

The Prologue

November 6, 2006

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, November 12, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Defining Interests" Reverend Bill Breeden

A look at some important political and spiritual interests which will define the community we are to become.

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**Sunday, November 19, 2006 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"For These Things, We Give Thanks" Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

Come join in our intergenerational Thanksgiving celebration! We will share stories, poems, and songs as we reflect together upon those things for which we are grateful. People of all ages are very welcome in this service, which is designed for both children and adults. Some of our middle school and high school youth will be assisting in the service. Rev. Macklin will also participate, and the children's and adults' choirs will be performing. Childcare will be available for toddlers and babies.

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Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday at 10:15-11:30 a.m. (Contact Jackie Hall, jmhall@indiana.edu, to schedule a forum.)

Thanksgiving Dinner Planned: Nov 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We will hold a Thanksgiving Day Celebration, Thursday, November 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will supply turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and a selection of beverages. When you sign up, you will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, bread and butter or dessert that will serve eight. In addition, you are asked to commit to arriving early for set up and/or staying after to help clean up. The celebration is for families, extended families, friends, individuals, partners, etc. As is traditional, you will be given the opportunity to host an international student at the dinner. There will a chalice lighting and a discussion of the Thanksgiving Day traditions we treasure. Donations of money the day of the dinner are appreciated to help cover the cost of the turkey, etc. Sign up sheets available November 12 and 19. --Elizabeth Lion and Karen Dessauer

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MAM's Musings

In her book, *The Moon by Night*, Madeleine L'Engle notes, "There's something I've noticed about food; whenever there is a crisis if you can get people to eating normally things get better." Whether one is facing a crisis or not, I do feel that gathering together to share a meal helps to create a stronger bond with those around us.

Everyone is invited to an ALL CHURCH POTLUCK this Friday evening, November 10th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Reverend Bill Breeden and I hope many of you can join us for this time to share a meal, celebrate new members, talk about congregational happenings, and receive a brief update from the Sabbatical Committee. We will also have a special moment to welcome new members. After the meal, Bill and I will field questions ranging from the theological to the practical (and everything in between). Of note, the meal-time is planned to be family friendly for all ages! After they finish eating, children will be invited to childcare which will run from 6pm to 8pm.

In general the schedule will be: 5:15 - Arrive and settle; 5:30 - 6:30 - Dinner served; new members are welcomed. 6:30 - 6:50 - Questions for the ministers. (New members get to ask questions first) 6:50 - 7:00 - Sabbatical Committee Scoop. (Update on Macklin Sabbatical). 7:00 - 7:30 - Questions and answers. (Open Question time for the ministers or others). We intend to end by 7:30pm, so that those who may have 8:00pm plans can arrive on time.

We do look forward to seeing you this Friday evening. All we ask is that you bring a food potluck item to serve 8 people, a hearty welcome for our new members, and any questions you may be pondering. So that we can plan how many tables to set up and/or childcare needs, [RSVP to Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephw7@sbcglobal.net). A special thank you to both the Membership and the Sabbatical Committee for helping create this opportunity for fellowship.

Please also note that there will also be a "Vegetarian Potluck" on Sunday evening, November 12th (see page 4 for details) sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task on Global Climate Change.

In the spirit of harvest,
MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)
macklin@uubloomington.org

The West Window

If I had a crystal ball, I would risk a guess at how the most important mid-term election in recent history will turn out. By the time you read this column we will know, or not, depending on margins of victory, accusations of fraud, electronic machine failures and all the other accoutrements of this messy thing we call democracy. While desperately in need of reform, it does indeed still shine as a better experiment than the tyranny of totalitarianism.

Regardless of the outcome of Tuesday's ballot, it is incumbent upon us to work for the changes necessary to ensure that the experiment continues for the generations to come. With that in mind, I will be speaking this Sunday about items on my radar screen which I see as defining interests of those called to be a light on the path to a global community of liberty and justice for all. Hope to see you at Church.

Peace—bill
Rev. Bill Breeden, breeden@uubloomington.org

Welcome a Guest at Your Table Celebrate UU Faith in Action

Guest at Your Table is a Unitarian Universalist (UU) tradition to raise money for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) which works to defend justice and basic human rights around the world. This is a concrete way to bring social justice concerns into the home and teach children how we can make a difference.

