

# ~ The Prologue

January 22, 2008 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*



**Sunday, January 27, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Playing with Proverbs Reverend Bill Breedon**

Reflections on words so-called wise, from persons so-called the same.

**Sunday, February 3, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Groundhogs, Prairie Dogs...and Synagogues? Reverend Stefan M. Jonasson**

By the time we gather, Punxsutawney Phil will have weighed in on how much longer winter will last. No matter what the answer may be, we can take some comfort knowing that February is the shortest month! But while the behavior of groundhogs was once thought to be a good measure of winter's duration, the gregarious prairie dog may be a better measure of congregational life. What do these two creatures have to teach us about spiritual development and religious community? (Rev. Jonasson is a large-church consultant from the UUA, and will be visiting with us February 1-3.)

## **Faith in Action Forums About 9/11, on Jan 27 and Feb 10**

January 27, 10:10 a.m. in the Library "9/11 Mysteries Part 1: Demolitions--Scientific Evidence" Discussion of video about 9/11. Were the events of 9/11 orchestrated by elements with the U.S. government, in order to provide a pretext for what has followed?

February 10, 10:10 a.m. in the Library "9/11: The Myth and the Reality"

Both forums led by Chris Haynes and Byron Bangert.

**Habitat for Humanity Task Force** would like to thank the congregation for approving a \$4,000 grant from the church's social justice funds at the December congregational meeting. This is a great boost to fund-raising efforts that have netted about \$9,200 so far toward our goal of helping to sponsor an Interfaith Build in the fall. We also really appreciate church members and friends who have donated funds to "buy" a portion of the house in honor or memory of someone as a holiday gift. One UU couple, who wishes to remain anonymous, generously donated \$1,000. That kind of generosity exceeds our expectations and reflects the church's commitment to social justice issues. Along with the other churches involved, we're well on our way to raising the total \$50,000 to sponsor a house.

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## From the Ministers

*From Mary Ann:*

On Saturday, January 19, members of our congregational choir, led by Music Director Susan Swaney, in collaboration with the IU African American Choral Ensemble, led by Keith McCutcheon, along with my colleague Reverend Bill Breeden and primary organizers Connie and Guy Loftman, made their yearly pilgrimage to visit and sing at two Indiana prisons, the Putnamville and Wabash Valley Correctional facilities. This visit marked the 10th anniversary of this annual event, which takes place in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

For those of us who did not travel with them, let us be in deep gratitude for the presence, spirit and voice of this congregation that accompanies them every year. Overcoming fears of the unknown which prison walls convey, these folks go to share the healing gift of music and to give and receive the spirit of fellowship.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated that we "must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear... That old law about 'an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind... The time is always right to do the right thing... Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."

*From Bill:*

Celebrating MLK Jr. Day with prisoners is both inspiring and sobering. It is inspiring to see the light of hope in the eyes of those for whom freedom remains a distant dream. It is sobering to

recognize the brokenness of our nation, which has a higher per capita incarceration rate than any nation in history. Even more sobering is the realization that of the two million prisoners in America, over 40% are African Americans, who make up less than 14% of our population as a whole. Over 810,000 black men are in prison, double the number enrolled in four-year college and graduate programs. Those figures represent a great mountain of despair. If we are to hew out of it a stone of hope, we will do so one small chip at a time. Pick up a hammer and chisel and make every stroke count for something. As Gandhi exhorted, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Our grandchildren will be witnesses to our creation.

Peace--Bill & Mary Ann  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Our Folks...

Our thoughts are with Don and Joan Bennett and their family; Don has returned home from the hospital now and is in hospice care.

Many blessings to Rhonda and Corbin Baird, upon the birth of Caden Glenn Baird on December 29, 2007. Caden joins sister Maya at home. The family appreciates the support of members of the congregation prior to and after Caden's arrival.

