

# ~ The Prologue ~

September 17, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

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



**Sunday, September 23, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**Good News, Bad News: A Message for the Equinox**  
**Reverend Barbara Child**

Ancient wisdom speaks to us of this time of year, this time of delicate balance, the autumn equinox when the sun and moon divide the sky. Rev. Barbara Child will share a classic “good news, bad news” story for what new light it might shed on our appreciation of this time that we recognize because we have been here before.

**Sunday, September 30, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**The Peace of Wild Things**

**Sunday Services Committee Reverend Bill Breeden**

When the world is too much with us, we can turn to the peace of wild things. We can rest in remembering the true scale of human to earth. There are gifts of spirit in preserving the wild—land and creature both. What are the challenges of that effort? What are the celebrations? The choir will perform Wendell Berry’s poem *Peace of Wild Things*, set to music by Malcolm Dalglish. Erin Hollinden and Russell Boulding will be our guest speakers. Rev. Breeden will be participating in the service, as well. The Sunday Services Committee’s mission is to bring the full richness of the lay community into Sunday worship several times a year. We are grateful for this opportunity.

**Wednesday, October 3 5:30pm Supper, 6:15 pm Worship**  
**Family Worship: “The Secret of Happiness”**  
**Rev. Emily Manvel Leite**

Join us for sharing, songs, and the story of a family in ancient times who discovered the secret of happiness. We will begin with a craft at 5:15pm, enjoy dinner (provided: including a vegan option) from 5:30-6pm, clean up together, then share worship from 6:15-6:45pm. People of all ages and family configurations are welcome for any part of the evening.

**Ramadan Celebration September 21 – See Page 5.**

**Come to the Getting Involved Fair** to celebrate all the exciting ways you can get involved with our church. This will take place between services and after the 11:15 service on Sunday September 23.

## The West Window

These are interesting times. During the Holy Days of Ramadan and Rosh Hashanah may all of us pray for peace, work for peace, and be at peace in our relations with others. That peace begins with forgiveness of ourselves and others, and forgiveness begins with love. Peter Ustinov said, "Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look that becomes a habit." May we be bound by such a habit as that.

I have not done a "lunch with the minister" this month, so I am announcing one for next Monday, Sept 24, at noon in Fellowship Hall. I will also host one on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring a sack lunch and join us for more fun than we deserve discussing items about which we may know little but think a lot.

This Sunday we will have a "Getting Involved Fair" between and after services. You will find many ways to be involved in building this community and making the world a better place for our grandchildren. Check it out!

I have been to the dentist this morning and am probably forgetting something, but I reckon it will wait. Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." I'm all for that.

Peace—bill Rev. Bill Breeden

## Welcoming Our Visitors

Did you know that Unitarian Universalist churches in the U.S. receive about 5,000 visitors per **week** but we increase by only 1,500 new members per **year**? Most visitors do not return because they do not feel welcome.

People come to us for the first time because they are new to the community or have experienced a significant life event. Newcomers may be scared, fragile, or in pain. They don't know what to expect at our church. They need our warmth and welcome.

Our church is receiving lots of visitors this fall. They need your warmth and friendship to risk a return visit. Offer a warm Bloomington welcome. You'll be making a difference in someone's life.

- Say, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I don't think that we have met before."
- Seek out someone with a yellow mug.
- Reserve Fellowship Hour for fellowship, not church business.
- Invite someone with a paper nametag into your conversation.
- Reach out to someone whose body language says, "I am uncertain here."

## Children Buy Animals for Hungry Families

This summer our children in Religious Education participated in the Read-to-Feed program for Heifer International and together raised \$450! In June children solicited pledges from family and friends for each book they read during the summer. The money raised will help families throughout the world escape from poverty and hunger by providing them with a sustainable means of supporting themselves. Together the children voted to purchase:



A trio of rabbits which reproduce quickly, are easy to care for and provide manure to fertilize gardens.

A hive of honey bees which can as well as provide families income generated wax.



double fruit and vegetable yields through the sale of honey and



A goat which can thrive in a harsh climate and produces milk which increases a family's nutrition and income.

