

# The Prologue

February 28, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation established 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World*

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

**"Walt Whitman: *I Hear America Singing*" Rev. Barbara Carlson**

Printer's apprentice, teacher, novelist, journalist, editor, Civil War nurse and poetic genius, Walt Whitman yearned to give voice to the American experience as it had never been sung before...He wanted to be on the bookshelf of every farmer and laborer and dock worker. Yale scholar Harold Bloom writes, "Walt Whitman renewed in his strongest poetry, the image of the human as shoreline where nature and the fantasy-making power collide." Participants in this service include Adam Leite and Jack King, readers. The Choir, directed by Susan Swaney will bring Whitman's "The Song of the Open Road."

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

**"Deep Beneath the Surface: The Human Right to Water"**

**Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and**

**Kynthia Brunette, local Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**

**Representative**

In this service we will explore the spiritual and political aspects of water. "Water cleanses and refreshes all creatures without distinction and without judgment; water freely and fearlessly goes deep beneath the surface. (Tao Te Ching, John Heider, translator). On this date, designated Justice Sunday by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, we join UU congregations nationwide to take a stand together for justice and people's equitable access to water.

**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).

**Talent Auction Coming Soon!** Look for a handy donation form in this issue for the extremely entertaining and helpful Talent Auction, Sunday, April 3. This fundraiser for our congregational budget is amusing, delicious, and fast-paced. Don't miss it!

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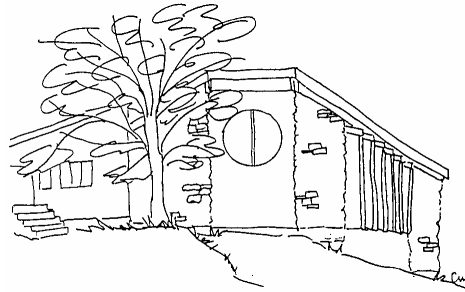
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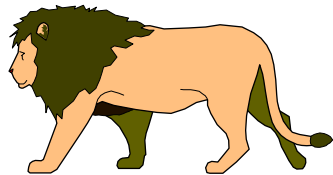


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## Minutiae from MAM

*\*Planting trees early in spring we make a place for birds to sing in time to come... How do we know? They're singing here now. There is no other guarantee that singing will ever be.*

These words, from poet, essayist and farmer Wendell Berry were part of the lyrics for the February Commitment Sunday presentation of *Hymnody of Earth* created by Malcolm Dalglish.

We, the ministry team, are very thankful to all of the people who made the *Hymnody* and our Commitment Sunday a success. The Stewardship Committee received many pledge cards of your financial commitment to this Unitarian Universalist congregational community that day.

Thank you all for your generosity. And since we are a growing community, they still have many pledge cards to collect. Please support our Stewardship Committee volunteers and administrative staff by filling out your pledge cards soon. *A Time to Plant.*

\*Speaking of Malcolm Dalglish, did you know that he is offering Outdoor Singing Camps this summer? For kids, teens and adults. See related article on Page \_\_\_\_.

\*Speaking of musical retreats, don't forget to sign up for the Women's Retreat "Singing Ourselves Home" which will be May 6-7. See related article on Page \_\_\_\_.

\*Speaking of climate change...well, OK, no one was speaking of climate change, but I am now. Everyone is invited to the March 6<sup>th</sup> "Global Warming Study and Action Group" gathering which will be next Sunday (hence March 6<sup>th</sup>) from 1:15pm to 3:15pm. Please eat before arriving or bring a brown bag lunch. If you are fasting just arrive slowly. Do not see related article.

\*Lastly, hey, in order to accommodate special guests, Rev. Barbara Carlson's *Farewell Recognition Ceremony and Reception* will be *May 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 12:30pm..* This is a different

date than stated in last week's Prologue. I won't mention that date because then you might remember that date instead of *May 22<sup>nd</sup>!* See related article below.

With gratitude,  
*mam* (Rev. Mary Ann Macklin)

## The West Window

March Madness is upon us. I do not mean the hoop games, although I will enjoy some basketball, and hope IU gets invited to the dance. I mean the madness of State-Sanctioned killing in the name of justice. Indiana joins several other states in a March melee of executions. The General Assembly of the UUA has consistently stood for the abolition of the death penalty. I trust that we will be well represented in our local witness at the Monroe County Courthouse Square on the evening of March 9<sup>th</sup>. I call your attention to the *Common Ground* this week for information regarding that witness. Justice simply does not demand killing.

