

# The Prologue

September 26, 2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, October 2, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Hell and Damn-Nation?"** Reverend Bill Breeden

Confessions of a Universalist. -- "There are times when damning to Hell is quite tempting."

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

**"Sunflowers and The Mystery of Forgiveness"**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In the midst of the Jewish High Holy Days (Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins at sundown, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown October 12<sup>th</sup>), we will explore the topic of forgiveness. Reflections will include thoughts on The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal (1908-2005).

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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 10:15-11:30 a.m. in even-numbered months. To schedule a forum, contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

**October 2**, Robert Jensen of the University of Texas, a featured interviewee in *Hijacking Democracy*, will be our speaker. There will be a brief presentation followed by informal conversation. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Task Force.

## **Hijacking Democracy film, Friday, September 30 at the Waldron**

*Hijacking Democracy: American Extremism and the Politics of Fear*, narrated by Julian Bond, will be shown on Friday, September 30, at 7:00 pm at the John Waldron Arts Center Auditorium. This will be a sneak preview of (and a fundraiser for) a documentary still in the process of being made. A discussion with Robert Jensen will follow. The film focuses on George W. Bush's re-election strategy and how religious fanaticism and fear of terrorism were used to obscure the drive of neo-conservatives to transform the landscape of American politics. The film argues that progressives are now uniquely positioned to bring the actual concerns of ordinary Americans back into the mainstream. Karen Green Stone and Rob Stone are the sponsors, and would appreciate R.S.V.P.'s to [grostone@insightbb.com](mailto:grostone@insightbb.com) or 333-8085.

## West Window

One of the distinguishing tenets of Unitarian Universalism is a disbelief in a literal, eternal hell, in keeping with the second "U" of our name, Universalist. As a word, hell comes in quite handy at times, commonly following "What the...." or "Where in....". However, as a doctrine of religious faith, and as in following the words, "Go straight to....", it is most damning to human relations and perhaps one of the primary impediments to the possibility of a global community. Why then does it remain as one of the most closely held doctrines of the three religions of the book: Christianity, Judaism and Islam? And does it provide the underpinning for the nation-state and the institution of war? This Sunday, we will consider hell and the remarkable Universalist response to the concept thereof. Where the hell did that response come from? And what does it mean to us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

In the meantime, I remind all of us that this nation is deeply mired in the hell of war. Our men and women, some very young and some very mature, face terrors that most of us are spared, as does the entire population of those nations in which our troops are deployed. Let us keep in our hearts all persons victimized by this violence, and pray for wisdom and courage in these days. Such prayer is at the heart of what it means to be a liberal religious community.

Peace--bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, 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.

## Our DRE Advises a Growing Congregation

Lisa Minor, Heartland UU District Religious Education Consultant, facilitated a Start-up workshop between Dane McCullogh, a newly-hired Director of Religious Education, and her congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hendricks County, on Saturday, September 24th in Danville. This is the first paid staff position for the Danville congregation, which was founded in 1996. Lisa Minor has been our Director of Religious Education since 1998, and has also been a Religious Education Consultant for our district for several years, assisting a number of UU congregations.

## Economic Justice Task Force

**Meets October 16** The first meeting of the newly formed Economic Justice Task Force will be at 12:30 on October 16th, in the Library. All those interested are welcome to attend. The mission of the task force is

To strive for equity through education and support of distributive economic justice projects, both local and global.

Proposed action projects include

1. Educational forums
2. Supporting local businesses that contribute to economic justice
3. Supporting the opening of a non-profit fair trade store in Bloomington.

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## Community Connections

### our faith in action in the community Special Film for National Coming Out Day

In observance of National Coming Out Day, the documentary film "Fish Can't Fly: Conversations About God and Struggling To Be Gay" will be shown at the Monroe County Public Library auditorium, October 10, 7 p.m.

### Diversity in Bloomington?

Date: Thursday, September 29, 5:00-7:00pm  
Venue: Hillel Center, 730 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Diversity in Bloomington is a student forum which focuses on discussing issues facing diversity efforts at Indiana University and Bloomington.

**Martha's House Seeking Members** Martha's House, the homeless shelter, needs some good and dedicated board members. If you are interested, please call Iris Kiesling 332-5224.

**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

## Social Justice Empowerment Resources Available

Three copies of the Social Justice Empowerment materials that were used at our SJ Empowerment weekend are available on the oak cabinet in the Library. One copy is for use in the Library and the other two may be borrowed and returned.

**Our Folks...** Best wishes for continued healing to Irma Cassels and Dorothy Davis, who are both recovering from recent surgery.

Congratulations and many blessings to Joe and Bess Bohon Lee, upon the recent adoption of their son, Brandon Lee, age 8.

