore topics from such areas as human origins, environment, physics, math, health, mind and brain, and technology. As liberal religious seekers, we will then ponder these things in our hearts.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Vespers Service

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Come share in a quiet, reflective service in the Library on the second Wednesday of each month. Music leader: Rachel Johnson.

Sunday, January 15, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

The Justice of Compassion

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

As we continue to explore our theme of the month, we also celebrate the words and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. during our Sunday service. King stated, "True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring." In this service we will explore the twin treasures of justice and compassion. Our social justice moment will feature our new task force on homelessness. There will also be a Getting Involved Fair after each service in Fellowship Hall. Come and see what our task forces and committees are up to!



Our Folks...

Our Christmas season was saddened by the death of Mike Job, a wonderful friend and supporter of our congregation. We will hold a celebration of Mike's life at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, January 8th.

We learned today of the death of Julie Auer on New Year's Day; Julie was the wife of John Auer and daughter-in-law of the late Jeffery and Eleanor Auer, long-time members of our congregation. Our sympathy is with John and his family at this difficult time.

Ledford Carter is in the health pavilion at Meadowood and is regaining strength following a recent hospitalization.

Many blessings to Noah Silbert and Rejoyce Enright upon the birth on Friday, December 16 of their son Silas, who joins siblings Zoe and Solomon.

Congratulations to Virginia Clendenning, who turned 97 on December 19.

From the Ministers



Join us for the journey in 2012.

With warmth in heart and spirit,

Mary Ann and *Bill*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

As we move forward into 2012, let us remember the joys and sorrows that accompanied us throughout 2011. We were saddened by the deaths of numerous congregation members, some of whom were long-time members and others who were just getting to know us. May their memories last in our hearts and their legacies continue in our congregational life. We also know that many of you had loss and change in your life and we wish you healing and wholeness for the New Year. As a congregation, we also have much to celebrate with the near completion of our Green Spaces project, which was fueled by the dreams and generosity of our members and friends.

As ministers, we look forward to this next year and working with our board who continue to bring forth new vision and spirited support to our community. One focal point of the board for our upcoming Stewardship campaign is to increase our presence and voice within southern Indiana. To this end, Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will be traveling to Paoli on January 22nd to offer a worship service and participate in a dinner discussion with liberal religious seekers in that area.

Our vision is "Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, and Changing the World."

Under the Bodhi Tree: An exploration of Buddhist Stories



A natural mandala created by Anneka Nelson Laird in the fall 'Spirit of Adventure' class.

Intersession 2012 is beginning in Religious Education for grades K-8. Children have signed up for classes based on interests; the lesson and story from Buddhism will be introduced in the Children's Moment during our services each Sunday.

A Home Task will be included in the Order of Service each week providing families an opportunity to explore the lessons further together. Ultimately, children learn more about Unitarian Universalist values and practices at home than at church. Our time in Religious Education classes is very brief. We hope your family will take advantage of the 5-week Intersession when adults and children are exploring similar

themes on Sunday mornings. Please look for the Home Task and let us know how the activities and discussion go for your family!

Although the stories come from Buddhism, the primary goals of the Intersession are to deepen our understanding of what it means to be a thoughtful Unitarian Universalist; to share stories from a tradition that is inspiring to many UUs; to increase our children's sense of being an integral part of our community, and to help children enjoy time spent at church.

The curriculum was created by Reverend Emily Manvel Leite.

All children and youth are invited to participate during the Intersession, including children who have not signed up. Plan to go to Fellowship Hall following the Children's Moment to get class assignments and locations.

Please help me in **thanking these wonderful adults and youth** who make Religious Education possible by volunteering to teach!

