

# The Prologue

March 17, 2005

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation established 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building our Community Changing the World*

**Sunday, March 20, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Creative Uncertainty: An Exploration"**

**The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and David Keppel**

Are you uncertain about uncertainty? Can uncertainty be a creative force? From physics to process theology, this worship service will explore the possibilities of creative uncertainty in our lives. We are fairly certain that our choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing Franz Schubert's "Hosannah" during the service. Also, there may be eine kleine uncertain Mozart music.

**Sunday, March 27, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Evidence of a Resurrection" The Rev. Bill Breeden**

"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song--" Maya Angelou  
Our Children's Choir and Adult Choir will sing "Into and Among You" by Malcolm Dalglish.

## **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).

**March 27, "Just Push the Button. Right?"** with Cindy Hoffman. Learn all the reasons we should be concerned about election fraud in the U.S. See related article on Page 3.

**April 3, "Hide in Plane Site"** with Clark Brittain Deconstructing 9/11 as never before- this video will change your perception forever. Discussion to follow.

## **Talent Auction Can't Be Beat for Entertainment Value:**

**Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.** *Talent Auction Still Welcoming Donations*

The 2005 Talent Auction will be held on April 3 at 5:00 p.m. A partial list of items for bid appears in this issue. Be sure to see the list of creative and delicious items available at the auction. It's not too late to add your offerings of talent or industry to the list. Fill out a form found in last edition of The Prologue or in Room 204 at church. Forms and/or information can be turned in at church or to Jean U. Sebeok at [dugong3@yahoo.com](mailto:dugong3@yahoo.com). If you cannot attend the auction but wish to bid on an item, you can participate as an absentee bidder. Contact Jean Knowlton for information.

[jbknowlt@indiana.edu](mailto:jbknowlt@indiana.edu) or 339-2047 (After March 20).

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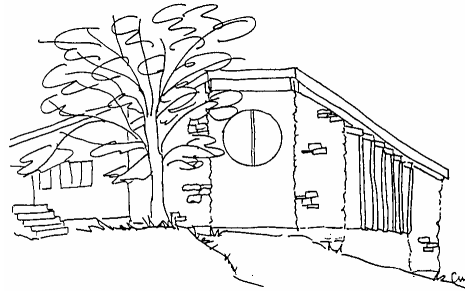
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Return Service Requested



**Dear Friends,** For twelve wonderful years I have been privileged to serve as your minister. It's hard to believe this time will come to an end on June 30, 2005.

Here are some significant dates:

**May 8** - my last sermon, "The Wheel of Life: Another Turn!" (Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin will also participate in this service.)

**May 22** - Party! 12:30 p.m. Celebrating with food, fun, remembrances and special guests.

**June 1 - 30** I will be tying up loose ends. I've been sorting files for months and that will continue -- I am an ardent filer and still have class notes from seminary as well as many files of church activities. Also, and more importantly, a **time for hugs and farewells.**

Later in the summer Clarke and I will leave for Sarasota. A year's absence is customary when a minister retires. It opens space for the new to emerge, for both the congregation and the departing minister.

With the gifted ministry of my colleagues, Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin, next year will be a year of visioning the future. Your future as a religious home for liberal seekers, change agents and service to the larger community is open and unlimited.

Though I will no longer be your minister, what we have shared over these past years will always be a part of me and I will carry you in my heart.

Love, *Barbara*

Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister

## Bloomington UUs Travel to Indianapolis to Support Gay Civil Rights

About 20 of us car-pooled from the church on Tuesday, March 8 for the trip to Indianapolis to oppose the proposed state constitutional ban on gay marriage. Among the well-mannered and mutually supportive group of about 500 gathered on the sidewalk in front of the Statehouse I noted several

more from our congregation. We stood together with our signs: "EQUALITY FOR ALL"; "STRAIGHT BUT NOT NARROW"; "AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO GIVE RIGHTS NOT TAKE THEM AWAY!" and many more including Phil Cooper's four-sided sign (PEACE WITHIN US, AMONG US, BETWEEN US...) with peace cranes attached and floating in the breeze. As we stood in the blowing wind and snow I noted several busloads of children, including one from a fundamentalist church in my hometown, Chesterton, in northwestern Indiana, at least a 4 hour ride from Indianapolis -- bringing in the children and teaching them to hate in the name of religion!

