

The Prologue

January 22, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



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

Sunday, January 28, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"In Search of a Moral Vision" Rev. Bill Breeden

Is there a common ground in America upon which to build a foundation for the future?

Sunday, February 4, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

"On Human Rights" Rev. Bill Breeden

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness versus the Cult of National Security.

Wednesday, February 7, 2007 Family Dinner 5:30 p.m., Worship 6:15 p.m.

"Responding with Love"

led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port

Come enjoy stories, songs, and poems celebrating love and join in looking for opportunities in our own lives to respond with love. The children's choir, directed by Jill Waggoner, will be singing. We will gather for a craft beginning at 5:15pm. Dinner, including a vegan option, is provided beginning at 5:30pm. After shared clean-up, worship is at 6:15pm. Join us whenever you can!



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, February 4 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room (Room 207B) on the 2nd floor. Contact Stephanie Wilson, stephw7@sbcglobal.net, 339-1247, by January 31 if you would like to sign on February 4. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

Talent Auction is February 25, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Donation forms are due February 4. Available at church, in this issue or online from Mark Day, marktday@gmail.com. Feb 25 schedule: 4-5 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, 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!

From the Ministers

The following is taken from an open letter from the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, Reverend William Sinkford, to the President of the United States. We want to share this with you.

January 11, 2007

Dear Mr. President,

Your decision to increase the US military forces in Iraq by 21,500 additional troops stunningly disregards the wishes of the American people, the advice of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group.

Since March 2003, more than 3,000 Americans have been killed in Iraq, and more than 47,000 have been wounded. You don't want us to see them, but flag-draped coffins arrive daily at Dover Air Force Base. Yes, better body armor might save more lives, but only at very high costs, the greatest being mangled bodies and diminished futures. Even those of our soldiers without physical wounds are hurting; witnessing the meaningless suffering of countless Iraqis is leaving them with spiritual wounds that may never heal. We must not inflict these fates upon one more soldier without strong evidence that sending more troops will lessen the carnage in Baghdad's streets and increase our safety at home. I ask you today, Mr. President, where is the evidence for this?

Your policies have betrayed the trust of thousands of patriotic Americans who volunteered in good faith to serve our country. Four years of a failed war has robbed us of beloved brothers, wives, sons, and daughters. And yet you ask us to order our troops to endure more bloodshed and to inflict more harm on a broken country. My son served honorably as a soldier in Afghanistan during the early stages of that war, and so I know how much courage and dedication our troops embody. If we ask them to risk death daily, we had better have a just and sound reason for that request. Their willingness to lay down their lives is a sacred trust. I implore you not to betray that trust any further.

Yes, Mr. President, we do need a change of policy in Iraq. But do we need to escalate our troop levels? The Iraq Study Group says No. Do we need to put more troops in harm's way? Three out of four of Americans say No. Do we need to spend more, fight harder, sacrifice more American lives, and kill more Iraqi citizens in order to secure peace in their country and in our own? People of conscience the world over say No! As you risk the lives of our men and women in uniform on a mission that is completely contrary to the will of the American people, it is our democratic duty to make our voices heard. It is time to say NO!

Thank you, Reverend Sinkford, for these words. Next weekend, several folks from our congregation are traveling to Washington, DC, to join others in saying "NO" to this war and any escalation. Pianist Sally Todd, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Deborah Phelps, Glenda Breeden, Maryann and George Cusack, Shari Woodbury, Diann and Ted Lock, and David Keppel will be among those raising their voices.

Peace— *MAM* Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

bill Rev. Bill Breeden

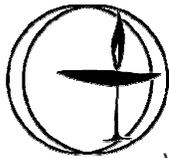
Games, Death, Pizza and Fire: YRUU? Our Young Religious Unitarian Universalists, ages 14-20 (YRUUs) gather on Sunday evenings to join in fun, food and fellowship. On January 21, I joined this group of ninth through twelfth graders for pizza to find out what they have been up to. Food is important to teenagers, so they always share a meal together.

Tenth grader Roz Sternberg filled me in. "The first semester we tried to alternate between a fun night and a more spiritual night" explained Roz. On fun nights they did things like play board games, although they do not agree about whether a game that comes in a box, but does not have a board, can be called a board game (Eve Cusack thinks it can, but ninth grader Nathaniel Elmer insists a board game needs a board).