Guest at Your Table boxes will be available at the Intergenerational service on Nov. 19th. Place a Guest at Your Table box where you have your meals; as often as you can, insert coins or bills into the box. Families can talk about what life is like for people who are struggling and imagine a different guest at their table each week. "Stories of Hope," a resource provided by UUSC will be available at the Religious Education table so you can read the stories with your family at home. Bring the box back to church for our Celebration of Giving service on Dec. 17th.

Founded in 1939 to rescue victims of Nazi persecution, the UUSC is an independent human rights organization whose work is grounded in UU principles. The UUSC and its program partners work to strengthen workers' rights; protect the right to safe, affordable water; defend civil liberties and democratic processes; and preserve the rights of vulnerable people after disasters. Their work includes economic justice projects in Kenya, environmental justice projects in Peru, and programs to help protect women in Iraq and Darfur.

Cindy Port, Acting Dir. of Religious Education
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Notably for Newcomers



Six More easy ways to Participate in the Life of the UU Community

1. Join the Java Crew. Help set up and clean up for the Sunday morning coffee hour. Contact Judy Bennett at 331-4181 or bennettjudy@earthlink.net.

2. Contribute a holiday basket to MCUM: Every November families are asked to contribute a holiday basket to Monroe County United Ministries.

Lists of needed food items are available in the church foyer. Sign up to fill a basket or go in with friends.

3. Sign up for an Adult Religious Ed class: Provocative discussions, interesting readings, thoughtful leaders and interesting participants makes for a mindful and centering introduction to some topics of interest and concern to other UUs. See bulletin board or http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/Adult_RE_Prospectus_Fall_2006.pdf

4. Wear your nametag. Stop by the newcomer table and order a nametag for yourself. When they are finished you can pick them up on the nametag rack near the courtyard entrance. Wear it every Sunday so we can get to know you.

5. Donate something to the annual talent auction. Can you bake or sew? Do you throw tea parties or give massages? Can you do yard work? You can donate any of your talents or art projects to the annual talent auction. See Prologue in January for details.

6. Read a book. Check out our fabulous lending library of socially and spiritually relevant books. Directions for check out are displayed prominently on the shelves in the library. You have 4 weeks to return the book.

--Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee



Veggie Potluck

Nov. 12

- Veggie Holiday Foods -

We had a great turnout for the first UU Vegetarian Potluck, and hope you will join

us for the next one, on Sun. Nov. 12th from 5:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite holiday foods- vegetarian style- so we can inspire each other prior to our holiday cooking. Ever tried a Tofurkey? How about vegan pumpkin pie? These will be provided! Come try some new dishes and get creative yourself! Vegetarians and non-vegetarians are welcome to this family- friendly event! Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice-- no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay; vegan dishes are welcome, too)-- along with one copy of your recipe. Water and table service will be provided. For info, contact: Jill at jwaggene@mccsc.edu. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force.



Adult Religious Education Film Series Nov. 11

On Saturday, November 11, the next Adult Religious Education film showing will be in Fellowship Hall from 6 to 10 PM. Come at 6 PM for a brown-bag supper, and enjoy the film "Harold and Maude" (1971), which will start at about 6:30 PM. Matthias Weber will present the film and lead the discussion. In this cult-classic from the 70s, depressed and death-obsessed Harold prefers to visit funerals instead of meeting the dates his mother arranges for him. This grotesque situation slowly turns into a most unexpected and moving love story. The music is by Cat Stevens.



Double Bag It!

Holiday Miracle Food Baskets

C'mon! Admit it! You know you feel warm and fuzzy as you wander up and down the grocery store aisles trying to decide – hummmmm . . . blueberry pancake mix or buttermilk, tuna in water or oil, cranberry sauce smooth or lumpy. Yep! That's because you're buying food to fill a Monroe County United Ministries Miracle Food Basket. Join in the UU annual holiday food drive that shares our many blessings with families who are less fortunate than we are.

As of November 2006, MCUM has collected only 52% of this year's projected need for food! In fact, to ensure they didn't turn any hungry families away, they were forced to REDUCE the amount of food given to each family from a 5-day supply of food to a 3-day supply of food.

Please sign up on the Holiday Miracle Food Baskets contributors' sheet found in the foyer by the Social Justice table. Grocery lists with careful instructions are placed with the sign up sheet. Be sure to take all the information you will need. And note: you may bring in your food baskets anytime the UU offices are open. The deadline for this year's basket deliveries is Thursday, November 30th.

VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR TURKEY, HAM, OR ANY PERISHABLES IN YOUR GROCERY BAGS!

