

# The Prologue

April 30, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Wednesday, May 2, 2007 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship  
May Day Celebration Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

Please join us as we celebrate May Day with a traditional May Pole Dance in the Meeting Room. Children are invited to wear their spring finery for this special interactive service. All ages welcome. Special Guest Tamara Lowenthal from Fiddle and Feat will lead us in the May Pole Dance to the music of our Heartland String Band. 5:30 pm Dinner (Taco Bar, provided), 6:15-6:45 pm worship service.

**Sunday, May 6, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.  
The Holy Bond of Society Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

"The holy bond of society is friendship," said the British Unitarian Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797), "that rare as true love is, true friendship is rarer." In this worship service, we will explore the bond of friendship and its spiritual significance in our lives. We will also celebrate the culmination of our *Coming of Age Program* by recognizing the Unitarian Universalist middle school youth and their adult mentors who have been meeting throughout the year.

**Sunday, May 13, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.  
Ministry is What We Do Together**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

In this worship service we will explore the circle of care we create in the ministry we share together. Members of our high school group YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) will participate in the service. In special recognition of Mother's Day, we will have a Baby Dedication Ceremony as well as reflections on the origins of Mother's Day. Everyone is invited to *wear a hat to worship* this Sunday to add an extra note of celebration.



**Please Pledge Today!** If you have not already done so, please complete and send us your pledge card for fiscal year 07-08 this week. The Finance Committee is hard at work on the budget for next year, and inquiring minds want to know the pledge total! You may also pledge by calling 332-3695, emailing to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org), or completing a pledge card at church. Thanks!

## From the Ministers

As this Prologue goes to print, the sky is blue, the sunshine abundant and a soft breeze brings the fragrance of new life. The trees are finally getting dressed for the summer, and the peacefulness of life here at Fee Lane and the By-pass belies the struggles facing many in our community and around the world.

May Day reminds us to be thankful for the multitude of people around the world who struggle for peace and justice. It is a sacred work in which many hands share the burden. We are thankful for the countless volunteer hours by both friends and members that help this Church fulfill its mission. As the called ministers of this congregation, we are also very thankful for the paid support staff, without whom the fulfillment of that mission would be impossible. We are committed to providing a just wage to all those persons whose work is so crucial to our community. Doing so will depend upon your generosity.

As we enter the home stretch of this year's pledge drive, we urge those who have not pledged to do so in order that we might be able to plan for the coming year. Thus far, the average pledge for the coming year has increased 2% over last year, which is a good sign, and helps keep up with rising costs. However, we still need to raise another \$50,000 to meet our projected budget. We will be able to meet our needs only if all persons join in the effort. Please contact the church office if you have not received a pledge card, and please make a pledge to further the work of this wonderful community.

Remember, this church will be there for you and your family when you are in need. We hope and believe that you will be there for this church in helping meet the financial needs of tomorrow.

Peace—mary ann and bill

## Sabbatical Scoop

The Sabbatical Committee was convened in May 2006 and meets regularly in preparation for Reverend Mary Ann Macklin's Sabbatical leave, August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 15. We anticipate hearing from the Lilly Endowment by the end of May regarding our grant application to fund congregational and ministerial aspects of the Sabbatical leave. In the meantime, we are completing "Plan B" which will utilize our congregational budget to fund a more modest version of the sabbatical in the event we do not receive the Lilly Grant.

Significant DATES related to the leave: **June 3 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:**

\*Reverend Macklin will offer reflections on the upcoming sabbatical. Special music created for this service by Deborah Phelps.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

\*Congregational Meeting at 4pm

\*All congregational reception/picnic (approximate start time 5pm) honoring *our ministry team*, Reverend Breeden and Reverend Macklin and celebrating our church year.

**July 29** Reverend Macklin in the pulpit, the final Sunday before she begins her sabbatical Reception in Fellowship Hall, 10-11 a.m.

