

# The Prologue

May 23, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit    Building Our Community  
Changing the World*

**Sunday, May 28, 2006    9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"I Hear Voices"    The Rev. Bill Breeden**

On Memorial Day, we pause to listen, to identify and to honor those of our past, whose counsel provides the vessel into which our dreams of the future are poured.

**Sunday, June 4, 2006    9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Living the Question with All Good Parsons"**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

This is a service which celebrates the ever-present creative spirit of this congregation. Questions will be solicited from the congregation (on 3x 5 cards) for our two ministers to ponder and upon which to offer reflections. We will have two special Gifts of Music composed by congregation members, one by Lewis Whitehart and another by Deborah Phelps.

These worship services will serve as a rich prelude for our Annual Spring Congregational Meeting which will be held at 12:30pm. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

**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).

**May 28, Center for Sustainable Living** is a candidate for receiving 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings during 06-07. Come and learn about this organization so you can be an informed voter on June 4 at the Congregational Meeting.

**June 4 and June 11, Mental Health Awareness** Vid Beldavs will speak on the proposed Crisis Intervention Team training for local law enforcement officers.

Lee Strickholm will lead discussion on a film about a family's attempt to get treatment for their mentally ill relative through the public health system.

**June 18, Task Force for a Just Peace** David Keppel will lead a discussion on the dangers of a U.S. military strike on Iran.

**Official Notice of Congregational Meeting (2nd notice)**

**Sunday, June 4, 2006    12:30 p.m.    Meeting Room**

**2120 North Fee Lane, Bloomington, Indiana**

## MAM's Musings

I am periodically reminded of the sage advice offered by the poet Rainer Maria Rilke in his book Letters to a Young Poet: "Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves...Don't search for answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps, then, someday in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Breeden and I (Reverend Macklin), will live into the questions, which we plan to collect from the congregation during the worship service. Early in the service, we will ask you to write questions you may have for the ministers; we'll accept suggested sermon topics too. We'll peruse these and select a few upon which to offer some 'in the moment' reflections, or as I like to say, "living the questions," and review them later for possible further reflections. These questions may range from the spiritual (What are your thoughts on forgiveness as part of the spiritual journey?) to the routine (How much time do you spend on e-mail per day?) And please do feel free to toss us some softball questions (What is your favorite wedding story?)

For those of you who want to give us a "heads up" on these questions, or want to suggest sermon topics, feel free to e-mail us at Bill's e-mail: [breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org). Please note that due to the number of folks in our congregation, we will be unable to reflect upon each question individually. However, receiving these questions or topics provides us with valuable information regarding the thoughts, inspirations and

ponderings of this congregation, and thus influences our ministerial focus.

See you on June 4<sup>th</sup> for the worship services and congregational meeting.

Warmly, MAM  
(Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

## The West Window

First, on behalf of the Ministry Team, I want to say thank you to everyone who has participated in this year's stewardship campaign. Our pledge total has exceeded \$354,000! If you have yet to join in this campaign to underwrite the mission of this congregation, you may do so by calling the church office. We thank you all for your continued support of the liberal religious tradition in Bloomington and around the world.

As we move into the summer, I hope you will find time for rest and relaxation while continuing in the never-ending struggle for justice and peace. Our congregation is a leading voice in that struggle, both at home and in the larger community. For example, last week members Judi Epp and Beverly Camden were featured on the front page of the [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) website regarding their commitment to the work of our Civil Marriage Taskforce in combating the move to amend the Constitution and block the extension of civil rights to the GBLT community.

I believe "the times, they are a changing," and I am thankful to be a minister in a denomination that clearly understands role of people of faith in the modern world. May we join hands with all those who dare to believe that a new day is dawning.

Peace--bill  
Reverend Bill Breeden

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## Community Connections our faith in action in the community

**Shalom Community Center Opens New Facility** Shalom Community Center at First United Methodist has opened a new facility at 110 S. Washington, next to the bus station. Center feeding programs will continue to operate at First United Methodist Church across the street, Monday - Friday, for breakfast and lunch.

**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.

## Lunch with a Minister June 13

Join Rev. Bill Breeden for brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 13.

