



The Prologue

January 3, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation established 1949

Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World

Sunday, January 9, 2004 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Whose Dream Are We Dreaming?" The Sunday Services Committee

During a cold season, when we go inside, what dreams do we find? How do we discern what dreams emerge from our hearts and what dreams are not our own? This worship service will be created and led by our Sunday Services Committee, our lay leadership for congregational worship. Musicians from the congregation and readings from the world will enrich our exploration. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will also participate in the service.

Sunday, January 16, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Some of Us Are Prisoners; the Rest of Us Are Guards" Rev. Bill Breeden

A look at our "criminal" justice system and the invisible communities on both sides of the razor wire.

Faith in Action Forums 10:15-11:30 a.m. on Sundays

The Library is available for faith in action forums on Sundays at 10:15-11:30 a.m. in even-numbered months. In odd-numbered months, the Library is available for forums at the same time on the first, fourth, and fifth Sundays. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu.

January 6 Women's Alliance Features Childhood Memories

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, January 6 for a brown bag fellowship luncheon at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring a memento from your childhood to share. Hostesses are Dolores Freiburger and Lois Zimmerman. Let's welcome 2005 together with our special brand of camaraderie. All the women of the church are welcome at this event. Beverage and dessert provided. Childcare also provided.

Share Your Smile! What's the easiest way to make people feel good on Sunday morning?

Share your smile! Be a Sunday Greeter or Newcomer Welcomer. Just a few minutes each month can make a big difference in the way people feel about our UU community. It's easy and fun. There will be an orientation for new Greeters and Welcomers in January. Please use the sign up sheet in the Commons or on the Courtyard bulletin board if you would like more information. Or call Jean Sebeok 336-3094 or dugong3@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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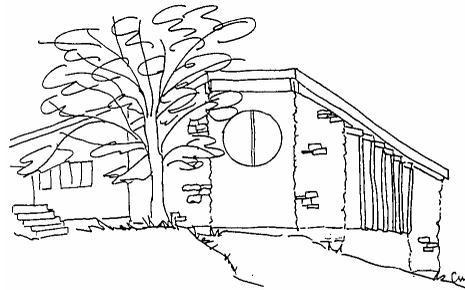
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MAM's Web Musings

The italicized words in this column are attributed to Chief Noah Sealath (Chief Seattle, 1786-1866):

This we know. The earth does not belong to us; we belong to the earth.

This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons and daughters of the earth.

In last week's Sunday service we spoke often about the devastation resulting from the earthquake and tsunami on December 26. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee are joining together to send aid to the disaster-affected countries. If you would like to contribute, send a check, made payable to "UUSC-UUA Tsunami Relief Fund" to UUSC-UUA Tsunami Relief Fund
UUSC
PO Box 845259
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You may also visit www.uusc.org/programs/support_tsunami.html and make an on-line contribution.

*We did not weave the web of life;
We are merely a strand in it.*

*Whatever we do to the web,
We do to ourselves.*

On December 26, as part of my annual science review sermon, I pointed out the fact that "global warming" was deemed the number one science story of 2004 by *Discover* magazine in their January 2005 issue. "Evidence of global warming became so evident in 2004, that now the question is what can we do about it? Will historians look back at 2004 as a turning?" the magazine's editors query.

In last summer's General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, one issue was voted to be the new Study/Action Issue for 2004-2006 for our congregations. The issue chosen was *The Threat of Global Warming* and is stated as follows:

"What can Unitarian Universalists do to promote individual and collective change in the way we live and work to slow and ultimately reverse global warming?"

A Study/Action Issue is an invitation to each congregation to take the chosen topic of concern, confront it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment, and take action on it, each in its own way.

I invite any of you who would like to be a part of a beginning conversation on this topic to join me on January 16 at 12:45 in the Fuchs Library at church. Please RSVP to moi, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, at 332-3695 or macklin@uubloomington.org if you plan to attend.

Reverently yours,
mam

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Co-minister
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Community Connections *our faith in action in the community*

Middle Way House Needs Volunteers If you would like to help in one of 15 different program areas at Middle Way House, including 24-hr crisis line, legal advocacy, childcare, tutoring, mentoring, house management, fundraising, and violence prevention, come to a training on Monday, January 17, 9-5, or Saturday, January 22, 9-5 in the Wesley Wing of First United Methodist Church. More information: 333-7404.