**August 1** Reverend Macklin begins Sabbatical leave

Please mark your calendars now for these important dates preceding Reverend Macklin's Sabbatical.

Contact the Sabbatical Committee if you have questions. Thank you for your on-going support of the process.

From the Sabbatical Committee

Andrew Appel, Jason Hill, Clarke Miller, Beth Hollingsworth

## Religious Education Calendar

This May, Religious Education is celebrating the end of our Spring Semester and getting ready for Summer Vacation Religious Education.

### **Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 6:15 Worship

May Day Family Worship

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Special guest Tamara Loewenthal from Fiddle and Feat will lead us in the May Pole Dance, music provided by the Heartland String Band. Taco Bar provided at 5:30pm

### **Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>** 9am and 11:15am

Join us for the Coming of Age Program Recognition during both services.

### **Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>** 9am and 11:15am

Last day of spring semester Religious Education classes, celebrate and say goodbye to your teachers.

### **Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>** 9am and 11:15am

Intergenerational Worship Service

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Flower Communion and Bridging Ceremony

### **Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>** 10am-11:15am

10am-11:15am Teacher Celebration

Join us for an all-church Ice Cream social to celebrate our 06/07 Religious Education teachers, youth advisors, mentors and childcare staff. Have your car washed by the YUUMs (Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers) while you eat ice cream!!

### **ALSO ON Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>** 10a-12:30p

YUUMS Car Wash fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Park in the back gravel parking lot on the north side of the building and talk to the YUUMS advisors to get your car washed by our Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers

### **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** 9am and 11:15am

Summer Vacation Religious Education

Heifer International Read to Feed program kick-off. Preschool class at both services

Cindy Port, Acting Director of Religious Education

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Acting Minister of Religious Education



## Notably For Newcomers

We continue today with the thoughts of the Rev. Barbara Wells who explains that Unitarian Universalism begins with the deep-seated conviction that all human life is valuable. We don't set people apart into groups of saved and unsaved, but rather we affirm the dignity and worth of all people.

With this perspective, we are compelled to treat others with compassion and to work for justice for everyone in the world. This worldview may be based for some of us in a belief that the spirit of God loves all people, or in a belief that there is a spark of divinity in all people, or in the simple truth that goodness can dwell in every human heart. From any of these angles, we can't dismiss anyone as less than human. Thus we are challenged to live with others in peace and as much harmony as we can muster.

Our perspectives and attitudes also remind us that everything is interconnected. The earth, the stars, the universe--these are not separate from us; they are us. As seekers of truth, we have the wisdom of scientists and philosophers to teach us the deep reality of existence--that we are made of the same stuff as all that exists. We are indeed the stuff of stars, and our religion honors this universal interconnectedness.

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee

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## Our Folks...

Congratulations to Angela Smith and Joshua Walgenbach and family, upon the arrival of their new baby Evyana Jayne Walgenbach on April 17.

Chris and Sandi Clothier would like to thank this wonderful community for the support, cards, and concern shared with them following the passing of their father, Ralph.

**Committee Chair Council Meeting May 30** The third and final meeting of the Committee Chair Council for this year will be on Wednesday, May 30. We will have food at 6PM and begin the meeting at 6:30PM. Childcare provided during the meeting.

## Annual Reports Due May 15

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 3 at 4:00 p.m., and so we would like to have brief written annual reports from committees, task forces, Board officers, and staff by

May 15. Please send these electronically to Carol Marks, [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org).



## UU Children's Choir Thanks

Thanks to all children who sang in the UU Children's Choir on the Earth Day service, and who sang with us at any time during the school year. It was a pleasure to work with you and to hear you sing! Thanks also to the parents for getting your children to rehearsals and performances consistently! Watch the Prologue in early August for the start of our new school-year's rehearsal schedule. --Jill Waggener



## Veggie Potluck July 22

No Vegetarian Potlucks in April, May, or June, but save up those good veggie recipes for our potluck picnic on Sunday, July 22 at Bryan Park around 5pm.

