

The Prologue

January 8, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



Wednesday, January 10, 2007 Family Worship and Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
"A Kwanzaa Celebration"

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port, Acting DRE

Join us to celebrate Kwanzaa and learn about its rich traditions. Then enjoy a vegetarian African and Soul food feast prepared by Renee Reed.

Sunday, January 14, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" Rev. Bill Breeden and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

We will celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. This service follows our Choir's annual visit to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility on Saturday and will include special music by the Choir, directed by Susan Swaney.

Sunday, January 21, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"Alive and Inspired: Appreciative Inquiry and Our Community"

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden

Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will explore the appreciative inquiry process, which is both a world view and a process for facilitating positive change in human systems. The "Shaping Our Future Together" committee will assist in helping us experience the conversational aspects of this way of seeing and being.

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.) Forum topics are listed in *The Prologue* as scheduled.

Talent Auction is February 25, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Donation forms will appear on January 14 in your order of service. Feb 25 schedule: 4-5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and registration, silent auction; 5-7 p.m. Live Auction; 7-8 p.m. Supper and music. Childcare provided during the auction. Items suited to all pocketbooks will be available. Come have an evening of fun and fellowship!

Minutiae from MAM

1) **Email update:** My former e-mail (macklin@bloomington.in.us) no longer works. The one that does work is macklin@uubloomington.org. My apologies to those who have been writing to the old address and receiving no reply.

2) **Calendar note: February 11th, 2007**, will be our second annual "Longtime Member Recognition." Last year we celebrated **current** members of our church who joined from 1950 through 1969. This year we will recognize and celebrate those **current** members who initially joined this congregation from 1970 through 1979. We have compiled a list of these Long Time Members (1970-1979) with the wonderful help of Dixie Welch. Please let us know if any congregational members were inadvertently omitted from this list:

Current Members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington who joined 1970-1979. 1970: Roberta Watson; 1971: Anna Wiley, David Wiley; 1972: Nikki Michaels; 1973: Joan Caulton; 1974: Cathy Hiatt, Dick Hiatt, John Hicks; 1975: Arda Landergren, Craig Nelson, Barbara Restle; 1977: Lorraine Hawking, Clarence Hawking, Joan Hongen, Robert Hongen, Veronica Lenard, Connie Loftman, Guy Loftman, Melinda Swenson; 1978: Libby DeVoe, Iris Kiesling, Dixie Welch

We hope all of you will join us on February 11th. There will be very special music by our choir, including part of a Bach cantata, and a reception to honor our Long Time Members from 10:15am to 11am.

3) **Further calendar note:** Our first "Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat" will be held **April 13 and 14**. The title says it all! Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, the overnight retreat will be held at Camp Rancho Framasa in beautiful nearby Brown County. There will be ample opportunities to focus on and nurture your relationship with family, friends, Mother Earth, and yourself. Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Rev. Bill Breeden, and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite will help facilitate. Registration details including the cost for food and lodging coming soon. Registration will begin February 18th.

Peace, MAM Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

As the new year gets under way, I trust that all of us will give some thought to the demands of our faith in the times in which we are called to live, not merely survive, but to live. By whom are we called? Unlike Pat Robertson, who recently announced that God had spoken directly to him announcing that America would suffer a terrorist attack this year with casualties in the millions, I do not hear the voice of some transcendent megalomaniac with abandonment issues. I hear the calling of the grandchildren for many generations asking this generation to seek the ways of peace. I believe the voices calling from our future are audible to those who stop and listen. I believe that the greatest moral issue of our day is our perpetual state of war and our lack of faith that, in the words of Tennyson, "Not in Vain the Distance Beckons."

I cling to the absurd conviction that we, the human family, can learn the ways of peace, discover the love that casts out fear, and live our lives abundantly for the sake of tomorrow's children. It is my modest hope that this small community of spiritual seekers will give voice to an eternal "Yes" in response to those who look to us for courage in the struggle for justice in the coming year. Peace—bill Rev. Bill Breeden

Community Connections
Our faith in action in the community



Templeton Teacher Thanks You, Seeks Classroom Volunteers

As a Templeton Elementary School teacher, Barb Schwegman thanks all of you who volunteer, from the bottom of her heart, for all the time and effort you have given to help that school community. She is so pleased to see you in the building! If you would like to extend your volunteerism to assist Kindergartners with reading and writing skills, call Barb at 331-8107. Many, many thanks.

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.

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, January 15 at 12 noon.

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Where is the church calendar?

A current church activities calendar is located at:

www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php, as well as in every issue of the Prologue.

