

# The Prologue

January 17, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit      Building Our Community*  
*Changing the World*

**Sunday, January 22, 2006      9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Falling Coconuts: Worry, Failure, Anger and the Spiritual Journey"**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

What do worry, failure, and anger have to do with our spiritual journey? How do we abide with difficult emotions without reverting to old, unproductive strategies? What do 'falling coconuts' have to do with any of this? These questions will be explored in this week's Sunday Worship. For the gift of music, our choir will offer "Don't Worry, Be Happy" by Bobby McFerrin, arranged by Kirby Shaw.

**Sunday, January 29, 2006      9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"In Which Jesus Don't You Believe?"** Dr. M'ellen Kennedy

Jesus has been portrayed from so many perspectives, from common carpenter, to Christ, from subversive radical to righteous warrior, to God Himself. Let's explore which versions may have Biblical and historical credence and which may or may not resonate with your own spiritual grounding. Reflections by Dr. M'ellen Kennedy, a Unitarian Universalist community minister and community psychologist. She resides near Burlington, Vermont, and is a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Society there. She serves as consulting minister with two small UU congregations in Vermont. She is a co-founder and co-coordinator of the UU Small Group Ministry Network.

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

To schedule a Faith in Action Forum, contact Jackie Hall, [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

Feb 5, David Rollo, "Peak Oil Reform"

Feb 19, Dr. Rob Stone, "Healthcare for All"

Mar. 5, Cynthia Bretheim, "Urban Permaculture by Bill Mollison"

See Common Ground for details.

**January 21: Special Faith in Action Forum on Reforestation in Colombia** The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change will host the Center for Sustainable Living and Brandon Pitcher here in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m., for a forum on the reforestation of Las Gaviotas, Colombia. *The Prologue Jan. 17, 2005 Page 1*

## A Note From the Ministers:

In last Sunday's service, Rev. Macklin quoted the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. regarding one of his references to the word "love." It is a powerful and inspirational definition. Many of you asked for a copy of the quote. Here it is:

*When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality. This Hindu-Moslem-Christian-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first Epistle of Saint John, 'Let us love one another; for love is God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.'* (Strength to Love, Martin Luther King Jr, 1963, Foreword by Coretta Scott King, 1981, Fortress Press, Philadelphia, PA, 1981).

"Love is the key which unlocks the door to ultimate reality." We remain grateful for the constant showing of love offered by this caring community, both in times of ease and grace as well as in times of challenge and difficulty. During the celebration of Dr. King's life, we witnessed this love and commitment on the part of many. We wish to thank Guy Loftman for his work in organizing our annual visit to the Wabash Valley Correctional Institution. Thank you to Sue Swaney and the UU Choir for once again giving up a Saturday to minister to those incarcerated, and for participating in the community celebration at the Buskirk-Chumley Theatre on Sunday evening, January 16. Thank you

Jill Waggener and the UU Children's choir for participating in the community celebration as well. Another word of thanks to Cindy Port and all those who attended the MLK Day celebration at Beth Shalom and participated in the annual service project shared by our two communities.

Finally, a special note of thank you for those who volunteered to help with "Caring Committee" tasks as they arise. We had over 100 volunteers. Thus, please know that although you may not be called upon right away, your generosity of being-prepared-to-help-out is greatly appreciated.

Also, mark your calendars for the February 26<sup>th</sup> worship service, which will be a great celebration of "Long-Time Members" of this congregation. More about that in the next Prologue!

In Gratitude,

*Mary Ann & Bill*

Rev. Macklin and Rev. Breeden

## Our Folks...

Arda Landergren is recuperating in the Health Pavilion at Meadowood and would enjoy visits from her friends from church.

## Green Sanctuary Spring Clothing Swap Set for March 25

Are your closets stuffed, though you have nothing to wear? Have your kids outgrown last year's spring clothes? Don't head for the mall! The Green Sanctuary Task Force invites you to reduce consumption by swapping clothing items you no longer need for something new from someone else's closet. Mark your calendar and watch The Prologue for details!

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

### Soup Bowl Benefit February 19 at the Convention Center

12th Annual Soup Bowl Benefit to raise funds for the Hoosier Hills Food Bank is Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 PM at Bloomington Convention Center. Tickets go on sale January 20th at Bloomingfoods Downtown and East Side, Yarns Unlimited, and at the Food Bank. Cost: \$20/\$6 for Children 12 and under (children's price does not include a potter's bowl). Choose an exquisite hand-thrown bowl, enjoy gourmet soup, know that 100% of your contribution goes toward feeding the hungry in Monroe and surrounding counties. Many UU hands help make this event happen, including potters, musicians, our youth, and more. See you there!