Almost two centuries ago on May 5, 1819, William Channing, a *prophet of a new spirit of freedom and reason in religion* set forth the principles of American Unitarianism. Channing said, "**Human nature has never shown itself so fiendish than when it has cloaked its bad passions under the garb of religion and let them loose.**" He continued, "**The great ministry of religion is that of love.**"

In the end, the ministry of love will triumph. But there is so much work to be done, so much heartache to be gotten through for our beloved comrades in the GLBT community.

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If you want to be among those who work for equality and justice please come to the TRAINING FOR GAY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS on SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is for activism at all levels including letter writing public witnessing, speaking with legislators, and participating in peaceful demonstrations. If you can do any (or all) of these activities, this training is for you! Among the trainers will be Mark St. John from Indiana Equality, Rev. Bill Breeden, and Aleisha Kropf.

---Rev. Barbara Carlson 3/14/05 P. 2

## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

**Starr King School for the Ministry** offers 14-week online courses covering such topics as UU history and an introduction to theology for UUs. Some courses are open to lay persons involved in congregational and community work who want to ground their focus in theological competency and creativity. See <http://www.online.sksm.edu/ce> for more info or contact Cathleen Young at [cyoung@sksm.edu](mailto:cyoung@sksm.edu). Additional info can be found on our bulletin board.

**Five Alaska UU Fellowship Sponsor Eco-Spiritual Programs in July** See the real Alaska and stay in UU homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, and Mt. McKinley! See [www.wuurld.org](http://www.wuurld.org), or call 1-888-998-8753. Reservations due April 1.

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

	9 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	Totl
Sunday, March 6	81	201	289
Sunday, March 13	47	129	176

**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 Apr 1-22, 24-28

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

## Second-Third Grade Class Earns \$730 for Tsunami

**Survivors** The 11:15 2nd/3rd grade class provided a fine fundraising breakfast between the services on March 6th in Fellowship Hall. They worked very hard and earned \$730 to send to survivors of the tsunami disaster in southeast Asia. Many thanks to all who had their breakfast here that day and to the students and their teachers Heike Meya, Christy True, and Laura Petersen.



## Annual Canvass Campaign

**Update:** Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has made a pledge for the upcoming fiscal

year, which begins July 1. We still look forward to receiving pledge cards from more of our members and friends. If you would like to make a pledge (pledges of ALL sizes are welcome and appreciated!), a pledge card can be picked up in the Workroom, Room 204, on Sundays, or simply send an email to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) and we'll be happy to send you one (with a self-addressed stamped envelope! ☺) Pledges are also accepted via phone or email.

Last year, the pledge drive raised about \$315,000. This year, Treasurer Andrew Appel and the Finance Committee have received budget requests for an additional \$30,000 to our budget. To date, we have received pledges from 250 families, totaling \$279,286. We are well on our way and hope to hear from another 100 families soon.

---Your Stewardship Committee

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

Register by April 15 for the exciting fellowship opportunities to be offered at the District Women's Retreat, *Singing Ourselves Home*. Registration is \$110.

You will find registration forms on the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance, or in Room 204. 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. The event will be at Waycross Retreat Center in Brown County, May 6-7. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will facilitate the Friday evening session.

--Ruellen Fessenbecker, rfessenb@indiana.edu

## UNICEF Received Funds from RE Kids

Many thanks to all those who contributed money for UNICEF for Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Our congregation donated over \$180 for programs to help children around the world.

## Where Are You Headed for College?

The Channing-Murray UU Campus Center in Urbana-Champaign (University of Illinois) invites UU Youth to visit on April 1-3, 2005. Info call 217-344-1176, or [www.channingmurray.org](http://www.channingmurray.org).