Many Thanks from Stepping Stones

Thanks to all who supported the Multicultural Holiday Fest benefiting Stepping Stones on December 17. There was a good turn-out and \$2,800 was raised! A special thanks to Craig Brenner, Sue Swaney, Jane McLeod, Sonja Rasmussen, Martha Nord, David Cox, Bob DeVoe, Tom Yeiser, Phil Cooper, McKenzie & Mark Shields, Drew Schrader & the YRUU's, Elizabeth Lion, Heather Barrett, Veronica Lenard, Carol Marks, and Drew Meadows. -- Sheri Benham

UUA Provides Resources for Those with Print Impairments

The UUA has many ways of accommodating those who cannot read regular printed materials. If you have a family member or friend with a print impairment, please see our bulletin board for a complete listing of materials that are available to help, including but not limited to:
*The UUA website, designed to be accessible to those with computers with speech or Braille output.
*The *UU World* magazine, available at not cost on audio-cassettes.
*The Massachusetts Association for the Blind will tape books for individuals with print impairments. The charge is \$18-\$36 per book and their services are available to anyone in the U.S.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Carlson's regular day off is Tuesday.
She will be away Dec 13-Jan 31.

*Rev. Carlson's retirement is effective
June 30, 2005.*

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th

Team Ministry Our congregation is served by a team ministry. Team members are Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (3/4 time); Rev. Bill Breeden (3/4 time); and Rev. Barbara Carlson (1/4 time). Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has areas of focus.

Forging Connections



Life Story Group Meets Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

What is the Life Story Group?

A church activity meeting weekly since April. Members set personal goals. Each one writes a piece of his/her life story or family history which is then shared. The present group is at a comfortable capacity of 8. Members are most enthusiastic and willing to help launch another group at another meeting time. (If you have wanted to write your history for posterity but need motivation, we can help.) Interested? call Cookie at 332 9933 or wilychindiana.edu.

String Band Practice Thursday

The Heartland String Band will practice on the first and third Thursdays, January 6 and January 20, from about 8:40-9:30 p.m. following choir practice, in the Meeting Room. Fiddlers, guitarists, banjo-pickers and pennywhistle players welcome. Also ukuleles, harps, and accordions. Info, contact Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

What's almost as important as the sermon? Coffee!

If you love to have coffee together with friends and new folks between the services on Sunday mornings, support that idea by learning how to make it for us. Harlan Lewis will be happy to show you how all our elegant coffee making equipment works, so you can be a Refreshment Server and be on the Java Crew. A small investment of a couple of hours, and you will receive the unending thanks of the coffee-loving membership of our congregation. Please use the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or speak with Harlan, 334-2824. Thank you for helping!

Holiday Decorations Appreciated

Many thanks to Steve Krahnke (who designed them) and the Aesthetics Committee and members of the tenor section of the Choir (who helped Steve put them up) for the lovely holiday decorations in the Meeting Room, and thanks to Ann and David McIntosh for the gift of the poinsettias for the windows.

UU Children's Choir Update

Hello, UU Families-

Thanks so much to those of you who could attend the parent meeting on Dec. 19th. Susan Swaney and Malcolm Dalglish really enjoyed talking with all of you, and we hope you are getting as excited about the music as we are!! If you were not able to attend the meeting, but are interested in picking up a packet with schedule, practice CD, words, etc., just stop by the church office during business hours, ask for the Children's Choir packet, and sign that you received one. You can also get one from me at the next rehearsal. Just a reminder (and a note especially to those of you who couldn't come) about the upcoming schedule, below:

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2005 CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 9th : 4th-8th Graders Only, 10:15-11:00am

Sunday, Jan. 16th : All Kg-8th Graders 10:15-11:00am

Sunday, Jan. 23rd : Kg-3rd Graders, 10:15-11:00am AND--4th-8th Graders join us from 10:45-11:00

Sunday, Jan. 30th : -3rd Graders, 10:15-11:00am AND--4th-8th Graders join us from 10:45-11:00

Sunday, Feb. 6th: All Kg-8th Graders 10:15-11:00am

Sunday, Feb. 13th: All Kg-8th Graders 10:15-11:00am

Thursday, Feb. 17th : 7:00pm Run-through with Adults

Saturday, Feb. 19th: Afternoon dress rehearsal (time TBA)

Sunday, Feb. 20th: UU Hymnody Performance!! 9:00am AND 11:15am Services
Warm-up rehearsal 8:00am

Please put these dates on your calendar! This is a big performance opportunity and rehearsal attendance is important! If you have questions, contact Jill at: 330-8829 or jmgreen@indiana.edu Thanks! Happy New year! Jill M. Waggener, Children's Choir Director

Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, Jan. 16, from 12:45 – 2:45 in Room 210. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share ideas and concerns about staying connected with our adult children. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@att.net

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From Our Director of Religious Education

Happy New Year! A special thanks to Beth Lodge-Rigal, Noretta Koertge, Emma Rush and Cindy Brandes, who helped with our first special large group of the New Year on January 2 – Singing! On January 9 our large group Religious Education theme will be Storytelling. Children 6 and older will attend the large group and children 5 and under will go to child care. Younger children may attend the large group program if accompanied by an adult.