## Attendance

Sun, Jan 13, 9:00:	181	11:15: 304	Tot: 485
Sun, Jan 20, 9:00:	96	11:15: 186	Tot: 282

## Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, Jan 13</i>	non-pledge offering:	\$787
<i>Sun, Jan 20</i>	non-pledge offering:	\$569
Total to Martha's House:		\$339

## Imbolc Ritual February 2

**At 7:30 p.m.**

*Poem of Brigit*

Brigit they name me,  
and three gifts of fire I bring:  
first, the flame of inspiration,  
frenzy of a poet and anguish of an artist,  
and passion of a lover for union with the  
beloved;  
second, the fierce fire of smith-craft,  
through whose testing all must pass;  
and third, the most precious of all,  
which eases the second's pain,  
the undying warmth of healing,  
and the last and greatest gift  
of the ever-returning Sun.  
-- (Traditional Wiccan)

Join us as we experience the quickening of the earth as the sun returns. Bring poetry and writing to share with the group. Each participant should bring a white taper candle in a holder. We will bless them and send them back home with you to help you focus on your new creations for 2008. Please also bring some lite food to share after ritual. Ritual begins at 7:30pm and is open to all folks interested in Earth-centered spirituality. If you need childcare, please let me know by January 27. Beckie Wagner [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com)



### Chalice Circles Enrollment

Chalice Circles, our program of small group ministry, gives participants an opportunity to get to know others and themselves more deeply by sharing their lives in small, facilitated groups. Groups of no more than ten meet once or twice a month in members' homes to focus on deep listening, and groups do service projects for the church and community. Prepared session plans are

used to guide each session. New members are welcome. If you would like to participate in a Chalice Circle, please contact Anne Haynes ([anhaynes@indiana.edu](mailto:anhaynes@indiana.edu) or 336-3221) or Carol Parks ([pearlparks@gmail.com](mailto:pearlparks@gmail.com) or 336-1592).

### Books Overdue From The Fuchs Library – Please check your bookshelves!

*September 22, 2007 –*

*(Revised January 8, 2008)*

*(Please note that the borrowers of books designated with a \* have already been reminded at least once.) Date noted is when the book was checked out.*

*Please check your bookshelves and return these books to the Library. Many thanks. –Library Committee*

155.9*	On Death and Dying	
E. Kubler-Ross	2/26/?	
248.3 Fle	The Blessings of Imperfection	
Peter Fleck	6/03/07	
288 Bue*	A Chosen Faith – c.#3	
John A. Buehrens	9/29/04	
288.7 Rob**	The Unitarians and the	
Universalists	David Robinson	1/6/05
289.1 Bue**	The UU Pocket Guide, c #4	
John A Buehrens	1/06/05	
306.3 Fox	The Reinvention of Work	
Matthew Fox	1/28/07	
306.81 Gra*	What is Marriage For?	
E.J.Graff	3/20/?	
363.7 Bro*	Eco-Economy: Building An	
Economy for the Earth	Lester R. Brown	5/05/06
813 San	Hunting for Hope	
Scott R. Sanders	3/31/07	

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## NAME TAGS NAME TAGS Changing February 17

For some time an ad hoc Nametag Committee, generated by the Connections Subcouncil, has been struggling with how to improve our name tags. The current ones are difficult to read at times; pins in delicate fabrics are not welcome; and they are difficult to prepare, etc. Thus, on Sunday, February 10, you are asked to take home your current name tags. On Sunday, February 17, you will have new name tags, alphabetically organized on tables in Fellowship Hall. The Board of Directors will start wearing theirs on the 10th. Thanks to Peter Schwandt with help from Walt Owens we have a new name tag rack to store the new name tags. Please help us with the transition to new name tags which you can clip on or hang around your neck, whichever you wish. Thanks for your cooperation and to the committee for helping make this happen.  
–Iris Kiesling

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

To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or [stephw3@yahoo.com](mailto:stephw3@yahoo.com) by February 6.



## Children's Choir Upcoming Schedule

Join us as the UU Children's Choir begins a new set of rehearsals for our next singing opportunity in church. New and returning singers always welcome! The schedule is as follows:  
1/27 Rehearse in 207B (Meditation Room) 10:15-11:00am  
2/3 Rehearse in 207B 10:15-11:00am  
2/10 Rehearse in 207B 10:15-11:00am  
2/17 SING @ end of 1st service and beginning of 2nd. Meet at 9:30 in 212 (back to our regular room).  
Questions? Contact Jill @ [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829



## Talent, Goods, and Services Auction Facts

- March 2, 4-8 pm
- Tapas/ sangria dinner with great music (5-6 pm \$15)
- Live and silent auctions with huge selection of art, goods and services – starring the Breeden brothers as auctioneers (6-8 pm; free admission; absentee bidding possible)
- Half pot drawing -- (You don't have to be there to win!)
- Open this year to the public.
- Volunteers are needed.

Check out the auction table in the Commons on Sundays to buy dinner and half-pot tickets, pick up a donor form, or to see how you can help! Or call Arzetta Losenksy (824-1394) or Tim Slack (812-827-3082).

