

~ The Prologue ~

October 15, 2007

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
Congregation founded 1949

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



Sunday, October 21, 2007 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Whence Come the Echoes? Rev. Bill Breeden

The reverberations of injustice are not stilled by the walls of the houses of death, nor lessened by the razor wire which surrounds them. The abolitionist's plea is not only for the life of the condemned, but also for life of the nation. The UU Choir, under the direction of Susan Swaney, will sing the prisoners' chorus from Verdi's opera *Nabucco*. The Age of Reason Ceremony will take place during the Children's Moment at both services.

Saturday, October 27, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Samhain Celebration (All Hallows Eve)

Members and friends are cordially invited to celebrate Samhain with our Earth-based spirituality group on Saturday, Oct. 27th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided for young children during the celebration (but not during the meal which follows, when children will join their parents.) This pagan New Year is a time of remembrance of those who have made the transition to the life beyond this one. You are invited to bring mementos or pictures of loved ones who have passed over to place on the Ancestor altar. Also come prepared to let go of something you do not wish to carry into the new year with you. There will be a holiday feast afterwards, so bring food to share. Info, contact Beckie Wagner, elmbeckie@yahoo.com.

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

Dia De Los Muertos Rev. Bill Breeden and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Join us for this festive celebration of the lives of those who walk with us no more, but whose presence is forever held in our hearts. Come celebrate. It is not a sad day, but a rather a holy day when we remember the blessed ones who gave us life that we might pass it on to the grandchildren. Any who wish to honor a loved one who has died are encouraged to bring a photo, memento or favorite food of that person to place on our shared remembrance tables.

Faith in Action Forum: Sunday, November 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the Library
"Our Growing Jail Population" Discussion of ways we can take action on this issue, with Vid Beldavs and New Leaf-New Life volunteers.

The West Window

On Sunday, October 14, Rev. Child reminded us of the value of our religious pluralism, and we provided envelopes for persons to give a special offering to support the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), that national body of churches to which we belong. Because of generous gifts by members who believe that we have a message that the world desperately needs to hear, there is a matching grant of up to \$500,000 to support a campaign to increase our visibility in the world. If you wish to support this effort, you may send your donations to the church office, making checks payable to "UUA" and we will send them on to the UUA office in Boston.

On Sunday, October 21, I will preach my annual abolition sermon in celebration of National Faith in Action Weekend. I now serve as a spiritual advisor to Chad Fulks, a young man on Federal Death Row in Terre Haute, Indiana. There have been many times when I have ministered to persons preparing to die. This is the first time I have the responsibility of helping a man prepare to be murdered. Strange as it may seem, I consider the opportunity a gift. I am honored by his trust, and I believe that Universalism has a "Gospel," i.e. good news, that is especially meaningful in such a circumstance. I know you will keep both Chad and me in your prayers, and of course, I hope that the execution never takes place. On Sunday, I will once again make a case for ending state-sanctioned murder.

On October 28th, we will celebrate "Dia De Los Muertos," the Day of the Dead. You are invited to come early to either service and bring personal remembrances of loved ones to create an altar on the tables provided. This is a celebration of life, an honoring of those who came before us. It is also a declaration that we will honor them by walking in sacred ways before our children and grandchildren for seven generations. Come celebrate with us.

Peace—bill

Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister

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 October 24, 7:00-8:30 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 contact Jean Sebeok (336-3094 / jean.sebeok@gmail.com) for questions, to say you will attend the orientation, or to set up another date and time to be trained.

CROP Walk is October 21

Family and friends: come join the CROP walk for preventing hunger, Sunday, October 21. The walk begins at Monroe County United Ministries, 827 W. 14th St. (near Tri-North) at 2:00 p.m. Sign up on Sunday, October 21 in the Commons. Register to walk, support a walker or donate monetarily to this important walk to alleviate hunger in Monroe County and the world.

Age of Reason Celebrates First Graders October 21

Our congregation's traditional Age of Reason Ceremony will be on Sunday, October 21st, during both services. This ceremony celebrates the beginning of the journey of learning by recognizing first graders and their families, who participate in the ritual by choosing a book, old or new, to present to the first grader during the service. As Unitarian Universalists, we honor children reaching an age where they can reason for themselves and begin the search for truth and meaning outside their families. It is an exciting time of life and a wonderful celebration!