Peace--*bill* Rev. Bill Breeden

## NEW DATE → May 22 is Farewell Party for Rev. Carlson

Rev. Carlson's ministry (August 15, 1993 – June 30, 2005) will be honored at a Farewell Ceremony and Reception at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 22. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join the celebration. More information will be forthcoming. (This is a change from the previously published date.) --Beth Hollingsworth and Pep Sobrer,

Event Co-Chairs

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

**Concerts to Benefit Mother's Cupboard and Food Bank** There are two benefit concerts in Bloomington for the release of pianist Craig Brenner's CD "Backstage Boogie" - March 3 at 8:00 p.m. at Tutto Bene Wine Cafe, and March 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Encore Café. Both will benefit Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the Hoosier Hills Food Bank.

## Nominate Someone for the HAINES TURNER and HERB KIESLING AWARDS

Each year to honor Haines Turner and Herb Kiesling, the Community Justice & Mediation Center recognizes individuals, groups, or businesses for significant contributions to RESTORATIVE JUSTICE and THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH in the Monroe County community.

CJAM invites nominations to identify those who have demonstrated in their lifetime or in the previous year exceptional commitment to contributing to greater justice or helping children and youth, but who have received little or no public recognition or payment for their efforts.

The nomination deadline is April 15. Contact Amy Dowell to request a NOMINATION FORM -- [cjam@bloomington.in.us](mailto:cjam@bloomington.in.us), 332-8677.

## Attendance Figures (Adults and children not in RE)

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sunday, February 20	197	336
Sunday, February 27	86	163

**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.

## 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.

She will be away Mar 6-10 and Apr 1-22, 24-28

Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th

## Next Board Meeting is March 9

To accommodate Board members' Spring Break schedules, the Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

## Second-Third Grade Class Gives Fundraiser Breakfast

**March 6** The 11:15 2nd/3rd grade class will provide a fundraising breakfast between the services on March 6th in Fellowship Hall. This is the class's service project for the semester. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, roasted potatoes, pancakes, biscuits and vegetarian gravy, fresh fruit, homemade muffins, milk and juice. The children, along with some of their parents, and their teachers Heike Meya, Christy True, and Laura Peterson will prepare and serve the breakfast, which will be reasonably priced and delicious!

## Grounds Committee Re-groups for Spring on March 5

Join the Grounds Committee this Saturday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 210 for spring planning. Questions, contact new co-chairs John and Julie Lawson.

## Religious Ed Large Group Sessions on March 13 & 20

Grades K-8 meet in Fellowship Hall. Younger children in childcare, Room 108.

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## Annual Canvass Campaign

**Update:** Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped with Commitment Sunday morning on February 20. The performance of *Hymnody on Earth* was inspirational; the children and adult choirs were wonderful. The breakfast was great and it gave us all an opportunity to share the morning's spirit with our fellow congregants. What more could we have asked for?

Let us not forget, the purpose of Commitment Sunday is to make our financial commitment to our Church Community for the next year fiscal year, which begins July 1. Once pledge totals are known, the finance committee and the board will propose a budget.

Last year, the pledge drive raised about \$315,000. This year, Andrew Appel, our Treasurer has received budget requests for an additional \$30,000 to our budget, much of which is targeted at salaries. To date, we have received pledges from 195 families, totaling \$225,587. We are well on our way and hope to hear from another 140 families soon.

To pledge, call the office or stop by and pick up a pledge card, fill it out and return to the office. Pledges are also accepted via phone or email.

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## Singing Ourselves Home Women's Retreat **Register Now!**

The early registration deadline for the Women's Retreat has been extended until Sunday, March 6. Register now and pay only \$100; after March 6, the registration fee goes up to \$110. You will find registration forms on the bulletin board in the Foyer. You can also contact Ruellen Fessenbecker or Jane Goodman for forms or further information.

This will be a unique opportunity for singing, healing, and fellowship, led by the founders of the extraordinary women's music group Libana. This 24-hour retreat will be held at the Waycross Retreat Center in Brown County, May 6-7. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will facilitate the Friday evening session.

## Malcolm Dalglish's 2005 OOOLATION! OUTDOOR SINGING CAMPS For Kids, Teens, and Adults

Ooolation! is where two of the most fun things in the world happen: being outdoors and singing.

Brown County Woods, Indiana

Friday, June 24 - Saturday, July 2, 2005

Ages 10 - 18 (with flexibility)

Eastern Sierras, California

Friday August 6 - Sunday August 15, 2005

Ages 13 - 21 (with flexibility)

Redwoods Retreat, California Between San Francisco and Santa Cruz

Wednesday August 17 - Sunday August 21, 2005

For Adults (17 and older)

For more information:

PHONE/FAX (812) 333-0838

Email: maldal@bluemarble.net

<http://www.oooliticmusic.com>

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## From Our Director of Religious Education

Two quotes I would like to share with you. The first is from M.R.E. Liz Strong. She writes: "Teachers are leaders in faith development for children and youth. They teach for themselves and as people still on their own religious journey." I believe that in our congregation we have definitely moved away from the "warm body" approach to teacher recruitment. I believe that we think so highly of our children that people WANT TO TEACH on Sunday mornings. Reasons vary as to why teachers teach. Some will say they like the children. Others will say it has to do with the fact that they want our liberal religious movement to live on. And still others say they gain more from the small community atmosphere of our classrooms in which individuals of various ages exchange dialogue about what they believe and what sustains them.