### Attendance Figures

Sun, Jan 8	9 a.m.	73,	11:15	240,	Totl	313
Sun, Jan 15	9 a.m.	78,	11:15	241,	Totl	319

**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

### 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 February 13.

## Sign Up for Adult Religious Education Classes Now!



The Adult Religious Education Committee reminds you to sign-up for a winter-spring offering. There are eleven (11) classes to choose from.

The sign-up sheets are located on the ARE bulletin board in the courtyard entrance. If you prefer, you may call the church office, admin@uubloomington.org or 332-3695, to register. If you have misplaced your Prospectus, which was included in the January 3 *Prologue*, you may pick up a copy at the Booktable in Fellowship Hall. There are also copies near the sign-up sheets.

## Centering with MAM on Second Wednesdays

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. Next "Centering with MAM" is February 8. *Please reserve childcare by January 31* by calling 332-3695 or email to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org.

## Life Story Writing Group Meets Thursdays

Was one of your 2006 resolutions to actually record some family history, memories and traditions for your descendents? A great way to get started is to join the UU Life Story group. We meet weekly on Thursdays at 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Library. If this time doesn't work for you, another group might be arranged. For info Glee Noble [gleenoble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gleenoble@sbcglobal.net) or Cookie or Bill Lynch at [thelynches@insightbb.com](mailto:thelynches@insightbb.com)

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## The Oral History Project of the UU Church of Bloomington

"I am convinced more than ever that our deep connections to the past nourish us and give meaning to our lives." --The Reverend Laurel Hallman, former minister of our congregation

The Oral History Project is beginning a New Year. Our goal is to make and keep video records of our members, beginning with our long-term active members, so that we may know more about their lives and the history of our church. This is a huge job as our membership climbs above three hundred and seventy. Obviously VOLUNTEERS are needed if our archives are to be complete. We basically need people who are interested in others' lives and the history of this church. A variety of skills (all of which can be easily mastered) are needed: interviewers, camera operators, people to copy tapes to DVDs and archivists to store DVDs in a retrievable manner. Our hope is for a flood of VOLUNTEERS so each one's time commitment may be small. Questions? Interested? Contact Glee Noble [gleenoble@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gleenoble@sbcglobal.net) or Cookie Lynch [thelynches@insightbb.com](mailto:thelynches@insightbb.com) (332 9933)



## Java Crew Training Jan 21

On Saturday January 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m. there will be a training to learn how to host our fellowship hour on Sunday mornings. Bagels and juice will be served. Help keep the coffee flowing to the corners of our UU world. We need your help only 3-4 times a year. Please

contact Jean Knowlton, 339-2047, [jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us](mailto:jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us), or Judy Bennett ([bennettj@bloomington.in.us](mailto:bennettj@bloomington.in.us) 331-4181).

## Jesus Seminar Coming in April

The Jesus Seminar is coming to Indianapolis on April 7 and 8th (the Jesus Seminar published the books The Five Gospels: What did Jesus Really Say, and The Acts of Jesus: What Did Jesus Really Do?). These regional meetings include a Friday evening lecture and two Saturday workshops (see <http://www.westarinstitute.org/Events/events.html>). The speakers and venue are still to be arranged, but registration is possible now. Contact Bob DeVoe ([devoe@indiana.edu](mailto:devoe@indiana.edu)) for a registration form.

## About the Community Justice and Mediation Center

*The Community Justice and Mediation Center is the recipient of 25% of our congregation's non-pledge Sunday offering for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Its mission is to "promote a civil and just community through mediation, education, and restorative justice." CJAM offers the following services:*

### Conflict Resolution

- Mediation for community conflicts (workplace, school, neighborhood)
- Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (property crimes referred by justice system).
- Facilitation for large groups (CJAM provides the facilitators).
- Problem-solving-for-one (one-to-one telephone or in-person support with trained mediator).

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## UU Children's Choir

## Tentative Schedule Winter/Spring 2006

All Sunday rehearsals at 10:15-11:00 a.m. in Room 212. Open to all children of the congregation, Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Rehearse: Feb. 26, March 5, March 26, April 2 (Sing April 2)

Rehearse: April 9, April 16 (Sing April 16-Easter)

Rehearse April 30, May 7, possibly extra Thurs. 7pm May 11 May 14 (Sing May 14, Mother's Day).