If you have any questions, call Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or Beth Hollingsworth 337-9305. Double that warm, fuzzy feeling by purchasing grocery store coupons for Kroger, Marsh, and Bloomingfoods, sold every Sunday between services, which donate 5% of the proceeds to the UU Church! Thank you.

November Fellowship Dinners

#9-HOST-JENNIFER & JASON BLANKENSHIP

GUESTS-Tom & Diane Gregory

Steven Lessmann

Glee Noble

#10-HOST-LAURA & BOB CAMPBELL

GUESTS-Bill Baus

George & Maryann Cusack

Katherine Hopkins

Tommie & Walt Owens

#11-HOST-DOLORES FREIBURGER

GUESTS-Karen Dessauer & Judy Bennett

Mary Andrus Overley & Don Halford

Lloyd Orr & Jackie Hall

Raymond & Rita Rust

#12-HOST-KARLA & HUGO KUNOFF

GUESTS-Jean Knowlton & Velma Harrison

Rob & Joan Hongen

Cookie & Bill Lynch

#13-HOST-TED & DIANN LOCK

GUESTS-Scott & Rhonda Clower

Libby & Bob DeVoe

Peggy & John Woodcock

#14-HOST-DAVE PARKHURST

GUESTS-Pat Aungst

Klara Cook

Cathy & Dick Hiatt

Paul & Dee Lane

Harriet & Dick Pfister

Ann Watzel

#15-HOST-PAUL PETERSEN

GUESTS-Susan Bucove & Elizabeth Pitts

Marjorie & John Crosby

Elizabeth Lion

Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

#16-HOST-VERN & JUDY PETERSON

GUESTS-Rick & Lois Holl

Denise & Harold Ogren

Sandy & Bob Taylor

#17-HOST-KEVIN ROTTET & DAVE CRANE

GUESTS-Mark Day & Jean Sebeok

B.J. Lawrance & Jan Skinner

Louis & Emily Tenney

To join in these "get acquainted"

Dinners call Dolores-331-2611.



Chalice Circles Update

Sixteen Chalice Circles met throughout the month of October, some once a month and some twice a month. Over 100 people in our congregation are now able to participate in this exciting new program.

If you would like to join a Chalice Circle, we still have openings in a number

of groups:

Meet **once** a month on **second or fourth Monday evenings**

Meet **once** a month on **third Wednesday evenings**

Meet **once** a month on **third Thursday evenings**

Meet **twice** a month on **second and fourth Tuesday evenings**

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To enroll, please refer to the church website at www.uubloomington.org. Click on "Getting Involved," then "Small Group Ministry" and choose which method you wish to fill out and submit an application. You will be contacted with information about your group once we receive your application. Applications are also available in hard copy in the church office. Questions? Anne Haynes (anhaynes@indiana.edu or 336-3221) or Carol Parks 336-1592 or (pearlparks@gmail.com).

NOTE: We've placed copies of *Small Group Ministry* by Rev. Robert L. Hill in the church Library for those of you who would like to read more deeply about small group ministry in our denomination. Rev. Hill is a UU minister who is an expert in small group ministry and who brings valuable insight into the philosophy of the process.

----Chalice Circles Executive Committee

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Tim Slack, who recently shared his "This I Believe" statement on diversity from our pulpit. He was invited to record this essay for the public radio station in Evansville, WNIN.

We express our heartfelt sympathy and comforting thoughts to:

Chris and Anne Haynes and family. Chris's father, Thomas Haynes, died in late September

Mary Beth O'Brien and Matt Zink and family. Mary Beth's mother, Mary D. O'Brien, died October 25.

Jan Armstrong and family. Jan's brother, Kent Armstrong, died in late October.

Mike and Bev DeFord and family. Mike's mother died October 30.

Don Halford and Mary Andrus-Overley and family, Don's brother, Gary Halford, died recently.

In this time of loss, may everyone be comforted by family, friends and that which is held sacred in each of your hearts.



Earth Tips

As we move into the season when we rely more on artificial light, consider replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs to diminish your carbon dioxide footprint as well as your energy bill. If every household in the US replaced its next burned-out light bulb with a compact fluorescent, we would prevent more than 13 billion pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted. Your personal savings is \$205 over the life of the bulbs. Now that's Living Green! (Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.)