## Want Booth Space at the Bazaar? Apply by Oct 31

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

## Greeters and Refreshment Servers for October



**Greeters:** *Jean Umiker-Sebeok is the coordinator for October.*

### Refreshment Servers (Java

#### Crew):



*Oct 2: Bill and Carmen Simich-Dudgeon, make coffee*

*John Loveland, Deb Hutton, clean up*

*Oct 9: Charlotte and Andrew Appel,*

*make coffee*

*Vickie and Bernie Fry, clean up*

Jean Knowlton and Judy Bennett are the Fellowship Hour Coordinators.

## Help Wanted on PR Committee

If you would like to work on the Public Relations Committee for our congregation, call BJ Lawrance at 988-7625.

## YRUU Meets Oct 2, Oct 16, Oct 31

Our high school youth (ages 14-20) plan a Food Drive in October, and will be helping at the Ramadan Celebration on Oct. 21. The group will not meet on Oct 9 or Oct 30.

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## Volunteer to help clean the Archives on October 7

What are the Archives?

a closet stuffed full of miscellaneous artifacts

valuable records of our church's history things that we just can't bring ourselves to throw away

remnants of the past that need to be carefully preserved for the future

The Archives are, of course, all of the above. The closet is indeed stuffed and it is difficult to find records or pictures or sermons when they are wanted. We're going to change all that in one full day of reorganization. On Friday, October 7, everything will come out of the Archives closet, be sorted in the Library, and returned to the closet in logical, easily accessed order. The Archives Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help us carry the boxes, files, and hidden treasures to the Library and sort them out. Any amount of time, any time during the day – we'll be there 9 to 5 – please let Ginny Richey know when you can help out, 339-7224.

## Memory Makers: An Opportunity for Involvement

We are proud of our congregation's history and ongoing activities. We want to keep documenting the wonderful things that this congregation does. We need a small group of 2 or 3 people who are willing to document congregational events; this may include organizing a list of volunteer photographers, clipping newspaper articles about our church, creating displays or other unique ways to remind our membership of recent or

distant memories. In other words collecting and representing information that is precious to our congregational identity. We need someone to organize these efforts so that we have consistent coverage. There are lots of large and small ways to help with memory making - some involve staying at home! Please call Ruellen Fessenbecker 837-9550 or e-mail rfessenb@indiana.edu if you are interested in this fun service. This would be a great opportunity for new UU's to get involved and find out what's going on.

## READY TO SIGN THE BOOK?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, October 16 between services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B). Contact Dee Lane at 331-1867 no later than Monday, October 10 if you want to sign the book on October 16. --Dee Lane for the Membership Committee

## Calling all Children's Choir Singers!!

UU Children's Choir rehearsals have begun for the Fall. The schedule appeared in the September 12 Prologue, which can be accessed on our website, www.uubloomington.org. If you have questions about the program, contact Children's Choir Director Jill Waggener at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or call 330-8829. Next rehearsal is Sunday, October 2, 10:15-11:00 a.m. in Room 212.

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## From Our Director of Religious Education.

The children of our congregation have raised \$476 for the Heifer Project and are starting the process of deciding which animals they want to buy. We will be selecting our animals and sending in our money by the end of September. Thanks to all who participated in our special reading/social justice project this summer.

Speaking of social justice, we have been invited to participate in CROP Walk on October 16 but we still need a volunteer to coordinate our church's participation. Most of the churches, synagogues, and meeting houses in town have walkers. Many folks do this as a family project to raise money to stop hunger. During the walk we visit the local agencies that feed people; a portion of the money we raise goes to those agencies. We can also designate our money to go to the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). I have walked in CROP walk for the past 23 years in three different cities. Sometimes I pushed my sons in a stroller and other times they ran it as a 5K. I hope that you'll join me on October 16th. If you are willing to coordinate our church's participation, please contact me soon.

### Upcoming RE dates:

Oct 1 - RE Committee Retreat in morning  
Oct 2 - 7th - 9th Grade OWL classes start @ 10:30A.M. in Room 110  
Oct 10 - RE Committee 6:30 P.M.  
Oct 16 - Teacher Meeting 10:30 A.M.  
CROP Walk in afternoon

Lisa Minor, Director of Religious Education  
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## Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 18 9 a.m. 97, 11:15 187, Totl 284  
Sun, Sep 25 9 a.m. 87, 11:15 175, Totl 262

## Notably For Newcomers

A recent survey found that a majority of Unitarian Universalists identify "shared values and principles" as the glue that holds our denomination together. What are those shared values and principles? a newcomer might ask.

The Principles and Purposes, adopted twenty years ago and amended only once since, perhaps provide the answer to that question, or at least an important part of it. From the Bylaws of the UUA, the seven Principles and Purposes follow.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

## Postings to Office First, Please

If you have an item of community interest to post on our bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance, please bring it to Room 204 and the staff will see that it is posted.

