



Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World*

**Sunday, May 29, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**"A Day to Remember: Reflections on Memorial Day in the Service of Peace"**  
**Rev. Bill Breeden**

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**Sunday, June 5, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**"Sunday with Fred" Rev. Fred Campbell**

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**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, June 12:** "What is a 10,000 Villages Store?" Mary Embry on what it would take to have a store in Bloomington. See [tenthousandvillages.com](http://tenthousandvillages.com) for info.

**Memorial Garden Third Annual Plant-In** On Memorial Saturday, May 28, we will have our third annual Plant-In. Bring annuals and good spirits to honor those who have given of their spirit to us and gone before us. Place: UU Memorial Garden east of the church.  
Time: May 28, 10 a.m. - 12:00 n Questions? Call or email Ed or Claire Robertson., [edrbtn@indiana.edu](mailto:edrbtn@indiana.edu), 336-3696.



**Talking Religion June 14** If the road sign said "Heaven" one way and "Discussion About Heaven" the other, which would you choose? Let's discuss our personal beliefs about some of the great unknowables. We'll seek inspiration from each other. We'll draw on the Humanist Manifesto, the Nicene Creed, Bertrand Russell's Liberal Decalogue, the Ten Commandments, Zoroastrian beliefs and our UU Principles. We'll seek answers to questions like, "How do we know what is good and bad conduct?", and "How do we get ourselves to be good?" All in one easy session! Tuesday, June 14 from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., in the Fuchs Library. Advance registration is appreciated, but not required. Sign up in the Commons or email [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org).  
Led by Guy Loftman.

## Mark Your Calendar for June 5!

Sunday, June 5th, the Rev. Fred Campbell will be in our pulpit. He is here at the request of Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden, both of whom met with him at the UU Ministers' retreat last winter in Pokagon. The coming year is going to be a transition year for our congregation. Rev. Barbara Carlson is retiring after twelve wonderful years. Usually a retiring minister is followed by an interim minister and a search process. As in so many other ways, this congregation is unusual in this regard. Because we have a team ministry, we will not have an interim, and, in many ways, our continuing ministry will be much the same as before. However, it will also be different, and we believe that Rev. Campbell is a source of wisdom and insight in addressing the complexities of transition. He is a retired UU minister who has served as an interim minister for several churches.

We are excited that he will be here because we believe he is especially gifted, and we found ourselves encouraged and inspired by our conversations with him. He is a Midwesterner, and he speaks with clarity and humor. We are also excited that he will get to experience this dynamic spiritual community in which we are blessed to serve. There will be a time for some dialogue between the services for any that would like to visit with him. It will be an opportunity for all to share with a minister of considerable experience in the UU tradition and with churches in transition. We encourage you to be there, and we believe this community and Rev. Campbell will be blessed by the experience.

Peace, Rev. Breeden and Rev. Macklin

## Attendance Figures

	<u>9 a.m.</u>	<u>11:15 a.m.</u>	<u>Totl</u>
Sunday, May 15	99	127	226
Sunday, May 22	96	172	268

## Farewell Ceremony and Reception for Reverend Barbara Carlson Now Scheduled for JUNE 26, 4pm-6pm

On June 26th, beginning at 4:00 pm we will have a Farewell Recognition Ceremony to honor Reverend Barbara Carlson as she prepares for her retirement at the end of June. Childcare for infants to age 5 will be available in Room 108 during the ceremony. A Reception with refreshments will immediately follow the ceremony program, in which Reverend Carlson will be officially awarded Minister Emerita status and other gifts of recognition for her 12 years of ministry to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.

Again, please note this new date and time, JUNE 26, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm!

The ceremony will begin promptly at 4:00 pm.

## Scrapbook for Rev. Barbara Carlson

Rev. Carlson has given so much of herself—wisdom, compassion, energy, love—to our congregation for twelve years. We would like to present her with a scrapbook of memories at her retirement celebration on June 26th. Please bring pictures, newspaper articles, poems, stories, etc., and leave them in Rev. Bill Breeden's mailbox in the church office. Be creative!

Deadline: June 19th! Thanks, Glenda Breeden

## Water Service is August 28

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures for our Water Communion Ingathering Service on August 28.

## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

### Join UUs at Community Kitchen

A small team of UUs volunteers to chop veggies and assemble take-out meals at the Community Kitchen the second Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. We need help. Could you join us? Contact Libby DeVoe, 336-8688.

### Musical Arts Youth Orchestra Presents Concert Here May 29

The Musical Arts Youth Orchestra will present a concert of Haydn, Cortijo/Lorenz, and Schubert here in our Meeting Room on Sunday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call 330-0890 for info, or [www.bloomington.in.us/~mayo](http://www.bloomington.in.us/~mayo).

**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 May 24-26, June 1-30

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

## Caught up with Your Pledge?

Before summer amusements overtake you, please remember to send your pledge checks, so we are all squared away for the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Please indicate on the memo line which pledge year they are for (current year is 04-05, upcoming year starting July 1 is 05-06). Thanks!

## Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of *Vicki Hunter-Shields*; Vicki passed away on Thursday, May 19. Rev. Breeden officiated at a service for Vicki in Mooresville on Monday, May 23.

Our continuing thoughts for quick healing are with *Rev. Barbara Carlson*, who is recovering at home from a kidney infection.

Thoughts of healing also to *Arda Landergren* who has been diagnosed with cracked cartilage in both knees. She would appreciate calls, cards or visits.

Many blessings to *Tom and Connie Nelson Laird* upon the birth of their daughter Nora, and to *Stephanie Estell and Aleisha Kropf* upon the birth of their daughter Irene.

Congratulations to *Jane Goodman*, who has been awarded tenure at IU.

Congratulations to *Colleen Haas*, who has received a Fulbright scholarship to study in Brazil.

Nathan Brenner, son of *Georgia Kourshiafes and Craig Brenner*, is graduating from Oberlin College with a degree in Jazz Bass from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Best wishes also to Adam Schau, son of *Natalia and Duane Schau*, who recently graduated from IU, and to Micki Clothier, daughter of *Chris Clothier*, who graduated from Smith College.

**Email Trouble from indiana.edu** Church email sent to addresses at indiana.edu is bouncing on a regular basis. We have questioned the authorities but so far have received no explanation. If you are missing email from ministers or staff, this is probably why. If you have an alternative email address we can use, please let us know, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).



## From the Board of Directors:

Our Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the church, usually in the Fuchs Library, and they are open to observers. Complete minutes from the Board meetings are posted on the bulletin board by the courtyard doors as soon as they are approved. At this month's meeting the Board took the following actions:

Voted to approve of the newly formed Small Group Ministry Implementation Team of Pat Aungst, Anne Haynes (co-chair), Chris Haynes, Steve Mascari, Carol Parks, Amy Roche, and Richard Torstrick (co-chair). This will be an ongoing committee in the Pastoral Subcouncil of the Council.

Voted to approve the newly formed Membership Integration Committee. The purpose of this committee is to improve the process for including members and friends in the life of the church community as volunteers and leaders. It will be part of the Connections Subcouncil.

Voted to invest the \$5470 received from INDOT, for purchase of a tiny portion of our property and access to our property for the proposed highway construction due about 2009, in a one-year certificate of deposit.

Anne Haynes  
Congregational President



## Put on a big smile and

join the friendly UU Greeters and Newcomer Welcomers! Greeting and welcoming at the Sunday service are great ways to make friends and help those attending feel welcome. There will be an orientation program for new greeters and

welcomers on Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at 7:00 PM in the church Library. No prior experience is necessary. Call Mark Day at 336-3094 or sign up in the Commons after service, or just come!

## Committee Chair Council Meeting Wednesday, May 25

All Committee Chairs and Interested Committee Members: The final Council meeting for this fiscal year will be held on Wednesday, May 25th. Dinner (if you have not made a reservation, please bring a brown bag supper for yourself) is at 5:30 p.m. The Council Meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Carol Marks will be sharing some important administrative information and there will be a leadership development segment as well. Following these segments, the Board Liaisons will be meeting with their Sub-council chairs and other interested committee members. This is a wonderful opportunity to share what your committees are doing!