## Centering with MAM on Second and Third Wednesdays of July

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin offers "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity, on July 12 and July 19 in the Library, 6:00-6:45 p.m.

## Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.  
Office hours: M, W, Th, F  
Her mobile number is 322-0205.  
Rev. Macklin will be away May 23-Jun 30.  
Rev. Breeden's regular days off are W, Th  
Office hours: M, T, F  
His mobile number is 360-1779.

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## Stewardship Campaign Update

**Current totals:  
320 pledgers  
\$354,455 pledged**

*Many thanks* to everyone who has participated in our Stewardship Campaign for 2006-07! If you have not pledged yet and would like to, please contact the church office, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), 332-3695. Verification of your pledge for 2006-07 will be mailed to you during the summer.

## Pledge Statements Mailed Soon

We will send pledge statements for the current year, 2005-06 (ending June 30), at the beginning of June.

## Board of Directors 2006-07

Slate submitted by the Nominating Committee, to be voted on at June 4 Congregational Meeting:

* President:	Jason Hill (2006 -07)
* Vice President	Jan Skinner (2006-07)
Secretary	Dorothy Sowell (05-07)
* Treasurer	Lloyd Orr (2006-08)
Past President	Chris Clothier (06-07)

At Large:

David Cox	(2005-07)
Chris Judge	(2006-07)
Steve Dillon	(2006-08)
G.K. Rowe	(2006-08)
Dick Hiatt	(2005-07)
* Bobbi Lahre	(2006-08)
Karen Jewell	(2005-07)

\* indicates new to the position.

**Wacky Email** Because of Insightbb's troubles, church email has been goofed up for awhile. If you don't get a response to email sent to us within a couple of days, please call 332-3695.

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## Mowing Crew Needed.

Please consider joining the Grounds Committee "mowing ministry". We need some new volunteers to take turns cutting the church grass. The more

volunteers who sign up, the less work they'll have to do. We supply the mower. Please contact our Chief Mower and Shaker and scheduler, Bob Devoe, devoe@indiana.edu or either John or Julie Lawson, 335-1856 or lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net. Thanks to all you who have been mowing so faithfully and welcome to any who'd like to join in the fun.

## Another Reason to attend the June 4<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting!

At the recommendation of the Unitarian Universalist Heartland District Lifespan Religious Education Consultant and our own Religious Education Committee, the Board will be presenting a creative Religious Education staffing solution for the 2006-2007 fiscal year at our June 4<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting. We are excited that both Cindy Port and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, having already shown their strengths as leaders in religious education, are willing to remain in the service of this congregation in the roles of acting Director of Religious Education (part-time) and acting Minister of Religious Education (part-time), respectively. This creative transitional solution will allow time for the Religious Education Committee and the congregation to invest sufficient time and

deliberation regarding our religious education leadership for future years. Happily, this solution does not require any additional funds than already budgeted for Religious Education. Members will vote on the 2006-2007 budget at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Come and join us.

## Fall Adult Religious Education Plans

The Adult Religious Education Committee is planning for the film series to begin again in the fall. We are looking for films that will generate a good discussion after viewing. We appreciate any suggestions from the general congregation. If you have a favorite, please e-mail or call Glee Noble at gleenoble@sbcglobal.net or 323-7695.

## Sabbatical Committee Begins Work

The Unitarian Universalist Association recommends that our ministers take a sabbatical leave every 4-5 years. This special time is for resting, reflecting, renewing, lightening up and learning. It is hoped that congregations also spend this time remembering their need for regular rebalancing and recharging, too.

A Sabbatical Committee has been established to plan for a regenerative sabbatical for Reverend Macklin, who was called as one of our ministers in 2002, for the Fall of 2007. Committee members are Jason Hill, Beth Hollingsworth, Clarke Miller and Andrew Appel, with our ministers attending as ex officio members. Your input and involvement are encouraged and needed.