On alternate Sundays they explored many topics, ranging from protecting the environment to planning their own memorial services. "We talked about death" said Nathaniel. "We also talked about differences between teenagers and adults" added Roz. She said that they discussed how to know when you're an adult; for example is it when one turns 18 or when one lives independently? The youth did not come to a consensus on the topic but explored many ideas.

This bright, creative group of youth are frequently cracking jokes; ninth grader James Halpin tried to convince me that lighting things on fire and blowing things up was a typical activity for the group. Thankfully, we have an amazing and trustworthy team of adults as our YRUU advisors; Adam Leite, Eve Cusack, Sam Cusack, Martha Oakley and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin.

--Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education, dre@uubloomington.org



Notably for Newcomers

Here is a list of some UU resources that might be of interest and help to newcomers.

The UUA* Bookstore distributes UUA-produced materials and a wide variety of titles from the UUA imprint Skinner House and other publishers. Call 800.215.9076 to order books or to request a catalog, or visit www.uua.org/bookstore.

Beacon Press, a department of the UUA, publishes nonfiction and fiction books. Call them at 617.742.2100, or visit their Web site at www.beacon.org. Catalogs available in Rm 204.

UUA periodicals include the bimonthly magazine *UU World* (available on-line at <http://www.uuworld.org>) as well as *InterConnections* and *Synapse*. *InterConnections* is a newsletter that provides information and resources to congregational leaders. It's available on-line at uua.org/interconnections. *Synapse* is a semiannual publication by Young Religious Unitarian Universalists. For a free subscription call 617.742.2100, ext. 351 or 352, or e-mail yruu@uua.org. You can read the latest issue on-line at www.uua.org/YRUU.

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

*Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, based in Boston, MA

(The preceding article reprinted from the February 3, 2003, issue of The Prologue –Ed.)



Bring on Feb 4:

Canned carrots, mixed veggies, tomato and cream soups, cornbread mix, pancake mix.



Commitment Sunday: April 1 **“We’re All in This Together!”**

Social change, it has been said, is about making space for a new idea. Space – and time.

I first entered the Church building for its physical space: a room upstairs where I attended an afternoon meeting a few months before President Bush invaded Iraq. I discovered a community as well as a space, where people renew their dedication to peace and justice and care for the planet.

Stewardship is what gives Rev. Breeden time to inspire and yes amuse us in the quest for peace and justice. It’s what gives Rev. Macklin time to keep the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change breathing. And that’s no synonym for just surviving!

Imagine the empowerment of solar panels on our roof: a long-term investment in reducing heating and cooling bills, and an immediate statement to all who drive by. Or a wind tower on the front lawn. We’re a National Wildlife Federation certified wildlife sanctuary already.

Our financial support for the Church sustains a community that is a model of the world we are working to create. And our life as a community renews our commitment to confront injustice and war in the world of today. Please join me in contributing to our windmills, the better to tilt at them. –David Keppel



Second Saturday Film Series: Sat, Feb 10

Potluck @ 6 PM, Film @ 6:30

“**The World**” (set in Beijing) Details, contact Glee Noble,
gleenoble@sbcglobal.net



Sign up for Adult Religious Education Classes Now!

You may register for Adult Religious Education classes by signing up on the bulletin board at church, by calling 332-3695, or by emailing Office Assistant Aimee Osmundsen at office@uubloomington.org. The prospectus for Winter/Spring 2007 is posted on the bulletin board and at

www.uubloomington.org. Go to Religious Education tab, click on RE for Adults, and click on ARE Winter/Spring 2007 Prospectus.



Veggie Potluck Sunday, February 11, plus panel discussion: Global Climate Change

You are invited to our next UU Veggie Potluck, Sun. Feb. 11th, where we will share a meal followed by a Panel Discussion, which follows up last month's successful showing of "An Inconvenient Truth." Dave Rollo, Jeff Riegel, and Keith Vogelsang will discuss Personal Steps to Reduce Global Warming. We will begin dinner at 5pm, with the discussion from 6-7:30pm. Families are encouraged for dinner, and childcare can be provided from 5:45-7:45pm during the discussion. If you need childcare, please call the church office, 332-3695, by Feb. 2nd! 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. For info, contact: Jill at jwaggene@mccsc.edu. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change. Live Green!