A sheep which will provide clothing for children and products.



a family with wool to make warm income through the sale of wool

And that's not all! We are also going to buy a flock of chicks, a flock of ducks/geese, a share of a Heifer and a share of a Llama! Together our kids are changing the world.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education  
Rev. Emily Leite, Minister of Religious Education

## Notably For Newcomers



Every Unitarian Universalist congregation is unique but, even so, is involved in many similar programs. Generally, worship services are held regularly (usually on Sunday morning), the insights of the past and present are shared among congregants and with those who will create the future, service to the community is undertaken, and covenants are made.

In addition to the worship services, a visitor to a UU congregation will likely find events and activities such as Religious Education, lectures and forums, support groups, family worship and events, adult religious education classes, and chalice circles. Activities and events depend upon the needs and interests of the local congregational participants.

All UU congregations are self-governing. Authority and responsibility are vested in the congregations themselves. Each local congregation (called a church, society, or fellowship) adopts its own bylaws, elects its own officers, and approves its own budget. Everyone is encouraged to take part in church and fellowship programs and in sundry enterprises so that the church becomes a true democratic community.

--Paul Lane, for the Membership Committee  
from September 27<sup>th</sup> 2004 Prologue

## **Autumnal Equinox Celebration Saturday, September 22**

An Earth-based celebration of the Autumnal Equinox will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 pm. The ritual will be led by Beckie Wagner and will last about an hour. There will be a time of food and fellowship afterwards for our enjoyment, so please bring some food representative of this season of the year. The lessons of the autumnal equinox are based around balance in our lives and harvesting what we have sown at the beginning of the growing season. Bring something for the ritual altar to represent something you have grown and harvested this year. To do ritual means to pay attention to the cycle of the seasons and what's happening in your life at this moment in time. You are invited to take the time to 'pay some attention' on September 22.

## **What Is The Life Story Group?**

We are a small weekly gathering of persons who wish to be motivated to write OUR stories and enjoy listening to others reading THEIRS. This notice is to see if others would like to belong to a similar group. Perhaps you would like an evening meeting? Several members of the present group have volunteered to help get a new group launched. Please contact Cookie or Bill Lynch with your questions and suggestions. [wilynych@indiana.edu](mailto:wilynych@indiana.edu) or 332 9933

**A Sense of Place Offered at Caldwell Eco Center** On Tuesday Sept 25th at 6:30pm. Beckie Wagner will begin leading a Northwest Earth Institute discussion group called 'Developing a Sense of Place' at the Caldwell Eco Center. Since this course group failed to materialize as an Adult Religious Education offering here at the church, all are invited to become a part of this group which is open to the entire Bloomington community. Books for this group are presently available at the book table for \$15.00 each. If you would like to be apart of this 8-week experience, please send an email to [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com) and purchase a book at the book table or from Beckie.



## **Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Planning Underway**

The 49th annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on November 30th and December 1st. Church groups and non-profit groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by November 1st. Space is limited as you know, so we appreciate your cooperation! Please contact Julie Lawson 335-1856 or [lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net) or Diann Lock 824-2950 or [dlock333@insightbb.com](mailto:dlock333@insightbb.com) and watch this space for more notices!

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Ramadan Celebration September 21



For the fourth time, we will be celebrating Ramadan at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 21 for the celebration when we will gather to break fast, followed by the call to prayer at 7:50 pm with Rev. Breeden and the Imam. The Muslims will remove their shoes and assume a prayer position facing the East. You may choose to do the same, or not. After prayer, we will celebrate Ramadan with a magnificent feast prepared by the Muslims. This is an event you do not want to miss! Only 70 tickets are available for our congregation. Sign up in the Commons starting September 9 (\$3.00 per family). --Elizabeth Lion

## NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, Saturday, October 13, 7 P.M.

Joyce Q. Rogers, Esq., President and CEO of Indiana Black Expo, will be the featured speaker at the annual Freedom Fund Banquet at Terry's Banquet and Catering. Tickets are \$30. and can be purchased from Rev. Barbara Carlson (e-mail [barbarac1700@aol.com](mailto:barbarac1700@aol.com) or phone 337-0489). Rev. Carlson will also have tickets available for purchase on Sunday September 29 between the services. (Deadline for purchase of tickets is October 6.)