That said, I will unveil our summer plans. Noretta Koertge has come up with another wonderful summer theme "Spirits in Motion/UU Kids on the Move". She said that it was inspired by a poem Rev. Macklin used in a service. Within the theme she has expanded various ideas - religious dance, breathing and chanting, mime and movement, moving the voice, rhythm in poetry and music, movement in sport, movement in art, elements in motion, political movements, and so forth.

If you think that you might have a gift to share with our UU children this summer, please contact either Kitty or me (or we might contact you). If you would like to assist just to test the waters of the RE classroom, you can contact us as well. There will be 10 RE Sundays this summer (dates in June, July and August). And we will be offering Religious Education programs for children at both services this summer!

Oh . . . the second quote I will share with you in March.

Keep breathing,

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education

## Notably for Newcomers



In the last issue of *The Prologue* there was an announcement from Iris Kiesling of our Denominational Affairs Committee about the 2005 General Assembly of the UUA.

Newcomers might wonder what the General Assembly (GA) is.

GA is the UUA's annual business meeting and convention which is held in various cities in the U.S., this year's being in Fort Worth, Texas in June. Each summer 4,000-8,000 UUs attend at least part of the five-day assembly. It includes workshops and daily worship services as well as many other related activities.

Apart from the workshops, worship services, and business meetings, the GA experience can be valuable for just talking with people. There are side meetings, opportunities to do networking and to talk with the UUA staff people, and a chance for lay people to talk with other lay people who do similar kinds of work.

But GA doesn't just bring UUs together; it's also the denomination's legislative body. Delegates from each congregation select, debate, and amend the UUA's priorities, public policy statements, and governing rules. And they elect the UUA's leaders. Each year delegates choose a social justice issue for congregations to study, launching the process that eventually leads to the UUA's official statements of conscience. (This year we are studying Global Warming.)

GA embodies the UU principle of democratic government in our larger association.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

**Thomas Albright:** I'm 51 and gay. I have been gay since age 5; came somewhat to understand it as a teenager; and came out at 20. I grew up in central Wisconsin in a repressive Catholic household. My degree is in Cultural Anthropology. I have been the Computer Analyst at the Kinsey Institute for 20 years. I love Dachshunds (have 4). Since one can't write much in 75 words, I have posted a longer bio: <http://mypersonalpath.home.att.net>.

**Linda Austin** I'm married, have 3 sons, 3 grandchildren, 5 cats, and 2 dogs. I had a peripatetic childhood and a career that kept me on the road, and I've never felt "rooted" in a community. Now that I'm retired, I'm looking forward to becoming an active member of this community, through volunteering and especially through this church. I think it's very fitting that I am joining the church at the same time we are planting a new tree outside the Meeting Room window. I feel, like that tree, I have the opportunity to grow those roots and also reach new heights.

**Caroline Altman Smith** works as an associate program officer at Lumina Foundation for Education in Indianapolis, an organization that promotes college access for underserved students. A D.C. native, Caroline is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Indiana University. She and her husband Chris, an IU Law student, enjoy running, watching movies, and going on roadtrips. She is very excited to be joining the UU community!

**John Crosby** A Presbyterian minister for eleven years. By 1967 (the alleged) God and I had a severe falling out (a crisis of faith) and one of us was expendable. It was **not** me. Did a Ph.D. at Syracuse in Marriage/Family studies and therapy. Came to IU and taught six years until trouble started brewing in the department and one of us had to go. This time it was me! To the University of Kentucky as Chairman of the Department of Family Studies...and served as

Professor until retirement. Am excited about returning to the UU Church (yes, I remember the farmhouse) and to the wonderful people here.

**Marjorie Crosby** I grew up in the Metropolitan New York area, graduated from Cornell's nursing school and married my minister father's assistant, and began a Midwest trek. Lived in Bloomington in the early '70s with our three sons. During those years, I taught nursing students at Ivy Tech. My lifelong dream of becoming a nurse-midwife was realized in 1976 after our family moved to Lexington, KY. My career later led me to an assistant professor position at Eastern Kentucky University. Retirement for us was in Cape Cod, MA, soon to be interrupted by a return to Bloomington to be closer to family.

