

# The Prologue

November 21,

2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

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

"Touching the Void: On Emptiness and Spirituality" Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

In response to the fullness espoused for the Thanksgiving holiday, this service will explore the spirituality of emptiness. Reflections will include the Buddhist concept of emptiness as ultimate reality as well as the Christian notion of *kenosis*. Our pianist Sally Todd will offer reflective selections from the *Komachi Suite* (composer Alan Hovhaness) throughout the service, and our Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will perform a notable selection from composer John Cage.

**Sunday, December 4, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

"Hank is Losing His Mind" Rev. Bill Breeden

A chicken story in some way related to being a caring community.

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

**Dec 4, "The PATRIOT Act: an Update"** Jessie Cook will show the ACLU film "Beyond the PATRIOT Act" and will bring us up to date on recent developments and proposed legislation.

Jessie is a member of the congregation, a practicing attorney, and has made numerous presentations on The PATRIOT Act and related issues to community groups, the Indiana State Bar Association, and others. The forum is sponsored by the Peace and Justice Task Force.

**Dec 11, "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard"** Want to learn more about how the largest food pantry serving the Bloomington community works? Join us for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's forum. Learn how the food pantry works, who it serves, and how you can help. They have Indiana NAP tax credits left for 2005. Questions, call Kellie at 935-6072 or Libby at 219-8787.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, DEC. 11**

Fall Congregational Meeting, December 11, 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.  
2120 North Fee Lane, Bloomington. All members encouraged to attend.

Bylaws revisions to be discussed; see November 7 issue of *The Prologue* for proposed changes. Childcare will be provided for children under age 13 in Room 108.

## MAM's Musings

I currently do not have a bumper sticker on my car. A few years back I sported the sticker "Subvert the Dominant Paradigm" in my back window, but it melted in the summer's mid-day sun. I've always found amusing the sticker which reads, "Militant Agnostic: I don't know and neither do you!" However, recently one of the bumper stickers which I have grown to appreciate, states "God Bless the whole world, no exceptions." Whether I read this with a theistic lens or neutral-theistic ("May the whole world be blessed, no exceptions!"), the message is a Universal one. It instructs us to "hold the whole world in our hands... with a reverent carefulness." It was reported that during his recent trip to China, the current President of the United States signed a church's guest book: "May God Bless the Christians of China." I find such limited theological statements disturbing and dangerous.

Words from my colleague the Reverend David C. Pohl remind us that in our liberal religious tradition, we are asked to renew our faith in the "holiness, goodness, and beauty of life," and "reclaim the vision of an earth made fair, with all her people one."

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a World AIDS Day "Service of Celebration and Remembrance" at Fountain Square Ballroom (101 West Kirkwood Avenue) at 6:30pm. This service will include poetry, prose, reflections, and also music from Second Baptist Church choir, the Quarryland Men's Chorus, and talent from the IU School of Music. I will be speaking, along with other colleagues from the Bloomington interfaith community. Please join us for this time of remembrance and celebration, where we

strive for justice and stubbornly refuse to turn our backs on the vision of "an earth made fair with all her people one."

May the Whole World Be Blessed;  
No Exceptions.

MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## The West Window

There is, in my opinion, no greater spiritual practice or discipline than that of giving thanks. I trust that it will become thus for our community. Let us not merely do so as directed by the calendar, let us do so with every breath we take. There are many ways to give thanks. We do so with our hearts, with our words, and with our hands and feet. I give thanks for the opportunity to serve a community so actively involved in ministry to others.

The work of our youth in fundraising this fall to assist those less fortunate is a testimony to the authenticity of our faith. Our *Common Ground* insert this week provides ample witness to our work and opportunities for you to connect. Read it and be thankful.

I join Rev. Macklin this week in giving thanks for you, a blessed community and a people of faith.

Peace--bill  
Rev. Bill Breeden

## Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.  
Office hours: M, T, Th, F  
She will be on call Nov 26 and Nov 27.  
Her mobile number is 322-0205  
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th  
Office hours: M, T, F  
He will be on call Nov 24 and Nov 25.

His mobile number is 360-1779

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

### King Commission Seeks Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award Nominees

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission seeks nominees for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award, which recognizes and affirms those who have made significant contributions in race relations, justice, and human rights and who have been Monroe County residents, businesses, or advocacy groups for at least a year. The award is presented at the King holiday celebration on January 16th at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater.