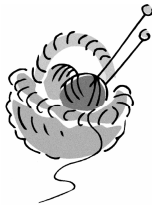
The Monroe County Chapter of the NAACP meets monthly to focus on local issues concerning diversity, fairness, and civil rights. Members of our congregation who serve on the NAACP Executive Committee include Rev. Carlson, Guy Loftman, Cherry Merritt Darriau, Ed Robertson and Grafton Trout.

## Veggie Potluck

### Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00!

After a successful first year with lots of delicious food, the UU Vegetarian Potlucks will begin again on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 5:00pm, followed by a big-screen showing of the first episode of the amazing series, "Planet Earth." Join us as we take time together to appreciate the bounty of the harvest. We will eat from 5-6pm, and watch the film from 6:15-7:15pm. Please bring a vegetarian dish of your choice-- no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry (dairy and egg products are okay; vegan dishes welcome, too) and a recipe/label for your dish. Water will be provided. Childcare will be available for the movie from 6-7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Jill at [jillmcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcourtney@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change. Live Green!



## Clickety Click Clickety Click Clickety Click

That's the sound of knitting needles, crochet hooks, and weavers' shuttles once again producing delightful scarves, hats, mittens, slippers, and more to sell at this year's UU Christmas Bazaar. Last year we were able to raise \$1000 for Monroe

County United Ministries which feeds and shelters the less fortunate in our neighborhood.

So, here's your excuse to catch up on those old movies you've been wanting to watch AND help our community. Look for the box in the foyer which says **McMufflers, McMittens, and McHats** and pitch-in to fight hunger.

For more information contact: Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or [mary\\_blizzard@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_blizzard@hotmail.com).

**Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force**

## UUs Changing the World



### **HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Food Needs Continue to Rise!**

#### **Next Bounty-Full Sunday is October 7**

In the entire year of 2006, Monroe County United Ministries distributed enough food to make 40,000 meals. As of the end of July this year, MCUM has distributed enough food to make 30,000 meals. You do the math! Although the *Each One, Feed One* Food Drive in August was a big success, the food needs in our community still outweigh the rate of donations.

Our next Bounty-full Sunday is October 7. Particular needs of the pantry are:

FRUITS - dried or canned  
CANNED MEATS such as tuna, salmon, or chicken  
CANNED VEGETABLES  
VEGETABLE SOUP  
BEVERAGES such as juice, tea, or coffee.

Your generosity in the past has been terrific. Since we began the Bounty-full Sunday program nearly a year ago, we have collected over a ton of food for MCUM! But local hunger is on the increase, so we must keep up the great work!

Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force

#### **Social Justice Grant Applications due October 1!**

Each fall, the Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) solicits proposals for grants in support of local social justice projects. Social Justice Small Grant Fund A awards grants of up to \$1000, and Social Justice Large Grant Fund B awards grants from \$1000-3000. Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of the congregation, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit. Application forms are available either electronically by request from Stephanie Estell (see information below), or in the Social Justice mailbox in the church work room, Rm 204. Completed applications may be filed electronically to Stephanie Estell (preferred) at [nanaysteph@hotmail.com](mailto:nanaysteph@hotmail.com) or left in the Social Justice mailbox in Room 204. **Deadline for submission is October 1.**

### **Women's Alliance To Hear Keith Romaine**

Keith Romaine, local artist and UU church member, is the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Women's Alliance on Thursday, October 4 in Fellowship Hall. His topic will be the current goal of his art and its development since he began as a street artist in San Francisco. The program begins at noon, with a brown bag lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. Hostesses Joan Hongen and Karla Kunoff will provide beverages and desserts. Membership dues of \$15 for the current year are payable at the meeting. Guests are always welcome to attend.