We still **need teachers** for many of the Religious Education Classes:

First Service: Kindergarten-First Grade Class – 2 teachers; 2nd-5th Grade Class – 2 teachers
Second Service: Preschool class – 2 teachers; Kindergarten-First Grade Class – 1 teacher; 4th – 5th Grade Class – 2 teachers

In most cases if you volunteer to teach for second semester you and your teaching team will cover 11 Sundays between February and May. You decide with your team members which Sundays you will lead teach, which Sundays you will assist and which Sundays you will have off. Currently classes are scheduled for February 6, 13, 20 & 27, March 6 & 27, April 3, 10, & 24 and May 8 & 15. There will be a new teacher orientation on Wednesday, January 12 from 5 – 8 P.M. Dinner will be provided.

YUUMS (Young UU Middle Schoolers, grades 6-8) will have 3 options this month. Starting next Sunday they may attend the large group activity, help with child care or help to plan the Martin Luther King Day Celebration to be held here on January 17.

Upcoming RE Dates:

Jan 10 – RE Committee Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Jan 12 – New Teacher Orientation 5:00 P.M.

Jan 17 – Martin Luther King Day Celebration with Congregation Beth Shalom 10 A.M.

--Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

Notably for Newcomers



Working for justice in our world is a principal way for Unitarian Universalists to express faith. Many people undertake social

justice work to show their gratitude for life's gifts and their commitment to making our world a better place for all people.

In the last of our series of comments by the Rev. Dr. William G. Sinkford, President (2001-2005), Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, we learn that Unitarian Universalists have a proud history of working for justice. From the abolition movement to the women's movement, from the Civil Rights movement for persons of color to the current civil rights movement for bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender persons, Unitarian Universalists have been in the forefront.

But the making of justice does not define our faith. Rather, our faith calls us to work for justice. That faith is grounded in two great liberal traditions that came together in 1961 to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. From the Unitarian side of the family tree, we hold that there is one spirit of life, one promise of love, one power of human possibility, one God. And from the Universalist tradition of salvation for everyone, we know we must work to leave no one behind. Unitarian Universalism stands on the side of love.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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Stewardship FAQ (Frequently asked questions) continued:

I know that our congregation does not get financial support from other sources - so, how do we support ourselves financially anyway?

Over 90% of our financial support comes from members and friends who make financial pledges every year during the annual operating budget campaign that is facilitated by the Stewardship Committee.

When is the 'campaign'?

Well - it is about to begin. There will be articles, like this one, in the Prologue. You will see and hear testimonials from members of the congregation about their commitments to the Church. On February 20th there will be a special Commitment Sunday service when most of us will fill out our pledge cards during the service.

Is there anything else going on that I might want to know about?

In February there will be a Leadership event where financial and elected leaders will gather for thanks, fellowship, fun, and pledging.

How will I learn more about my part in the campaign?

All members and friends of the congregation will receive a mailing from the Stewardship Committee that will include a brochure, the ministers' letter and more details about the campaign. And, the Prologue is always a good source of information too.

With whom should I speak if I have more questions?

Anyone on the Stewardship Committee welcomes questions, comments, or suggestions - Joan Caulton, David Cox, Libby DeVoe, Diane Gregory (co-chair), Jackie Hall (co-chair), Harlan Lewis, Connie Loftman, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Carol Marks, Denise Ogren, Lloyd Orr, Jan Skinner.

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with **Jean Knowlton**, whose mother passed away on December 22 at age 101.

Warm wishes for a smooth recovery to **Tracy Russell** and family. Tracy is at home recovering from major surgery for gall bladder removal.

Many blessings to former members **Robyn and Brian Morton**, and big brother Alex, upon the birth of Ian Patrick Morton, on Dec 24th, 2004, at 5:04 AM, at the East Alabama Medical Center.

Many blessings also to former member **Lindsay Alexander Fitch**, and her husband Michael, upon the birth of Elizabeth on October 2, 2004, in Maryland.

Small TV Needed

The Sound Committee has upgraded our system to make DVD recordings of each service. In order to make copies of the recordings available to the congregation, we need a 13" or smaller TV, preferably color, for the workroom. Please contact the office or Bob DeVoe (devoe@indiana.edu) if you have a TV to donate.

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Courtyard Design Committee

Formed A new committee is forming to consider long range plans for our courtyard. The courtyard is our only remaining green space, is one of the first things most people see when they drive in and holds untapped potential!! How could it be a more imaginative playful integrative community-building space? If you or your group have ideas they can be emailed to Cindy Port, cport@stonebelt.org. Youth and children are especially encouraged to contribute!! --Cindy Port

Parking Options on Sundays

Please remember that in addition to parking on all sides of our building, we can also park on Jordan Avenue, just a short walk to the south of the church property, on Sundays. The IU police have promised not to ticket us on Sundays.

Prologue on the Webpage?

If you would rather not receive a paper Prologue, we will send you an email to tell you when the newest issue is posted to our website. Let us know at admin@uubloomington.org.

LET US NOT LOOK BACK IN ANGER,
NOR FORWARD IN FEAR, BUT AROUND
IN AWARENESS.

– James Thurber

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