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## Film Series: A New Exciting Adventure

The Adult Religious Education Committee is venturing forth with a new project. Have you ever wished that you could talk over a provocative movie with some friends? Well, here's your chance to gather together, watch a film that reflects a subject related to our perspectives as a spiritual community, and have a meaningful discussion afterwards. Our first offering will be on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. in Rm 105 followed by discussion and brown-bag lunch. Childcare provided in Room 108 (please bring a bag lunch for your child!) The movie we've selected is "Jesus of Montreal,"-- "In response to dwindling attendance at the annual Passion Play put on by a Montreal church, some actors are hired to stage a more radical interpretation of Christ's teachings. The new version is an instant success, but also incurs the wrath of church hierarchy. This film won 12 Genies (Canadian Academy Awards), including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor. It also won the Jury Prize in Cannes in 1989." Best of all, Rev. Bill Breeden has agreed to be our discussion leader. Mark your calendar for March 26! --Marjorie Crosby and Chris Haynes, Adult Religious Education Co-chairs

## Our Folks...

*Laura Quilter*, a junior at Butler University, has been awarded a \$3,600 grant to do research on the treatment of AIDS in France, England, Holland and Denmark this summer.

Best wishes for quick healing to *Millicent Brubaker*, who welcomes visits and phone calls while she recovers at home from an injury.

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## • Religious Ed Large Group Session on March 20 • Easter Egg Hunt March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

*On Sunday, March 20*, at 9:00 and 11:15 (after the Children's Moment) Grades K-8 meet in Fellowship Hall. Younger children in childcare, Room 108.

*On Sunday, March 27*, Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard at 10:30 a.m. Regular classes at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

## Just Push the Button! Right?

Due to the numerous and well-documented cases of voter suppression, ballot fraud, conflict of interest, and antiquated voter registration procedures in our last national election, many millions of Americans have come to believe our voting and elections systems are badly damaged.

So many crises throughout the U.S. and the world keep us distracted from this dire situation of voting fraud. We have an urgent need for election reforms and must not be distracted from a situation that will continue to repeat itself unless we address such issues as: verifiable audit trails, uniform ballots, fair allocation of voting machines/poll workers, uniform standards for vote recounts, elimination of partisan election officials, and prohibition of voting machine companies engaging in political activities.

Lotteries, gambling game shows, and movie awards are more carefully monitored than our presidential elections. And this will continue unless we keep the issues of election reforms foremost in the minds of our legislators, media, and citizens.

Join us to learn what you can do to prevent further election inequities, at the Faith in Action Forum, "Just Push the Button. Right?" on Sunday, March 27 at 10:15 in the Library.

## Notably for Newcomers



Author and UU minister Robert Fulghum avers that a place containing great thinking is a sacred place. Our religion, he

says, is defined by an attitude. An open-minded point of view. About everything and anything. What we have most in common is an uncommon way of looking at the obvious. A church is not just a specific building, but also a way of looking at the building you're in at the moment. A minister is not just a person who stands in a pulpit and preaches on Sunday mornings, but also the way some people engage the world. A religion is not contained in a single book; there's something religious in almost any book.

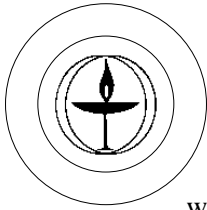
We UUs come together in community to do many things any religious community does, and Sunday mornings are a culturally convenient time to meet. But we also come together during the rest of the week. We enjoy and need the companionship of like-minded people. We agree that individuals must work out their own religious conclusions. We want to be exposed to a wide range of information and a broad range of viewpoints. We're known for respecting diversity of opinion and belief. And we believe in the right of the individual to choose religious principles and in the individual's responsibility to put those principles into practice.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

## Courtyard Re-design in the Works

A courtyard design taskforce is currently brainstorming ways to improve our courtyard. Members include Tom Gregory, Deb Hutton, Noretta Koertge, Mary Ann Williams, Heike Meya, Cindy Port, Jim Thurmond, and Beckie Wagner. We are interested in your ideas and comments about the courtyard, the courtyard entrance, and the playground. Please send them to Cindy Port, [cport@stonebelt.org](mailto:cport@stonebelt.org).