9:15 Preschool: Allan Paton and Jess Davis

9:15 Cooking Under the Bodhi Tree: Mary Blizzard and Ann Robins

9:15 Crafts Under the Bodhi Tree: Heather Blair and Craig Cooley

11:15 Preschool: Rebecca Keith, Marya Case-Ruchala
and Agnes Weyers (youth teacher)

11:15 Crafts/Photography Under the Bodhi Tree: Geoffrey McKim and John Woodcock

11:15 Cooking Under the Bodhi Tree: David Cox, Jason Hill
and Addison Sullivan (youth teacher)

11:15 Drama Under the Bodhi Tree: Ruellen Fessenbecker and Sarah Flint

Contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, to get involved and to find out about opportunities to teach Religious Education in the future. dre@uubloomington.org

UUs Changing the World—



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Collects Food February 5

Next Bounty-full Sunday is February 5. Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but they currently have a special need for the following items: canned vegetables, especially potatoes and carrots, vegetable soups, baking mixes (pancake, corn bread), canned fruits, especially oranges.

Christmas Eve Offerings Total Over \$1200

Many thanks to all who gave so generously at our Christmas Eve services this year. The entire offering from all Christmas Eve services, totaling \$1293.59, was given to Monroe County United Ministries.



Beyond Gay:

The Politics of PRIDE Special Event January 18

The Rainbow Rights Task Force is again sponsoring a Pre-PRIDE Film Festival film screening and panel discussion. This year's film is

"Beyond Gay: the Politics of PRIDE." The screening will be Wednesday evening, January 18, 7:00 PM, in the Meeting Room. You can read descriptions of this and other PRIDE Film Festival films as well as view trailers on the PRIDE Film Festival web site at <http://pridefilmfestival.org> --Phil Cooper



Hope for Prisoners Meets at Noon Wednesday, January 11

Please join us at 12:00 noon January 11 in the Fuchs Library to discuss this year's plans for Hope for Prisoners. Some of the projects we've worked on in the past are providing quilts for homeless shelters through the work of the inmates at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility,

and Crafting Bridges and Read to Me Projects at the Monroe County Jail. We hope to expand some of these programs to include the women at the Monroe County Jail.

We hope you will join us. -- Lois & Rick Holl



Benefit Coffeehouse Friday, February 10 for Shalom Community Center and New Hope Family Shelter

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a benefit coffeehouse on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 PM. The coffeehouse will feature Kent Johnson, The Creek Dawgs (Dan Lodge-Rigal, Kevin Reynolds, and Matt Zink), Tom Yeiser and Beth Brown, Bill Breeden and friends, and others. The benefit is sponsored by the UU

Homelessness Task Force. A free-will contribution to Shalom Center and New Hope Family Shelter is encouraged. --Alan Backler



Fellowship Dinners January 2012

These highly enjoyable monthly potlucks are held in the homes of fellow Unitarian Universalists. To join the group and be included in future dinners, contact Dixie Welch at deejaywelch@gmail.com or call her at 812-339-1075.

Host: Aungst, Pat

Albright, Tom & Flint, Patsy
Elston, Melinda & Jonathan Kidwell
Lund, Barb

Hosts: DeVoe, Bob & Libby

Aydt, Ruth
Baus, Bill
Emmert, Carolyn & David
Ferentinos, Sue & Danielle McClelland
Johnson, Rachel

Hosts: Gitlitz, Abby & Matt Stonecipher

Churchill, Sandy & Fred
Davis, Dawn Rae
Lock, Diann & Ted
Murphy, Cecelia & Chuck Horowitz
Petersen, Paul

Host: Halford, Don

Edmonds, Barbara
Hiatt, Dick & Cathy
McGahey, Beverly

Hosts: Kim, Mia & Harmeet Sawhney

Cassidy, Karen & Jack
Parkhurst, Dave & Deborah Hill
Shei, Hwa-Mei & Bruce

Hosts: Schwandt, Peter & Dixie Welch

Caulton, Joan & Ed Greenebaum
Gilbert, Steven & Kathy
Hall, Jackie & Lloyd Orr

Attendance and Offering

We have 452 certified members, as of 2/1/11.

Our current membership is 487.

