

The Prologue

September 12, 2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana Congregation
founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, September 18, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"The Spiritual Path of Social Justice"

Reverend Art McDonald and Reverend Carole Ann Cole

We welcome into our pulpit guest ministers Art McDonald and Carole Ann Cole. Their reflections will involve some thoughts about the theological and spiritual foundations for congregational and personal social justice work. They will summarize the content and results of the weekend's social justice empowerment workshop and suggest ways in which we can gain wide participation for our efforts of ministry in the community. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin will also participate in the service.

Sunday, September 25, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
Paddling Away From Shore: The Spirituality of Safety

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

What does it mean to be safe in terms of our spiritual journey? Are there harbors or havens to be found, which can provide safety for our mind, body and spirit? Does an illusion of safety enhance or diminish our lives as liberal religious seekers? What safety plan does our congregational leadership propose in the event of a tornado warning or fire alarm during our worship time? Join us this Sunday as we explore these questions. The choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will sing *Will You Harbor Me?* by Ysaye Barnwell.

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

The Library is available for faith in action forums on Sundays 10:15-11:30 a.m. in even-numbered months. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu.

September 25, Habitat for Humanity Task Force, Dorothy Sowell and Barb Berggoetz, co-chairs. Members and friends share anecdotes about their volunteering experiences with Habitat. Help us reflect on our congregation's social justice commitment to Habitat and focus our participation for the coming year.

October 2, Robert Jensen, of the journalism faculty of the University of Texas at Austin, on "Hijacking Democracy." Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Task Force.

West Window

As reported last Sunday, this congregation has given nearly \$10,000 to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. You are indeed a blessed community.

We are also planning to implement a program next year that we believe will greatly increase the level of intimacy within our community, as well as our sense of ultimacy with regard to the world in which we live. When Rev. Mary Ann suggested that I go to Small Group Ministry Training this summer, she might as well have suggested that I go to a Chinese Restaurant to celebrate my birthday. She loves Chinese cuisine. I do not. She loves training events. I do not.

I envisioned very excited people trying to get me into role-playing or other activities designed to drive my introverted self to the boundaries of my willingness to be nice. She loves role-playing. I do not. I reluctantly agreed to go. I am very glad I did.

Being raised a fundamentalist, I know a thing or two about conversions. I have been converted. Small Group Ministry will change the way we are with one another--it will change the way we do church. It will not happen overnight, but it will provide for us a structure to be together as a community, to know and to love one another. I believe that it has the potential to make Unitarian Universalism a revolutionary movement rather than a resolutionary one. Don't let my enthusiasm scare you. I might have been converted, but I didn't role-play, and this program will be an opportunity rather than an obligation. If you are interested in deepening your spirituality and your relationship with the community in which you live, watch and wait for the launching of our Small Group Ministry (SGM). An SGM implementation team is now working toward that end.

Peace--bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

We Welcome Special Guests September 18

The Reverend Carole Ann Cole is a U.U. Community Minister living in Santa Barbara, California. She graduated from Thomas Starr King Seminary in 1986 and since that time has been ministering in the Santa Barbara area. She has served as Assistant Minister for the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, and consulting minister for Ojai, California. Her community ministries include multicultural community building with youth and families, social justice empowerment building in congregations, environmental protection work, and pastoral counseling to elders.

Art McDonald, minister of the First Universalist church of Essex, Massachusetts for the past two years, previously served as minister of the Allegheny Unitarian Universalist church, Pittsburgh, PA. for 12 years. He holds a PhD in Religious Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, with a focus on religion and politics and serves as adjunct at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA. and Merrimack College in Massachusetts. This is Art's second visit to Bloomington - he facilitated an empowerment workshop back in 1999.

--Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (MAM), Minister

Coffee Every Sunday, 10:00-

11:00 a.m.: Remember to stay after or come early for our fellowship hour every Sunday between the services, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and tea and conversation available. There are also opportunities to purchase Kroger-Marsh-Bloomingfoods certificates and fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate, sign petitions, write letters, and get information on a variety of social justice issues.

