

~ The Prologue ~

July 9, 2007 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949



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

Sunday, July 15, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
The Glean of Particulars Reverend Mary Ann

Macklin

Join us for this annual July poetry worship service in which Reverend Macklin explores the work of two poets. Selected this year are farmer, writer Wendell Berry and traveler, teacher Naomi Shihab Nye. Both Berry and Nye are award winning poets who craft poems which attest to our shared humanity. Woven within the service will be special music selected by our pianist, Sally Todd. Poetry readers will include: Patricia Coleman, Jack King, Jon Chaffin, and Erin Hollinden.

Sunday, July 22, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
A Time for Poetry Reverend Bill Breeden

A midsummer pause to hear some poets' voices and reflect on this sacred Gift of Life.

Welcome to A New Sunday Morning R.E. Assistant

On July 6 we welcomed Adelaide (Addie) Hirschten as our second Religious Education Assistant. Addie joins Cindy Port, Rev. Emily Leite, Adrienne Summerlot and our childcare providers on our Religious Education staff team.

Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sunday, 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.



Grounds Committee Volunteer Opportunity

The Mowers and Shakers division of the UU Grounds Committee are looking for volunteer lawn mowers. Take turns with others to keep the church lawns spiffy. Please contact Bob DeVoe at devoe@indiana.edu.

MAM's Musings

On July 1st, I preached the sermon, "The Alphabet of Spiritual Practices," which, in part, referred to a December 2006 article from Spirituality and Health magazine entitled "The Alphabet of Spiritual Practices: Enriching your Life with 37 Practices from the World's Religions." As I said, I like this article because it provides a broader understanding of what can constitute spiritual practices. It also offers spiritual practices that encompass the spectrum of theological diversity in Unitarian Universalist congregations.

The article's authors Frederick and Mary Ann Brussat write: "Spiritual practices connect us with our true selves, our neighbors, our world, and our [sacred] Source. This [spiritual practice] alphabet is a map of the paths we use to make those vital connections. Here we share 37 main routes, markers of the spiritual life in all the world's religions. Under them, you'll find the tried and true practices, such as prayer, that become spiritual practices through our intention."

During the worship service I slowly read through the list, from A to Z, as a meditation. I invited everyone to seek in their minds' eyes various methods of spiritual enrichment that might go with each attribute. For instance if I said "Beauty" your mind's eye might reveal an image of a walk in nature, a tea ceremony, a musical composition, a photograph. So here's the list. May you breathe in its offering, "Attention, Beauty, Being Present, Compassion, Connections, Devotion, Enthusiasm, Forgiveness, Faith, Grace, Gratitude, Hope, Hospitality, Imagination, Joy, Justice, Kindness, Listening, Love, Meaning, Nurturing, Openness, Peace, Play, Questing, Reverence, Shadow, Silence, Teachers, Transformation, Unity, Vision, Wonder, X (stands for mystery-the unknown), Yearning, You, Zeal."

Alphabeticalling yours, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Our Folks...

Congratulations to Jack King, whose poetry will be heard on WFIU on Sunday, July 15, just before 12:00 noon.

Our sympathy and comforting thoughts are with congregation members Dee and Paul Lane. Paul's son, Tony, died last week. A funeral was held in Cincinnati.

Our comfort and sympathy are also with congregation board member David Cox;. David's mother, Nadene, died this past weekend. The funeral will take place this week in French Lick.

May we draw a circle of care around all the joys and sorrows of our community.

Congratulations to Rev. Breeden on Achieving Final Fellowship

Congratulations to Reverend Bill Breeden, who received Final Ministerial Fellowship in the UUA at General Assembly in Portland, Oregon, on Thursday, June 21. He and Glenda and other members present at the Assembly enjoyed a dinner together to celebrate. Final Fellowship is the culmination of a fairly complex years-long process. Reverend Breeden was called to ministry with our congregation in 2002.

Creative Arts in Religious Education

This month's theme in Religious Education is Creative Arts. On July 1st we created handmade books. One of our fifth graders, Maemie Blankenship, made a beautiful book using pictures from a gardening magazine. She gave me permission to share the text with you.



My Garden
by Maemie Blankenship

My garden is mine
So I put myself into it

My long walkway looks like my long body

Its surrounded by wonderful flowers
because I'm surrounded by wonderful people

The different flower personalities
represent my different personalities

My frogs that guard the clear waters
are the people that guard me in my life

The things I use to keep my garden healthy
are the things people love keep me healthy

and I love my garden and all the things in it

It is me



Cindy Port
Director of Religious Education



Veggie Potluck / Green Sanctuary Accreditation Celebration July 22!

