

# The Prologue December 19, 2005

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



**Saturday, December 24, 2005**  
**4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.**  
"Away in A Manger" 4:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education  
Join us for a Nativity Pageant for Young Children. This interactive nativity pageant service will focus on an atmosphere welcoming to small children (infants through age 6) and their family and friends. There will be carol singing throughout this retelling of the familiar Christmas story. This service will take place in Fellowship Hall.

"Peace Folding; Peace Unfolding" 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

This Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. will feature special music by our Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, including: *Dona Nobis Pacem*, music by Lewis Whitehart; *Pacem*, choral setting by Patrick Liebergen, and a Shaker Hymn *Give Good Gifts*. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be part of this service, as well as a memorable peace crane folding.

"Meditative Service" 9:00 p.m. Reverend Bill Breeden

A service of sharing Christmas joys and memories in an informal style. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be included as part of the service.

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**Sunday, December 25, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

"Crèche Creations on Christmas Morning"

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

On this Christmas morning, and the eve of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, this service will offer reflections and music of the season. While exploring the meaning and origin of crèche sets, we will also create our own unfolding nativity scene within our liberal religious understandings. Included will be special words of reflection written by Gabriele Langdon. (Childcare will not be available; infants and children are invited to attend the worship service.)

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**Sunday, January 1, 2005 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

"Remedies for a Rough Year's Hang-over" Rev. Bill Breeden

Just some thoughts to clear the mind on New Year's Day.

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**Wednesday, January 4, 2005 Dinner-5:30 p.m., Service at 6:15 p.m.**

Family Worship: A Unitarian Universalist Epiphany Celebration

The Family Worship Working Group

Description of this service can be found on Page 2. *The Prologue December 19, 2005 Page 1*

## The West Window

Whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah, Solstice, Kwanzaa, or the anniversary of your first kiss, we encourage you to count the many blessings of this season and take time out to breathe and remember the great lessons of gratitude, compassion, generosity and caring. For those of you who have experienced loss or loneliness in recent times, we hope for you the gift of finding comfort in the weeks and months ahead. Please let us know if we, or our caring congregational community, can be of help.

A New Year is coming. Barring the appearance of some great mythical figure, we are likely to face the same kinds of struggles that attended the year just passing, but let's not hurry to the task. Instead of mythical messiahs, perhaps in these closing hours of 2005 we can find the magic in our hearts. Perhaps the laughter of children, the ringing of bells, and the simple joys of being alive will allow us to ease into the new year with a little less anxiety and the sense of hope which community brings.

We give thanks for the joy of serving this congregation. You have deepened our faith in the goodness of humanity given to the purpose of making the world a better place. Your generosity in the face of the uncommon calamities of the past year has lifted our spirits. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has presented a 2005 James Luther Adams Award to this church in honor of the support "for the human rights and social justice work of the Service Committee." Included in that support was nearly \$7,000 in response to the Tsunami and over \$10,000 for Hurricane relief. Our children and youth groups have contributed significantly to these efforts, indicating that

social justice concerns are not limited to adults.

In addition, we continue to care for one another. Let us enter the New Year with thanksgiving. We will have services on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Join us if you can. May we all be together in spirit throughout the coming days and the year ahead.

With warmth and peace,

**Mary Ann & Bill**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Church Office Closed 12/24-1/2; Rev. Breeden On-Call

The church office will be closed over the holidays, Dec. 24-Jan. 2. Rev. Breeden will be on-call for pastoral emergencies, 360-1779.

## Wednesday, January 4, 2005 Dinner-5:30p, Service-6:15 p.m.

Family Worship: A Unitarian  
Universalist Epiphany Celebration  
The Family Worship Working Group

Join us as we begin our First Wednesday family worship services with a celebration of the Three Kings and the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We will parade through the church in our search, following a star and playing simple musical instruments as we go. See the article on Page 7 for details.

