

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, June 25, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"The Crime of Punishment" Dr. Byron Bangert

What is the nature of punishment, and what does it mean that we live in a culture of punishment? What role does punishment play in the structuring of our social relations, and in our dealings with others? How else might we approach the issues that arise from actions that offend us, and that we consider to be wrong?

Sunday, July 2, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Faith and Trusting Our Own Deepest Experience"

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

During Professional Days at our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, Reverend Macklin will be attending a keynote address and several workshops with Buddhist teacher Sharon Salzberg. Sharon defines faith not as religious adherence or deference to an external authority, but as trust in our inner capacity for awareness and love, and as recognition of the interdependence of all of life. Reflections will be offered regarding Salzberg's teachings as well as other experiences from time spent with thousands of Unitarian Universalists.

Pastoral Care When the Ministers are Away

From June 19th through June 26th, our ministers will be attending the 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.

Summer Solstice Celebration June 24

Would you enjoy celebrating the longest day of the year with other UUs? The opportunity will be available to you on June 24th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30pm. Beckie Wagner and Jerry Nees will lead a celebration designed to mark the festive occasion and all UU members and friends are invited. Bring something appropriate for the season to share at the feast afterward. Sorry, childcare is not available for this event. All persons who have interest in earth-based spirituality are welcome. For details contact elmbeckie@yahoo.com.

The West Window

During the week of June 18, 2006, Unitarian Universalists will gather in St. Louis for the General Assembly. I encourage you to visit www.uua.org and check the news of the Assembly. This is the largest public witness of the Unitarian Universalist Church and always generates some interesting stories.

Just a note on behalf of Theodore Barker: He now has a colleague. On Sunday, June 11th, a visitor from the UU Church in Columbus, OH, shared the news with us. It seems this person had visited our congregation some time past and decided to bring a ministerial dog to the church in Columbus. His name is Roof Waldo Emerson, and there is some barking about correspondence. I'll let you know what happens.

It is nearly summer and near the end of our fiscal year. Glenda reminds me that we need to finish up our pledge for 05-06. There may be others who are sometimes oblivious of the fiscal calendar, so I thought I would share her reminder.

Finally, enjoy the summer and may you and yours be blessed.

Peace, Bill (Reverend Bill Breeden)

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.

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, 6-6:45 p.m.

MAM's Musings

As some of you may know, I offer a small centering worship circle once or twice a month on Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. It is simply titled "Centering with MAM" and we typically meet in the church library. Many have asked what these 45 minutes consist of. The following elements are typically part of the centering time: Welcome and Stretch, Introductions and Brief Check-In, Centering the Body (brief reading and focused breathing), Inspirational Reading, Guided Relaxation, Quiet Meditation (5 minutes accompanied by recorded meditative music), Centering Words of Prayer, Quiet Meditation (again with recorded music), Closing Circle and Closing Words. This format may vary a bit. For example, we recently read Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh's "Tangerine Meditation," then had our own tangerine meditation.

For me, the main focus of "Centering with MAM" is to relax into our bodies, breathe mindfully, remember who we are, let go of some of life's daily stresses, and perhaps gain new perspective. The group is usually not too large, consisting of 4 to 10 people. The next two sessions will be July 12th and 19th, 6:00-6:45pm.

Of note, after the last session, several of you said that you had planned to attend but had missed the time. If you would like to attend regularly and receive an e-mail reminder, please let me know at macklin@uubloomington.org.

Meanwhile, breathe...breathe...breathe...

"When we practice meditation, we are strengthening our ability to be steadfast with ourselves." Pema Chodron

Warmly, MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

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,
- cleaning up after meals Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 12 to 2,
- helping with the family food pantry at Templeton Elementary School on Fridays from 11:30 to 3:00,
- picking up donuts and bagels on Monday mornings.