### Mark Tyler Day

I was born and raised in Chicago and studied at the University of Chicago. I've been an IU librarian since 1972 – taking leave to work in Saudi Arabia and study in Egypt. Currently, I'm Librarian for Middle Eastern, Islamic, and Central Eurasian Studies. I have two daughters and five granddaughters from my first wife, who died in 2002. Recently, I married UUC member Jean Sebeok. My hobbies include: dancing, gardening, social philosophy, singing, and yoga.

**Sandra Dolby** is a Professor of Folklore and American Studies at Indiana University. She studies folktales, legends, personal narratives, and American worldview, and has spent time in Australia and Norway. She enjoys singing with the UU choir and writing songs. She has a daughter, Alexis Stahl, who lives in New Orleans, was just graduated from Tulane University with a degree in studio art, and joined her mother on a western road trip last summer.

**Jon Peters** lives in Bloomington with his wife, Yara and their daughter and spiritual guru, Ysabel. He is a Zen Buddhist, a member of the Zen

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Peacemaker Order, and the director of the Indiana Chapter of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. His hobby is going to pot-lucks. When asked at parties, *What do you do?*, he usually says that he is a doctoral student in social work, and works in private practice as a clinical social worker (primarily as a divorce mediator).

**Erinne Selim** (pronounced "Erin Salem") I have grown to appreciate and enjoy Bloomington since I moved here in the summer of 2002. My husband, Bryan Reinicke, and I came to the UUC to find a spiritually safe place to be married and have stayed ever since. I am a student at IU and will be graduating in May (YAY!) with a degree in secondary, special education. I love yoga, reading, being outside, spending time with family and meeting new people.

**Homecomings Directory Available** Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area? The UU bed and breakfast directory UU're Home (formerly Homecomings) can help you fulfill your dream. The directory is published every year in April. For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806. UU're Home has just launched a new web site at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com), which includes about half of the listings. Entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added.

## Denominational Meetings

**Coming Up** The Heartland UU District conference and annual meeting is in Cincinnati April 8 and 9. The following people have indicated they would be willing to be delegates: Anne and Chris Haynes, Chris Clothier, Ruellen Fessenbecker, Iris Kiesling, Jackie Hall, Carol Marks (alternate), Lisa Minor, Lloyd Orr. Susan Bookout will be attending as a board member of

the Heartland UU District. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so. Please remember to register and contact Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs, 332-5224. Registration info available in Room 204.

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The UUA General Assembly early registration deadline is April 30, for the reduced registration fee of \$260. May 1 the cost goes up to \$305. If you are interested in attending GA in Ft. Worth, TX June 23-27 please contact Iris Kiesling. So far, there are only two members who have indicated an interest in being delegates: Jean Knowlton and Beckie Wagner. We can send 8 (eight) delegates. Several thousand UU's in one hall together is mighty impressive. We have much to talk about and much to do. Let your voice be heard. Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs 332-5224 or [ifkiesling@aol.com](mailto:ifkiesling@aol.com)

## Rally Supporting Gay Civil Rights: March 8, 11:30-1:00

Join others who are concerned about the erosion of civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people in Indiana, on Tuesday, March 8, East steps of the Statehouse in Indianapolis, on Capitol Avenue. This silent rally is a serious mobilization of people from across the state of Indiana, to prove to our legislators, Eric Miller and all our fellow Hoosiers that we will not tolerate writing hate and discrimination into our constitution.

## Sign-Making Party for March 8 Rally: Fellowship Hall, March 2

There will be a sign-making party for those planning to attend the March 8 Rally for Gay Civil Rights in Indianapolis, here in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

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talent, goods & services auction  
and chili Dinner  
Sunday, April 3 5:00 p.m.

Whether you like scrumptious baked goods, original works of art, golf lessons, or lively gourmet dinners with fellow UUs, you'll find something to your liking at our annual Talent Auction! Darrell Breeden (Bill's twin brother) will serve again as witty auctioneer, the Heartland String Band will play, and you can enjoy a delicious chili supper following the auction. Childcare will be provided during the auction itself.

Pre-registration for the auction is most helpful. Fill out your name and other information below.

I plan to attend: Yes No                      Need Childcare? How many children? \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you have a talent, or a item or service you think someone might bid for, please complete this form. If appropriate, indicate the number of people served or times you will perform the service.

I can donate the following:    Number of people served (if applicable) and Description:

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*Note: Dinners must include the date of the proposed Dinner.*

If you are offering a Dinner, indicate the date here: \_\_\_\_\_

This item will be at the auction on April 3 \_\_\_\_\_.    This item will be arranged for a later date \_\_\_\_\_.

Minimum bid \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Required)

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Please leave this form in Room 204, mail to the church, or email the information to:  
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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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