## Top Ten Reasons to register your child for 9 AM Religious Education (RE)

10. Real breakfast foods like bagels will be available for hungry children to make your morning easier.
9. Know that you are helping build community by creating more open and welcoming space for newcomers at 11:15.
8. Your child may feel more comfortable in a smaller class.
7. Have more of your Sunday to enjoy as a family after church.
6. You do not have to feel guilty for not parking on Jordan Avenue.
5. The coffee is fresh.
4. If you are a little late you will not have to stand in the back of the Meeting Room.
3. Smaller RE classes allow for engaging conversations.
2. It will be easier for teachers to get to know your child as an individual.
1. You will be more likely to see Rev. Macklin crack up at Theodore Barker's and Rev. Breeden's antics.

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

## Attendance Figures

Sun, May 14 9 a.m. 121, 11:15 237, Totl 358  
Sun, May 21 9 a.m. 67, 11:15 145, Totl 212

## Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, May 14 non-pledge offering: \$559  
\$140 to Community Justice & Mediation Center.  
Sun, May 21 non-pledge offering: \$265  
\$66 to Community Justice & Mediation Center



## Notably For Newcomers

Elaine Pagels, in her luminous and accessible book Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas (2003) writes, "The act of choice--which the term heresy originally meant--leads us back to the problem that orthodoxy was invented to solve: How can we tell truth from lies? What is genuine, and thus connects us with one another and with reality, and what is shallow, self-serving, or evil? Anyone who has seen foolishness, sentimentality, delusion, and murderous rage disguised as God's truth knows that there is no easy answer to the problem that the ancients called discernment of spirits. Orthodoxy tends to distrust our capacity to make such discriminations and insists on making them for us. Many of us, wishing to be spared hard work, gladly accept what tradition teaches.

"But the fact that we have no simple answer does not mean that we can evade the question. We have also seen the hazards--even terrible harm--that sometimes result from unquestioning acceptance of religious authority. Many of us, sooner or later, find that, at critical points in our lives, we must strike out on our own to take a path where none exists. What I have come to love in the wealth and diversity of our religious traditions is that they offer the testimony of innumerable people to spiritual discovery. Thus they encourage those who endeavor, in Jesus' words, to 'seek, and you shall find.' "

-Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

## BULLETIN BOARD

QUILT SHOW at Brown County Historical Society, June 2, 3, and 4. Many beautiful quilts, live music, food, fun. Carol Marks is serving as co-chair and hopes you will attend!

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Along with the (finally) warm weather, spring brings us our Annual Spring Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room. In this Congregational Meeting we vote on the budget for the new fiscal year, beginning July 1st. In addition, we will be voting on which agency will receive 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offering for the coming year. Three forums will have been presented on the candidates; there will not be additional time at the meeting to thoroughly discuss the agencies. Be sure to read carefully the special report from the Social Justice Funds Committee that you will receive soon in the mail. We will also hear reports and updates from several committees at Sunday's meeting. As always, everyone is encouraged to be a part of the UU community at the meeting. Please remember that only members may vote.

A number of members will attend UUA General Assembly from June 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. It is great to have GA so close this year, in St. Louis. Check out the UUA website for more information. You are encouraged to attend for a day or two if you cannot attend the entire time. It is a good way to see what is happening this year (and will be especially interesting for those of you who have never attended).

The June Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Executive Committee of the Board will meet June 7; please email me items for the June 14 agenda by June 7.

As Rev. Leite said recently, the people of this church keep this community going. Our congregation is renowned for the dynamic involvement of our members in moving our mission forward. We now have a need for more folks to get involved. We have vacancies on the Membership, Stewardship, and Personnel

committees; contact me if YOU are interested in serving.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Spring Congregational Meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Come hear how we are doing!

Chris Clothier, President of the Congregation  
pres@uubloomington.org

## Biographies of Nominees for Elected Positions

*Jan Skinner - Nominee for Vice President of the Congregation*

Jan Skinner moved to Bloomington in March 1985 and has attended our church since then. She has served as Board Secretary and provided leadership on Personnel, Stewardship, and Pictorial Directory Committees. For several years, Jan has handled the grocery coupons fundraiser, raising the giving level from \$2,000 per year to \$4,500 per year. In June 2005, Jan attended UU Midwest Leadership School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Jan was formerly Assistant Director of the Monroe County Public Library where she was a member of the planning committee for their new building. She has served on the ALA council.