New Books in Our Library

222 Chittister, Joan. The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

253.7 Hill, Robert L. The Complete Guide to Small Group Ministry: Saving the World Ten at a Time. (2 copies)

306 Carter, Jimmy. Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis.

323.1 Branch, Taylor. At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years of 1965-1968.

362.8 Crosby, John F. Grounds for Marriage: If Only I Had Known.

616.8 Kandel, Eric R. In Search of Memory: The Emergence of a New Science of Mind.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service Nov. 21 at University Baptist

The annual "Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service" will be held Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. at University Baptist Church on East Third Street. This Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is one in which our congregation gathers with other east-side congregations to celebrate the spirit of thanksgiving. At the time of this writing, our representative this year will be our Minister Emerita, Reverend Barbara Carlson, who will offer the Thanksgiving Prayer. We hope many of you can attend. For more information contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin or Reverend Bill Breeden. 332-3695

Community Connections **Our faith in action in the community**

UU Helpers for Community Kitchen

Join the UUs who volunteer on the second Thursday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Community Kitchen. We chop vegetables, make sandwiches, package take-out meals, and giggle. If you can help, contact Libby DeVoe (336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu).

WFIU... Radio That Matters

The WFIU Fund Drive continues through November 18. Our church will offer a listener challenge when we collect our WFIU pledge checks and send them together as a group. We benefit by on-air publicity. Become a member of WFIU today



by writing a check to "WFIU/IU Foundation" and sending or bringing to the church c/o Church Administrator. Questions? Call or e-mail Beth Hollingsworth. 337-9305 or btholli@insightbb.com. If you have already pledged, let us know and we will receive credit.

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 Monday, November 20 at 12 noon.

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.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

Live Green! Give Green!

The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change and Religious Education Committee are organizing a Gift Making workshop for all ages to be held on Friday, Nov. 24 (the day after Thanksgiving) from 10am to noon. We plan to provide supplies to make simple gifts suitable for both children and adults. A small (\$1) donation per gift will cover costs. To help make it happen, please contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite at 332-3695 or mre@uubloomington.org. Thank you!



UU Children's Choir Schedule

UU Children's Choir will practice Nov. 12th (from 10:15-11am in room 212). We will then sing with the adults during the Intergenerational Services on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Please also mark your calendars-the next rehearsals after that will be Dec. 3, Dec. 10, and Dec. 17th, in preparation for singing at the Family Winter Solstice Service on

Thurs. evening, Dec. 21st. Questions? Contact Jill Waggener at jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

BULLETIN BOARD

Brown County Community Choir benefit concert for Mother's Cupboard food pantry, Sat, Nov 11, 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes Church, Nashville. Freewill donation.

Art Fair and Bazaar

The Bazaar -- All you ever wanted to know, but might not have found anybody to ask....

What is the bazaar?-- A major church fundraiser, a lively community social event, and a great chance to get more involved in the church. It's a tradition begun in 1959 when the women of the church needed to provide funds to send the Rev. Paul Killinger to a conference. It is very well-known, and very well-attended by folks from all over the area.

Why is it called an arts fair? -- Because it includes a juried show featuring 30+ of Bloomington's leading artists in media as diverse as pottery, glass, fiber arts, photos, dried floral arrangements. Each will have a booth in the Meeting Room.

How big is the bazaar? -- The bazaar fills the first floor of the church. Artisans' booths pack the Meeting Room and Commons. Fellowship Hall is filled with congregation-sponsored booths and a café. The childcare and nursery rooms contain (barely) the book sale and the unexpected treasures of the White Elephant's Trunk.

What will I find at the bazaar besides high quality art? -- Gently used treasures in the White Elephant's trunk, homemade baked and canned goods, cookies, used books, and yummy lunch and supper.

What is the Gourmet Galaxy? -- A booth in Fellowship Hall selling wonderful home-made breads, pies, candies, and jam contributed by the congregation. Donate your own signature specialties then purchase the treats made by your friends. (Every year Margaret Strong contributes FIVE DOZEN loaves of her famous whole wheat bread—quickly snapped up by those who know a good thing.)

How does the Cookie Walk work? -- Think of 28 linear feet of freshly baked cookies of every variety, yours to select and purchase by the pound. The only hard part is deciding which to choose.

Is there a place to sit down and eat at the bazaar? -- Luncheon and supper are served. At noon on both days enjoy sandwiches, Harlan's superb soup, David's masterful chili, and a slice of Ruellen's blueberry pie at the congregation-staffed café in Fellowship Hall. Friday night bring the whole family for a special supper. You'll find lots of UU friends at the neighboring tables.

How can I help? -- Sign up on the big board in Fellowship Hall to work before, during and after the bazaar. Most shifts are for two hours. We especially need folks to help in the café (take and fill orders, peel potatoes, scrub pots, make change).