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Shalom Center Needs Help with Renovations

The Shalom Community Center is expanding its services into the lower level of the old Seratec building at 110 S. Washington Street. This new space will house a new day room area, computer lab, family space, and office space for various visiting social service agencies. Much work remains to be done in these renovations! Painters, carpenters, mud & tapers, and tilers needed. Some materials and furnishing will also be needed. All interested warm bodies will be accepted! To help, call Pam Kinnaman at Shalom at 334-5728 or Shirley St. John at 332-2368.

CJAM Presents Conflict Resolution Workshop Here September 16

"Problem Solving for One: Coaching Conflict Resolution" is for those who would like to learn techniques for assisting individuals involved in conflict to manage the conflict constructively. The 6-hour workshop explores various approaches to transforming conflict. Participants will explore strategies for learning to listen, to be supportive, and to ask the right questions for gaining clarity in problem solving. The workshop is on Friday, September 16, from 10:00-4:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall, led by Lisa-Marie Napoli, Indiana Conflict Resolution Institute Associate and CJAM Volunteer.

Evolutionist Thinker here September 21-22

I.U. Bloomington will be hosting an important player in the current evolution/creationism/intelligent design debate. Dr. Eugenie Scott, the founder and executive director of the National Center for Science Education, ncseweb.org, will be on campus September 21-22, for two public lectures. The first is entitled "The Pillars of Creationism and the Teaching of Evolution", on September 21, 7 PM, at the I.U. Auditorium. The second talk, entitled "Tracking Those Incredible Creationists: Adventures as a Public Scientist",

will take place September 22, 4 PM, in Myers Hall 130. Info, Lucy Cherbas, lcherbas@cgb.indiana.edu

Team Ministry Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (82%); Rev. Bill Breeden (82%). Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has specific areas of focus.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

Office hours: M, T, Th, F

Rev. Macklin will be away Sept 26-30.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

Rev. Breeden will be away Sept 22-23.

Our Folks... Irma Cassels is home now, recovering from surgery, and sends her deepest thanks for all the cards and good wishes she has received.

Congratulations to Mary Andrus-Overley who is now Guest Lecturer and Student Outreach Coordinator for the IU School of Social Work.

Art Fair and Bazaar Planning

Underway The 47th Annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on December 2 and 3. Church groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by October 31. Contact Joan Hongen, 336-0926 or jhongen@insightbb.com, for an application.

Social Justice Empowerment

Workshop Friday, Sept 16, 7:00-9:00pm; Saturday, Sept 17, 8:30am - 3:00pm. Sign up at the Social Justice table in the Commons. Join us!

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Calling all Children's Choir Singers!!

We will soon begin a full year of UU Children's Choir-- instead of lots of rehearsals for one big performance, we will have several performances through the year. We will officially begin our rehearsals on Sunday, Sept. 18th in preparation for singing in the Oct. 16th church services. The choir is for any interested UU children who are in Kg through 8th grade. Please tell your friends! Schedule and details are below. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or call 330-8829. Hope to see your children there!

UU Children's Choir Fall Schedule

All rehearsals are on Sunday mornings between the services, 10:15-11:00am, in Room 212, unless otherwise noted. (Please note room change from last year.)

Sunday Sept. 18th- 10:15-11:am -- First regular rehearsal for all Kg-8th

Sunday Sept. 25th, 10:15-11am -- Regular rehearsal, all Kg-8th

Sunday Oct. 2nd, 10:15-11am -- Regular rehearsal, all Kg-8th

Sunday Oct. 9th, 10:15-11am --Regular rehearsal, all Kg-8th

SUNDAY OCT. 16th: Sing in both services (This service will be about our Green Sanctuary Task Force, and the children will sing earth/environmental-related songs.)

Greeter Training on Sept 22

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 for new greeters and welcomers on Thursday, September 22,

7:00-8:30 PM. in the Library. No prior experience is necessary. Sign up in the Commons after service, call Mark Day at 336-3094 or just come join us.

UU/Muslim Cookbook Gears Up

The Unitarian Universalist/Muslim Cookbook is once again in full gear! We hope to have a subscription copy to see and order for the Holiday Season and The Bazaar. Many of you will soon be contacted by Nancy Lair or Jane Norris or Elizabeth Lion to make sure we have your recipes just the way you want them before we send them to Sandy Hill to prepare for the publisher.

