

# The Prologue

January 31, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation established 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World*

**Sunday, February 6, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Amber Alert: Jesus is Missing!" Rev. Bill Breeden**

Our Choir will sing "Precious Lord" by Tommy Dorsey.

**Sunday, February 13, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Giving Voice to Our Love: A Time to Plant"**

**Rev. Mary Ann Macklin Rev. Bill Breeden Rev. Barbara Carlson**

Join us for this service as we celebrate and give voice to our love in both word and song. Through ministerial reflections, we will plant seeds of beauty, compassion and justice. It is a time to plant for the ongoing care and stewardship of our liberal religious community and the world. Our choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing "Like a Mighty Stream" and "We Shall Not Give Up the Fight."

This service will serve as a prelude to next week's Commitment Sunday, which will feature Malcolm Dalglish's *Hymnody of the Earth*. See February 13th Faith in Action Forum announcement below.

## **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. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

**Sunday, February 13, "Creating A Hymnody of Earth"** Local composer and musician Malcolm Dalglish and Music Director Susan Swaney will speak about Dalglish's new *Hymnody of Earth*, a portion of which was specially commissioned by our congregation. *Hymnody* will be performed here by our choir and guest musicians on February 20 at both services.

**Sunday, February 27, "Star Island and the Arts Conference--a creative retreat for UUs"** Star Island is a conference center for UUs on a small island off the coast of New Hampshire. Nick and Mary Pendergrass will present slides in an interactive presentation showing how a week-long conference at Star provides a unique, wonderful experience and encourages creative, artistic and personal development. Info, email Nick at [npendergrass@umassd.edu](mailto:npendergrass@umassd.edu). or see Star Island's website <http://www.starisland.org/>

## **Commitment Sunday Features *Hymnody of Earth***



Be here on Commitment Sunday, February 20, to enjoy beautiful music and celebrate our financial commitment to our community. Malcolm Dalglish's *Hymnody of Earth* will be performed by our Choir and Children's Choir at both services, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

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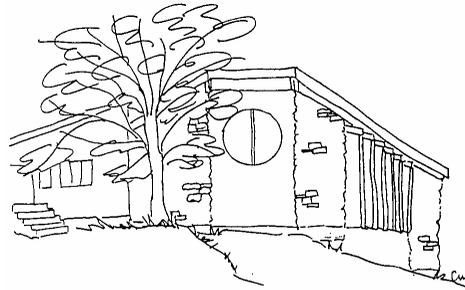
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## The West Window

One of our joys and privileges as ministers is to be present for the signing of the membership book, which signifies a person's choice to join our Unitarian Universalist congregation as a member. Membership is a significant step in calling this community one's spiritual home. We recognize that the way of liberal religion is not an easy one. It requires intellectual discipline and emotional courage. With this in mind, we invite you to consider sharing our religious home and our adventure in faith. How does a person decide whether or not it is time to join, you may ask. First step is to take the "Exploring UU Class" (next class is in February) or talk to a minister. After that, the following questions may help you in your decision making:

Is this congregation important to you? Are you in fundamental sympathy with the words of our Mission Statement and the principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to be "counted" as a UU? Are you ready to support and share in the democratic process, which guides the decision-making of our congregation and determines its future? Have you started to think about this place as "my" church instead of "their" church?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we hope you will consider becoming a member. We cordially invite you to join the ranks of those who have committed themselves to the vision of this congregation and the ideals of Unitarian Universalism. If you are interested in membership, please contact Dee Lane of the Membership Committee 331-1867, [pauldee@bloomington.in.us](mailto:pauldee@bloomington.in.us), or if you have other questions, you can call one of the ministers, 332-3695. Membership signings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of even-numbered months; your next opportunities will be February 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dee at least a week in advance.

Reverently yours,

*Mary Ann and Bill*

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

## Security or Insecurity?

**Q. Who gave \$2,000,000 to the Cato Institute for its efforts to promote privatization of Social Security?**

A. American International Group Insurance, American Express, State Street Boston Corporation, Quick & Reilly Group, Inc.

**Q. Who gave almost a million to "Economic Security 2000" to develop grass roots support for privatization?**

A. Dupont Co., Morgan Stanley and other brokers.

**Q. Who were the major backers of Lady Thatcher's privatization scheme for British Old Age Pensions?**

A. Bankers, brokers, insurance companies—the same groups who are major backers of President Bush's efforts to privatize Social Security.