Trick or Treat for UNICEF with the YUUMS

We have a great group of Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) this year who meet twice a month for social times and social justice projects. They are planning to Trick or Treat for UNICEF during coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 28th. Interested younger children are invited to participate by picking up one of the UNICEF boxes at the children's snack table and asking for donations during coffee hour. All children are welcome to come to church in costume that day, whether or not they want to participate. Adults can help by bringing pockets full of change on the 28th!

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Meet Our New Members Potluck on Friday, Nov 2

The Membership Committee invites you to a potluck supper on Friday, November 2, to welcome our newest members and get an update from the Shaping Our Future Together (SOFT) Committee. Everyone is invited—recent visitors, long time members, new members!

Here's the plan for Nov 2:

5:45 - Arrive and settle

6:00-7:00 - Dinner; new members welcomed. (New members will be seated throughout Fellowship Hall so that you can meet them in small table groups. Children join us for dinner.) Childcare available from 7:00 to 8:00.

7:00 SOFT members Carol McCord and Tom Nelson Laird update us on what we've learned so far through the long range planning process called *affirmative inquiry*. They will collect our input through story sharing and answer our questions. (New members get to ask questions first.)

We look forward to seeing you! Bring a dish to share and a hearty welcome for our new members! In order to plan how many tables to set up and childcare needs, please RSVP to Laura Smith at smithle@indiana.edu or 824-3517.

Attendance Figures

Sun, Oct 7, 9:00: 75 11:15: 209 Tot: 284

Sun, Oct 14, 9:00: 107 11:15: ≈100 Tot: 207

Sunday Offering Figures

Sun, Oct 7 non-pledge offering: \$348

Sun, Oct 14 non-pledge offering: \$346

Total to Martha's House: \$173

Sabbatical Scoop

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (our co-minister along with Reverend Bill Breeden) is on sabbatical. She left for Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center for Study and Reflection on September 27th and will return December 16th. She conveys deep gratitude to this congregation for its support of her sabbatical leave. The following is the biographical sketch she sent to Pendle Hill as a participant in their Fall Residence Program, or as Reverend Macklin prefers to call it, their "Autumnal" Residence Program.

"Mary Ann Macklin. Hoosier am I. I will arrive from the southern hills and ravines of Indiana, where crinoids, geodes and dogwoods enrich the soil and my soil. My partner Deborah and I have been together 18 years. She is a composer and oncology nurse. We have an English Bulldog, two cats and an Opera. I fancy the writings of Pema Chodron, Mary Oliver, Parker Palmer, Angeles Arrien and the recently departed Madeleine L'Engle. I am currently on sabbatical granted by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington which I am honored to serve as a co-minister. Three years ago I surprised myself by discovering yoga and golf. Music offers a profound journey. I am learning silence. My favorite quote is 'Life is a paradox and then again it's not.'"

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman to our pulpit on Sunday, November 4. Dr. Hallman served as our minister from 1981-1987. She is currently minister of First Unitarian Church of Dallas, Texas. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Hallman to Bloomington.

Other Sabbatical Committee activities: Reverend Breeden and Andrew Appel attended an information meeting about the 2008 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal program. They felt that it was a worthwhile experience. Reverend Breeden plans a sabbatical in 2009.

Reverend Breeden reports that Reverend Macklin's golf game is "great" and that she looks and feels very relaxed.

From the Sabbatical Committee: Andrew Appel, Jason Hill, Beth Hollingsworth, Clarke Miller



Courtyard Committee Design Proposal: Question and Comment Sessions

Come see the Courtyard Committee's design proposal for changes to our courtyard and the east façade of Fellowship Hall. These open forums are intended to gather questions and comments from the congregation about the proposed design.

There may be a motion to move forward on the project at the next Congregational Meeting on December 9. We hope everyone who is interested will be able to attend one of these meetings.