Peace, Jill M. Waggener, UU Children's Choir Director

## Save the Date and Time! Diversity Celebration Features Poetry and Music, Feb. 17

In honor of our heritage from Martin Luther King, The Celebrations Committee will present the Second Annual Diversity Day. The theme this year will be the Diversity of Poetry and Music. The date to mark on your calendar is Friday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. our Meeting Room. The program will include poets from Bloomington {many from our congregation} and the music selections will be outstanding! The event will be open to the community and there is no admission charge. Do plan to come and be part of a unique experience of poetry and music. -- Patricia Coleman and Elizabeth Lion

## What is General Assembly?

An amazing annual conference of thousands of Unitarian Universalists with workshops, forums, worship and more! See [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).



## Notably For Newcomers

Prayer is much in the news of late. Prayer is both a challenge and a problem for religious liberals. There is a wide variety of prayer among Unitarian Universalists, and we have within our congregations a rich diversity of opinion and belief about prayer as well as about many other religious matters.

The Rev. Dr. Jack Mendelsohn writes that prayer should trouble the conscientious religious liberal. In many of its customary forms it is primitive, naive, and frequently selfish. If prayer is viewed as a method of merely trying to get what we want, we're doomed to futility and frustration.

Prayer, Mendelsohn writes, should be an effort to reach deep and to reach out and to become what we would like to be, and need to be, and ought to be. Proper prayer isn't a petition to escape realities. It's an effort to face up to realities, to understand them, to deal with them. It's an expression of the desire to grow in spiritual stature, in courage, and in faith. The purpose of prayer is to transform those doing the praying, to lift them out of fear and selfishness into serenity, patience, determination, strength, and belonging.

--Paul Lane for the Membership Committee

## Heartland UU District Annual Meeting April 7-8 in Indpls

Registration materials will be available soon. Democracy in action! Networking! Interesting workshops! Be there! See [www.heartlanduu.org](http://www.heartlanduu.org).

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## What's So Special About April 2?

Pop quiz: What's so special about April 2?

- a) You survived April Fools Day.
- b) It's Marvin Gaye's birthday.
- c) It's the day before the NCAA

men's basketball championship game will be played in Indianapolis.

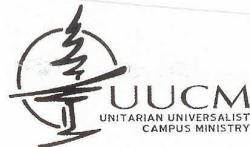
While all of these answers are true, they pale in significance to the main April 2 event: **Commitment Sunday!** Please mark your calendar and plan to join together as a congregation to worship, sing and celebrate the 2006-2007 Stewardship Campaign theme: Light the Fire of Commitment.

Commitment Sunday is an annual event that gives all of us the opportunity to fill out pledge cards to let the church know how much we plan to give in the coming fiscal year. This information is vital for budgeting and planning. Every single gift is instrumental to the life and work of our church; we receive no funds from the Unitarian Universalist Association and nearly 90 percent of the annual operating budget comes from your pledges.

Please plan to join in the celebration on April 2; contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee with questions, and stay tuned to the Prologue for more details!  
--The Stewardship Committee  
Jan Skinner, co-chair

### What Can You Do at General Assembly?

- Participate in UU discussions
- Hear amazing lectures and speeches
- Vote on UU decisions
- People watch
- Shop for gifts
- Listen to music



## Campus Ministry Meets Weekly at the Union

Indiana Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM), our new campus ministry group, meets Wednesdays at 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the Poplars Room in the Union. Questions, contact Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Coordinator, at [heahanse@indiana.edu](mailto:heahanse@indiana.edu).

### WANTED: Used Laptop

For use with our video projector. Call 332-3695 or [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto: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](mailto:bmoss.indiana@sbcglobal.net) for YUUMS, or for YRUU, Margie Schrader, [maschrad@indiana.edu](mailto:maschrad@indiana.edu).

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

### 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.

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## We Welcome New Staff Members

Welcome to new folks who have joined our church staff in recent weeks.

Tom Wilson has accepted the position of Office Assistant, recently vacated by the indomitable Martha Sattinger, who is pursuing other interests. Jennifer Livesay is our new Religious Education Assistant, upon the "retirement" of Kitty McIntosh. (Though retirement may not be an accurate way to describe someone who "moves like the wind.")

Patty Hume, Siri Larsen, and Teal Larsen have all recently joined our childcare staff. We appreciate their help with the little guys.

We look forward to our growing together as a dynamic staff team in service to this congregation in the coming years.

### 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).

### 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 do not 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 administrative staff will see that it is posted.

## UU Board of Directors

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"Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 **Young Religious UUs**  
**Meet Every Sunday** Our  
high school youth (ages 14-20)  
will meet in Room 110 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
each Sunday. Info, contact Margie or Drew  
Schrader, [maschrad@indiana.edu](mailto:maschrad@indiana.edu).