**Q. How much did administrative costs reduce the value of privatized individual retirement accounts in Britain?**

A. 43% is the typical amount by which the value of an individual retirement account was reduced. (Note: The above facts were reported by Waldo Proffitt, former editor of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* in a column entitled "Britain's privatization disaster" on 1-23-05)

Is the question of how we commit our resources as individuals and as a nation a *religious issue*? What do you think? Let's talk at our Brown Bag Lunch with the ministers at noon on Monday, February 14.

Love,

*Barbara*

Rev. Barbara Carlson

P.S. I will be in Bloomington through June 30, except for a week in late spring when I will be traveling to Louisiana to a family wedding. It's good to be back with you!

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

**CASA Volunteers Needed** The Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program is seeking volunteers to stand up and speak out for abused and neglected children who are in foster care. The CASA then makes recommendations to the court regarding what is in the best interests of the child. Volunteers must be at least 21, able to travel outside Monroe County and committed to 1-2 years of service. Our spring training runs March 23-April 22 and meets twice a week for a total of 36 hours. For more information, call the 339-1551, or [casakids@bloomington.in.us](mailto:casakids@bloomington.in.us). Deadline is March 7.

**Kinsey Documentary Airl Feb. 14** On February 14th at 9 pm WTIU will air The American Experience documentary KINSEY. UU member Steve Krahnke served as co-executive producer of the film, and, working with Nancy Lethem from the Kinsey Institute, developed the concept for the film and brought the production team together.

KINSEY is a profile of the Indiana University biologist and sex researcher whose work blew the lid off sexuality in American, but it is also a sensitive portrayal of a man who thought he could improve people's lives by helping them understand their own sexuality. Kinsey airs at 9pm on Monday, February 14th, and again at 1am and 4am 2/16 on WTIU, Bloomington.

**UU NIAGARA EXPERIENCE July 17-20, 2005** If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls, this is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while in the company of UUs from around the country. <http://www.uunex.net/>  
Email : [info@uunex.net](mailto:info@uunex.net), (716) 791-4453

## Standing on the Side of Love

Here is an opportunity to really involve children and youth in speaking up on behalf of families. Kids/youth can relate directly to the controversy over the showing of the PBS program "Postcards from Buster" featuring an episode about sugaring in Vermont with a family that has two moms. Invite children to write letters saying, "We want to go to Vermont with Buster!" They can be sent to your local senator or representatives and directly to the federal DOE:

Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education  
Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

This is an opportunity for kids to put their faith in action. Youth may want to write letters about censorship. Young children may want to draw a picture and have an adult write a message. For a sample letter, contact Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org).

## Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Carlson's regular day off is Tuesday.

*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 specific areas of focus.

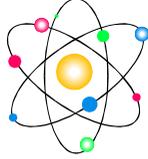


## Q. What is Commitment Sunday?

A. Commitment Sunday is a time when we gather together at our morning services for inspiration and recommitment to our vision and together make our financial pledges for the Church's 2005-2006 programs.

## CUUPS Feb. 9 Meeting Features Physics/Paganism Connection

The February 9 Covenant of UU Pagans meeting will feature UU member Al Strickholm sharing with us his knowledge of the current trends in the field of Physics and how all of that relates to paganism. Al is a long time member of this church, a retired biologist, and an armchair physicist with an interest in consciousness. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm in the library and lasts about 90 minutes. Persons of all spiritual paths are invited to attend. Questions should be directed to Beckie Wagner at [roswag@kiva.net](mailto:roswag@kiva.net).



## The Diversity of Dance Program February 25

On Friday, February 25, from 7:00-9:00 pm, the Celebration Committee

will present the Diversity of Dance Program to honor our Martin Luther King heritage of diversity and multiculturalism. UU groups will perform African Step Dancing, American Contra Dancing and Universal Spiritual Dancing. The Arthur Murray Dance Studio will perform the Tango, the Bolero, The Viennese Waltz and the Lindy Hop. The black Arts Institute will interpret the experience of Diaspora through Modern and Jazz Dancing. We will have a performance of the Mongolian Bowl Dancing and a group from the Waldron Arts Center will perform Belly Dancing.

This program will be held in our Meeting Room and is open to the community. Please bring your families and friends to what promises to be a grand event of dancing and music!