Timm Grimm Trio will be performing that night as well!.  
Green Sanctuary Task Force.



## **Clothing Swap**

**May 12** Come one, Come all! Saturday, May 12, from 9a.m.-12n. in Fellowship Hall. Bring those clothing items you no longer want in your closet and take home something new and wonderful from someone else's closet. That's the beauty of a Clothing Swap; 'New' clothing to wear, no money spent, good fun in the bargain! We hope to see you there. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change. Questions? contact Stephanie, 333-9324 [stephanie@k-creations.com](mailto:stephanie@k-creations.com) or Martha Sattinger, [mjsattinger@mac.com](mailto:mjsattinger@mac.com) 339-2151.

## **Men's Clothing Needed for Released Prisoners, May 12**

We are gathering clothes to share with men being released from prison so they don't have to begin new lives in prison clothes. Bring men's clothing to the **Clothing Swap** on **May 12**. We will see that it gets to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. If you need someone to pick up your donated clothing, call Jack Harlow at 339-5087. –Rev. Bill Breeden

## **Thanks For Buying Grocery Gift Cards!**

The Grocery Gift Card Committee sends a big "thank you" to all who each week buy our grocery gift cards which can be used at Kroger, Marsh (or O'Malia's), and Bloomingfoods. When you buy the cards, available in the Commons between services each Sunday, each grocery involved donates to the church 5% of the amount you spend on groceries. Because of your help, we were able this week to give to the church a check for \$1,125, the third quarterly payment in our pledge of \$4,500 to the church's operating fund.

The Kroger gift card, sold in the amount of \$50, may be reloaded by check at the Kroger store with any amount you wish, so you need to buy only one card from us! Under this new card system at Kroger, the church has received over \$1,000 so far, and our customers say they find the system easy and efficient.  
Sheri Benham and Harriet Pfister,  
Grocery Gift Card Coordinators

## **Defords To Speak At Women's Alliance May 3**

Beverly and Mike DeFord, long-time members of our congregation, will speak at the Thursday, May 3, meeting of the Women's Alliance. Their topic is "Two Universalists Biking Through the Universe." This is the annual salad luncheon and members are asked to bring a salad for six; beverages and dessert will be provided by the current Alliance officers. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at 12 noon. Everyone is invited, both women and men.

## **Baby Dedication Set for May 13<sup>th</sup> Worship Services**

Our congregation sets aside special time in worship services each season (spring, summer, fall, winter) for a special rite of passage: Baby Dedication. The next date is Sunday, May 13th. To be included, please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin at 332-3695 or [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org) by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Exploring Unitarian Universalism Class Offered in May** Interested in knowing more about Unitarian Universalism, or this congregation? Sign up for the May Exploring UU class! The sign-up sheet is at the Newcomer table in the foyer. The Exploring UU class will be held at a new time, from 3 – 5 pm on Sundays, May 13 and 20. (Childcare can be provided; please note that need when you sign up.)

This class is open to anyone - interested seekers, long-time friends and even current members that would like a refresher. The class fills up quickly, so put your name on the list today. For questions, contact Stephanie Wilson at 339-1247 or [stephw7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stephw7@sbcglobal.net).

**History Books Available at Booktable** Are you interested in the history of our congregation? Stop by the book table and pick up your copy of the "Stories from the Tree of Life". The booklet costs \$1 and the proceeds will be used to purchase a book for our congregation's Library. Limited supplies; shop early!

### **UUs Changing the World**

(Look for longer articles about our social justice activities in the Common Ground insert in the second Prologue each month.)