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

Feb 19, Karen Green Stone and Rob Stone,  
"Healthcare for All"

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

### Wanted: Disposable Diapers!

Shalom Center could use some extra disposable diapers for their families with babies. Take donations to Shalom Center, which is at First United Methodist Church on 4th Street. Thank you! Pam Kinnaman, Volunteer Resource Coordinator, kinnaman@bloomington.in.us

## Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

### Attendance Figures

Sun, Dec 11 9 a.m. 107, 11:15 208, Totl 315  
Sun, Dec 18 9 a.m. 82, 11:15 243, Totl 325

**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

Her mobile number is 322-0205

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779

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## WANTED: Reliable Used Laptop

For use with our video projector. Call 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.

## Reminder: Family Worship Begins January 4

Family Worship is a time when families and friends come together to worship in an informal way that is welcoming for all ages.

Services are on the first Wednesday of each month, beginning with a Unitarian Universalist celebration of Epiphany on Wednesday, January 4, in Fellowship Hall.

Our schedule lets you arrive when it's best for you:

5:15 to 5:30--Gathering-in time: unwind and help set up for dinner.

5:30--Dinner: soup, bread, fruit, and veggies (provided!).

6:00--Community clean-up (kids, too!).

6:15-6:45--Worship Service (see below).

6:45--cookies and socializing.

Join us at any time during dinner, or just come to the service.

During this service in Fellowship Hall, we will sit in a circle, with family seating on the floor and chairs for those who prefer them. We have floor pillows, and you can bring blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, or whatever makes you comfortable. Our services include a chalice lighting, singing and movement, joys and sorrows, stories, and a closing ritual. Questions? Contact Jennifer Livesay, livesay@bloomington.in.us or Rev. Emily Leite, eleite@hoosier.net. --The Family Worship Working Group

## January Prologue Deadlines:

Tuesday, Jan 3, 10 am (ofc closed Jan. 2)

Tuesday, Jan 17, 10 am (ofc closed Jan. 16)

Monday, Jan 30, 10 am

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## Lunch with a 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 January 9.

## 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 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28 by calling 332-3695 or sending email to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org.



## Next Film Series Potluck and Viewing "Bend It Like Beckham," Saturday, Jan. 7, 6:00 pm

Potluck supper followed by a movie and discussion in Fellowship Hall. *Bend It Like Beckham* dir. Gurinder Chandha, 2003, PG-13. The Bhamra family, from East India, has settled in Great Britain. 18-year-old daughter Jessminder is preparing to play football (the British term for "soccer") -- which is not acceptable to her parents. Will she have the courage to follow her dreams? This fun and rousing film is a rich examination of cultures in collision. A great family film (PG-13). Childcare can be arranged for children under age 13 if parents reserve it by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23; contact Carol Marks at 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.

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## Many Thanks to the YUUMS

Many thanks to the Young UU Middle Schoolers and Rev. Emily Leite for the excellent pageant about gift-giving on Sunday, December 18. Of note, the YUUMS made the many clever hats for the drama themselves, with Rev. Leite's guidance.

## Hurricane Relief Donations Still Welcome

If you have not had an opportunity to make a donation to help those who are still suffering as a result of the hurricanes this fall, checks made payable to "UUA/UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund" may still be sent to UUA, PO Box 843155, Boston MA 02284-3155. These funds will be used to address the needs of those in the most marginalized communities, and to assist UU congregations in the affected areas.

## Adult Religious Education Looks Exciting for Winter/Spring

Our Adult Religious Education Committee has been hard at work gathering information for some very interesting upcoming classes starting in February. The prospectus will be included in the January 3 issue of *The Prologue*. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board by January 8.

## Memory Makers Task Force

We are a newly created task force that will document congregational events. We will need volunteers to photograph and/or take notes at various significant activities in the congregation. If you would like to volunteer on a limited basis, please contact one of the co-chairs: Denisha Jones 325-9091, dnjones@indiana.edu, or Bobbi Lahre 961-2084, deane.lahre@gmail.com.

