

# **- The Prologue**

**February 19, 2007 ~**

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Sunday, February 25, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**"Out of the Ashes" The Sunday Services Committee**

During a season of cold, we must burn to stay warm...and most of us who heat with wood have hauled a bucket or two of ashes out the door. Perhaps this is why the Christian season of Lent begins now with a smudge of ash upon the forehead. When the flames of our winter needs have transformed the woods of last summer, we begin to hope for a fresh green. Join the Sunday Services Committee for a meditative service on this season of ashes and the quietest of quickenings beneath the cold.

Rev. Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin will also participate in the services.

**Also on Feb. 25: Annual Talent Auction 4-8 p.m.! See page 6!**

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

**"Hope is a Thing With Feathers"**

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (with possible commentary from Joe Lee)

Poet Emily Dickinson wrote, "Hope is a thing with feathers---that perches in the soul." What role does hope have in our lives as liberal religious seekers? Does hope bring us closer to reality or further away? These questions and more will be explored in this worship service.

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

**"Springing Spring"**

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and Cindy Port, acting religious educators

At this season, we usually have crocuses peeking through the grass here in Bloomington (though as this goes to press, there are four inches of hard-crusted snow and ice!), and it is almost time for migrating birds to return from the south. Surely there are signs of spring around, if we look hard enough. And if there aren't, we'll "spring spring" ourselves by creating our own signs of coming warmth and growth! Come celebrate the season with friends of all ages. 5:15pm gathering and craft. 5:30pm dinner: vegan option always included, followed by shared clean-up. 6:15pm worship service.

## MAM's Musings

I don't know if the groundhog saw its shadow or not, but February certainly has brought along a good dose of winter weather. I am aware many of us have dealt with the challenges of these wintry conditions, but I also know we have been mesmerized by the stunning, bracing beauty which mother earth has offered. Let us be grateful for this spinning blue green planet we call home.

On that note, **Registration has begun** for the *Earth-celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational Unitarian Universalist Retreat* which will take place April 13 through April 14.

Join us for this overnight retreat (5pm to 5pm) at Camp Rancho Framasa in the rolling hills of Brown County. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, this retreat will allow participants to celebrate and honor the earth, to learn about ways we can care for our earth, and to sing, worship and have fun. Remember, the congregation that plays together, stays together!

Workshops will include: canoeing, fishing, nature crafts, nature hikes, group building and low ropes, effective lobbying for climate change, nature and poetry writing, cooperative games, peak oil, edible plants and mushrooms, and more. There will also be worship services, singing and drumming by the campfire, and free time. Evening worship will be led by moi (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin), Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite.

Cost is \$50 per person (children 6 and under are free). Cost covers meals, bunkhouse accommodations, and all workshops. We have a limited number of volunteer scholarships for those who would be unable to attend without financial help. Please contact me, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, if you are interested in financial assistance, [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)

For the beauty of the earth, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## The West Window

A warm southwest wind is transforming the "blown glass forest" into the normal trees of winter once again. Though I will miss the magic of diamonds on the fencerows, I welcome the rising mercury. This morning Rev. Macklin and I waved goodbye to a vanload of our members going to join with many others to demand that the Indiana legislature get on with the business of the people instead of playing politics with our Constitution. I hope you will join your voice with the rising chorus of those committed to equal rights for all of our citizens. The legislature should be protecting our families by addressing the compelling needs of healthcare, education, economic opportunity and a sustainable environment rather than pandering to prejudice and fear. I urge you to contact your legislators and call for the defeat of SJR 7. It is time to be heard.

Now get your calendars and mark these dates! This Sunday Feb. 25, is the UU Talent Auction and it will be a blast. You will have fun, guaranteed. Then mark your calendar for Sunday, March 25 when we will celebrate Gospel Music. Finally, the following weekend there will be three performances of the musical Woody Guthrie's American Song. This musical presentation will be the highlight of our annual pledge campaign, and we hope you be there to celebrate and help make this year another high water mark in this community's willingness to shoulder the responsibility of being the voice of the liberal religious tradition in Bloomington and beyond. Peace—bill - Rev. Bill Breeden

## K-1 Discovers UU Principles

Last Sunday, February 18, the 11:15 kindergarten and first grade class learned about our Unitarian Universalist (UU) Principles. All year long this class has been using the Treasure Hunting curriculum, going on treasure hunts for ideas that are important to Unitarian Universalism.

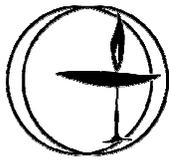
When they discussed the second principle which in children's language is "We Believe all people should be treated fairly" the children were given several scenarios. Each child got to vote with a sticker whether they thought the situation was fair, unfair or somewhere in-between.

For example, one of the scenarios their teacher Anne Veldman read was: "Zoe can invite only four friends to her birthday party. She picks her favorite friends to come." Anne asked, "Was that fair or unfair?" A group of kids voted with their stickers; some thought it was fair and some did not.