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## October Fellowship Dinners

- #1 Host-Marcie & Irv Grossack  
Guests-Karen Dessauer, Judy Bennett  
Laura & Bob Campbell  
Tom & Diane Gregory  
Caroline & Christopher Smith
- #2 Host-Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr  
Guests-Bill Baus  
Don & Joan Bennett  
Paul & Dee Lane  
Jean Sebeok & Mark Day
- #3 Host-Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison  
Guests-Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts  
Bob & Libby DeVoe  
Anne & Chris Haynes  
Cathy & Dick Hiatt
- #4 Host-Elizabeth Lion  
Guests-Pat Aungst  
Marjorie & John Crosby  
Harriet & Dick Pfister
- #5 Host-Ted & Diann Lock  
Guests-Lynne Gilliatt  
Rob & Joan Hongen  
Laura Smith  
Sandy & Bob Taylor
- #6 Host-Bill & Cookie Lynch  
Guests-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship  
Dolores Freiburger  
Katherine Hopkins  
Louis & Emily Tenney  
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
- #7 Host-Denise & Harold Ogren  
Guests-John & Julie Lawson  
Glee Noble  
Kevin Rotter & Dave Crane  
Ann Watzel
- #8 Host-Tommie & Walt Owens  
Guests-Don Halford & Mary Andrus-Overley  
B.J.Lawrance & Jan Skinner  
Carol & Roger Parks  
Diane & Bob Port
- #9 Host-Raymond & Rita Rust  
Guests-Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum  
Jack & Sylvia King  
Dave Parkhurst & Deborah Robinson  
Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

It is not too late to join this great group of people who will be enjoying the good food and fellowship at these Dinners. Fill out an application for Fellowship Dinners from the rack by the front entrance and leave in the Basket or give to Dolores Freiburger.

## Name Tag Makers Sought

Wanted: volunteers to help make name tags. Training provided. Hours flexible. No committee meetings. Rewarding work. Contact Madeline Rivera-Gill (935-6452, [madriver@socs.k12.in.us](mailto:madriver@socs.k12.in.us))

## 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. Rev. Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering and Prayer" opportunity soon; time and place to be announced.

## Fellowship Hour Training Saturday, October 1, 9-11 a.m.

Come learn how to host coffee hour on Sunday mornings! Training on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jean Knowlton at [jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us](mailto:jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us) or Judy Bennett at [bennettj@bloomington.in.us](mailto:bennettj@bloomington.in.us).

## 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." Reserve childcare by September 29 at 332-3695.

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## LGBT Civil Rights Training Saturday, Oct 1, 1:00-5:00 p m

The Civil-Marriage-is-a-Civil-Right Task Force will hold a training on Saturday, October 1, 2005 from 1:00-5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a LGBT Civil Rights Training for the Rural Community, on how to effectively intervene in the legislative process; work with media, and remain centered and non-violent in the face of threats.

## Ramadan Celebration Oct 21

Mark Your Calendars

On Friday, October 21st we will hold our 3rd Annual Ramadan Celebration. At sundown we will break fast, pray, and feast with our Muslim friends. Plan on coming to our church and be part of the event. Members of the Bloomington Islamic community will prepare all the food. Rev. Breeden will be part of the prayers said as we face the east in our Meeting Room and feast in Fellowship Hall. This year it is more important than ever that we open our hearts and minds to the hospitality, the generosity and the spirituality of the occasion. Tickets are \$3.00 per individual or family and will be available at church on Sunday, October 9th and October 16th. You may reserve tickets on October 2. Only 70 tickets will be sold! This is a celebration you and /or your family will not want to miss!

Elizabeth Lion and Karen Dessauer  
Co-Chairs, Celebration Committee

## Upon Room Use at our Church

We are happy to have the problem of finding meeting space for many different and important meetings in our building on Sundays and throughout the week. The RE

rooms, YRUU Room, YUUMS Room, Library, and even the Church Administrator's and Ministers' offices, are frequently in use for meetings. We appreciate everyone's help in keeping all the rooms tidy and ready for all kinds of different meetings. Questions? Carol Marks, Church Administrator, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), 332-3695.

## "It Matters What We Believe"

**Reading Available** The reading by Sophia Lyon Fahs that was used in a recent worship service can be found on page 376 of our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

## New Church Directory in October

Send your new address or new email info to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by September 30, so we can be as perfect as possible!



## New Campus Ministry Group Meets Weekly at the Union

Indiana Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM), our new campus ministry group, meets Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Kiva, below Burger King. Undergrads are especially encouraged to attend. Questions, contact Heather Hansen at [heahanse@indiana.edu](mailto:heahanse@indiana.edu)

**UUs Seeking Home Hospitality** on Tuesday, Nov 22, when they pick up their IU student daughter and depart on Nov 23 to visit relatives for Thanksgiving. Call 503-641-7010. Kathy Foldes & John Hunt

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## **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](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

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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, [bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net) for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, [maschrad@indiana.edu](mailto:maschrad@indiana.edu).