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

Carrie Newcomer will be giving a free concert on Saturday, June 30, 2006, at Bloomington's Third Street Park. This Bloomington Parks Department Concert is from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Pride Picnic July 4 Indiana Equality is sponsoring the third annual Pride Picnic on July 4 at Third Street Park at 4:00 pm 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!

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.

Upcoming Prologue Dates

Wed, July 5, deadline 10:00am.

Prologue folding Thurs, July 6 at 12:30 p.m.
Mon, July 17, deadline 10:00am.

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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David Cox, Chris Judge, Steve Dillon,
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Karen Jewell

Our Folks...

We hold these persons in our thoughts and prayers:

Jackie Hall and Lloyd Orr. Jackie's mother passed away last Saturday.

Will Watt, whose father recently passed away.

Congratulations to Ian Woollen, whose recently published novel *Stakeout on Millennium Drive* was named a Best Book of Indiana by the Indiana State Library's Indiana Center for the Book, in the Fiction Category.



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.

Grocery Coupons

Earlier in June, the final grocery coupon check of \$1,500 was presented to the church. This completed our 2005-06 pledge of \$4,500. To all those who purchased, we thank you. To all those who have yet to purchase, we encourage you to bring your check to the new location in the Commons. You can purchase from Kroger, Marsh, and Bloomingfoods. You receive full purchase value for the coupon, and the church gets 5%. When you purchase \$100, you give another \$5 to the church

In order to meet our pledge, we need to sell \$1,800 worth of coupons EACH SUNDAY. Bring your checkbook or cash on Sundays and join the grocery coupon supporters. Sheri Benham, Harriet Pfister, Carol Voelker, and others will be helping in the Commons. --Janice G. Skinner

From The Committee On Ministry-- On the Return of Rev. Carlson

Former UU Bloomington minister Reverend Barbara Carlson, who retired in June 2005, may soon return to our congregation. However, though the congregation conferred on her the honorary title of Minister Emerita, she will have no official role or responsibility in the life or leadership of the congregation, according to Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

guidelines for retiring ministers and our covenant with her.

Reverend Carlson agrees with these guidelines and will defer any requests for ministerial services to Reverend Macklin or Reverend Breeden.

We are happy that Reverend Carlson may soon be among us and we wish to make her return and continued retirement as seamless and pleasant as possible. So, let us respect her position and enthusiastically greet her as a member of the congregation. --The Committee on Ministry
Joan Bennett, Clarke Miller, Sharon Yarber

Take the Best of Me

These are words to the song Laura Jesseph sang during the service on forgiveness on June 11.

*Take the best of me and make it work for you
Forgive me for all I didn't do
Take my wrongs and turn 'em into good
You're all that I've got goin' in this old world now.*

*Sing a song for me, and shed a tear,
Throw 'em to the wind and they will find me here,
Care for each other 'cause each other's all you've got,
You must fill the hole I've left in this old world now.*

*You're blessed with only so much time to live,
You've got a lifetime, a lifetime to give,
If you want to live forever, make sure you give a lot,
It's all that you'll have goin' in this old world then.*

Laura Jesseph

Summer Vacation Religious Education



Our summer vacation religious education program is off to a great start. This Sunday, June 25th, the program will be led by Noretta Koertge and Emma Rush. We will get to explore other planets in our solar system and construct a model.

Sunday, July 2nd, will focus on the element of air. How does air connect to the web of life and what can humans do to make it cleaner? Does air have weight? Can it be created? We will have a fun time exploring this topic and will celebrate our gratitude for air with bubbles and balloons.

Please remember this summer that we plan on *going outside every Sunday, even if raining*, unless the weather is dangerous. Children should be dressed in appropriate shoes and clothing, including sunscreen or umbrellas if needed.

Registration reminder: Please register your child for fall religious education classes! All of those who register for 9:00am will be eligible to win big prizes!

Donations sought: We are sprucing up our nursery, childcare, and preschool rooms. Donations of easily cleaned toys (no stuffed animals, please) and glider chairs in good condition are being accepted. --Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education
dre@uubloomington.org, 332-3695

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.



