

The Prologue

October 9th, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



Sunday, October 15, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
“The Tent of Abraham” Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this service, Reverend Macklin will offer reflections on the Beacon Press book, “The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope for Jews, Christians and Muslims”. The book is authored by Joan Chittister, OSB, Murshid Saadi Shakur Chisti, and Rabbi Arthur Waskow with a foreword by Karen Armstrong. Tim Slack will offer a “This I Believe Statement”. Our Children’s Moment will highlight our annual Age of Reason Ceremony in which parents present treasured books to their children.

Sunday, October 22, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
“An Eye For An Eye” Rev. Dr. Nana Kratochvil

We are honored to have a colleague and friend as a guest in our pulpit for Amnesty International’s Faith in Action Weekend. (See Minister’s Column) Guy Loftman will provide a story for all ages in the Children’s Moment. Reverend Macklin & Reverend Breeden will also participate in the service.

Faith in Action Forums (Contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu, to schedule a forum.)

Centering with MAM

October 11 and October 18

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend “Centering with MAM,” a meditative worship opportunity on October 11 and October 18, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

“According to tradition, Abraham kept his tent open in all four directions, the more easily to share his food and water with travelers from anywhere. In that spirit, we welcome all those who thirst and hunger for justice, peace, and dignity...”

“From “The Tent of Abraham”

From the Ministers

Last winter, at our Heartland Minister's Retreat we listened as a colleague shared a story from her heart and life. We were captivated by the power of grace and love as Rev. Kratochvil presented a mini-sermon in our preaching workshop, and we did not need a Vulcan mind-meld to know what both of us were thinking. "We have to get her to Bloomington to share this with our congregation!" She agreed to do so, and we are honored that she will be preaching October 22nd for the annual Amnesty International Faith in Action Weekend. Other churches in our community are celebrating this annual weekend as well, and our own Toll the Bells taskforce is sponsoring a showing of a movie at the Monroe County Library. (See their announcement in this Prologue)

Social justice is the heart and soul of this congregation. We come together not only because we enjoy each other's company and feel good about who we are, but also to explore the possibility of a better world for all of life's children. We trust that you will be an active participant in that exploration both as a spiritual seeker and a responsible citizen.

Peace—Mary Ann and Bill

Practice the fragile art of Hospitality – Wear your name tag.
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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, October 15 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (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 Wednesday, October 11.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Oct 1, 9:00 – 123; 11:15 – 176; Totl 299
Religious Education: Adults --30 , Children -- 80
Sun, Oct 8, 9:00 – 89; 11:15 – 173; Totl 262
Religious Education: Adults -- 32 , Children -- 77

Sunday Plate Offering Figures

Sun, Oct 8 non-pledge offering: \$347
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$ 86.75

UU Children's Choir- Upcoming Schedule

The next singing opportunity for the UU Childrens Choir, which is for kids in Kg through 8th grade, is coming up. We will rehearse next on Sun. Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th, and Nov. 12th (all from 10:15-11am in room 212). We will then sing with the adults during the Intergenerational Services on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Hope to see lots of kids on the 29th! Questions? Contact Jill Waggene at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

Chalice Circles Began Meeting in October! Please direct questions about Chalice Circles to Anne Haynes (anhaynes@indiana.edu or 336-3221) or Carol Parks (pearlparks@gmail.com or 336-1592).

SABBATICAL SCOOP

Your sabbatical team is at work to provide the groundwork for maintaining religious and operational vitality during Reverend Macklin's sabbatical which will begin in August of 2007 and end in mid-December 2007. For a minister, sabbaticals are designed to foster reflection, renewal, a respite in depth and to provide an opportunity for a minister to break away from established routine in order to regain fresh insight and perspective. Over 75% of Unitarian Universalist congregations have provisions for sabbaticals in their congregational agreement with their minister(s). We are proud to be among them. We understand that sabbatical time is beneficial for both minister and congregation.