## Indiana 45/46 Bypass Expansion Update:

For some years we have been aware that the 45/46 Bypass would eventually be widened and our church property would likely be temporarily affected in some way. Several members of the Executive Committee and church attorney Guy Loftman met on Jan. 27 with an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) contractor, who had approached us regarding the upcoming construction. We were offered payment for a tiny part of the northwest corner of our property and for temporary access along the west and north sides during construction. INDOT will build a retaining wall on the north side, which is what we had wanted. We have been told that the construction will not actually start until 2007 or 2008, but we are pleased to let you know that when this does happen, it will not interfere with Sunday parking on our property either during or after construction. We are comfortable with the contract we've been offered.

Anyone interested in more details of the project is welcome to an information session on Sunday, Feb. 13 at 10:15 in Room 110, where Guy will be available to answer questions. In the meantime, any questions should be directed to members of the Board. --Anne Haynes, Congregational President

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## From Our Director of Religious Education

I think that we all had a great time at the last teacher orientation for new and returning teachers. Thanks to the team – Emily Leite, Mary Ann Williams and Kitty McIntosh, our presenters – Barb Backler, Kathy Boone and Charlotte Appel and our Religious Education Committee members – Amy Cox and Beth Lodge-Rigal. Thanks also to Janice Lilly who washed the dishes after the first orientation. Kitty and I think that it will be a GREAT semester!

Thanks to Adriana, Lisa Marie, Renee, and Cindy for leading our children in dance last Sunday. The children had a great time moving to Adriana's music and becoming one with the earth's elements through movement. Second semester classes start on February 6th. Each of the registered families has received a new Resource. In it there is a registration form. You do not need to fill it out. The form is for new families or those who haven't registered. If you are not registered, please see either Lisa or Kitty for a registration form.

Upcoming dates:  
Valentine Family Night – February 12 from 6 – 8 P.M. – potluck and crafts. Please bring your own table service for easy clean up.  
RE Committee Mtg. – February 21 (note date change) at 6:30 P.M.  
February 20th – Upper Elementary students and YUUMS will attend the service. Lower elementary students will attend until the offertory. Preschool and child care will be in their classrooms the entire time.

--Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

## Notably for Newcomers



Many years ago, as reported by the Rev. Jack Mendelsohn, William Channing Gannett formulated the basic operational principles of our liberal religious movement in a brief statement that is as fresh as if it had just been written. He said: "Freedom is our method in religion; fellowship is our spirit in religion; character is our test in religion; service is our aim in religion." There is nothing about theological doctrine here; the concern is with a spirit, a method, a purpose.

We are forever being asked: But what, then, makes you a church? To those who ask, church obviously means required assent to certain concrete doctrinal beliefs. Not so among Unitarian Universalists. To the uninitiated, one of the most puzzling features of the Unitarian Universalist religion is its disregard of ecclesiastical conventions. Whether the subject is God, Jesus, or immortality, there are widely varying convictions and questions among us, beneath which there is a unifying affirmation: the right of persons to make their own theological decisions.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee



### Q. What if I am new to the Church and not sure I am ready to pledge?

A. We hope you will take as much time as you need to decide whether to make a financial commitment to the church. In the meanwhile, if you put a check in the collection plate or enclose cash in an envelope with your name and address, the church will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation.

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## What It Means to Be a Deep UU

"I experienced a feeling of

critical mass at General Assembly (GA), gathered with thousands of other Unitarian Universalists who have many of the same values and perspectives as I do. This strengthens me to live in a world that is growing more and more conservative." Susan Bookout, a former president of our congregation, spoke of the strength of going to GA; singing Unitarian Universalist hymns with 5,000 other people who know the words; listening to the Unitarian Universalist Association's impressive President, The Rev. Wm. G. Sinkford, deliver a sermon about justice; standing up to vote on Issues of Conscience which will be acted on by UUs all over the world this year. Being part of GA is powerful.

We need eight delegates from our church to represent us, to vote for us, and to carry our UU Bloomington banner in the Opening Ceremonies.

This is the year to participate. Contact Iris Kiesling (ifkiesling@aol.com, or the office, office@uubloomington.org.) General Assembly 2005 is June 23-27 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Hope to see you there.

--Jean Knowlton Delegate 2004 and 2005

## Ready To Sign The Book?

If you have participated in the Exploring UU classes and are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, February 20. Please contact Dee Lane at 331-1867 by Wednesday, February 16 if you wish to sign the book.