Notably For Newcomers

Today's column is a continuation of the thoughts of the Rev. Dr. Thandeka from her essay "New Words for Life"

found in the June 5th Notably for Newcomers. "Currently, our doctrinal problem (see June 5) prevents us from talking coherently about who we are as a religious people. Unitarian Universalism, as part of a wider, liberal theological tradition, begins with a set of assumptions about human nature rather than with doctrinal claims about God, scripture, revelation, or church tradition. If our assumptions about human nature do not cohere, then the theology that articulates them will not cohere either. This is the state in which we find ourselves today.

"No one is more aware of the fallout from this problem than our children. They grow up and leave our church because they find little within it that makes sense or sustains them. And so our congregations survive as the church of strangers, the place for dissidents who have left their original traditions for doctrinal reasons and for those who seek a religious tradition in which indefiniteness is its defining attraction.

"Our visitors are also aware of this problem. Five out of seven people who visit our churches do not return. We can do better than this. We must do better than this. We and our children need a church that enlivens and sustains us all. So, too, does our world." --Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

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.

Membership Committee Annual Report

Due to technical problems in mid-May, we were unable to include the annual report of the Membership Committee in the Annual Report to the Congregation distributed on June 4. We include the report below:

Membership Committee, 2005-06

Members: Barbara Black, Ruth Ann Cooper, Karen Dessauer, Libby DeVoe (chair), Dee Lane, Paul Lane, Elizabeth Lion, GK Rowe, Kim Sackmann, Kim Vogelsang, Stephanie Wilson

- Welcomed 40 new members between June 2005 and April 2006.
- Conducted Exploring UU classes on second and third Sundays of odd-numbered months for 63 newcomers.
- Organized Membership Book signings on third Sunday of even-numbered months.
- Collected and published new member biographies in the *Prologue*.
- Purchased and gave UU Pocket Guide to each new member household.
- Contacted all new members to help them connect with appropriate church activities.
- Arranged recognition of new members in four Sunday services.
- Hosted two dinners with ministers for new members.
- Hosted annual summer picnic for new members and their families.
- Hosted two potluck dinners for Exploring UU class graduates.
- Organized the reception for Long Time and New Member Recognition.
- With the assistance of Peter Schwandt, provided new stand for Welcome banner.
- Purchased new visitor mugs with financial help from the Women's Alliance.

- Worked with Greeter Committee for joint recruitment and training of welcomers and greeters.
- Published "Notably for Newcomers" column in every *Prologue*.

Our biggest challenges continue to be meaningful integration of new members into the life of the church and making significant contact with visitors so that they will return.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Jun 11, 9:00 – 73; 11:15 – 139; Totl 212
Sun, June 18, 9:00 – 84; 11:15 – 171; Totl 255

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, June 11 non-pledge offering: \$302
\$78 to Community Justice & Mediation Center
Sun, Jun 18 non-pledge offering: \$234
\$59 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.

Water Service August 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.



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Fiscal Year Draws to a Close

If you recently purchased items for a church project or program and have not turned in your receipt, please remember to do so by June 25 so reimbursement checks can be written in time for the end of the 05-06 fiscal year on June 30. Many thanks.

--Carol Marks, Church Administrator

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 are 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.

Exploring UU Class Begins July 16

Newcomers are invited to register for "Exploring Unitarian Universalism," to be held on July 16 and 23 from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Fuchs Library. Meet others who are new to the church and explore UU beliefs, history, and sources. Preregistration and attendance at both sessions is required. Childcare is available. Register at the Newcomer Table in the church foyer or contact Libby DeVoe, edevoe@indiana.edu, 336-8688. The next Exploring UU class will be in September.

Sublet Available

8-mo furnished sublet w/sunset view, southside. Fall '06-Spg '07. 1 BR w/study. W/D. Rent & utils. Contact Laura at 824-3517 or smithle@indiana.edu.