Thanks, Denisha and Bobbi

## You Can Teach this Spring!!

Our Religious Education (RE) program is nearing the end of its fall semester and that means we are in the process of recruiting volunteers to spend time in RE classes this spring. Teaching RE is one of the most rewarding and fun volunteer jobs you can do at our church. No experience or expertise is necessary. You will be part of a teaching team and will get the training and support you need to have a great time. We are focusing on teaching peace and social justice as well as World Religions this year. Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about your own faith and to have a lasting impact on the faith journey of our younger members.

### RE Calendar:

#### December 24: 4pm Christmas Eve Family

**Worship-** children can help act out the nativity story; contact me if your family wants to participate and you missed an email with the details.

**December 25:** RE classes canceled. No childcare available. Children of all ages welcome in the service.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:** 9 am Childcare available: 9:00 a.m. RE classes canceled 11:15 Large group RE New Years Day Celebration

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** Teacher Training for Spring Semester

### RE is seeking Donations of:

A Glider Chair- suitable for rocking babies in the back of the Meeting Room  
Used Toys for the Nursery- suitable for children 3 years and under. They will be sorted and extras will be donated to charity.

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



## Notably For Newcomers

A newcomer recently asked me, perhaps because of the season, if Unitarian Universalists believe in Jesus. What follows is an approximation of my response.

Although Unitarian Universalism comes from a Christian tradition, ours is not a Christian church per se (there are UUs who do identify themselves as Christian), but it welcomes Christians, as it does all people, in its catholicity. Ours is a non-creedal, non-doctrinal religion. So as we are not a Christian church, neither are we Buddhist, Confucian, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, nor Taoist. We do, however, draw wisdom from these and others of the world's religions--wisdom which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

Most Unitarian Universalists don't believe that Jesus was a supernatural being. Many would say that the power of his love, the penetrating simplicity of his teachings, and the force of his example of service on behalf of the disenfranchised and downtrodden are what is crucial, not his purportedly miraculous birth nor the claim that he was physically resurrected from the dead. Some would say that Jesus was the son of God, as we are all sons and daughters of God, but not the same as God.

Generally, Unitarian Universalists regard Jesus as one of several important moral and ethical teachers who have shown humans how to live a life of love, service, and compassion. Our concern is not with how he was born or how he died, but with how he lived.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

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## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

### JANUARY 2006

#20 HOST-BOB & LIBBY DE VOE

GUESTS-Bill Baus

Laura & Bob Campbell  
Denise & Harold Ogren  
Laura Smith

#21 HOST-KATHERINE HOPKINS

GUESTS-Dolores Freiburger

Jack & Sylvia King  
Harriet & Dick Pfister

#22 HOST-JOHN & JULIE LAWSON

GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship

Cathy & Dick Hiatt  
Jean Sebeok & Mark Day

#23 HOST-GLEE NOBLE

GUESTS-Mary Andrus-Overley & Donald Halford

Pat Aungst  
Anne & Chris Haynes  
Raymond & Rita Rust

#24 HOST-TOMMIE & WALT OWENS

GUESTS-Marjorie & John Crosby

Paul & Dee Lane  
B.J.Lawrance, Jan Skinner

#25 HOST-DAVE PARKHURST &

DEBORAH ROBINSON

GUESTS-Velma Harrison, Jean Knowlton

Harlan Lewis & Doris Wittenburg  
John & Peggy Woodcock

#26 HOST-CAROL & ROGER PARKS

GUESTS-Elizabeth Lion

Bill & Cookie Lynch  
Louis & Emily Tenney  
Ann Watzel

#27 HOST-DIANE & BOB PORT

GUESTS-Judy Bennett, Karen Dessauer

Rob & Joan Hongen  
Kevin Rottet & Dave Crane

#28 HOST-SANDY & BOB TAYLOR

GUESTS-Lynne Gilliatt

Marcie & Irv Grossack  
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr  
Caroline Altman Smith  
& Christopher Smith

#29 HOST-DIXIE WELCH &

PETER SCHWANDT

GUESTS-Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts

Tom & Diane Gregory  
Ted & Diann Lock

Start the New Year by enjoying some of these wonderful Dinners and the opportunity to get

better acquainted with other folks in our congregation. Call Dolores and she will sign you right up: 331-2611.