<http://www.uubloomington.org/talentauction/>



## Jan. 27th Veggie Potluck & Scott Russell Sanders

On Sun., Jan. 27th, the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change invites you to our first vegetarian potluck & program of 2008. The potluck will begin at 5:00 pm, followed by a presentation by Scott Russell Sanders entitled "Wild and Scenic Indiana" at 6:15 pm. (More details about the presentation can be found in the December Common Ground). 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. Water will be provided. (There will be child care available during the presentation.) Questions? Contact Jill at [jillmcourtney@gmail.com](mailto:jillmcourtney@gmail.com) or Marcia at [meadowlk@bloomington.in.us](mailto:meadowlk@bloomington.in.us)



## Music and Diversity Concert Friday, Feb 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a unique mixture of musical styles and traditions when four vibrant music ensembles perform live here in our Meeting room on Friday evening, February 8, from 7:30 – 9:45 p.m. Sponsored by the Celebrations Committee, the annual Music and Diversity Concert is an event designed to promote tolerance for all cultural beliefs and traditions through offering an enchanting evening of culturally diverse

music for the larger community. Music for the concert will be provided by Delia Alexander and her vocal group AcaBella (African American and American repertoire), Colleen Haas and her group: Women of Mass Percussion (Afro-Brazilian religious and secular music) and Sheasby Matiere and the Mbira Queens and his Mutinhimira Marimba Ensemble (Traditional and popular music from Zimbabwe). This concert is free and open to the public. Invite your neighbors, friends and family for a fun night together.

## Volunteers Needed at Music and Diversity Concert Feb. 8

The production crew for the Music and Diversity concert could use some extra help in the following ways.

*On Feb. 8, the day of the concert:*  
Stage set-up, 2 people 5:00-6:30 pm  
Stage crew during concert, 2 people 7- 9p  
Do you have a van or a large cargo vehicle? We need folks with vans to help transport instruments either before OR after the concert (or both if you are able). (Labor will be carried out by the band)

*Before the concert:*

2 vans, Feb. 8, 4:30 - 5:15

*After the concert:*

2-3 vans, and drivers, Feb. 8, 10-10:30p

If you can help in any of these ways please call Colleen Haas at 334-7641. Thank you.

## Ministers at Pokagon Jan 28-30

Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will be in northern Indiana at a ministers' workshop, January 28-30. They will be reachable by phone during this time.

## UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR  
HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**  
Next Bounty-Full  
Sunday is  
February 3



Current needs at the Monroe County Ministries (MCUM) Food Pantry include: Cornbread/baking mixes; canned and dried fruit; dried/boxed potatoes; soups; and canned pasta meals  
Please, NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS.

### Eldercare Workshop Feb. 23 Here

Everyone is welcome to our Eldercare Workshop to be held on Sat. Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come early at 8:30 for bagels, coffee, etc. Our workshop will be facilitated by Rev. Ester Hurlburt, UU minister from Lexington, Kentucky. She will guide us in a discussion of our ministry to our wise elders in our congregation. This will be a forum for church leaders, Women's Alliance, elders in our church, families with eldercare responsibilities, and all others who care about our ministry to our elders. Please register by calling or emailing the church Office, [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org), 332-3695. This workshop is sponsored by the Caring Committee.

### UU T-shirts Available at Church

T-shirts bearing a beautiful flaming chalice and the words "UU Church of Bloomington" are being offered by the Public Relations Committee. All sizes are still available in both purple and forest green. Shirts will be on sale in the Commons between services.  
Ruellen Fessenbecker



## Cut Your Carbon: Help the Climate

The Interfaith Global Climate Change Group, including members of Bloomington Friends, Congregation Beth Shalom, First Presbyterian, Sanshin Zen Center, St. Thomas Lutheran, Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center, Trinity Episcopal, and the UU Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change, is sponsoring this course on how to adjust our daily routines to reduce the CO2 we are responsible for emitting—our carbon footprints—and help curb climate change. There are three class schedule options (posted on our bulletin board) and the one being held here in Fellowship Hall will be on Feb. 4, Feb. 18, Mar. 3, Mar. 17, and Mar. 31, 7:30-9:00 p.m. To register, email [scombell@indiana.edu](mailto:scombell@indiana.edu) or call 334-2490. There is also an internet version for extremely disciplined people, starting Feb. 2. Contact [mhirschland@gmail.com](mailto:mhirschland@gmail.com).



