

The Prologue

October 10, 2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, October 16, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"It's Not Easy Being Green"

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

From green frogs (Kermit) to green dragons to green peace and green sanctuaries, we will explore what it means to be "green" in our world. This earth-embracing service will also offer thoughts on the theological, spiritual and ethical aspects of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry of Earth's Green Sanctuary program, which our congregation is currently discovering. Special music will include selections from our Children's Choir, directed by Jill Waggener, and the women's *a cappella* group, Kaia.

Sunday, October 23, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Tinkering with the Machinery of Death" Reverend Bill Breeden

An abolitionist reflection on Camus and Blackman.

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.

October 16, Women Sharing Wisdom Thinking about retirement? Like to be proactive? Rose Marie Kamman, Jean Knowlton and Karen Dessauer share tips about retirement based on the wisdom gleaned from their own experiences. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will offer some opening thoughts. Come and be energized by the vitality of some of our "retired" women. Snacks from 10:15 – 10:30. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell.

October 23, Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change Contact Keith Vogelsang, Anne Veldman, or David Keppel for details on this program.

October 30, Children's Task Force We are eager for more heads and hands to help make real an inclusive and caring vision of "Kids Across Community." You'll learn about the CTF and how we can serve our kids in our community by supporting the Shalom Center, Stepping Stones, Templeton School, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. And of course we are open to more new ideas! Many of the activities we have in mind will involve UU children and youth as well as children in the larger community. There is only one kind of kid --- ours!

MAM Musings

One of our programs which offers pastoral care for our friends and members is becoming more visible and proactive. As a result, a name change has been created to celebrate this new incarnation of 'care' within our community. Our **Pastoral Care Associates** (formerly 'Listening Ministers') are sharing and caring members of our church community who offer supportive hands and hearts. Aside from introducing the Offering at many of our Sunday Worship Services, these well-trained individuals visit new members, provide support for persons adjusting to change, share moments of joy, and share in any situation that requires a touch of human kindness and someone to care. While the **Pastoral Care Associates** are becoming more proactive in their outreach efforts, ***we also need you to help empower us (Ministers and Pastoral Care Associates) to help you.***

If you resonate with any of the following, you are invited to contact our **Pastoral Care Associates Co-Chairs**, Jean Knowlton (339-2047) and Edrice Baker (332-3755), or a minister, to be connected with one of our trained **Pastoral Care Associates**: *When you have a joy or happiness to share, *At the birth or adoption of a child *When you are in transition *When you need a friend *When you experience vocational change *If you are homebound, lonely or hospitalized. *If you are grieving or depressed *If you are in the process of separation or divorce *If you have a family member or friend who is dying or ill. *If you need a professional referral *If you have gained or lost a pet *If you simply need to know someone cares.

OK, I know it takes a lot of courage and follow-through to call for a **Pastoral Care Associate** connection. I often preach about

the resistance we experience in reaching out and getting support for ourselves in a culture that prefers we remain isolated and un-empowered. Empower yourself to reach out. Getting support for your joys and sorrows is a blessing this community offers. I believe the **Pastoral Care Associate Team** is a rich yet underutilized branch of our congregational tree of life. I supportively nudge you (yes, you there with the newsletter in your hands) to be a part of its revitalization, from the roots upward. Give Jean, Edrice, Reverend Bill Breeden or moi, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, a call. Seriously.

Warmly, Rev. MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Katrina Temporary Adopt-A-Family Program

Several members and friends of our congregation have been working with a family of Katrina hurricane evacuees from New Orleans --- Aisha, Gerald, Ricky (12), Brandon (8), and Derrick (7) --- to help them get settled in Bloomington. They love it here and plan to make it their home. We've been able to help them with furniture and warm winter clothing, but they are still in need of a car, a washer and dryer, more winter clothing, and some household items. If you have a car or a washer and dryer you'd like to donate or if you would like to donate cash so that we can make additional purchases for them, please contact Sandy Hill (336-8499, goctindy@kiva.net), Barbara Moss, (334-2841 or bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net) or Carol Parks (parksc@indiana.edu or 336-1592).

Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Shop at the ReStore and Help Habitat If you are shopping for great deals on hard-to-find items, planning to donate your gently used appliance, or looking for ways to help, think Habitat. You can shop, donate, or volunteer at the Habitat ReStore. See details on our bulletin board or at www.bloomington.in.us/~habitat.