Make nominations at [www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/cfrd) or get forms from the Community and Family Resources Dept, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, Suite 260, by Jan. 5. Questions, Craig Brenner: Special Projects Coordinator, 812-349-3471, [brennerc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennerc@bloomington.in.gov).

### Hunger Banquet December 2 to Benefit

**Shalom Center** On Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM, the Shalom Community Center will be sponsoring its second annual Hunger Banquet to call attention to hunger and poverty in our community. This year's banquet will be held at the St. Paul Catholic Center and will feature the Bloomington High School North Theatre group performing "Voices from under the Bridge" a collection of stories of those who struggle with poverty.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and are available at Bloomingfoods East, Shalom Community Center and at the door.

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Nov 13 9 a.m. 95, 11:15 174, Totl 269  
Sun, Nov 20 9 a.m. 107, 11:15 192, Totl 299

**Team Ministry** Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

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(82%); Rev. Bill Breeden (82%). Each minister serves the entire congregation; each has specific areas of focus.

## Women's Alliance Dec. 1st at

**11:30 a.m.** Sally Todd will play the piano for us. We will not have a business meeting, but just lunch, music, and sociability. All guests are welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch, and the hostesses, Suzanne Ziemer and Lee Strickholm will furnish drinks and dessert.

Middle Way House said they would like gifts for children this year. They have children from toddlers to age 16. They suggest toothbrushes and toothpaste; pajamas, age appropriate videos, coloring books and crayons. They would be happy to receive items for adult women also.

Remember, this is the day before the Bazaar, so if you want to bring more White Elephants, or something for the Cookie Walk or the Gourmet Galaxy, that would be great also. If you need help getting your things to the church, let Jean Knowlton know and she will arrange for them to be picked up. (339-2047)

## New Books in Our Library

Bozarth, Alla Renee. *Life is Goodbye Life is Hello: Grieving Well Through All Kinds of Loss.* (152.4 Boz)

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

Funk, Robert W. & Roy W. Hoover. *The Five Gospels: The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus.* (226 Fun)

Lakoff, George. *Don't Think of an Elephant! Know Your Values and Frame Your Debate.* (320.51 Lak)

**Guest at Your Table Boxes** should be returned on Sunday, December 18 during one of the services.

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## **Volunteers Needed for Tornado Clean-up in Evansville and Newburgh**

From Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden: We heard from our colleague, Reverend Julia Aegeter in Evansville, that in some areas of damaged houses and downed trees, they need help with clean-up, and "if there are folks in your congregations who want to do this kind of thing-have them call Crossroads Church (812-858-8668). They will sign folks up – get them the necessary pass and bus them to a work area."



## **Next Film Series Potluck and Viewing of "Jesus of Nazareth," Saturday, Dec 17, 6:00 pm**

Details on bulletin board. If you need childcare after supper for this event, call 332-3695 to reserve it by December 2.

## **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 December 12.

## **Centering with MAM on Second Wednesdays beginning Jan. 11**

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin will offer a monthly "Centering with MAM" meditative worship opportunity in the Library on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

beginning January 11. Parents who need childcare during this service should reserve it by December 28 by calling 332-3695.

## **Civil Marriage Fund Raiser a Huge Success**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Civil Marriage Is A Civil Right Task Force's fund raiser for Indiana Equality. We raised over \$1,000 at the event and checks are still coming in! Mark St. John from Indiana Equality and Rep. Matt Pierce spoke to the importance of defeating SJR7.

Special thanks to Phil and Ruth Ann Cooper for organizing the event.

Anyone still wishing to contribute should make checks payable to Indiana Equality. Contributions may be given to any member of the Civil Marriage Task Force. --Judi Epp

## **Economic Justice TF Supports Fair Trade Sale**

After you support the congregation and local Bloomington artisans by shopping here at the Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar on December 2nd and 3rd ☺, the Economic Justice Task Force encourages you to check out the Fair Trade Sale on December 2nd from 10-4 and December 3rd from 10-3, at University Baptist Church. Beautiful holiday gifts will be available from all over the world, and your purchase helps support global producers by providing them with a fair wage, and means of developing sustainable businesses in low-income areas left with very low standards of living. Info: Mary Embry, mcebry@indiana.edu

## **YUUMS Cajun Fundraiser Dinner Nets Around \$1500**

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Young UU Middle Schoolers'

fundraiser dinner on November 18, which will net about \$1500 for disaster relief.