## UU Youth Choir Forming

Looking for 5th-12th grade singers! We are looking for 5th-12th grade singers to sing a piece (one part of a larger work by Fauré, which will be performed by the adult choir) for Commitment Sunday on April 6th. Practices will take place on Sundays (either mornings or evenings, schedule TBA) during March. If interested, please contact Jill Courtney at [jcourtne@mccsc.edu](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu) or 330-8829.

## Community Connections

### Our faith in action in the community **Women's Intl League for Peace and Freedom Meets on Water Problems**

WILPF of Bloomington and Brown County is sponsoring a series of public meetings on world-wide water problems on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Room 1-A of the Monroe County Public Library.

**Healing Hearts Children's Grief Support Group Starts Feb 18** Healing Hearts, a grief support group for kids ages 6-16, helps them put the pieces back together after the death of someone special. Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m., Feb 18-Mar 31 (not on March 10). Bloomington Hospital. Info 353-9818.

**Step Up to Fight Homelessness Apr 6** On April 6, 2008, hundreds of Bloomington residents will again take part in the 5K Homeward Bound Walk and help raise funds for local agencies providing services to fight homelessness. Middle Way House is one of 13 agencies benefiting from the walk. The funds Middle Way House receives from this event support women and children fleeing from or coping in the aftermath of traumatic violence. Nancy Richman is seeking volunteers to form walk teams and raise funds designated specifically for Middle Way House. Info: Nancy Richman: 812-322-1335 or nrichman@indiana.edu. THANK YOU!

## **David Hill To Speak To Women's Alliance Feb. 7**

David Hill, member of our church, will speak on "Using Microbiology to Slow Climate Change" on Thursday, February 7 at the Women's Alliance. He will discuss the impact on our planet of weather patterns, ice melt, and species loss and migration. David also will describe how his company works on a daily basis to

slow the effects of greenhouse gases. The brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Beverages and desserts provided by hostesses Beth Hollingsworth and Diane Gregory. The program begins at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and learn more about important current environmental issues.



## **Stefan Jonasson, Large-Church Consultant to Visit**

**February 1-3** Be sure to join us as we meet with large-church consultant Rev. Stefan Jonasson on Saturday, February 2. From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, all congregation members and Council representatives will have a special time to talk with Rev. Jonasson. Please mark your calendars and plan to come with your comments or questions.

## **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' Availability**

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

On call M, W, F afternoons, and Thursdays  
[macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org)  
mobile phone: 322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays  
[breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto:breeden@uubloomington.org)  
mobile phone: 360-1779

To make an appointment, please contact one of the ministers directly.

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Return Service Requested



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		January 2008	23 6:30pm Council Dinner and Meeting	24 9:00am Oral History Group 5:45pm Childcare Staff Mtg 7:00pm UU Choir	25 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm Core Staff Task Force Winter Retreat offsite	26 9:00am UUADP 9:30am BCS Board 12:00pm Staff Winter Retreat ends
27 9-12 am RE Class in Kitchen 10am Forum-9/11 10:15am Childrens Choir 12:30pm RE Teachers Lunch 1:30pm CCMA 5:00pm Veggie Potluck 6:15pm Scott Russell Sanders 6:00pm YUUMS 6:00pm YRUU	28 6:00pm O.W.L. 6:30pm Nominating Cmte. 6:30pm RE Committee 7:00pm 1&2 OWL 7:30pm Voces Novae	29 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's	30	31 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Closing of the Western Mind	1 February 2008 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 1:00pm Staff w. Rev. Jonasson 5:00pm Governance w. Rev Jonasson 7:00pm Past Presidents w. Rev. Jonasson	2 8:30am Board w. Rev. Jonasson 1-3p Congregation w. Rev. Jonasson 7:30pm Imbolc Ritual
3 9:00am RE Teacher Debriefing 9:00am RE Class in Kitchen 12:00pm RE Teacher Meeting 12:45pm Green Sanctuary TF 1:00pm Music and Diversity reh. 6:00pm YRUU	4 10:00am Prologue Deadline 6:00pm O.W.L. 7:00pm Social Justice Coord Cncl 7:00pm 1&2 OWL 7:30pm Voces Novae	5 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's	6 1:00pm Chal Cir - Holl 5:30pm Family Dinner 6:15pm Family Worship 7:00pm Membership Commit	7 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Living Simply with Children 8:30pm String Band	8 10:30am Lifestory 12:30pm UU Super Staff 7:30pm Diversity of Music Concert	9 6:00pm Film Series "Casablanca" 6:30pm YUUMS/OWL Lock- In