Chris Clothier, vicepres@uubloomington.org

## Ready To Sign The Book?



If you have participated in the Exploring Unitarian Universalism class and are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, June 19 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) at 10:30 am. Please contact Dee Lane at 331-1867 no later than Monday, June 13 if you want to sign the book on Sunday, June 19. Dee Lane, for the Membership Committee

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## From Our Director of Religious Education

We still need 30 summer assistants for Religious Education to cover all the Sundays this summer and make our "UU Kids on the Move" program successful. Each of these 30 assistants will help on just one summer Sunday during one service. Please see the sign up list on the RE table in the Commons. This is a perfect way to see what goes on in the RE program without having to prepare a lesson.

AND, for those of you who have the PERFECT idea for a class this summer, WE STILL NEED 4 lead teachers on the following dates:

**June 19, 26 and July 31 (first service - elementary age children)**

**August 7th (second service - lower elementary age children)**

Thanks so much to Matthias Weber, Ann Kamman and Christine Wagner who are volunteering in our preschool classrooms for most of the time this summer. We received feedback from some of the preschool parents that their child had difficulty attending class because there were different teachers every week. SO, Matthias, Ann and Christine have come to the rescue. Matthias has created wonderful curricula on creation stories for the children which Ann and Christine are anxious to use.

Next Sunday, May 29, we will hold large group Religious Education on one of our summer themes, Heifer International and Read to Feed. Children school age and older will attend the large group in Room 105. Younger children (preschool and younger will have class and child care.) Special thanks to all those who attended the Summer RE Teacher Training on May 16, and special thanks to one of our youngest volunteers, eighth grader Emma Rush, who attended her first teacher training!

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Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education



## Notably for Newcomers

Unitarians and Universalists have always been heretics. We are heretics because we want to choose our faith, not because we want to be rebellious. Two thousand years ago liberals were persecuted for seeking the freedom to make religious choices, but such freedom has become central to both Unitarianism and Universalism. As early as the 1830s both groups were studying and promulgating texts from world religions other than Christianity. By the beginning of the twentieth century humanists within both traditions advocated that people could be religious without believing in God. Our faith teaches us that everyone is free to choose, that no one person, no one religion, can embrace all truths.

Our history has carried us from liberal Christian views to a rich pluralism. At a Unitarian Universalist worship service or meeting, one is likely to find people whose positions on faith may be derived from a variety of religious beliefs: Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, naturist, theist, atheist, or agnostic. Those who attend our services might tell you that they are religious humanists, liberal Christians, or world religionists.

All these people, and others who label their beliefs differently, are faithful Unitarian Universalists committed to the practice of free religion. We worship, sing, play, study, teach, and work for social justice together as congregations, all the while remaining strong in our individual convictions.

---Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

## What is a Wiki?

You don't have to know what a wiki is to join the church Web Committee. We seek folks with a variety of skills, including graphic design, writing proficiency, technical know-how, policy development, and the time and inclination to do routine maintenance. We need your help to make the web an effective communication tool both within the congregation and with those who seek a liberal religious community. Contact Libby DeVoe [edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu), 336-8688 if you'd like to help.



## Fair Trade Coffee!!

The Eco Justice Task Force will be moving to our "summer hours" for coffee sales in between services. Starting in June, we will sell coffee on the first and third Sundays of the month only. The coffee buying club will continue, with orders taken up until the 1st Sunday and ready to pick up on the 3rd Sunday. If you have any questions or would like to help out, email Beckie Wagner, [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com) or stop by the coffee table! Happy Summer!



## Green Sanctuary Task Force Forming

Our congregation is forming a Green Sanctuary Task Force to explore the possibility of our becoming a Green Sanctuary, which is a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable life style for its members as individuals and as a faith community. Sustainable living is about choosing to live in a way that nurtures life, builds relationships, and rejects material consumption as the sole determinant of

happiness.

The goals of the program include building awareness of societal environmental issues, generating commitment for personal lifestyle changes, motivating us to community action on environmental issues, building a connection between spiritual practice and environmental consciousness, and building awareness of and correcting environmental injustices.

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is the beginning step in the process of forming a Green Sanctuary Committee which would be a permanent committee of our congregation. At the June 12 meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Library, the task force will explore the process of an environmental audit, which is a snapshot of where the congregation stands with respect to their environmental behaviors. Church Administrator Carol Marks will be present to share ways the office and other administrative areas of church life have been greening for the last several years. All are welcome to attend.

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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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