### **Join Bloomington United's Response To Klan Rally**

Bloomington United plans the following response to the Klan's plan to stage a rally in Bloomington without giving prior notice. There will be an alternative gathering at Mt. Gilead Christian Church at East 10th Street and Russell Rd. (across from University School), on any day the hate group demonstrates. At our gathering at Mt. Gilead, there will be large placards in support of diversity. There will also be activities for people to participate in, and information about upcoming diversity events in Bloomington. Everyone is asked to bring a lemon, so we can make lemonade out of lemons.

UUs, let's show up!!

--Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita



### **Next Bountiful Sunday is May 6th!**

The Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) task force thanks all of those who donated 133 pounds of food in the April 1st collection.

The MCUM food pantry welcomes donations of all non-perishable items and encourages donors to contribute a wide variety of foods. Items

currently needed include:

- a.. Canned salmon
- b.. Canned fruit
- c.. Vegetable soup
- d.. Healthy snacks

Please drop items off before or after Sunday service in the MCUM grocery cart.



### **UU's Helping Kids**

Join the Thursday morning Chalice Circle in donating supplies for school students in need. On May 13 and 20 we'll have baskets in Fellowship Hall for your contributions of markers, crayons, paper, notebooks, scissors, glue sticks and boxes of tissue. Remember: Markers for moppets on Mother's Day!

## **Rev. Breeden is Theme Speaker at UU Summer Camp!**

Lake Geneva Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (LGSA), has moved to Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Do you have vacation time and no plans? Are you interested in a week-long U.U. experience, either for yourself, yourself and a loved one, or something for the entire family? Have you wanted to go to UU Summer camp? Here's your chance. LGSA is now Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) and will be held July 1-7, 2007. Only the name and location has changed, all of the wonderful programs and people remain the same. Rev. Bill Breeden is this year's theme speaker. Registration info at [muusa.org](http://muusa.org), or contact Susan Porter at [msrporter@aol.com](mailto:msrporter@aol.com) or 317-251-7346.

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

**Shalom Community Center Hospitality Volunteer Training**, Saturday, May 12, 1-4 pm at the First Christian Church, 205 E. Kirkwood Ave. RSVP by calling 334-5734 or [pkshalom@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pkshalom@ix.netcom.com).

The Hospitality volunteer position is one of the most important roles for a volunteer at the Shalom Community Center. Working at the front desk, you are the first person a visitor or caller will encounter. Volunteers will get to know guests, learn about the social issues that impact their lives and become familiar with the referral agencies utilized to assist them in meeting their needs and goals. It is a very busy and rewarding volunteer opportunity.

**The Bean Blossom Music Series** presents singer-songwriter Krista Detor, with David Webber in concert on Sunday, May 6 at 7 PM. Critics have called Krista's music "stunning" and "outrageously beautiful." St. David's Episcopal Church, Bean Blossom. Admission is free, but donations in support of the Bean Blossom Music Series will be gratefully received. Info: 812-361-4678

## **Team Ministry**

Our congregation is served by a ministry team: 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.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

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## **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, May 12 at 12 noon.

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Apr 22, 9:00: 75, 11:15: 200 Tot: 275

Religious Ed.: n/a

Sun, Apr 29, 9:00: 87, 11:15: 182, Tot: 269

Religious Ed.: Children: 48, Adults: 28

## Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Apr 22 non-pledge offering: \$336

Sun, Apr 29 non-pledge offering: \$385

Total to Stepping Stones Inc: \$180

## Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday, 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.

**Welcome to Our Newest Members:** Welcome to the following new members, who signed our Membership Book on April 15:

Nancy Richman, Ted Lock,

Marcia Veldman, Steve Cotter

## BULLETIN BOARD

KAIA CONCERT MAY 12: Roots & Sass,

8:00 pm, John Waldron Arts Ctr, Unforgettable evening of song. Kaia sings world music, jazz, spirituals, from the raucous to the sublime.

RECORD YOUR FAMILY ORAL HISTORY as a gift to your grandchildren. Robert Shull will record, edit and produce your heirloom CD. A fundraising project to support Walk the Talk radio. 336-8986.

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