Open House for Stepping Stones Oct 27 Stepping Stones will host an Open House on Thurs, Oct 27 4:30-7:30 at College Mall Apartments (2615 E. Second St). The public is invited to tour our four apartments, talk to our new residents, staff, and board members, and hear more about our programs. Oliver Winery is providing a cash bar with light snacks. A silent auction will feature a variety of items from local businesses. Hope you can stop by to see this new program. Call Sheri Benham @ 339-9771 or sbenham@steppingstones-inc.org for more information.

Supplies Collection for Hurricane Survivors October 15 at Bryan Park And the plight of the victims of Katrina and Rita continues. There will be a collection of supplies at Bryan Park - Henderson Street side - on Saturday, Oct. 15th - 9am to 11am - to be trucked down to The Common Ground Health Clinic, 1401 Teche St., Algiers/New Orleans, LA 70114-5842, on Monday, October 17. If you need help or have questions please email Mary Blizzard mary_blizzard@hotmail.com. A list of supplies needed is posted on our bulletin board.

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.

Our Folks... Our healing thoughts are with *Kate Salmon*, who is recovering from surgery at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Congratulations and many blessings to members *Amy Roche and Steve Mascari*, who were married recently.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.
Office hours: M, T, Th, F
Rev. Macklin will be away Oct 23-29.
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th
Office hours: M, T, F

Coffee Every Sunday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.: 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.

Greeters and Refreshment Servers for October

Greeters: Oct 16: Andrea Murray,
 Cookie Lynch, Iris Kiesling,
John Woodcock, Paul Losensky,
Jean Sebeok, Arzetta Hulst-
Losensky, Mark Day, Katherine Hopkins,
Tom Albright
Oct 23: Veronica Lenard, Laura Smith,
Ann Watzel, Sheri Benham, Mark and Iris Esch-
Williams, Beth Hollingsworth, Alfonso Montecino,
Clarke Miller, Dee Lane
Jean Umiker-Sebeok is the greeter coordinator for October.

Refreshment Servers (Java Crew):
Oct 16: Joan and Rob Hongen (make coffee)
 Pep and Fresca Sobrer (clean up)
Oct 23: TBA
Jean Knowlton and Judy Bennett are the Fellowship Hour Coordinators.



Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar December 2 and 3

Cookies! It's that time again.

Time to start thinking about cookies for the Holiday Bazaar. Decorated cookies, bar



cookies, fancy cookies, plain cookies, where are those recipes? The

Cookie Walk needs you! We'd like to sell even more scrumptious morsels than last year, and we can with your help. Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall in November. In the meantime, start planning your baking blitz! -- The Cookie Walk Committee

Gourmet Galaxy Seeks Donors

It's not too early to start looking up your



favorite holiday recipes (candies, jams, chutneys, spiced nuts, holiday breads, cakes, pies, etc.) and deciding which ones you'd like to prepare

for the Gourmet Galaxy food booth at the UU Art Fair and Bazaar, December 2 & 3. Your contributions are needed. Look for sign-up sheets in November in Fellowship Hall.

YRUU Meets Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 31

Our high school youth, Young Religious

Unitarian Universalists (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. Info, contact Margie and Drew Schrader, YRUU facilitators.

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The Grounds

Committee would like to know if there's anyone out there yearning to get dirty.

If you are, and want to join in the outdoor fun, please e-mail John and Julie Lawson at lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net or just flag us down during Coffee Hour. Watch this space for word on a Fall Clean-up in the next few weeks.

An Open Invitation

to the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington.

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Everyone is cordially invited to an evening fundraising get-together to benefit Indiana Equality. Please join the UU Civil Marriage Task Force to learn more about Indiana Equality, a statewide coalition working to amend Indiana's Civil Rights Law to add sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes AND to fight off the Indiana Constitutional Marriage Amendment (SJR-7). "We the people" means all the people. Childcare will be provided for children younger than age 13, Room 108.

A sign up sheet will be located near the Social Justice table in the hallway. Members of the Civil Marriage Task Force will be there to answer questions between services on Oct 16 and Oct 23. --Phil Cooper

Attendance Figures

Sun, Oct 2 9 a.m. 98, 11:15 198, Totl 296

Sun, Oct 9 9 a.m. 82, 11:15 172, Totl 254

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From Our Director of Religious

Education Letters were sent last week to all who have first grade children registered in the Religious Education Program. The annual **Age of Reason Ceremony** for first-graders will be held on Sunday, November 6 at both services. Parents will attend part of the service and party afterwards (during the adult service) with their first grade children in the Fuchs Library. **Please bring a special snack to share.**

October 16 – 3 important events are occurring!