May I work more than one shift? -- Absolutely!

Is there childcare for bazaar workers? -- Unfortunately, no.

When is the bazaar open? -- Dec 1: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec 2: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

What if I am not a member? -- Friends and newcomers are especially welcome to participate in all aspects of the bazaar: bake cookies, bring in your best bread, help set up or put away, assemble sandwiches, wash dishes. Working at the bazaar is a great way to meet people.

What does the church do with the money? -- Our current operating budget depends on \$7,600 from the bazaar.

How can I find out more? Keep your eye on the Prologue and the order of service.

Calling All Cookies!

The Cookie Walk Committee welcomes all kinds of cookies to this year's bazaar. It's not too early to start planning. Here are a few tips to help you on your way.

- ❖ Cool cookies before packing. Pack decorated cookies in single layers.
- ❖ If you freeze cookies, double wrap them or use freezer bags.
- ❖ Label your containers with the type of cookies and your name.
- ❖ The best times to deliver cookies are in the early evening on Thursday, November 30th or before 9a.m. on Friday, December 1st.
- ❖ Buyers love cookies with eye appeal. Think festive, colorful, AND tasty.
- ❖ Bar cookies are easy, heavy, and popular! (We sell by the pound.) No brownies, please.
- ❖ We'd love 3-5 dozen cookies from each baker; more if you are ambitious! Include your family or a friend in your baking fun, or enjoy the satisfaction of baking in joyful solitude.

Thanks in advance for your help. We couldn't make the cookie walk happen without you!

--The Cookie Walk Committee: Jane McLeod and Nell Krahnke

Please Help The Gourmet Galaxy! Persimmon Pulp Available. . .

It's time again to make the goodies you will contribute to the Gourmet Galaxy.

Many people in the community count on the Gourmet Galaxy for their special holiday treats. We will need lots of almost any "goodie" you can think of: Holiday breads, jams, jellies, sauces, soup mixes, candies, cakes and other items you might like to cook or bake. Look for the Gourmet Galaxy easel in Fellowship Hall to sign up.

Everyone in the church will benefit from your culinary skills. Persimmon pulp is available from Lee Strickholm for gourmet baking. See Lee on Sundays. \$5/pint, all proceeds to the Bazaar. Co-Chairs Judy Bennett, Karen Dessauer and Kay Harris

Knock Knock! Who's there? Radio.

Radio who? Radio not, here I come to help with the bazaar. Hooray! We need everyone's help to serve meals, chop veggies, and sell cookies. Find the job and time that work for you before, during and after the bazaar on December 1 and 2. We especially need clean-up help after the bazaar ends on Saturday afternoon, December 2. Tune in to the fun during one of the best fellowship events of the year!

Make Room For Holiday House Guests & Festivities:

Looking to enlarge your living space? Has the Junk Room over-run itself? Need room to actually get the car into your garage? We can help make that clutter disappear!

The **White Elephant's Trunk** delights in finding new homes for your overlooked, outgrown, previously-trendy or "what was I thinking" items.

Donations to will be accepted in Room 108, starting at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 26 through the afternoon of Thursday, November 30. Articles suitable for a yard sale, second-hand store or consignment shop, except computers, are welcomed, as long as they are clean and in good working order. There is some space for vintage, quality hand-crafted or imported clothing and accessories, as well as small furnishings.

If you want a second opinion on what is appropriate to contribute from your personal collection, feel free to consult Helen or Mitch, or leave a message, at 337-1306. Happy Down-sizing!

Even More News You Can Use:

November Exploring UU Class

Newcomers are invited to register for "Exploring Unitarian Universalism," to be held November 12 and 19 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the church library. Meet others who are new to the church and investigate UU beliefs, history and activities. Preregistration and attendance at both sessions is required. Childcare is available. Register at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The next Exploring UU class will be January 14 and 21.

Tolerators Temporarily Benched: Note from the Coach

I've had numerous inquiries regarding our efforts to form a Co-Ed Unitarian Universalist basketball team. We did get the team together; we actually had 15 folks signed up. We also had several people interested in being cheerleaders! However, the Salvation Army, who sponsored this congregational basketball league, only had two churches sign up. So they cancelled the fall season. They hope to try again for the winter/spring season. We'll keep you posted. -- Coach Macklin, for the "UU Tolerators"

Centering with MAM

November 8 and November 15 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity on November 8 and November 15, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

Where is the church calendar?

Our church activity calendar may be accessed online at:
www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php. It is updated frequently.