During her sabbatical time, Reverend Macklin will focus on "Spirituality, Health and Excellence in Ministry". Meanwhile, our congregation will have the opportunity to engage the topic of "Our Unitarian Universalist Identity" as a topic of focus selected by the Ministers, Sabbatical Committee and Board of Directors. We are excited about the opportunity to provide fresh voices in our pulpit during this time.

As members and friends of this congregational community we want your input! We will be offering various methods to collect your feedback. Meanwhile, please ponder the following questions as we envision sabbatical time together: 1) Regarding your identity as a Unitarian Universalist, what are topics you would like to explore in more depth? 2) What opportunities do you believe the sabbatical offers for the congregation? 3) What concerns do you have regarding the sabbatical for Reverend Macklin?

The initial opportunity for intentional dialogue will be at the Friendly Friday Potluck with the Ministers on November 10th! Please see page 4 for more details.

From your Sabbatical Team: Andrew Appel, Beth Hollingsworth, Jason Hill, Clarke Miller and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (ex officio) and Reverend Bill Breeden (ex officio).

Adult Religious Education (ARE) News:

Are you ready to simplify your Christmas? Hoping for a more relaxed holiday season? Come "Unplug the Christmas Machine" on Saturday, October 21 from 10am to 2pm! Stephanie Kimball and Emily Manvel Leite will lead this workshop, which will conclude with an individualized, workable plan for your holiday seasons to come. Also coming this month: "Patient Power: How to Get the Best Available Medical Care", which will help you become a better advocate for your own medical care, or that of family or friends. This course meets on three Wednesday evenings, beginning on October 25. Led by John Woodcock.

Sign up for either of these offerings on the ARE bulletin board beside the courtyard entrance to the church, or by calling the church office at 332-3695.



Green Sanctuary Task Force Clothing Swap - Oct 14

As you're sorting and clearing out closets remember to start a bag or box of clothes to bring to the UU Clothing Swap on Saturday, October 14. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, this semi-annual event is an opportunity to extend the life of items you no longer need and someone else might be looking for. Get new stuff and don't spend any money! October 14, 9a.m.-12noon in Fellowship Hall.

DoveTip Check out Celebrations for alternative holiday suggestions and Water in Monroe County and beyond.
www.greendove.net --the Green Dove Network, Inc.

Social Justice Grant Applications

Social Justice Funds Committee Grant Applications are now available to members of the congregation to help fund special social justice projects in our community. Obtain yours from the Church website at www.uubloomington.org or from a member of the Committee: Joan Caulton, Stephanie Estell, Dan Lodge-Rigal, Carol Parks, John Woodcock

Past award amounts have ranged from \$200 (Habitat Women's Build) to \$2,650 (Stepping Stones). Deadline for applications is November, 1, 2006.
--Social Justice Funds Committee

Friendly Friday An Evening of Food and Conversation! November 10th Potluck with the Ministers-

Come meet our new members and participate in a sabbatical forum!

Join us on November 10th for a potluck to welcome our new members and a forum to discuss Sabbatical plans for Reverend Macklin's upcoming sabbatical which will begin August 1, 2007. This event is co-sponsored by the Membership Committee and the Sabbatical Committee. **Everyone in the congregation is invited!** The evening is planned as follows:

5:15 - Arrive and settle

5:30 - 6:30 - Dinner served; new members are welcomed. (New members will be seated throughout the fellowship hall so that you can meet them in small table groups. Children invited to join us for dinner.) Childcare available from 6:15 to 7:45

6:30 - 6:50 – Questions for the ministers. (New members get to ask questions first, then others can follow. Index cards provided for written questions.)

6:50 - 7:00 - Sabbatical Committee presentation. (Representatives of the Sabbatical Committee will provide a brief report on what it's been up to and plans for the future.)

7:00 - 7:30 - Questions and answers. (Open Question/Answer time for the ministers or the Sabbatical Committee. Ask questions about Sabbatical plans or other topics on your mind.)

We look forward to seeing you! Please bring a dish to share and a hearty welcome for our new members! In order to plan how many tables to set up and/or any childcare needs, please RSVP to Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net.