Chalice Circles Always Open

If you would like to join our Chalice Circles small group ministry, be sure to contact the church office, 332-3695. You may join a Chalice Circle at any time.



UU Children's Choir Schedule

Our next singing opportunity will be for the Weds. Feb. 7th Family Worship service.

New singers, Kg-8th grade are welcome! Rehearsals will be Jan. 21st, Jan. 28th,

and Feb. 4th, all from 10:15-11:00, in Room 212. Questions? Contact Jill

at

jwaggene@mccsc.edu or 330-8829

Attendance Figures

Sun, Dec. 24, 9:00–63; 11:15–109; Totl 172

4 p.m. 50; 7 p.m. 293; 9 p.m. 30

Religious Ed.: numbers not available

Sun, Dec. 31, 9:00–60; 11:15–131; Totl 191

Religious Ed.: numbers not available

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Dec 24 non-pledge offering: \$445

4 p.m. & 7 p.m. \$1,006 (All offerings from

4 p.m. and 7 p.m. were donated to Monroe Co. United Ministries)

Sun, Dec 31 non-pledge offering: \$363

Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$203



The Second Saturday Film Series Continues!

Saturday, January 13

Potluck @ 6 PM, Film @ 6:30

“KINSEY” 2004 film written & directed by Bill Condon, starring Laura Linney, Liam Neeson, Peter Sarsgaard, John Lithgow, Chris O’Donnell, Timothy

Hutton, Tim O’Donnell, Oliver Platt (as Herman B Wells), 119 minutes

“glowing tribute to Alfred Kinsey, the biologist-turned sexologist”—

hollywoodreporter.com

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Information Session on Life Line Screening On Sunday, January 14 at 10:30 am in the Library, there will be an opportunity to speak with the Health Service Coordinator from Life Line Screening, Lisa Lucas. Life Line Screening screens for risk factors and warning signs for vascular disease and osteoporosis. Please bring your questions and concerns to this talk. A screening, available to the public, is scheduled for January 31st in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, January 14:

Veggie Potluck

plus a Viewing of

An Inconvenient Truth

All are welcome at the UU Veggie Potluck, Sun. Jan. 14th, where we will share a pitch-in meal (5:00 p.m.) followed by a showing of An Inconvenient Truth (6:00 p.m.). Families are encouraged to enjoy the potluck dinner together; childcare for children under age 13 will be provided from 5:45-8:30 during the movie. Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice -- no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay, but vegan dishes are welcome, too) -- along with one copy of your recipe.

Water and table service will be provided. Info: Jill at jwaggene@mccsc.edu. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.

Live Green!

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with Richard Torstrick and Mary Ann Williams; Richard's mother, Sarah Louise Torstrick, passed away on December 19.

A Day On Not a Day Off

Our tradition for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is to join with Congregation Beth Shalom Synagogue for a social justice project in keeping with the 'Day On not a Day Off' idea. This project is open to families in our Religious Education program (RE) and to members of the wider community. We will meet at 10 AM at Beth Shalom, located at 3750 E. 3rd St.

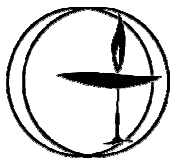
After a short program, we work together on a project for the Shalom Community Center. The Shalom Community Center helps families who are experiencing or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Volunteers young and old fill goody bags for children who visit the center. The bags contain snacks and activities to feed and help occupy the children that come into the center when their families are seeking help there. Funds for this project are provided by a grant through the City of Bloomington, as well as social justice funds from Beth Shalom and our Religious Education program. This is a wonderful way to help our children understand why we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and how we can honor him through community service.

Our last social justice project, The Guest at Your Table boxes and the collection at the Procession of Giving Service, raised over \$800 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), which works on issues like the right to safe, affordable drinking water and the rights of vulnerable people after disasters.

Cindy Port

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Notably for Newcomers

Upon occasion in this column we've mentioned "UU World," the magazine of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The magazine, a benefit of membership in a Unitarian Universalist congregation, is a quarterly publication and acts as an able companion to a Unitarian Universalist's religious quest.

The magazine contains articles that dig deeply into issues of concern to UUs, penetrating letters to the editor, a reflective column by the president of the UUA, personal essays from UUs of all sorts and varieties, news of UUs and UU congregations and institutions, and many more compelling items. It's an excellent way to find out about what's going on in Unitarian Universalism.