Centering with MAM Feb 14 & 21 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend "Centering with MAM," a meditative worship opportunity, on February 14 and February 21, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

A Warm Welcome to Some of our Newest Members

Deborah Zera (deborahzera@hotmail.com) is an explorer who comes to Bloomington via Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine and Illinois. While she has previously been involved in a UU community in Portsmouth, NH, she has only recently connected with the presence and energy of spirit. She is also interested in Buddhist philosophy and practice. She enjoys cooking, painting, gardening, knitting, nature, meditation and reading.

Peter Venstra (825-3923, pcvenstra@yahoo.com) I was born in Crown Point, Indiana, in 1945. I took Army basic training at Fort Knox and military finance school at Fort Benjamin Harrison. I spent time in Germany and Viet Nam. After the service, I attended Indiana University and Indiana Barber School. I have been barbering for 39 years, the last 15 years at Pete's Barber Shop, which I own. I have four children, Katie, Nick, Jon and David. I have been a member of the choir for 10 years and enjoy those friendships.

Jonathan Elmer (336-5178, elmerj@indiana.edu) After 46 years of observing the ways of Unitarians, Jonathan has decided to take a leap of faith and join the church. Raised Unitarian in Bethesda, Maryland, Jonathan came to Bloomington in 1990 to teach in IU's English Department. A few years later he followed his wife, Alexandra Morphet, to the church, and to its choir. Both his children, Nathaniel and Lydia, have grown up in this church and feel very much at home here.

Pianist Sally Todd Plays Benefit Concert Sunday, Feb. 18

On Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. in our Meeting Room, pianist Sally Todd will present a concert to benefit Monroe County United Ministries. Freewill offering will be received. Supported by a Social Justice 3% Fund Grant.

Who Ya Gonna Call?

General office questions, service recordings, order of service info, and class registration, contact

Aimee Osmundsen, Office Assistant,
office@uubloomington.org.

Administrative, scheduling, financial, facilities use, and Prologue matters, contact

Carol Marks, Church Administrator,
admin@uubloomington.org.

Office phone: 332-3695.

Office Hours MTWF 9-4:30, Thursdays 9-11

Alliance To Hear Erin Hollinden February 1

Erin Hollinden, a UU Church friend, is the featured speaker at the Thursday, February 1, 2007 meeting of the Women's Alliance. Erin's talk, entitled "From Free-Lancing to Preserving Forests," will give highlights and personal reflections of her varied career path. A brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with beverages and dessert to be provided by the hostesses Julie Lawson and Lee Strickholm. The program begins at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Anyone needing childcare during the meeting should call Harriet Pfister (339-3364)

by Saturday, January 27.

Gini Courter to Address District Annual Meeting March 30-31



UUA Moderator Gini Courter will be the keynote speaker at this year's Heartland UU District Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, March 30-31. Registration is open to all; only members may be delegates. Some financial aid is available to delegates; contact Iris Kiesling, IFKiesling@aol.com. Registration materials available on the bulletin board or online at www.heartlanduu.org, click on Announcements, and click on 2007 Heartland Annual Meeting. Early bird registration is due by March 9 (save \$25).

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with all those in our community who are experiencing loss at the news of the death of former UU member Forrest Burright.

Be a UU Greeter or Newcomer Welcomer and Share Your Smile

Greeting or welcoming at the Sunday service is an easy way to make new friends while providing a vital service to our UU community. On February 15, 7 – 8:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall, come see if this is a way that you would like to play a more active role in Sunday services. Please call Libby DeVoe at 336-8688 or email her at edevoe@indiana.edu with questions or to say you'll be attending.

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.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Jan. 7, 9:00–87; 11:15–202; Totl 289
Religious Ed.: Adults: 27 Children: 34
Sun, Jan. 14, 9:00–92; 11:15–229; Totl 321
Religious Ed.: Adults: n/a Children: n/a
Sun, Jan. 21 9:00–70; 11:15–151; Totl 221
Religious Ed.: Adults: 31 Children: 63

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Jan 7 non-pledge offering: \$727.62
Sun, Jan 14 non-pledge offering: \$608.88
Sun, Jan 21 non-pledge offering: \$258.17
Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$398.67

*Or were I in the wildest waste,
Sae bleak and bare, sae bleak and bare,
The desert were a paradise
If thou wert there, if thou wert there.
--Robert Burns, on love*

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Health Screening Opportunity January 31 We will be hosting a health screening for the community on Wednesday, January 31.

Life Line Screening screens the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for stroke. Screenings of the arteries of the legs are offered to check for peripheral artery disease, which is strongly linked to heart disease. A third test is performed for aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen which, if ruptured, offers only a 10 to 15% survival rate. Life Line also offers a bone density screening to identify early risk for osteoporosis.