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OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

#1 HOST-BILL BAUS

GUESTS-Judy Bennett & Karen Dessauer
Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet
Velma Harrison & Jean Knowlton
Dave Parkhurst
Paul Petersen

#2 HOST-LLOYD ORR & JACKIE HALL

GUESTS-Klara Cook
Mark Day & Jean Sebeok
Libby & Bob DeVoe
Rick & Lois Holl
Karla & Hugo Kunoff
Andy Tygart

#3 HOST-B.J.LAWRANCE & JAN SKINNER

GUESTS-Jennifer & Jason Blankenship
Marjorie & John Crosby

#4 HOST-COOKIE & BILL LYNCH

GUESTS-Scott & Rhonda Clower
Vern & Judy Peterson
Harriet & Dick Pfister
Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

#5 HOST-TOMMIE & WALT OWENS

GUESTS-Mary Andrus-Overley & Don Halford
Paul & Dee Lane
Steve Lessmann
Elizabeth Lion
Denise & Harold Ogren

#6 HOST-RAYMOND & RITA RUST

GUESTS-Bob & Laura Campbell
Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Ted & Diann Lock

#7 HOST-SANDY & BOB TAYLOR

GUESTS-George & Maryann Cusack
Tom & Diane Gregory
Peggy & John Woodcock

#8 HOST-Ann Watzel

GUESTS-Pat Aungst
Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts
Dolores Freiburger
Katherine Hopkins
Glee Noble

If your name is not here you haven't signed up. Do it now and you can probably still enjoy one of the October Dinners and the rest of the year. Dolores 331-2611

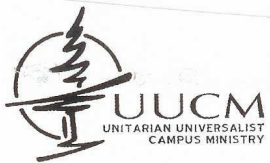
Movie Night

Movie night October 14th! WINGS OF DESIRE Potluck at 6pm at 6:30. Matthias Weber presents the English version of HIMMEL Ueber Berlin.

Java Crew Training October 17

Tuesday Oct 17th 7pm-8:30pm there will be a training to learn how to host our fellowship hour on Sunday mornings. Help keep the coffee flowing to the corners of our UU world. We need your help just 3-4 times a year. Please contact Jean Knowlton (jbknowlt@bloomington.in.us 339-2047) or Judy Bennett (bennettjudy@earthlink.net 331-4181) .

NWFA, 2006 October 20-22 is Amnesty International's Ninth Annual National Weekend of Faith in Action. On Thursday, October 19th, at 6:30PM, at MCPL, the film, "The Exonerated," will be presented. The undeniable power of the true stories of six exonerated survivors of death row will engage your emotion, incite your passion, and envelop you in their incredible struggles through erroneous convictions and re-entry into the outside world...stories you'll never forget. For more details, see the social justice bulletin board or contact Glenda Breeden (UUADP/Toll the Bells Task Force)



Seeking a Campus Ministry Assistant

The campus ministry program is looking for a new assistant to work with the university community beginning in January 2007. The position (\$8 per hour; approximately 60 hours per semester and 25 hours in the summer, divided weekly) carries the expectation of working Sunday mornings but otherwise flexible

scheduling.

Responsibilities include active congregational and campus outreach, leadership development in the group, and organizing connections between people and groups.

Send a letter and resume to:

UU Church of Bloomington

Attn: Campus Ministry

2120 N. Fee Lane

Bloomington, IN 47408.

Inquiries: Katie Peebles (campus ministry chair), 812-857-2235,

kpeebles@indiana.edu

Application deadline: Friday, November 3, 2006

Directory Update Coming Soon

We are about to prepare a new congregational directory, which will be mailed in late October. If you have changed your address, email, phone number, etc., please let us know your changes, so we can be as relentlessly accurate as we like to be.

Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

Our Folks...

Arda Landergren is now at Hospitality House, 1100 S. Curry Pike, 47403, and welcomes cards and visitors.