Due to an inadvertent accident, the Salad recipes have been lost! We ask you to help us by resubmitting or submitting for the first time your favorite and tried and true salad recipes. Submission forms will be available at church on Sunday, September 18th and 24th and will be picked up Sunday, September 25th, October 2nd and 9th. We ask you use the form for submission; handwriting is fine, but use the submission form please. From the top and bottom of our hearts we thank you for all your help!

Family Worship Working Group Forming

A group of people interested in creating additional opportunities for families to worship together will begin meeting soon. If you are interested in joining us, or in sharing ideas for us to consider in our planning, please call the Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, who will be facilitating our work. She can be reached at 333-9822, or emailed at eleite@hoosier.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

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From Our Director of Religious Education

We had a great Fall start-up on Sunday, Sept. 11, with 83 children attending morning Religious Education classes. In the evening there were 28 middle and high school youth who attended a potluck with their parents. It's not too late to register for RE classes; lots of room in the first service 9 A.M. classes with smaller numbers and lower teacher/student ratios.

The first mandatory OWL parent meeting was also held Sept. 11 for parents of youth in 7th-9th grade. If you missed that meeting, Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff are willing to do a make-up session. Please contact them at 331-7449. The final mandatory meeting will be held on September 25th from 6-8 P.M. Junior High OWL classes start on Sunday, October 2nd at 10:30 A.M.

Upcoming dates:

September 25th – 8:15 A.M. Child care staff meeting

6 – 8 P.M. OWL Parents meeting

October 1 - RE Committee Retreat

October 2 - OWL classes for 7-9th graders, starting at 10:30 A.M.

YUUMS Evening and YRUU will continue to meet on Sundays from 6 – 8 P.M. For information on YUUMS (6th – 8th grade) please contact Barbara Moss 334-2841 or Joanne Henriot – 323-9941. For information on YRUU (9th – 12th grade) please contact Margie or Drew Schrader 339-8899.

Please remember to check your watch after the service and pick up your children on time from their classes. First service pick up time is 10:15. Second service pick up time is 12:30. Remember that rooms are often needed for meetings and teachers need to pick up their children as well.

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education
dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695

Notably For Newcomers

There are no rules laid down by the UUA as to what constitutes the appropriate use of religious symbols; decisions are left to the congregations. But a symbol that you'll see often in our churches, and the most widely accepted, is the one that we use for our Notably for Newcomers column: the flaming chalice.



In the days preceding WWII, the Boston-based Unitarian Service Committee (USC) was founded to rescue Unitarians, Jews, and other religious liberals from parts of Europe where their lives were threatened by Nazism. The flaming chalice was the code by which those who needed to be rescued identified themselves to the USC.

The ritual lighting of the chalice in a UU worship service has become widespread only in the last twenty or so years. It is usually lit near the beginning of the service, often accompanied by a simple spoken ritual, as in our own services.

The chalice symbolizes wisdom, knowledge, and spiritual insight. The flame that rises from the chalice represents illumination and understanding.

Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 4 9 a.m. 115, 11:15 222, Totl 337
Sun, Sep 11 9 a.m. 127, 11:15 201, Totl 328

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Green Sanctuary Taskforce

Meets September 18th Hurricane Katrina underscores the urgency of addressing global warming. M.I.T. Professor Kerry Emmanuel writes: "The large upswing [in hurricane intensity] in the last decade is unprecedented, and probably reflects the effect of global warming" (quoted in The New York Times, September 11th). The Green Sanctuary Taskforce on Global Climate Change is exploring what we as a congregation can do. Please join us on September 18th at 1:00 PM in the Church Library. Info, contact David Keppel (331-2815 or keppel@sbcglobal.net.)

FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP on September 18!

Pitch-in Fellowship Dinner Kick-Off PICNIC-Sunday Sept. 18 at 1:00. Rain or Shine. Bring either Veggie, Main Dish, or Dessert. Beverage provided. "Winslow Woods Park" Shelter across from YMCA on Highland Avenue. Hike the Woods after Dinner or the Trail at the Sports Complex! Sign up for the Dinners at the Picnic. All are welcome.