Sunday October 28, 10am-11am, Fuchs Library

Monday November 5, 7pm-8pm, Fuchs Library

Sunday, November 11, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Meeting Room

Friday, October 19: Program Here on Depleted Uranium

The Just Peace Task Force asks you to save the evening of Friday, October 19th at 7:00 pm for a program in Fellowship Hall with speaker Cliff Kindy on depleted uranium (DU) weapons, which American forces have used in Iraq and Afghanistan. DU is radioactive and chemically toxic. Information, contact David Keppel keppel@sbcglobal.net

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, Oct 21 between the services at 10:30 in the Meditation Room on the 2nd floor (Room 207B). (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements for signing the Membership Book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, October 17.



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.

Veggie Potluck October 28 Hosts Discussion on Local Food

Join us at our next UU Vegetarian Potluck on Sun., Oct. 28th at 5:00 p.m., which will be followed by a Panel Discussion on "Local Food, Eating With Values," at 6:15. Childcare will be provided during the discussion for UU members and friends, 6-8 p.m.; contact Jill Courtney. The Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change is sponsoring this dynamic panel discussion on eating locally, sustainable agriculture, Farmer's Markets, CSA's, the Slow Food movement and much more.



Panelists include Marti Crouch, Christine Barbour and Teresa Birtles.

The Bloomington community is invited to the panel discussion; UU members &

friends are invited to the potluck, the discussion, or both! 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 are welcome, too) and a recipe/label for your dish (if it has local ingredients, note that, too!).

Water will be provided. --Jill Courtney jillmcourtney@gmail.com

Faith in Action Forums

Take place in the Library on Sundays, 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.

UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is November 4

Our next Bounty-full Sunday is November 4. Particular needs of the pantry are:

CANNED FRUITS, CANNED MEATS
CANNED VEGETABLES

Many thanks to all who brought food on October 7; we received 368 pounds.

Michigan UU Social Justice Network Pushes to Protect Lake Michigan

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently gave British Petroleum (BP) a permit to dump thousands of pounds of ammonia and toxic waste daily into Lake Michigan. This action will endanger the precious water resources of Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan citizens. For info, visit the Citizens for Lake Safety website: www.citizensforlakesafety.org, or www.uujustice.org (Michigan UU SJ Network website--has excellent environmental action pages.)

Habitat for Humanity

Bake Sale October 28, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 10-11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Pies, cakes, cookies, breads, cheesecake for sale. Proceeds will go to support the Interfaith Habitat build that we are planning to build with six other faith communities. Eat goodies there or we'll wrap them up for carry-out. Children's haunted gingerbread houses will be on display, too.

Stephanie Wilson Speaks To Women's Alliance Nov. 1

Church and Alliance member Stephanie Wilson, a scholar of tea and its significance in art and history, is the scheduled speaker for the Women's Alliance meeting on Thursday, November 1 in Fellowship Hall. In addition to giving "inside" information about tea, Stephanie will describe her own path to membership in our church in Bloomington. A brown bag lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., with tea and desserts provided by the hostesses Lorraine Hawking and Lee Strickholm. The program begins at 12 noon. Dues for 2007-2008 membership in the Alliance are \$15 and are payable at the meeting. Members and guests are cordially invited to attend.



Remember to Fall Back an Hour on November 4

Remember to change your clocks on November 3; by the middle of the night we'll have an extra hour. Sort of.

UU Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri	9:00-4:00
Wednesday	1:00-4:00
Sunday	10-11, 12:15-1:00

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

The Bean Blossom Music Series presents singer-songwriter and lap guitarist Pat Wictor, a contemporary interpreter of rural country, gospel and blues traditions. Pat will be accompanied by percussionist Cheryl Prashker. Concert is at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, at St. David's Episcopal Church, in Bean Blossom, 5 miles north of Nashville, Indiana. Admission is always free, but donations are welcome. Info: 812-988-7672 or chesed2@msn.com

October 27, 2007, Chicago, II End The War In Iraq!

On October 27th a historic event will take place. A massive, permitted mobilization will convene in Chicago. United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ) has put out a call to all faith communities to join the peace movement in ending the war.