Learning and Growing Together

Many of our classes are learning about Unitarian Universalism this year. This Sunday the 2-6th grade class during first service focused on the 3rd principle, which is put in children's language as "We learn and grow together".

Religious Education (RE) teachers Anne Starace and Amelia Davis asked the children where they learn. "School" was the first answer. Abe Leite said "everywhere". Eric Appel said "We learn outside about nature". "Your parents can teach you" said Allie Moffitt. "And your friends can teach you" suggested Eric.

The class then took turns teaching each other by doing a show and tell. The children had brought in things or pictures from nature to show each other. We learned about rocks



and leaves, saw pictures of a giant tree in a rain forest and a picture from the Grand Teton Mountains. A story about a child who brought sushi in her school lunch generated a discussion about how we learn from people who are different from us. The children agreed that learning from each other and trying new things can be fun.

Cindy Port
Acting Director of Religious Education

Seeking Childcare Staff

We are looking for responsible people to provide childcare for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings from 8:30-12:30. We also schedule people to provide childcare for evening meetings and programming. For more information contact Cindy Port 332-3695; dre@uubloomington.org

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Walk to D'feet ALS October 15 - ALS is a fatal, neuromuscular disease, which attacks the motor neurons making even the simplest movements of walking, speaking and gesturing impossible. The ALS association of Central Indiana is sponsoring a walk to raise funds to support research on this disease. **Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2006

Location: White River State Park, For more Information call Sarah Payton at 317-915-9888, 888-508-3232 or email spayton@alsaindiana.org directly. Pete Venstra will be participating in honor of Sharon O'Brien; to make a donation to support his effort, contact him at 825-3923.

Janeal Ravndal, War Protester to Speak On Week in Prison - Janeal Ravndal, a Quaker from Pendle Hill community will speak about her experiences in Federal Prison. She was arrested for protesting the war in Iraq. She will be speaking at 5 p.m., Sunday, October 15th, at First United Church, East Third Street, West entrance. All are invited.

Interchange Interview on WFHB – Creating Healthy Sustainable Communities”

Patricia C. Coleman, Janiece Jaffe and Chris Arick, DC will be interviewed Oct 17 at 6:00pm about Healing Sounds Concert with Kiai, Janiece Jaffee & Dave Brueker and the African American Choral Ensemble and Wellness Expo November 10th and 11th, Univ. Plaza Hotel

Jeff Hiatt plays Bluegrass with the Lowlands Tuesday, October 24 at the Monroe County Historical Society building at 7:00 pm

The Shalom Community Center, 3rd annual Hunger Banquet. The 2006 Hunger Banquet will be held in the Great Hall of the First United Methodist Church in downtown Bloomington on Thursday November the 9th at 6:30 PM. Tickets for the event will cost \$20. For information call the Shalom Center at 334-5728

Lunch with a Minister

Have lunch with a minister once a month. Rev. Breeden invites all who wish to attend to bring a brown bag lunch and join him in Fellowship Hall on the following Mondays at 12:00 noon: Oct 16, Nov 20.

Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by a ministry team: Rev. Mary Ann Macklin (86%); Rev. Bill Breeden (86%). 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, W, Th, F

Her mobile number is 322-0205.

She will be away October 2-3.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

The Welcoming Congregation Refresher Course Wants You

Oppression, Gender Socialization, Racism, HIV/AIDS, The Radical Right. This is the line up for this fall's Welcoming Congregation course.

Are you or do you know someone in the LGBTQ community? If last Sunday's service was any indication we all at least know someone in the community. But you're probably thinking, "I don't need that class, I don't have any preconceived notions about gay people." Or "We're already a Welcoming Congregation, what do we need this for?" A lot has changed in this congregation and in the LGBTQ community in the last few years.

If you've taken our quiz at the table in Fellowship all and scored 100% then you get a free pass. Otherwise please consider joining us this Tuesday evening, 10/10 from 7 to 9pm in the Library. Find out how much you really know about oppression.

From Civil Marriage is a Civil Right Task Force

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