## **Community Connections**

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

#### **Help for Katrina Victims**

Solidarity Truckers, Ohio Pastors for Peace, Sharing America's Resources, and the Nicaragua Medical Alliance are coming together for a relief run for Katrina victims in New Orleans. Leaving Bloomington during the last week of September, the alliance still needs donations: construction tools, cleaning

supplies, plastic garbage bags, canned food, and infant supplies. Other suggested items can be found on the wish list at [www.commongroundrelief.org](http://www.commongroundrelief.org).

Monetary donations to offset the transportation and fuel expenses are greatly appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off at the Caldwell Eco Center, 323 S. Walnut St, Bloomington. More information can be obtained by calling Ned Powell, 332-9870 or Mary Blizzard, 333-8957.

#### **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 is on sabbatical.

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

Office hours: M, T, F

His mobile number is 360-1779.

[breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org)

**Rev. Macklin's Email Address Inactive** Email messages sent to Rev. Macklin through December 15 will not be received, as she is on sabbatical.

#### **The U.U. Oral History**

**Project** The goal of this group is to interview active members of the congregation who have made contributions to the life of the church. We use a video camera for the interview and then make DVDs for our Church archives and copies for the interviewees. If you like learning about people's lives and getting first hand information about our church's history... this committee is for you. We provide the equipment and information and work together to improve our techniques. P.S. Not a heavy duty time commitment. Contact Cookie Lynch, 332-9933, or [wilynych@indiana.edu](mailto:wilynych@indiana.edu).



**Next UU Children's Choir- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>** The UU Children's Choir is off to a great start! We will rehearse on Sunday Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for singing at the Wed. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Worship. Rehearsals are 10:15-11:00am (between services) in Rm. 212. New singers, K-8th grade, are always welcome. Questions? Contact Jill at [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.

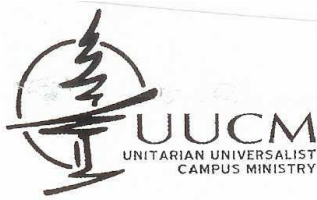
#### **Our Folks...**

Many blessings to Judy Bennett upon the birth of her grandchild and her daughter's recovery from surgery.

Our best wishes to Tom Albright who has returned home and continues to recover from recent surgery.

## BULLETIN BOARD

HOUSE FOR RENT OCT 15: Charming 2 BR Bungalow, McDoel Gardens. 850/mo. New Kitch, wood floors, W/D, Dishwasher, 9 ft ceilings, No smoking. Ref required. 360-2869.



## Campus Ministry Contact Info

Our Campus Ministry group meets on campus every Thursday, 7-8 p.m. in Ballantine 004. Details, contact Susan Blake, our Campus Ministry Coordinator, at [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org).

For upcoming events:

<http://indiana.facebook.com/group.php?gid=16976627368> or  
<http://www.myspace.com/iuucm>

## Temporary Choir Wiki page

Choir members with internet access may peruse the temporary Choir wiki page at <http://choirwiki.blogspot.com>, which contains the upcoming choir schedule and special events.

## Baby Dedication October 14

Baby dedication will be a part of both services on Sunday, October 14. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Breeden at [breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org).

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## Sunday, September 30 Speakers:

Erin Hollinden holds several part-time jobs: Outreach Coordinator for Sycamore Land Trust, freelance fundraiser, and sometime journalist. After living ten different places in her first eighteen years, she has put down roots in her "forever" home in the Hoosier National Forest, south of Lake Monroe.

Russell Boulding spent most of his professional life as a free-lance environmental consultant. Since a spiritual awakening experience in 2002 he has become an energy channeler for personal and planetary healing.

## Attendance Figures

Sun, Sep 9, 9:00: 323, 11:15: 115 Tot: 438

Sun, Sep 16, 9:00: 102 11:15: 176 Tot: 278

## Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Sep 9 non-pledge offering: \$434.50

Sun, Sep 16 non-pledge offering: \$528.50

Total to Martha's House: \$240.76



## **Faith in Action Forums**

Take place in the Library on Sundays, 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.

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