First grader Robby Gonyea said, "I don't think it's fair because some people would feel left out." But," added first grader Aleida Veldman, "It's her birthday party, not the other peoples." Kindergartner Leo Williams thought it was unfair, "because if there were other people who wanted to come they would feel left out." First grader Anneka Nelson Laird said, "But probably their mom decided they could only have four people so some have to be left out."

The teachers pointed out that there are many different points of view and as Unitarian Universalists it's okay to have different ideas about things. In our Religious Education classes we use games, stories and activities to introduce our abstract principles to our children. Those of us who get to spend time with these children always get to learn from the discussions.

--Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)



## Notably for Newcomers

Membership in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who is in sympathy with the purposes of the church. We ask three things of new members. **Participate, Pitch-in and Pledge.** All three things are important.

We **participate** in the life of the congregation because it fulfills the most basic of our spiritual needs. Sunday services are one of many ways to participate in the church community and nourish one's soul. When you become a member, we hope that you will continue down this spiritual path and choose from among the many groups and educational opportunities that the UU congregation sponsors. Some experiences that we believe will help nourish your commitment to Unitarian Universalism include joining the choir, taking an Adult Religious Education class <http://www.uubloomington.org/re/adult/index.php>, becoming active on a social justice task force <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/taskForces.php> or joining a chalice circle <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/chaliceCircles/index.php>. There are myriad ways to participate in our congregation and this is an invitation to choose from among the opportunities. Participation helps you to meet many members of our congregation, get to know church politics and policies, and understand your own growing spiritual journey.

--Amy Cornell, for the Membership Committee



## **Annual Pledge Drive Commitment Sunday April 1 “We’re All in This Together!”**

I am proud to pledge financially to this congregation that works so hard to inspire and support its members and friends and to also reach out to the community. I am particularly aware of and grateful for the financial support provided for two programs I am involved with: the Coming of Age program and the Social Justice Coordinating Circle made up of task forces and other groups doing social justice work.

The Coming of Age (COA) program offers support to our middle schoolers by providing mentors from the congregation and helping them set and reach goals for themselves. Funding allows us to tap into the expertise of Acting Minister of Religious Education Rev. Emily Manvel Leite and also to provide group activities for the twelve youth and their mentors who make up our current COA group.

And as a member of the Social Justice Coordinating Circle, I hear of the many ways our congregation is reaching out to the community and the world. As a member of the Children's Task Force, I am particularly grateful to the Social Justice Funds Committee and the Board for funding a grant to the Templeton/ Shalom Family Resource Center's Family Market for much needed supplies and children's activities. This is a generous and responsible congregation!

--Martha Nord

## **Collection for MCUM Food Pantry Mar 4**



Immediate needs at the Monroe County United Ministries food pantry include: Canned carrots and mixed vegetables, Tomato and cream soups, Baking and cornbread mixes.

A grocery cart is located at the back of the Meeting Room to receive your donations.

The food pantry cannot use out of date products. THANK YOU. The need is great, especially since funding has recently been cut.

## **Grocery Cards: What an Easy Way to Contribute!**

Here's a challenge for you: add up your grocery receipts for the last couple of months and take 5% of that amount. That's the amount YOU could have donated to the church by purchasing grocery cards. It's really an easy way that all of us can contribute to our church.

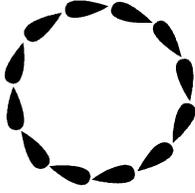
For those of you who haven't tried the program, come to our table in the Commons between services on Sunday. One of our committee members can tell you how to use the cards and thereby earn for the church 5 cents for every dollar you spend on groceries at Marsh, O'Malia's, Kroger, or Bloomingfoods.

And to everyone who continues to purchase cards..THANK YOU! Because of your participation in this program, \$1,125 was disbursed to the church this month.

--Sheri Benham & Harriet Pfister

## **Where is the church calendar?**

A current church activities calendar is located at: [www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php](http://www.uubloomington.org/roomCal/monthFull.php), as well as in every issue of the Prologue.



## Join A Chalice Circle Anytime! There is Always Room

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.



## Second Saturday Film Series: Sat, Mar 10

Potluck @ 6 PM, Film @ 6:30

“*The River*” (French, spring, beauty) Details, contact Glee Noble,  
gleenoble@sbcglobal.net

## Centering with MAM Feb 21,

**Mar 14 and Mar 21** Reverend Mary Ann Macklin invites you to attend “Centering with MAM,” a meditative worship opportunity, on February 21, March 14, and March 21, 6:00-6:45pm in the Library.