This is one of eleven regional mass demonstrations for Peace across the country.

On Oct. 27th, there will also be mobilizations in Boston, Jonesborough, Tenn., Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Bloomington Peace Action Coalition (www.BPAC.info) is organizing a bus to Chicago from Bloomington, Indiana. For more information, please call 988-1917, or e-mail BPACpeace@hotmail.com

Shape Note Singers (Sacred Harp)! Come one-come all! The Bloomington Shape Note group is sponsoring an All Day Sing on October 27th from 10-4 at the Friends Meeting House on Moores Pike. Dinner will be provided on the grounds and loaner books will be available. Come sing this earliest of truly American a capella song styles. Free and open to all. Call Barb Lund for Info 339-8476.

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.

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Lunch With a Minister Nov. 13

Join Rev. Breeden for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, November 13 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Venez Nombreux! (Y'all Come!)

UU Film Series November 10:

Joyeux Noel

Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) is a film about a Christmas truce on a W W I battlefield begun and sustained by the infantrymen of four nations and squelched by their officers. Dir. Christian Carlon, 2005

Potluck supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the film, in Fellowship Hall.

Our Folks...

Our thoughts and prayers are with Millicent Brubaker, upon the recent death of her sister.

Congratulations to IU senior and UU member Dylan Marks, who will play Angelo in Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* at the Ruth N. Halls Theatre at IU, opening November 9. Info at www.indiana.edu/thtr.



Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Nov 30-Dec 1

The 49th annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on Friday, Nov 30th and Saturday, Dec 1st. UU 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 or Diann Lock 824-2950 or dlock333@insightbb.com and watch this space for more notices!



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. Info: Mary Blizzard 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com.
--Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force



Cooks Needed for Gourmet Galaxy at the Bazaar

It's time again to dig out your favorite recipes for the holidays and sign up to donate your signature specialties to the Gourmet Galaxy. Homemade candies such as rum balls, peanut brittle and divinity are sure hits. Jams, chutneys and relishes

are also much sought after, not to mention delectable cakes, breads and persimmon baked goods!
--the Gourmet Galaxy Committee



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS for the Bazaar Book Sale

Book donations for the Bazaar Book Sale are invited and welcome beginning November 1. They can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall. Most needed: children's picture books in good condition, coffee table and specialty books, current paperbacks, craft books, recent fiction and biography. Unfortunately, textbooks and magazines don't seem to sell. -- Joanna Clees, 339-1839

More Fun at Church!

Come help us fold and label

The Prologue. We start at 9:00 a.m. every other Tuesday in the Library and finish up usually by 11:00. Good conversation, good laughs, sometimes donuts! Big impact, minimal time commitment. Info, contact Carol, admin@uubloomington.org. Next few Prologue foldings will be Oct 16, Oct 30, Nov 13, Nov 27. Thanks!



Next UU Children's Choir rehearsal - Oct. 28th

Our next set of rehearsals are in preparation for the Sun. Nov. 18th Intergenerational Service (we will also start learning music for December events.) Rehearsals are in Rm. 212. New singers, Kg-8th grade, are always welcome! Questions?

Contact Jill at jcourtne@mccsc.edu or 330-8829.

No rehearsal Sun. Oct 21st

Sun. Oct. 28th: 10:15-11:00am, regular rehearsal

Sun. Nov. 4th: 10:15-11:00am, regular rehearsal

No rehearsal Sun. Nov. 11th

THURS, Nov. 15th: 7:00-7:30pm, extra rehearsal

Sun. Nov. 18th: SING with adults at Intergenerational Services

Salvation Army's

Christmas Assistance Hours

Our bulletin board has details on assistance at Salvation Army, if you know of someone in need. Christmas applications will be accepted November 12-16 and November 26-30: Mon-Fri from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Mon and Thu evenings 6-7:30 p.m.

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BULLETIN BOARD.

The Local Clay Potter's Guild 10th Annual Holiday Pottery Sale, Fri Nov. 2, 5-9p and Sat Nov. 3rd from 9-5, St. Marks Methodist Church. Includes Barb Lund, Karen Green-Stone and Walt Schmidt, among others