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## **Acting like a Director of Religious Education**

I have been the Assistant and I have been the Interim, but this time I'm Acting like the Director of Religious Education.

This is an exciting time to be involved in RE with all the opportunities of a Visioning Year. At the same time I am sad to see Lisa go who helped to grow this program to have almost three times the number of enrolled children since I was last on staff. She also helped us to realize our vision of including the children in the service every Sunday, year-round RE, and the move to two services. Having successfully achieved these goals we are now asking what is our Vision for the future in regards to our children and families in this Congregation?

Rev. Leite's Intergenerational Service was a big success November 20, complete with puppets, stories and opportunities for children to get out of their seats. Another fabulous child friendly service will happen on December 18<sup>th</sup>; plan on attending service as a family that day!

This Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, all children will have an opportunity to Clown Around with Joe Lee with a large group RE event called, "Tricksters, Fools and Clowns". This event will involve storytelling and demonstrations; everyone will be involved in a project.

Cindy Port  
Acting Director of Religious Education  
dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695



## **Notably For Newcomers**

In this and the next issue of *The Prologue* we'd like to

share with you ten beliefs many Unitarian Universalists hold in common. The list comes from David Rankin, former minister of Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Today's column contains five of those ten beliefs.

1. We believe in the freedom of religious expression. All individuals should be encouraged to develop a personal theology and to openly present their religious opinions without fear of censure or reprisal.

2. We believe in tolerance of religious ideas. The religions of every age and culture have something to teach those who listen.

3. We believe in the authority of reason and conscience. The ultimate arbiter in religion is not a church, a document, or an official, but the personal choice and decision of the individual.

4. We believe in the search for truth. With an open mind and heart, there is no end to the fruitful and exciting revelations that the human spirit can find.

5. We believe in the unity of experience. There is no fundamental conflict between faith and knowledge, religion and the world, the sacred and the secular.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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## Holiday Art Fair And Bazaar Dec 2, 9:00-7:00 Dec 3, 9:00-

4:00

### Off-Site Parking for Bazaar

**Workers** Parking on Jordan Ave. is permitted all day Friday and Saturday while you work at or visit the Bazaar. Doing so will free up valuable parking spaces for our patrons, who often outnumber our parking availability. You may also park across the by-pass in the former Church of God parking lot.

### Join Us for Friday Night Dinner at the Bazaar

What better way to end the week than lasagna dinner, (meat or vegetarian), salad and baguette served at the Bazaar Friday night from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Our famous soups prepared by our superlative UU chefs will also be available as well as sandwiches and desserts.



### COOKIES! COOKIES! COOKIES!

You've found those recipes and worked out your cookie strategies. You've got your flour and sugar (or soon will have). You've gotten out your favorite mixing bowl. THANKS IN ADVANCE for your colorful and tasty contributions to this year's Cookie Walk! If you're still thinking about baking, you still have time! We will be most grateful if you will wrap or box your cookies and label your containers--especially if you want them safely returned--

with your name and the type(s) of cookie you've made. Please drop them off at church between 4pm and 8pm on Thursday, Dec. 1st OR between 8am and 9am on Friday, Dec. 2nd. Of course, if you'd like to bring an extra batch or two by on Saturday morning, well, we'd love that, too!. Then enjoy the sights and smells, and walk the Cookie Walk at this year's Bazaar. We'll see you there!

-- Julie Lawson for The Cookie Committee

### What Made Erik Red? Overwork.



He tried to fill too many slots left vacant on the Bazaar sign-up poster and turned bright red from exhaustion. There are still lots of spaces in lots of areas that need to be filled.

Your invaluable assistance is needed, especially in areas like set up and cafe. There's only one Sunday left to sign up, so please take pity on poor Erik and fill in some of those vacant slots. Help the Bazaar to be a huge success and make December 2 and 3 RED letter days.

### UUnique Cafe Needs Pie Bakers

Those who enjoy lunch and dinner at our UUnique Cafe are often looking for a good piece of pie to top off their meals. Bake one or two of your favorites and deliver them between Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning.

### White Elephant Donations

Donations will be accepted in Room 108 starting at 12:35 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27 and on Tue, Wed and Thur before the Bazaar. Please bring items that are in good working condition and clean. No computers

or clothing (except vintage). Get rid of those items you are not using and free up space in your home.  
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### What Can You Do At UUA General Assembly?