Sun, Dec 25, 10:15: 86; RE: intergen Total: 86

Sun, Jan 1, 10:15: 109; RE: not avail. Total: 109

12/25 non-pledge offering: \$232; 1/1 non-pledge offering: \$242

Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: \$ 119

Our members voted in June 2011 to give 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Planned Parenthood of Indiana, July 2011 through June 2012, to help with its work in our community. For info on Planned Parenthood, visit <http://www.ppin.org>

Grocery Card Sales:

No grocery card sales December 25 and January 1 because of the holidays. Sales resume on Sunday, January 8!

Next Prologue newsletter: Tuesday, January 17; deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to

admin@uubloomington.org The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. We do not publish The Prologue on federal holidays.

Dates of the next few issues: Jan.17, Feb. 6, Feb. 21, Mar. 5, Mar. 19.

Congregational Directory Available

Members and Friends: Pick up your paper Congregational Directory for 2011-12 in Room 204. This directory is also available to members and friends online, 24/7. See instructions below.

Access Your Congregational Directory and Pledge Records Online! Members and friends of our congregation can get access to their own pledge records or the congregational directory on-line, anytime of day or night. Here's how:

Go to www.uubloomington.org click on Full Calendar; you are now in Churchdb!

Click Login on upper right

Click Retrieve Password-- it will be sent to your email (you only need to do this once)

Log in with your username and password

Choose Church member in the drop down menu, then Proceed

Click "Stewardship", "Treasure", "details" or "View Pledges" to see your contribution info

OR, Click "Directory" to get contact info for anyone in our congregation.

Questions, contact Erica or Ginger at office@uubloomington.org



Coffeehouse Friday, January 20

You are invited to join us for music, poetry and fellowship at our next coffee house on Friday, January 20th at 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be entertained by Steve Pollitt on flute, David Appelman and Brian Courtney on guitar and wind instruments, Tom Townsend on fiddle and guitar, and Dan Reed on guitar. Blaine Carrell will read poetry and Tim Slack has some new Haiku to share. Light refreshments are provided and children are welcome. A freewill donation will be collected. More information: contact Dave Sharp, dsharp@sharpdesigns.net



Children enjoying our Family Friendly New Year's Party on December 31.

Community Connections

Faith in action in Our Community

Fundraiser Coffeehouse February 10 for Homelessness

Our new Homelessness Task Force has organized a fundraiser coffeehouse for Shalom Center and New Hope Family Shelter. See Page 4 for details.

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www.facebook.com/uubloomington, where late-breaking congregational news is often posted.



UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's Group meets every three weeks. For information, contact Russ Boulding 812-336-8396 jrb-eeh@bluemarble.net



Women's Alliance January 5

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, January 5 at 11:30 a.m. for brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The program, by Emily Perry, is about "Susie's Place," a child advocacy center working with abused children. Beverage and dessert will be provided. Hosts are Joan Hongen and Jan Skinner.



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays Starting January 8

A Humanist Discussion group has formed as part the Adult Religious Education program. This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, evolution, and the nature of the universe. Info: Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu. The group meets on alternate Sundays, beginning January 8, in Fellowship Hall. Vote on discussion topics for the next few months. Please think about topics you would like to present!



Knitting Group Meets January 11

The knitting/crochet group will meet again on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 p.m. All skill levels welcome. We will continue to meet on the second Wednesday evening every month during the winter, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 207B.

Come and join us! Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator

Young Adults (ages 18-35) Meet for Worship on Campus Every Sunday

Unitarian Universalists at Indiana University continue to meet every Sunday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm at Ballantine Room 011. All young adults 18-35 and members of the campus community are welcome to attend. The first 30 minutes will be an informal worship followed by deep listening and discussion continuing that topic. If you have any questions, please email Rachel Johnson, Campus and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, at uucampus@uubloomington.org.



Adult Religious Education Prospectus Winter 2012

Register for Adult Religious Education classes on Sundays in Room 204, by emailing office@uubloomington.org, or by calling 812-332-3695. Childcare can be made available if at least two families need it for a given course. Reserve childcare when you register. All classes are free unless there are materials expenses noted by the instructors.