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## Expanding the Circle

In May 2004 the congregation voted to add a Sunday morning

worship service to make room for those who seek a liberal religious community to evaluate the two-service format in Spring 2005.

The Expanding the Circle Committee is launching an evaluation process that will include

- data on attendance, parking, costs
  - interviews with ministers and staff
  - questionnaire to all church groups and committees
  - information table in the Commons April 3 and April 10
  - open meetings at 10:15 and 12:30 on April 10
  - suggestion box and comment cards
  - special e-mail address
- twoservices@uubloomington.org.

The evaluation will focus on these questions:

- What aspects of the new two-service format are working well?
- What issues and problems need to be addressed?
- Have there been any surprises with two services?
- Are there other things you would like us to know?

We want to hear from you!

You can help make two services successful right now by parking on Jordan Avenue (no IU sticker required on Sunday morning) or in the lot of the former church at the NW corner of Fee Lane and the Bypass.

--Libby DeVoe for the Expanding the Circle Committee,  
co-chaired by Connie Loftman & Jackie Hall

## HOMEmades make a HOME

Help us help Habitat by baking and buying wholesome delights at our UU Habitat Women's Build Bakesale Fundraiser on Easter Sunday, March 27, from 10-11 in Fellowship Hall and after the 11:15 service (if there's anything left!) Support our UU women's crew. Our team commitment is \$2500 – we have already pooled our personal funds and raised \$1400. Help us raise the rest!

Some of the specialties that have been donated: bread by Margaret Strong, cookies by Marty Joachim, blueberry pie by Dixie Welch, sweet bread by Charlotte Appel, poppy seed muffins by Barb Berggoetz, German chocolate cupcakes by Joan Caulton, chocolate chip cookies by Deb Hutton, peanut butter cookies by Sharon Yarber, chocolate covered pretzel log houses by Dorothy Sowell, low-carb, sugar-free oatmeal cookies by Anne Haynes, and brownies by Jackie Hall. YUM!!! There will also be fruit and decorated hard-boiled eggs ... and more!! Pianist Margaret Strong will play some songs with "home" as a theme. Let Dorothy Sowell (d.j.sowell@att.net) or Barb Berggoetz (barbberg@bluemarble.net) know what you will donate.

Thank you for your continued commitment to social justice! And thanks for supporting us! The UU Habitat Women's Build Construction Crew Volunteers -- Pat Aungst, Joan Caulton, Jackie Hall, Anne Haynes, Deb Hutton, Marta Johnson, Barb Schwegman, Jean Sebeok, Dorothy Sowell, Sharon Yarber, and Mo Nottingham, crew leader.

## Choir WILL Rehearse Mar 17

UU Choir will rehearse as usual at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. Childcare available. If you *will not need childcare* please contact Carol, admin@uubloomington.org. String Band 8:30-9:15 following choir.

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## UU Big Meetings Promise Inspiration and Good Work

*General Assembly*

"Come, come, whoever you are" to Ft. Worth, Texas for a weekend or for five days June 23-27 for the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, and join hundreds of UU's in workshops and general sessions which decide statements of conscience and social justice. Music, speakers and just a lot of good UU's.

If you have any questions, ask the following members who have each attended at least one General Assembly: Susan Bookout, Jackie Hall, Lloyd Orr, Beckie Wagner, Chris Clothier, Jean Knowlton, Carol Marks, Lisa Minor, Lee Strickholm, Ruellen Fessenbecker, Dylan Marks, Cindy Port, or Denise Breedon-Ost. For more info, contact Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or ifkiesling@aol.com

*Heartland UU District Annual Meeting*

is in Cincinnati OH on April 8 and 9th. Several people are going so there should be rides available. Contact Iris Kiesling to coordinate. Some of the workshops are Creating Social Justice Networks, Couples Communication, A Clash of Cultures. Iris Kiesling, 332-5224.