- Learn about women in UU history
- Meet UUs from around the country and the world
- Find answers to your questions
- Learn how UUA social justice decisions are made

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'd like to be delegate. Some financial support available for delegates. More info at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

### The Katrina Adopt-A-Family

**Program** has two families that are being assisted by a group from our church. Our families are settling in thanks to the help of those of you who have already opened your hearts. Right now our biggest task is helping a single of mother three get a job. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to transport this young woman to various employers around town for interviews and testing.

If you can provide transportation occasionally during a weekday, please contact either Carol Parks ([parksc@indiana.edu](mailto:parksc@indiana.edu) or 336-1592) or

Barbara Moss  
([bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net) or 334-2841).



### It's Not Too Late!

### Monroe County United Ministries Holiday Food Baskets

Hurry! It is not too late to share holiday joy with area families by participating in the Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) annual Holiday Miracle Food Baskets drive. The local need is greater than ever. In July 2005, MCUM was forced to REDUCE the amount of food given to each family from a 5-day supply to a 3-day supply. Your participation will assure that a traditional holiday meal with all the trimmings will be reality for another family.

So please sign up on the Food Baskets Contributors Sheet in the Commons. Grocery lists with careful instructions are placed with the sign up sheets. Be sure to take all the information you will need. Be sure to double bag. Note: you may bring in your food baskets to church anytime before November 30th. VERY IMPORTANT- PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR TURKEY, HAM, OR ANY PERISHABLES IN YOUR GROCERY BAGS! Place perishables in the church kitchen refrigerators with an identifying tag of some kind attached so it can be matched with the other groceries you provided.

Questions: Call Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or Ruth Ann Cooper 339-1722.

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## Two Employment Opportunities:

### Seeking Religious Education Assistant

We are looking for a new Religious Education Assistant to start in January. This hourly position is about 15 hours a week. The schedule is flexible and includes working on Sunday mornings. Responsibilities include purchasing and preparing supplies for Sunday RE classes, as well as assisting with all other aspects of our Religious Education Program. Please send a letter and resume to 2120 N. Fee Lane. Inquiries: Cindy Port 332-3695.

### Seeking Childcare Providers

We are looking for childcare givers beginning immediately to care for our children ages 3 and under on Sunday mornings and to provide childcare for meetings and other events at other times throughout the week, most often in the evenings. Position averages 15-20 hours per month. Inquiries: Carol Marks or Cindy Port 332-3695.

### 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, tea and conversation available.



### Campus Ministry Meets Weekly

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. Questions, contact Heather Hansen at heahanse@indiana.edu.

### Young Religious UUs Meet Every Sunday Except



**Christmas** Our high school youth (ages 14-20) will meet in Room 110 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on December 4, 11, and 18. Info, contact Margie or Drew Schrader, maschrad@indiana.edu.

### To Schedule a Faith in Action

**Forum:** 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

### 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.

### Staying Accessible

Our church makes a special effort to be sure our services and activities are accessible to folks of varying abilities; if you have a suggestion to help us do better, contact Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

### Parent Talk – Parents of Adults

will meet on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 12:15-2:15 in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share ideas and concerns about

staying connected with our adult children. Questions – contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@insightbb.com

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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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### Agenda Items for Dec 11 Congregational Meeting

The agenda for our Fall Congregational Meeting (12:30 p.m., Sunday, December 11) will include but is not limited to the following items:

Amendment to Bylaw 4.9

Amendment to Bylaw 4.10

Amendment to Bylaw 5.5.3

(See Nov. 7 Prologue for exact wording of proposed bylaw revisions.)

Report-Leadership Covenanting

Report-Risk Management

Presentation-Green Sanctuary Task

Force on Global Climate Change

Report from the Co-ministry Team

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and are eligible to vote. Non-members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings. Childcare will be provided for children under age 13 in Room 108.

### 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.

### BULLETIN BOARD

CANCER PATIENT SEEKING SHORT-TERM HOUSING DEC-JAN Seeking an efficiency apartment or small house to rent December-January during cancer treatments at the Proton

Center (Cyclotron). A location near the Proton Center preferred. Contact Jo Weber, Homes4ubyjo@aol.com

## **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).