

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, June 11, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"Sweet Forgiveness" The Sunday Services Committee

Can you forgive us for not telling you sooner? June 13-20th is National Forgiveness Week. Caring communities that focus on justice rely on the sweet and difficult practice of forgiveness. Is it a discipline? A grace? An emotional exercise? In this service congregational members Clarke Miller, Laura Jesseph, Jerry Jesseph, and Voces Novae, under the direction of Susan Swaney, will accompany us into a reflection upon forgiveness. Rev. Emily Marvel Leite will also offer remarks. (The Sunday Services Committee's mission is to bring the full richness of the lay community into Sunday worship several times a year. We are grateful for this opportunity.)

Sunday, June 18, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
"The Mooning of Moses" The Reverend Bill Breeden

A re-working of one of the first sermons I preached for this congregation, on another Father's Day.

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.

June 11, Crisis Intervention Training Bloomington is confronted with increasing contact between law enforcement and people in behavioral health crisis. Individuals in crisis are often inappropriately booked into jail and do not receive proper medical treatment. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is designed to address this problem. Vid Beldavs will discuss the goals of the program.

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

Dr. Whikehart to Give Free Concert Sunday, June 11

UU member Dr. Lewis E. Whikehart, pianist, and the Hornbones Brass Ensemble will perform at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, here in our Meeting Room. All are welcome and the concert is free of charge, a gift to the community from Dr. Whikehart in celebration of the 50th anniversary of earning his doctor's degree from Union Theological Seminary, the School of Sacred Music, in New York City (1956). The program will include works of Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Ravel, Debussy and Chopin, and will be performed from memory, acquired over 75 years of study. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

The West Window

On behalf of the Ministry Team and the President of the Congregation, I would like to use this space to say thank you to three members who were recipients of Outstanding Service Awards at our June 4th Congregational Meeting. This award is given each year to persons who have shown leadership and commitment to the principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Dolores Freiburger, a member of our congregation since 1994, was presented the award for her organization of the Fellowship Dinners. Dolores has committed untold hours to keeping this valuable program going. The dinners provide a comfortable setting for persons to get acquainted and share stories from their lives. Many new members of our congregation have testified to the value of this experience of dining and fellowship, and long-time members continue to participate and enjoy the company of others. Dolores also serves as one of our congregation's unofficial photographers. She often sits on the front row, and usually has her camera available to capture special moments in our services. Last, but not least, she always has a smile and a pleasant word of greeting for those she meets, and in so doing, exemplifies the first principle of honoring the dignity and worth of every human being.

Mary Mahern has been a member since 1998 and has shown an unflagging commitment to the congregation since Day One. She has participated in the Religious Education program, and is a facilitator for the "Our Whole Lives" sexuality education program for our children. In the past year, Mary has given many hours to the Civil Marriage is A Civil Right Task Force, and it is for this work specifically that she was given

an Outstanding Service Award. This is a good time to introduce the third recipient.

Judi Epp only joined our congregation in 2005, but has become a dynamic force for justice within our congregation and the greater community in a very short time. She provides leadership for the Civil Marriage task force. Mary and Judi have given outstanding service in planning and leading workshops, public demonstrations and other events giving witness to the fact that our congregation supports the GLBT community and stands for equality and justice for all members of our society. Both these women have exemplified the principles of Unitarian Universalism in their lives and witness and we are thankful for them.

Peace-bill, Mary Ann, and Chris
Rev. Bill Breeden
Rev. Mary Ann Macklin
Chris Clothier, Congregational President

Pastoral Care When the Ministers are Away

June 19 through June 26, our ministers will be attending UUA General Assembly in St. Louis, and Byron Bangert, a Presbyterian minister who is a friend of our congregation, will be on call for Pastoral Emergencies, 336-2458. Sharon Yarber is also available as chair of the Caring Committee and liaison to the Committee on Ministry, 336-4427.

Planning for Fall?

Be sure to call or email Carol Marks with your room reservations for church meetings and events for the fall as soon as your plans are final: admin@uubloomington.org, 332-3695.