Compassionate Eating 101

Ten Wednesdays , 5-7 pm, January 25-March 28; Min: 5; Max: 12

Feb. 1 and Mar. 7 in Room 210, all other dates in Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

Instructor: Jennifer Molica, jennifermolica@gmail.com

This cooking class is designed to teach (not preach) and to educate about the environmental, physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of eating an animal- and animal byproduct-free diet. We will prepare and taste delicious vegan dishes that will appeal to children as well as adults. There will be a \$20.00 fee for this class to pay for food, payable to the instructor at the first class. Recommended text: *The 30-Day Vegan Challenge: The Ultimate Guide to Eating Cleaner, Getting Leaner, and Living Compassionately*, by Colleen Patrick-Goudreau.

Parenting from the Heart

Eight two-hour sessions, Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Rm 210; Jan 19-Mar 8

Instructor: Rhonda Clower, Rhonda.clower@gmail.com, sarahmcrouch@gmail.com

Participants will engage in an eight-week exploration of the principles of Non-Violent Communication (Marshall Rosenberg), geared towards interacting positively with children. Required text *Parenting from the Heart* by Inbal Kashtan, \$10.00 This may be purchased from the instructor at the first class.

I am UU and I am (or was) military, too

One Wednesday, session, February 22, 6-8 p.m., Library Max: 20

Instructor: John Summerlot, jopsumme@indiana.edu

The class is an opportunity to explore the dynamics of the complex relationship that is being both Unitarian Universalist and being affiliated with the military either through your experience or those of close friends and family. While not philosophically exclusive, the two identities sometimes conflict in practice.

National Alliance on Mental Illness Family-to-Family Education Program

Twelve 2 ½ hour sessions , Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m., Library; February 14-May 8

Max: 18, pre-registration required

Instructor: Lee Strickholm, leestrick@aol.com

This is a 12-week course for families and friends of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. The course provides the knowledge and skills needed when dealing with challenging situations and emphasizes the biological basis of the illnesses balancing skill-training with self-care, emotional support and empowerment. The volunteer instructors for the professionally developed program are trained NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) family members.

The Creative Soul of Richard Wagner

Four Mondays, 6:45-8:15 p.m., Library; January 23, February 6, February 20, March 5

Instructor: Velda Kaune, vkaune@hotmail.com

This class will present a psychological (Jungian) analysis of Richard Wagner's operatic texts, and his inner struggle with religious /philosophical concepts represented by his heroines. The texts in this session are "Der fliegende Holländer," "Tannhaeuser," "Tristan und Isolde." The heroines are Senta, Elisabeth, and Isolde. Emphasis in the class will be on "Tristan und Isolde." Its allegedly Buddhist ending will be reinterpreted via alchemy. Musical themes, motives and excerpts will be demonstrated.

Elderscence, the Gift of Longevity

Three Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Library; January 31, February 7 and 14

Instructors: Barb Backler and Diane Gregory, bbackler@indiana.edu , diane.gregory1@comcast.net

Elderscence is a new stage of life—the retirement experience. Using the book *Elderscence, the Gift of Longevity*, by Jane Thayer and Peggy Thayer as the basis of discussion, the class will examine issues related to the experience of retirement. The book will be available at our Booktable.

Social Justice & Compassion: Working with Challenges

Four Thursdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m., Library; Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 2, and Feb 9

Instructor: Jon Peters, upaya108@yahoo.com

Being aware of and engaging with social justice issues can be challenging. This workshop will guide participants in developing a deeper awareness of emotional reactions to social justice issues and facilitate personal strategies for being a more joyful and durable activist.

Attuning to the Sufi Path (Ongoing, new members welcome)

Third Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Room 212 (January 19-June 21, 2012); Min: 3, Max 25

Instructors: Sara Steffey McQueen and Sharon Parsons, dashparsons@bluemarble.net

These classes are for Unitarian Universalists interested in exploring meditation and practices, including work with the breath, healing, light, and sound. Stories of Sufi masters will be presented to inspire reflection and discussions. Classes will be based on the teachings of the Sufi Order of the West, particularly Hazrat Inayat Kahn. The teachings provide insight into the unity of Religious Ideals. Next meeting is January 19, 2012.