## Attendance Figures

**Sun, Feb 11**, 9:00– 142 ;11:15–235; Totl 377

Religious Ed.: Adults: n/a Children: n/a

**Sun, Feb. 18**, 9:00– 80; 11:15– 168; Totl 248

Religious Ed.: Adults: 24 Children: 78

## Sunday Offering Figures

*Sun, Feb 11* non-pledge offering: \$627

*Sun, Feb 18* non-pledge offering: \$350

Total to Stepping Stones Inc.: \$244

## Upcoming Guests in Our Pulpit

March 18 – Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita

April 15 – Jack King

## Woody Guthrie’s *American Song* Presented Here March 31, April 1

On Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., (coinciding with our annual pledge drive) we will present Woody Guthrie’s “American Song,” a celebration of the life and legacy of Woody Guthrie, from his early days as a Dust Bowl Refugee and radio performer. Steve Krahnke serves as director and designer, while Dan Lodge-Rigal serves as Musical Director. The cast features Bill Breeden, Darrell Breeden, Mary Boutain, Eve Cusack, George Cusack, Maryann Cusack, Sam Cusack, Charlie Jesseph, Laura Jesseph, Maggie Jesseph, Connie Loftman, Guy Loftman, Pam MacLaughlin, Jane McLeod, Mitch Rice, and Licia Weber.

A smokin’ country band features Dan Lodge-Rigal and Richard Torstrick joined by several special guests.

Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under 18. Tickets will be available beginning March 5.

Want to be a theatre techie (stage crew, lights, sewing, props) for this show?

Email Steve: [skrahnke@indiana.edu](mailto:skrahnke@indiana.edu)

## **Talent Auction is February 25, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Talent Auction**

**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 4-7 p.m. Items suited to all pocketbooks will be available. A list of items to be auctioned was distributed on February 18 and is available from Mark Day at marktday@gmail.com.

## **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 materials available on the bulletin board or online at [www.heartlanduu.org](http://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 thoughts are with **Kim Wagner** and her family. Kim's grandmother, Betty Woodward, passed away on February 14.

Congratulations to **Matt Darriau** and the Klezmatics, who won a Grammy award. Matt is the son of Cherry Merritt-Darriau and the late Jean-Paul Darriau.

Education helps one cease being intimidated by strange situations.

**Maya Angelou**

## **Alliance To Hear Dr. Walt Owens on March 1**

Dr. Walt Owens, long-time UU church member and retired obstetrician and gynecologist, is the scheduled speaker at the Thursday, March 1, 2007, meeting of the Women's Alliance. His talk, entitled "Reminiscences," will include stories of his work as a doctor in Bloomington and elsewhere, and some personal commentary about medical practice in general. A brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with beverages and dessert to be provided by the hostesses, Kay Harris and Dee Lane. The program begins at 12 noon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meeting. Anyone needing babysitting service should call Harriet Pfister (339-3364) by Friday, February 23.



## **Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye...**

Inviting all interested persons: It is okay to drop in on a session of the Welcoming Congregation Refresher II. We meet Tuesdays from 7 - 9 PM in the Library at the church. The upcoming sessions will be:

2/20 How Homophobia Hurts Us All; guided discussion

2/27 What Now?

This is the final session in the curriculum and we will be wrapping up and determining what we might do next.

Find ecstasy in life; the mere sense of living is joy enough. **Emily Dickinson**

Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much. **Oscar Wilde**

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

**Collaboration Between St. Paul's Catholic Center and the Bloomington Muslim Community**

Be sure to attend this series of collaborative events between St. Paul's Catholic Center and the Bloomington Muslim community. All are welcome!

Monday Feb 26th, 7 - 9 pm: Introduction to Islam: Hillel, 730 E. 3rd, park behind building

Monday March 5th, 7:30 pm: American Muslims and National Security: Woodburn Hall, 120, 1100 E. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Bellydancing Workshops March 3-4**

Presented by Blue Lotus Tribe, Different Drummer Belly Dancers and others. At The Dance Center. Call 334-3100 for info and to register.

**UU NIAGARA EXPERIENCE July 15-18, 2007**

Experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while in the company of UUs from around the country. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four-day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our web site: <http://www.uunex.net/> or telephone : (716) 791-4453

**Committee Chairs: Budget Proposals for 07-08 Due April 1** Email to [treasurer@uubloomington.org](mailto:treasurer@uubloomington.org) or place in Treasurer Lloyd Orr's mailbox in Rm 204.

**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 Mar 19**

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, March 19 at 12 noon.



**UU Children's Choir Schedule**

Thanks to all who sang at the Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Family Worship. We will rehearse next on Sun. Feb. 25th from 10:15-11:00am in Rm. 212. Any new and returning singers, Kg- 8th grade, are welcome. --Jill Waggener  
Questions? Contact Jill at [jwaggene@mccsc.edu](mailto:jwaggene@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.



## Veggie Potluck Sunday, April 8

All are invited to the next Veggie Potluck, on Sunday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m.!

### Who Ya Gonna Call?

Office questions, order of service info, and class registration, contact

Aimee Osmundsen, Office Assistant, [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org).

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

Carol Marks, Church Administrator, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).

Office phone: 332-3695.

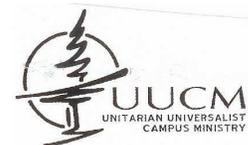
Office Hours MTWF 9-4:30, Thursdays 9-11

### 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,

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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](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu), to schedule a forum.) Forum topics are listed in *The Prologue* as scheduled.