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Community Connections our faith in action in the community

Shalom Community Center Volunteers The Shalom Community Center needs volunteers now that IU's students have left for the summer. Make a two-hour commitment, one day a week. Help is needed for the following:

- Helping to prepare meals on Thursdays from 9 to 12
- Serving meals Tuesdays through Fridays from 12 to 1:30
- Clean-up after meals Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 12 to 2

They also need Hospitality volunteers at their Reception Desk in the new building. Call 334-5734 for details.

Middle Way House Volunteers Middle Way House needs volunteers to be trained to assist victims of domestic violence. Training is June 17, 9:00-5:00 at First United Methodist Church. No registration required, but call 333-7404 for more information.

Pride Picnic July 4 Indiana Equality is sponsoring the third annual Pride Picnic on July 4 at Third Street Park at 4:00 p.m. or after the parade ends. This is a family-friendly celebration for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community and its allies. Music, food, fun!

The Templeton/Shalom Family Resource Center needs disposable diapers of all sizes, and also wipes. Even if you don't believe in disposable diapers, you may place donations of them in the bin near the Social Justice table in the Commons.

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 First and Second Wednesdays of July

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin offers "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity, on July 5 and July 12 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 June 5-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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Board of Directors 2006-07

The following slate was elected at the Congregational Meeting on June 4. This Board will take office on July 1.

President:	Jason Hill
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Mowing Crew Still Needed.

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



Contact Bob DeVoe, devoe@indiana.edu or John or Julie Lawson, 335-1856 or lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net.

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 any of us after a couple of days, please call the office, 332-3695.

Children's Task Force Meeting June 11

The Children's Task Force planning group will meet Sunday, June 11 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 112 to continue planning activities that can involve the whole congregation during the '06-'07 year. We are particularly looking at the possibility of more involvement at Templeton Elementary School and at the Templeton/Shalom Family Resource Center. Anyone interested is welcome!
--Martha Nord



Water Service Aug 27

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures for our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Aug 27.

Ready To Sign The Book?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next opportunity to sign the Membership Book is Sunday, June 18 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room on the 2nd floor (Room 207B). Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.

To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, June 12.

Our Folks...

Our prayers and healing thoughts are with Molly Stewart and her family; her grandson Tjerck Ryan Stewart Ingersoll was stillborn May 24. Parents Nicki and Rob Stewart Ingersoll reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Our thoughts are with Andy and Tammy Orahoad; their niece and foster daughter Molly Orahoad was seriously injured in a car accident in Florida last week.

Healing thoughts also for Gabe Langdon, who is recovering at home from recent surgery.

Arda Landergren is at the Meadowood Health Pavilion and would enjoy visitors.

Congratulations to Ryland McIntyre, who graduated this month from Bloomington High School South.

Thank You, Choir! Many thanks to the choir for a great year! We will resume rehearsals on August 10 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! --Susan Swaney, Music Director

Summer Vacation Religious Education: Experiencing the Web of Life

This summer our children and youth Religious Education (RE) program will be based on the Experiences with the Web of Life curriculum and participating in the Read to Feed project fundraiser for Heifer International.

Respect for the interdependent web of life is one of our Unitarian Universalist principles. We will be introducing our children to this web through direct experiences with specific living things, along with exploring their connection to the rest of existence. We hope to cultivate a deep and lasting sense of wonder for the beauty and mystery of life. This connection can provide spiritual strength in times of turmoil or trouble and ignites the 'spark of the sacred which calls to us to care for our earth.'

We will get to share these experiences as a mixed age group together throughout the summer. After the children's moment in the Meeting Room, we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall. Please plan on *going outside every Sunday, even if raining*, unless the weather is dangerous. Children should be dressed in appropriate shoes and clothing. Part of the program will be opportunities to help in the garden.

The Read to Feed program allows children to raise money by reading or having books read to them. Parents help their children find sponsors who will give money for each book that is read by or to the child during the summer. Money raised will go to Heifer International which will provide farm animals and other agricultural resources for hungry families around the world.

Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education
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Notably For Newcomers

Today's column and our column on June 19 both come from an essay called "New Words for Life" by the Rev. Dr. Thandeka, who is known to many of us in the Bloomington congregation through a Chalice Lecture she delivered here a few years ago. The Rev. Dr. Thandeka, whose name was given to her by Bishop Desmond Tutu, is Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Her essay was delivered as a speech at the General Assembly in Boston on June 27, 2003.

"Unitarian Universalists need a new language of reverence to solve a current problem. Presently, we affirm two conflicting doctrines of human nature. One doctrine is the legacy of a man who gave American Unitarianism a 'party platform,' William Ellery Channing. Channing said our human essence is the mind, which he believed was independent from the body. The other doctrine is a legacy of Universalism's singularly important nineteenth-century leader, Hosea Ballou, who said our human essence is the mind and the body, which together define and determine our experiences. When our two historic traditions consolidated in 1961, we ended up with one religion, Unitarian Universalism, which affirms two incompatible doctrines of human nature. A new language of reverence would enable us to resolve this problem."
-Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

Monthly Family Worship Services will begin again on Wednesday, September 6.

Article of Note in UU World Magazine

Those concerned about Unitarian Universalism's current interest in reclaiming "a language of reverence" should be sure to read "Understanding Reverence" in the summer 2006 issue of the UU World. The article is by the Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons, a prominent humanist minister, who explores in her essay what a language of reverence can mean for Unitarian Universalists today. Rev. Gibbons is the child of humanist parents and the product of UU religious education. UUA President William Sinkford's open letter on page 7 is also worthy of consideration.
--Paul E. Lane

Attendance Figures

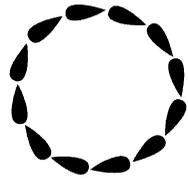
Sun, May 28 9 a.m. 69, 11:15 120, Totl 189
Sun, June 4 9 a.m. 105, 11:15 174, Totl 279

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, May 28 non-pledge offering: \$263
\$66 to Community Justice & Mediation Center.
Sun, June 4 non-pledge offering: \$393
\$98 to Community Justice & Mediation Center

Campus Ministry Camping Trip

Indiana University Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry (IUUCM), our campus ministry group, is sponsoring a Young Adult (ages 18-35) camping trip up to Indiana Dunes State Park on Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1. There will be hiking, swimming, a campfire, s'mores and maybe a ghost story or two. All Young Adults in the congregation are invited to attend. If interested, email Heather Hansen, heahanse@indiana.edu, or Katie Peebles, kpeebles@indiana.edu.



Chalice Circles Survey Shows Strong Support!

The Small Group Ministry Team conducted a survey of those attending the services on April 30th. The purpose of our survey was to determine the level of interest in Chalice Circles, our small group ministry program, within the congregation.

Over 60 people indicated that they will participate in Chalice Circles and another 75 said they were interested in learning more about the program. Armed with this information, we have enlisted volunteers to facilitate the number of groups we anticipate we will have when we start our program in September. Training for the facilitators will begin in August. The program will begin September 24th for those who opt to participate.

Contact Anne Haynes (336-3221 or anhaynes@indiana.edu) or Carol Parks (336-1592 or parksc@indiana.edu).
-- Carol Parks for the Small Group Ministry Implementation Team

Upcoming Prologue Dates

Mon, June 19, deadline 10:00 a.m.
Prologue folding Tue, June 20, 9-11 a.m.
Wed, July 5, deadline 10:00 a.m.
Prologue folding Thurs, July 6 at 12:30 p.m.
Help with Prologue folding and labeling is always welcome!

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(through June 30, 2006)

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Large Print Materials Available Each Sunday

Large print orders of service and large print 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.

Stepping Stones, Inc. to Receive 25% of Sunday Offering in 06-07

After discussion and two votes, Stepping Stones, Inc. was chosen by the members gathered at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 4, as the local agency to receive 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offering in the coming year, beginning July 1.

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 post it.

Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of our Board of Directors meetings are posted on the bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance after they have been corrected and approved each month.

This being human is a guesthouse.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight . . .
Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

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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 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.

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.

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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 do not ticket us on Sundays.

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