## "Investing and Estate Planning: Looking Ahead When It Can Still Make a Difference"

The second in a series of estate planning seminars will be held on Sunday, April 10, at 4:00 pm in the Library. The speaker will be Don Chaudoin, CTFA, from Fifth Third Bank in Evansville. He will speak on investing and trusts, and will discuss long term health care.

This seminar is for families with children recently finished with college, or middle-agers of any sort, but is open to all.

A sign up sheet will be in the foyer on March 27, April 3 and April 10. This seminar is sponsored by the Planned Giving Committee. Call Diane Gregory at 876-9362 with questions.

## UU Children's Choir on Easter Sunday

Members of the UU Children's Choir who sang for *Hymnody* will be singing "Into and Among You" with the adult choir on Easter Sunday, March 27th. There will be NO rehearsal the week before- just the 27th before each service. Children can choose to sing at either service or both. For the 9:00 service, please meet at 8:30am in room 208. For the 11:15 service, please meet at 10:45 in room 208. Children will sit with their parents and come up to the front when it's time to sing. Questions? Contact Jill Waggener at jmgreen@indiana.edu. Thanks!

## Grounds Committee Spring Clean Up April 2

Please come and help us welcome Spring by cleaning up the grounds. Saturday, April 2nd from 9:00am to noon. We'll be cutting back dead stalks, raking beds, and spreading mulch. Bring gloves and your favorite rake. Contact John or Julie Lawson with any questions.



**YRUU Will Not Meet Mar 20**

**or Mar 27** However, our senior high youth, ages 14-20, hope to participate in a Walk for the Homeless on April 10. Regular meeting is 6-8 p.m. each Sunday.

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## **Congratulations to Congregation Member**

### **John Crosby--**

#### *Winner of the 2005 Dana McLean Greeley Address Competition*

“Peace Outside the Box: Toward a Paradigm of Change”

Kudos to John Crosby, a longtime Unitarian Universalist who recently joined our congregation; John recently received news that he is the 2005 Award Recipient of the Dana McLean Greeley Address Competition in recognition of his sermon entitled, “Peace Outside the Box: Toward a Paradigm of Change.”

The McLean Greeley Competition, established by the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office, recognizes UU thought and action on global issues of peace and justice and the role of the United Nations.

John has been invited to preach his sermon at this year’s Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas (June 23-28). And he has accepted! We have also invited him to preach his sermon in our Bloomington pulpit on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Again, congratulations, John!

## **Elemental Playshops For All Ages**

(children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)

**12:45-2:45 on Sundays,  
March 20th thru April 9th**

This spring People Tree and Bloomington Circus Collective will be offering interactive playshops based around the elements through our Religious Education Program. These playshops will include Improvisational Movement Theater

games, guided meditation, music, and dance. All participants will be invited to be involved in the Earth Day Service on April 17th and the Earth Day Parade downtown on April 16th. No registration is required. Donations to help defray the cost of the playshops may be made to our RE Program. All participants are expected to bring a sack lunch.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY: Does it need fixing?**

INTERESTED in THIS TOPIC?

Would you like to be part of a group:

- a. to study the issues
- b. pass on information to the congregation
- c. take action?

The Peace and Justice Task Force is willing to support a study group on this subject.

Please contact P&J facilitators...Bill and Cookie Lynch, [thelynches@insightbb.com](mailto:thelynches@insightbb.com)

## **Annual Reports Due April 15**

Committee chairs are invited to submit 150-200 words in the form of a brief annual report of the work of their committees over the past year. These are due by April 15 to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), electronic form preferred. Reports will be compiled and included in the Annual Report to the Congregation, which will be distributed to those gathered at the May 1 Annual Congregational Meeting (12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.)

## **BULLETIN BOARD**

HOUSING WANTED. 2-3 BR, 1,300 sq ft. Hardwd flrs a plus. \$600-\$700 range. Central location. Non-smoking, no pets, very clean. Needed mid- May-June 1. Jaime, 330-1990.

DEER PATH YOGA. Saturday workshops recommencing April 2, 12:30, and ongoing. Call Cherry Merritt-Darriau, 332-8029.

[talent auction list here](#)

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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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