Jan is currently an assistant to Meadowood Retirement Community Executive Director Susan Bookout. Her community involvement includes the arts, MiddleWay House, WTIU/WFIU and the Red Hat Society.

*Bobbi Lahre - Nominee for At-Large Board Member*

I was born in Windfall of Tipton County, Indiana, and was raised in a strict Christian Church environment where I was baptized at age 13, which is the norm. I descend from the earliest German settlers of Pennsylvania and Illinois, and have Dunkard, Amish, Mennonite, and Quaker ancestry. I

came to study Astrophysics and Business here and after graduating from Indiana University, I moved to Chicago to begin a 20 year career, mostly as a self employed pit trader on the Chicago Board of Trade. I married during those years, and have three children, currently at or near being teen-aged. I moved my trading business to Kansas City for a better family environment, retired from trading in 1999, and started a financial engineering software company. I was forced to leave Kansas City due to a rather obvious and persistent gender struggle and a divorce, and I moved back to my most comfortable and familiar roots here in Bloomington to complete my transition. While here, I have become active as a board member of the IU GLBT Alumni Association, and I worked successfully to pass bipartisan gender rights ordinances here and in Indianapolis. I also work with a national gender rights organization as a financial manager of the Winslow Street Trust Fund. Prior to coming to Bloomington UU and a small GLBT church in Kansas City in 2003, I had not gone to church for 34 years, but am glad that I took the chance and joined last year.

- Deane "Bobbi" Lahre

*Deb Hutton - Nominee for Special Purposes Fund Committee*

Member since 1984. Positions held in church:

Past - YRUU leader, UU Board member, Building Our Dream Steering Committee Co-Chair (1999 church building expansion), Holiday Bazaar Co-Chair, Sunday Services, Fellowship Dinners

Present - Administration, Building Oversight, Courtyard

*Harold Ogren - Nominee for Nominating Committee*

Harold has been a member since 1990, and has previously served on the Board of Directors. He has been on the pledge drive committee, Sunday Services Committee,

Internship Committee, and has taught Adult Religious Education courses at the church. He is a Professor of Physics at Indiana University. In the community he served as Treasurer of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies since 2002 and as Chair of the Lotus Education & Arts Foundation.

## Our Folks...

Jenny Kulow is graduating from Brown County High School May 28<sup>th</sup> as Valedictorian, and will attend Indiana University.

Cole Skelton is graduating from Bloomington High School North; he plans to attend Purdue.

Cherry Nord is graduating from Bloomington High School South.

Hayden Kemmerly is graduating from Brown County High School; she will attend the College of Mount St. Joseph, Cincinnati.

Nina Schau is graduating from Bloomington High School North.

Terran Marks recently completed a 350-mile-plus bicycle tour, Cover Indiana, to raise funds to support Habitat for Humanity.

Dr. Lewis Whitehart will present a piano recital in celebration of the 50th year of his doctoral degree on Sunday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. here in our Meeting Room. The recital is open to the public and is free of charge.

## Opposed to the "Marriage Protection Amendment?"

Congressional votes are scheduled for June 5 on the "Marriage Protection Amendment," which would prevent marriage equality for same-sex couples and interfere with state and local efforts to adopt civil union or domestic partnership policies. This would impose a single ideology on all citizens. Groups favoring this amendment to the U.S. Constitution have the goal of millions of postcards to Congress in the coming weeks. To express your opposition to the amendment, stop by the table set up in the Commons next Sunday, May 28.

**Schedule Church Events NOW** for the coming year. Busy congregation, busy facility! -Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org, 332-3695

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## UU Board of Directors

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## Upcoming Prologue Dates

Tues, May 23, deadline 10:00 a.m.

Prologue folding Wed, May 24, 9-11 a.m.  
Mon, June 5, deadline 10:00 a.m.  
Mon, June 19, deadline 10:00 a.m.

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## Campus Ministry Notes Indiana

Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, (IUUCM), our campus ministry group, meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Poplar Room at the Union.

--Heather Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant

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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Our Youth Groups Meet on Sunday Evenings