## Talent Auction 2005

Save the day-April 3 for the UU talent auction. This entertaining and helpful event is an auction of goods and services that we can provide for each other. Be thinking about what kind of service you might want to offer for the lucky bidding winner.



### Q. Why is Commitment Sunday (February 20) important?

A. When we sign our pledge cards on Commitment Sunday, February 20, we are stating how much money we will give to the church for the next fiscal year, which is July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Soon after Commitment Sunday the Finance Committee goes to work preparing next year's budget based on our pledges. Nearly 90% of the Church budget comes from pledges of members and friends. While there are other wonderful ways to contribute - fundraisers, Sunday collection, and other gifts it is the annual pledge total that most helps the budgeting process.

## Social Justice Small Grants Available

In 1998, when we raised money to create our new Meeting Room and building expansion, we agreed that 3% of the total funds raised would be reserved for social justice projects. One such project was Sheri Benham's Stepping Stones, Inc., which the congregation approved at its 2004 Fall Meeting. Applications for Social Justice Small Grants are once again being accepted, with a deadline of Sunday, March 6 (the next application deadline is October 2). Applications and guidelines may be picked up in the church office. Currently, there are sufficient funds for grants of up to \$500 each. Small Grants Committee:

Robert DeVoe, Carol Parks, Joan Caulton

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## A Pledge Drive Testimonial by Dan Quilter

My wife and I have always been generous with our pledge because the church means a lot to us. Ever since we joined the

church fifteen years ago, we knew that the church was special; on our first Sunday we found a llama tethered on the front lawn and, inside, heard Pep Sobrer read a Spanish poem from the pulpit.

In the intervening years, while serving on the Board, and on numerous committees, I have been impressed by the energy, diligence and commitment which the congregation and the ministers have brought to the myriad of tasks of running a growing church. I am confident that this year's drive will set a new record of success. Please be generous.

--Dan Quilter

## Habitat Task Force Plans Women's Build in May

Habitat for Humanity's 4th Women's Build Blitz is scheduled for May 14-21. The UU Habitat Task Force is organizing a team of ten UU women for another Tri-Faith Build Day on Sunday, May 15. Trinity Episcopal Church and the Quaker Meeting will also have women volunteers on this Tri-Faith team. We will set trusses, sheath the roof, and install windows and doors. Our team will help financially sponsor this house with a proposed commitment of \$2500. Habitat's financial goal is for each woman to contribute \$250 - either as a donation or by fundraising.

This home will be built for the Paynter family, Jeff and Anita and their children, Scott and Keitha. Jeff and Anita have been earning their "sweat equity" hours over the past 1 1/2 years. Help make their dream come true - from a one bedroom apartment to a three bedroom home of their own.



Ways to help: UU women, aged 16 or over, may be part of the construction crew team. Anyone may help by providing food for the construction volunteers. Anyone may help with financial assistance. Contact Dorothy Sowell - 334-0169, d.j.sowell@att.net



### Q. Is there a way I can start pledging now instead of waiting for the new fiscal year?

A. Yes! Just tell Carol Marks, Church Administrator, or any of the Stewardship Committee members listed below that you would like to fill out a pledge card and we'll provide you with a 2004-2005 card. Then you can start your pledge donations right away.

## Interweave's GLBT Valentine's Sweetheart Gayla, Feb. 11

All are welcome to attend the Second Annual GLBT Valentine's Sweetheart Gayla sponsored by Interweave and the Celebrations Committee. No dress code required but you'll want to dress nice for your special 'souvenir' photo. Music will be provided by a DJ. Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. For details, contact Renee Reed at 812-219-0371 or uuinterweave@gmail.com Childcare provided from 7pm-9pm. Please come out and show your support for Interweave as a welcoming congregation!

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## **Denominational Events and Activities**

[still need dates--Iris didn't  
include them]

Date --- Heartland UU District, Cincinnati.  
Guest speaker, Kay Montgomery, UUA Vice  
President. Anyone is welcome to attend. We  
are eligible to send eight (8) voting members.

Date -- Lake Geneva, Wisconsin Family  
oriented gathering of UU's.

Date -- Leadership School, Beloit, WI

Date -- General Assemble, FT Worth Tx.

Anyone can attend. We are eligible to send eight  
(8) voting delegates. Please see GA article in  
this issue.

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## **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.

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