## Campus Ministry Meets Weekly at the Union

Indiana Unitarian

Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM), our new campus ministry group, meets at a new time and place starting January 11: Wednesdays at 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the Poplars Room in the Union (on the east side of the building where all the conferences are held). Questions, contact Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Coordinator, at [heahanse@indiana.edu](mailto:heahanse@indiana.edu).

## Talking About Our Religious Faith, January 4

Facilitated by Guy Loftman

Winter session, Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the UU Church Library

Virtue and Sin. Good and Evil. How do we know right from wrong? How do our understandings affect our daily decisions, from driving to voting to coveting?

Childcare provided in Room 108.

## 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](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu)

A SPACE STATION WE CAN BUILD BUT  
PEACE ON EARTH TAKES MORE  
BRAINS.\*

Charles Balfour

\* "And perhaps more heart." -- WT Breeden

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## President's Notes

These past few weeks have been busy ones, and not only because of this festive holiday season. Thanks to all who attended the December 11 Congregational Meeting. At the meeting, we reviewed some of the accomplishments of the past six months, and discussed some things yet to come. At the meeting, we heard from Jason Hill, our Vice President, who, along with others, participated in a walk-through of our facilities to look at issues of risk management. We also heard exciting ideas from the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change. There was an update on the Visioning and Long Range Planning Task Force and their plans to provide focus groups to hear YOUR input on where we are going. And our Ministers spoke about the interim work we are doing, and need to continue to do, during this transitional year.

At our December 14 Board meeting, we affirmed the work of our Acting DRE, Cindy Port, and are delighted that she will be staying on as Acting DRE and will increase her time to 30 hours a week. We also discussed General Assembly and the Conference for Midsize Congregations. The Midsize Congregation Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, March 2-5. The focus is on congregational change and growth, with many opportunities to explore transition issues relating to growth, staffing, youth, stewardship, and identity. For more information on this conference go to: [www.uua.org/cde/midsize2006/](http://www.uua.org/cde/midsize2006/). I've already got my tickets for the trip, and I'd love to see you there!

I am constantly reminded that we are so blessed in having each other and such a wonderful congregation! May we continue to share our light!

Best wishes for this holiday season!

Chris Clothier, Congregational President  
[pres@uubloomington.org](mailto:pres@uubloomington.org)

## Opportunity Awaits!

The Christmas let down is coming. You need something to look forward in January. We have just the thing. The Civil Marriage Is A Civil Right Task Force is an exciting place to be and we want you! We're on the front lines in the historic fight against discrimination.

Coming Soon: Training event for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights that we're co-sponsoring with Indiana Equality on Saturday, January 28. This training will give the GLBT community and their allies the tools to defeat SJR7.

Not part of the GLBT community, new to the church? That's ok, we don't discriminate. We invite anyone who cares about civil rights and non-discrimination to join us on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We adhere to an agenda, our meetings never last longer than 2 hours, and we have snacks. Be a part of this exciting proactive group contact chairperson Judi Epp at 812/829-9611, [jepp@rnetinc.net](mailto:jepp@rnetinc.net) for more information, or come to the next meeting on Sunday, Jan 8 at 12:30 p.m. and learn how you can fight for civil rights.

## Exploring UU Class Begins Jan 8

Newcomers and other interested persons are invited to register for "Exploring Unitarian Universalism," to be held on both January 8 and January 15, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in Fuchs Library. Meet others who are perhaps new to the church and investigate UU beliefs and history and sources. Preregistration and attendance at both sessions is required. Childcare is available. Class size is limited to no fewer than six and no more than 15 participants. Sign the registration list at the Newcomer Table in the foyer of the church, or contact Libby DeVoe, one of the two facilitators, [edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu), 336-8688.

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## **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 11 and 18. Info, contact Margie or Drew Schrader, maschrad@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.

## **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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## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, maschrad@indiana.edu.