Humanist Forum (Ongoing, accepting new members)

Meets on alternate Sundays beginning January 8, 12:45-1:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Facilitator: Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu

The forum explores human growth and the transcendent without supernaturalism. Our discussion topics include issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, evolution, the nature of the universe, love the capacities of the brain, free will, the latest scientific research and discoveries, and other topics of mutual interest. We include humanists, agnostics, atheists, freethinkers, religious naturalists, interested theists, and anyone who wishes to attend.

A Year of Living

Year-long Class, meets monthly; January 21, 2012-February 2, 2013; Minimum: 10 participants

Orientation: January 21, 2012, 9:30am to 12:00 noon

Regular Classes 2012: 2:30pm to 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall, on

February 26; March 4; April 1; May 6; June 3; July 1; August 5; September 9; October 7;
November 4; December 2

Overnight Retreat 2013: February 1 (evening) and February 2, 2013, 9:30am to 4:00pm

Instructor: Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, macklin@uubloomington.org

This year-long class addresses end-of-life issues and is built around themes raised in Stephen Levine's book, "A Year to Live." *A Year of Living*, formerly known as *A Year to Live*, invites participants to live consciously as if they have one year to live. The class includes guest speakers, readings, film, group sharing, individual work, and a mindful field trip to the crematorium. We will explore the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical and financial aspects of death and dying, and the motivation to live more fully each day. Due to the developmental nature of this class and the importance of group process, there is a strict attendance policy which allows for only two absences within the year.

Hafiz as a Guide for the Spiritual Journey

One-day retreat, March 31, 2012, 9:00-4:00 with a 1.5 hour lunch break, Library; Min: 15, max: 20

Instructor: Mary Jo Weaver, weaver@indiana.edu

The spiritual is a trip with discrete steps. It begins with awakened desire, requires us to "gear up," gives us time to back out or keep going, takes us to a mysterious goal, and urges us to return home with gifts for others. The poetry of this 14th century Persian mystic, with its earthy, passionate imagery, is remarkably resonant for those drawn to this journey. Books: *The Gift* (1999), *I Heard God Laughing* (1996), and *The Subject Tonight Is Love* (1996), all published by Penguin and available online or from your local bookseller.

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Return Service Requested

1st class pstg here



1/5/2012	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	1/10/2012	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitator Group
	1:30 PM	facilities use		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers Reh
	6:30 PM	Adult Religious Ed Cmte	1/11/2012	12:00 PM	Hope for Prisoners Task Force
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal		6:30 PM	Vespers with Reverend Macklin
1/6/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		7:30 PM	UU Knitters
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	1/12/2012	1:30 PM	facilities use
1/7/2012	10:00 AM	Phil Cooper fac use		2:00 PM	Bloomingsfoods Leadership Training
	10:00 AM	Talent Auction Cmte		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Jeanette and Gayle
1/8/2012	8:30 AM	UU Choir Rehearsal		7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	1/13/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	10:30 AM	UU Choir Rehearsal		12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force	1/15/2012	8:30 AM	UU Choir Rehearsal
	12:45 PM	Humanist Forum		9:00 AM	Getting Involved Fair
	1:30 PM	Chalice Circle - Alan Backler		10:30 AM	UU Choir Rehearsal
	2:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism		1:30 PM	Chalice Circle - Will Watt
	3:00 PM	Memorial Service for Michael Job		2:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism
1/9/2012	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitator Group	1/16/2012	5:30 PM	Caring Committee Meeting
	7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee	1/17/2012	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers Reh
1/10/2012	9:00 AM	Bloomingsfoods Leadership Training	1/18/2012	7:00 PM	PRIDE Festival Film Screening
	2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Doug Cauble		7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors

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