Lunch with Minister on the Second Monday of Each Month

Join Rev. Bill Breeden for lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon on the second Monday of each month, starting October 10. Inspiring conversation is certain to ensue. Rev. Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering and Prayer" opportunity soon; time and place to be announced.

Contact Info and email addresses

for ministers, board officers, and staff appear at the end of the online version of this issue, at www.uubloomington.org.

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Share Your Gifts: Fellowship Hour Training Saturday, October 1, 9-11 a.m.

We need people like you to nurture people like us (who need coffee to help us share our UU ideas with the campus, community, and the larger world). Please help host coffee hour on Sunday mornings! Training will take place Saturday, October 1 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. No need to be shy. Contact Jean Knowlton at jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us or Judy Bennett at bennettj@bloomington.in.us.

Civil Marriage is A Civil Right Provides Training Saturday, October 1, 1-5 p.m.

The Civil-Marriage-is-a-Civil-Right Task Force will regularly meet on the second Sunday of the month at 12:15pm. On Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 1:00-5:00pm in Fellowship Hall and the Meeting Room, the task force will sponsor a LGBT Civil Rights Training for the Rural Community in Fellowship Hall. At the training Mark St. John from Indiana Equality will present information on how to effectively intervene in the legislative process. Other guest speakers will discuss working with media, how to remain centered and non-violent in the face of threats, and provide networking opportunities.

Film Series Potluck and Viewing Saturday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

The 2005-06 Adult Religious Ed Film Series will begin Saturday, October 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, with a potluck supper and then the viewing of "Waking Life." See details in the insert to today's issue.

New Books in the Fuchs Library

Ault, James M., Jr. Spirit and Flesh: Life in a Fundamental Baptist Church. (306.6 Aul)

Church, Forrest. Lifecraft: The Art of Meaning in the Everyday. (248.4 Chu)

Dolby, Sandra K. Self-Help Books: Why Americans Keep Reading Them. (646.7 Dol)

Koertge, Noretta, Ed. Scientific Values and Civic Virtues. (300 Koe)

Easwaran, Eknath. Climbing the Blue Mountain: A Guide for the Spiritual Journey. 294.5 Eas

Meeks, Wayne A., Ed. The HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version. 220.5 Mee

Reading from September 4

Available The reading by Molly Dee Rundle which Lois Zimmerman shared during the services on September 4 is included in the paper copy of Rev. Breeden's sermon for that date; copies are available in the literature racks at church.

Indiana Equality Fundraiser

Thursday, September 15 The South Central coordinating committee of Indiana Equality announces its Fall 2005 Fundraising Dinner, Thursday, September 15, 6 PM at First United Church. Tickets are \$25 each or \$15 each for low-income or student attendees. Indiana Equality's goals are to defeat the discriminatory marriage amendment to Indiana's constitution and to amend Indiana's civil-right law to include sexual orientation and gender identity. <http://cgi.hoosier.net/~lgbtctr>

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Attention Thirty-Something

Singles!!! Are you interested in meeting other UU singles for monthly gatherings of conversation, friendship, and fun? If so, please contact the facilitator, Amy, at amyana@hotmail.com and include your name, age, and e-mail address (please type "UU" in the subject line). This is a new group supported by the Beacon Young Adult Network, an information source for increasing awareness of Young Adult-friendly church activities, with an age focus of 18-35.

Campus Ministry Plans Regular Monthly Meetings



All those on campus interested in Unitarian Universalism are invited to join Heather Hansen

and other like-minded folk on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kiva, below Burger King in the Union. Undergrads are especially encouraged to attend. Info, contact Heather at heahanse@indiana.edu.

Large Print Materials Available Each Sunday

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available at all of our Sunday services. Hearing assist devices are also available. Please see the Greeters for any of these items. Large-print versions of the Prologue available upon request to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

New Church Directory in October

Send your new address or new email info to admin@uubloomington.org by September 30, so our new directory is a perfect as possible!

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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.

Sufi Dancing Dances of Universal Peace,
third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Info: Sura Tala, 336-4050.

**Our Youth Groups Meet on
Sunday Evenings**

Our YUUMS, Young UU Middle
Schoolers (grades 6-8) and YRUU, Young
Religious UUs (ages 14-20), meet each
Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For information
on these programs, contact Barbara Moss,
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