10:30 A.M. **Teachers meeting between the services in Room 210.** Joanna Clees will do a presentation on the children's library and we will have time to reflect and discuss how things are going so far this year.

1:30 P.M. **Crop Walk** registration starts at Monroe County United Ministries. Walk starts at 2:00 P.M.

5:30 p.m. – **Youth Advisory Committee** in Room 110 (before YRUU meeting). Parents and high school youth are invited to attend.

I will be attending the **Liberal Religious Educators Conference** in Philadelphia from Friday, October 21 through Tuesday, October 25. The theme of the first 3 days is *Mapping Uncharted Territory: New Directions for Growing Learning Congregations*. This will be a whole systems approach to how Religious Educators tap the potential that lifespan religious learning has for growing, transforming and deepening congregational life. Directors of Religious Education from all over the continent will look at how we welcome, nurture, serve and empower UUs of all ages as part of shared ministry within our congregations. Rev. Lawrence Peers in the featured speaker. The second part on Monday and Tuesday – *Healthy*

Congregations will be led by Rev. Peter Steinke.

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



Notably For Newcomers

Over a period of three years in the 1980's, and through a

democratic process, we incorporated the thoughts of UUs in churches and fellowships and societies throughout the United States and Canada. In the last issue of *The Prologue* we included the seven Principles and Purposes, enacted by the General Assembly (GA) of 1986.

In addition to the Principles and Purposes, the covenant of the UUA as now codified in our bylaws also refers to the six sources of our faith. The living tradition we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men, which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings, which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Paul Lane for the Membership Committee
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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. Next lunch is November 14. Rev. Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering and Prayer" opportunity soon; time and place to be announced.

Film Series Potluck and Viewing Saturday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.

The 2005-06 Adult Religious Ed Film Series will continue Saturday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, with a potluck supper and then the viewing of "Inherit the Wind" dir. Stanley Kramer, 1960, PG

The trial of a teacher, arrested for teaching evolution. The film is an interpretation of the Scopes "Monkey Trial," with debates between Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan taken directly from the transcripts. The story in the film couldn't be more relevant. We could substitute "intelligent design" for its theme and be speaking of our current struggle for separation of church and state.

Childcare will be provided 6:30-9:30 p.m. for this event only if parents reserve it by calling 332-3695 by October 23. No walk-in childcare please.

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 16th. 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

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

- Attend worship daily
- Hear what other churches are doing about growth
- Sing
- Take a dance class
- Learn UU history

The General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is the best church conference ever and will be held in St. Louis this coming June 21-25. Make plans now to volunteer to be a delegate or attend simply because of all the great workshops, performances, and worship experiences that are available. Programs from past General Assemblies are available in Room 204 for you to peruse as you make your plans. See Iris Kiesling if you are thinking of being a delegate. Some financial support available for delegates. More info at www.uua.org/ga

Journalism Student Seeks Hybrid Religionists

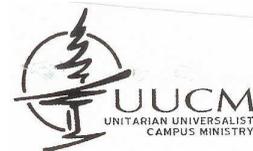
Are you a Hindu Jew, Christian Buddhist or any other "hybrid religion?" IU journalism student is writing an article on religious hybrids and would like to talk to you. Email Joyce at jjl@indiana.edu.

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Radical Hospitality Workshop in Urbana, Illinois, November 5

UU Church of Urbana/Champaign is hosting a workshop on Putting Radical Hospitality into Practice on Saturday, November 5, 10:00 - 4:00. Reasons to learn about and practice Radical Hospitality:

1. Strangers? Threat or Opportunity?
2. How do you choose to live your life?
3. How are we seen by visitors?
4. How can we truly connect with others?
5. What limits should we set?
6. How will Radical Hospitality change your church? Registration is \$15 per person or \$12 per person for team members from the same congregation. Details are posted on our bulletin board or call Doug Jones, 217-377-6787, djones42@aol.com



Our 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

Historical Jesus Class has Room

There is still time to sign up for Adult Religious Education offerings. "The Historical Jesus: What Did Jesus Really say?" begins October 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Call the office, 332-3695, to register. If you are interested in our government's encroachment

on the separation of church and state, "Onward Toward Theocracy" may be just the forum you're looking for, and it begins Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Sign up sheets are at the courtyard entrance. -- Marjorie Crosby

Address for Sending Contributions to Assist Victims of the Hurricanes

Your donations to the following UUA-UUSC fund are tax deductible:

UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund
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Sunday from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For information on these programs, contact Barbara Moss, bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, maschrad@indiana.edu.

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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.

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.

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.

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