Tom Stites, Editor, writes, "*The UU World's* roots extend almost two centuries deep, to the founding of *Universalist Magazine* in 1819. My colleagues and I aim to build on the distinguished publishing tradition that is entrusted to us by creating a magazine that is crucial to you, by fulfilling this ambitious mission: To help our readers build their faith and act on it more effectively in their personal lives, their congregations, their communities, and the wider world."

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

(The preceding article was reprinted from the January 6, 2003, issue of The Prologue. --Ed.)



Thanks from the MCUM Task Force – Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Feb 4.

New Member Biographies

Raymond Rust 879-4301 rarrjr@smithville.net I grew up in central Indiana on a small farm, attended a one room school, attended a Christian church and spent four years in the military. Following a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue I worked for Carrier Corporation the next 34 1/2 years. We currently live on my wife's home farm in north east Owen County. I am interested in nature, the human condition, our environment and peace in our time. I like to read, work on the farm, garden and attend church activities.

Lori Carmichael-Howell lives with her husband and two children, Carson 2 years and Morgan 6 months, in Martinsville. She works as a speech-language pathologist in the Wayne Township schools in Indianapolis. Lori started attending the UU Bloomington Church approximately one year ago. Social justice issues, particularly peace initiatives, environmental issues, and civil marriage rights as well as religious education are important to her. She is a voracious reader, with many different books in progress scattered around the house.

UU Poets for Social Justice

We would like to feature your words about peace, justice, equality, and earth stewardship, on our social justice bulletin board. Please send your original poetry to Glenda Breeden at breeden@crtc.com to share your gift of words with our church community. Your words will be used only for this purpose. We hope to have this project up and running by the 14th—check it out!

Life Story Has Room The Life Story autobiographical writing group has room for one or two more members. Meets weekly on Fridays at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B). Contact Cookie Lynch for info. 332 9933 or wilynch@indiana.edu.



Commitment Sunday: April 1

“We’re All in This Together!”

--The Stewardship Committee

Centering with MAM Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend “Centering with MAM,” a meditative worship opportunity, on January 10 and January 17, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

Office Open Thursdays 9-11, Weekdays 9-4:30 New Thursday church office hours are 9:00-11:00 a.m. The office is also open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00-4:30.

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Pianist to Give Benefit Concert Sunday, Feb. 18 On Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m., pianist Sally Todd will present a concert to benefit Monroe County United Ministries. Don't miss it! Details soon.



Diversity Celebration Feb. 9

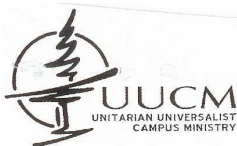
The Diversity Day Program on Friday, February 9th, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in our Meeting Room has been designed and produced by our gifted Music Director, Susan Swaney. The program will include Colleen Haas and friends who will present Brazilian drumming. Cindy Port and friends will bring us music of the Middle East. Pianist Sally Todd will share her singular, distinctive, and incomparable musical touch. Our ears and hearts will rejoice with the sounds and songs of Kaia, an a cappella world music group. The family-friendly program will last about an hour and the entire community is invited; bring your neighbors, relatives and all the music lovers you know! Light refreshments will be served after the program so you can meet and talk with the performers. Karen Dessauer and Elizabeth Lion, Celebrations Committee



New Year's Earth Tips

Did you remember the environment in your New Year's Resolutions? Renew your commitment to the Earth, review your Earth Points pledge (see the Coffee Table for more info) and plan new personal action steps to reduce your footprint on the planet. Are you overwhelmed and don't know where to start? Try making a list of 5 personal resolutions you and your family can accomplish in 2007 that will reduce your carbon load and help the environment. Share your list and ideas with others- they can support you, and maybe make a list of their own! Happy New Year, from the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

Campus Ministry Group Meets Weekly Indiana University Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, (IUUCM), our campus ministry group, meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Charter Room in the Union. Questions? Please contact Heather Hansen uucampus@uubloomington.org



IUUCM is having a pizza lunch on Sunday, January 21 in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 following the second service. If you are a student please come join us to talk about our plans for the semester.

UUs Against the Death Penalty Raise Human Rights Issue

UUs Against the Death Penalty believe that state-sanctioned murder is a gross human rights violation. Look for the UUADP/Toll the Bells Task Force table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 14th to sign a letter or petition to Governor Daniels. Norman Timberlake, a man who has a severe mental illness, is scheduled to be executed by the State of Indiana on January 19th; his lawyers are asking that his sentence be commuted. If the execution goes forward, join other community members for a candlelight vigil at the Courthouse in the dark of the night, to stand as witnesses to and in protest of this travesty of justice, Friday morning, January 19th, midnight to 1:15AM. –Glenda Breeden, UUADP

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