The summer vegetarian potluck is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, July 22nd at 5pm at Bryan Park's Woodlawn Shelter. At this potluck we will celebrate our congregation's new accreditation as a Green Sanctuary! Come enjoy food, friends, and a vegan cake to celebrate. Tim Grimm will be performing that night at 6:30pm in the park as well.

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), a label for your dish, and your own drinks. In an effort to live lightly on the planet, please also bring your own re-useable table service.

Questions? e-mail Jill Courtney at jillmcourtney@gmail.com.

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Short Prologue, Happy Trees

In celebration of our recent accreditation as a UUA Green Sanctuary congregation, we were able to reduce the size of this issue of *The Prologue* by 25%, and save a ream of paper! –Carol Marks, Ed.

UUs Changing the World



MCUM Task Force Thanks You

On Bounty-full Sunday

July 1, we collected 138 lbs food and \$6 which went to Monroe County United Ministries Food Pantry. THANK YOU for your donations.

Earth Tip: All Kinds of Plastic



Did you know that the City of Bloomington now recycles ANY plastic designated by the numbers 1-7 (not just #1 & #2 bottle shaped, as in years past)? This includes clean plastic grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, and milk bottle tops, as

well as much much more! Still no styrofoam, and still no wax- or plastic-coated boxes, but if you live in the city and get curb-side pick-up, make sure you are including all your #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 plastics! (Unfortunately, if you live outside the city, or drop recyclables off at the MCSWMD sites, you are still limited to #1 & #2 bottle-shaped plastics). See

<http://www.bloomington.in.gov/sanitation/> for more info. Live Green!

--from your

Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change.

Anne Haynes Elected to Board of UU Small Group Ministry Network

Congratulations to congregation member Anne Haynes, who is one of our small group ministry Chalice Circle Executive Committee co-chairs, and was recently voted onto the board of The UU Small Group Ministry Network

(<http://www.smallgroupministry.net/index.html>), which is an Independent Affiliate Organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The purpose of the Network is to help create healthy congregations and a vital Unitarian Universalist movement by supporting and promoting Small Group Ministry. Currently the organization is facilitating the exchange of

resources and information through their web site and Covenant Group News, developing new resources and organizing small group ministry conferences.

We believe that Anne's participation on this board will benefit our association of congregations as well as our own congregation.

Kudos, Anne!

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

BULLETIN BOARD

HOUSING NEEDED IN AUG. UU Young Adult Rosara Torrisi from New York needs temporary housing Aug 13-24 while working at the Kinsey Institute. Willing to trade household services, babysitting, and small monetary contribution.
--Rosara Torrisi, lightmychalice@yahoo.com.

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Ushers Needed The Brown County Playhouse is looking for ushers for the 2007 summer season. No experience needed, all training is done at the theatre on the night you usher. See a great show for free and be part of the magic of the theatre! Contact Trish Hausmann at 856-3844 or at pjhausma@indiana.edu for more information.

THANK YOU from the Sycamore Land Trust All of us at Sycamore Land Trust appreciate your congregation's considering awarding your 25% of Sunday offerings to SLT. We are happy that we were able to discuss environmental conservation with the many fine people we met through the process. Contributing to any of the worthy applicants is a generous service to our community. Thank you for the opportunity.
Erin Hollinden and Melinda Swenson

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.

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, July 16th at 12 noon.



Pledged Yet?

Call 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.

Ministers' Schedules

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

Office hours: M, W, Th, F

Her mobile number is 322-0205.

macklin@uubloomington.org

She will be on sabbatical Aug 1-Dec 15

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

breeden@uubloomington.org

Attendance Figures

Sun, July 1, 9:00: 77 , 11:15: 127 Tot: 204 Religious Ed.: adults: 16, children: 36

Sun, July 8, 9:00: 109 , 11:15: 178 Tot: 287

Religious Ed.: adults: 23, children: 53

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, July 1 non-pledge offering: \$488

Sun, July 8 non-pledge offering: \$428

Total to Martha's House: \$230



Flowers for the 6 Windows

The Aesthetics Committee invites anyone who wishes to do so to provide flowers for the 6 west windows of the Meeting Room for a Sunday service. Flowers can be in memory of someone or in celebration of a person or event, or just to make our worship space more beautiful. Contact Diann Lock, 824-2950 or dlock333@insightbb.com to let her know when you would like to provide flowers. The church provides containers.

How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.
--Annie Dillard

Be sure to tell us which fiscal year If you are still paying on your 06-07 pledge, be sure to write "06-07" on the memo line of your check. Undesignated checks received after July 1 will be recorded in the records for 07-08 pledges and donations. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Carol Marks or Aimee Osmundsen

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