These painless ultrasound screenings take about 10 minutes per screening. Each of the 3 vascular screenings is offered for \$45 each, and the osteoporosis screening is \$35. A Complete Wellness Package (all 4 screenings) is offered at \$129. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call 1-800-324-1851 for appt.

Volunteers Needed at IU Basketball Concessions Oak Tree Counseling is participating in a fundraiser with the concessions at Men's IU basketball games to help support counseling services for low-income families and children. Nine volunteers needed on each of the following dates:

Saturday January 27
Wednesday January 31
Saturday February 10
Wednesday February 21
Saturday March 3

Call (812) 339-1551 to volunteer. (Chalice Circles service opportunity? –Ed.)

Red Cross Needs Disaster Exercise Volunteers On February 16 and 17 there will be an Emergency Management Exercise in south central Indiana and volunteers are needed to play the parts of victims. Contact 332-7292 for info. Details are posted on our bulletin board.

Team Ministry

Our congregation is served by co-ministers Rev. Mary Ann Macklin and Rev. Bill Breeden. 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, February 12 at 12 noon.



UU Children's Choir Schedule

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

New and returning singers, Kg-8th grade are welcome!! Rehearsals Jan. 28th and Feb. 4th, from 10:15-11:00 in Room 212. Questions? Contact Jill at 330-8829 or jwaggene@mccsc.edu.



Chalice Circles Update

Chalice Circles, our small group ministry program, began in September 2006 under the guidance of a wonderful Steering Committee. We now have 119 participants, including 18 trained facilitators, in 17 groups of five to ten members, and the participants are reporting great satisfaction with these groups overall. Some groups meet once a month and some twice a month; some even have unique names! Most of the groups have either completed or are planning their service projects to assist church programs and community organizations. The facilitators meet monthly in two groups, each guided by a minister, to share their experiences and learn from each other.

Our Executive Team - Judy Bennett, Joan Caulton, co-chairs Anne Haynes and Carol Parks, and Reverend Macklin - has been working since September making operational decisions, overseeing session plans and service projects, and planning our next steps. We welcome input and suggestions from anyone in the congregation as we make plans for next year! And we thank everyone who has participated in Chalice Circles in any way to get us to this point. Please note that enrollment in Chalice Circles is ongoing. You can join at any time by just calling the church office 332-3695. It will be well worth your while. As one participant stated, "Our group is outstanding. Everyone is committed to the group and reports benefit. It has accomplished the goal of making a connection to the congregation. I feel like I am part of a community when I attend church now. This is true for most of the members of our group."



Celebrate the Diversity of Music Feb. 9 The Diversity of Music 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 line-up is: Moroccan Andalusian Classical Orchestra of

Bloomington (including violinist Cindy Port), Daniel Reed and friends, African percussion, Pianist Sally Todd and women's a cappella group Kaia!

You and your family, friends and neighbors are invited. Come early to get a good seat! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the program in Room 108, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Karen Dessauer and Elizabeth Lion, Celebrations Committee

Campus Ministry Group Meets Tuesdays

Indiana University Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry, (IUUCM), our campus ministry group, meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Charter Room in the Union. We welcome all members of the campus community. Questions? Please contact Heather

Hansen, Campus Ministry Assistant,

uucampus@uubloomington.org



Talent Auction: Feb. 25, 2007 Donor Form

If you have a talent, service, or gently-used item to donate, please complete this form. Items offered may be simple (e.g., walking a dog, washing a car, baked goods, or gently-used household items) or elaborate (e.g., a multi-course dinner) or anything in between. All will make great auction donations that will benefit our entire community.

I can donate the following:

No. of items available: _____

No. of people served: _____

No. of times service offered: _____

Minimum bid per item \$_____ (Best estimate)

Date for meal or event (if applicable) _____

My item(s) (unless food items) will be at the church by or before February 11.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Please submit this form by Feb. 4.

Please leave the form in Room 204 or give, mail, or email the information to:

Mark T. Day

1104 S Covenant Dr. Bloomington IN 47401

336-3094 -- marktday@gmail.com

An electronic version of this form is available from Mark, marktday@gmail.com.

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*Hear how he clears the points o' Faith
Wi' rattling an' thumpin'!
Now meekly calm, now wild in wrath,
He's stampin', and he's jumpin'!*

--Robert Burns, on preaching

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.

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.

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