

# ~ *The Prologue*

*February 18, 2008* ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana  
Congregation founded 1949

*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community  
Changing the World*



**Sunday, February 24, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

## **"What Would I do with Two More Years?" Reverend Esther Hurlburt**

Through stories, Reverend Hurlburt will explore her experiences working with the elderly and how they have influenced her ministry. She will describe how these experiences make her wonder how we become old fools or wise elders. As part of this worship service we will all be invited to take a hard look at how congregations respond to the needs of our elders.

**Sunday, March 2, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.**

## **"In the Shade of the Temple" Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

One-time Unitarian Henry David Thoreau said that "Every person is the builder of a Temple called [her] his body," In this sermon we will explore the spirituality of the body and its shadow nature. The "Help Feed our Hungry Neighbors Task Force" will present the social justice moment.



*Our local food pantries are running low. A much-needed food collection will be take place during the Children's Moment of this worship service. Children, come ready to help. Everyone, please bring non-perishable food items. See Page 6 for ideas.*

## **Faith in Action Forum About 9/11, on Feb 24**

Faith in Action Forums are held at 10:15 a.m. in the Library on Sundays. To schedule a faith in action forum, contact Jackie Hall at [jmhall@indiana.edu](mailto:jmhall@indiana.edu).

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 24, 10:00 a.m. in the Library "9/11: Discussion—What Next?"

Both forums led by Chris Haynes and Byron Bangert.

**Beacon Sing-Along Feb. 23** Come sing a song with me, that I might know your mind ... Beacon (the Young Adults group, ages 18-35) is holding a Sing-A-Long and Jam Session Event, Sat, Feb. 23th, from 7:30-10pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring yourself and your favorite way to make music: instruments, drums, voices, and spend a few hours singing, playing, and listening to our favorite songs. No talent required. If you have sheet music, bring it along. If you have song ideas but no idea where to find them, e-mail or call Melissa Barlett ([mbarlett@indiana.edu](mailto:mbarlett@indiana.edu); 330-221-3312) for help. The evening will be all request. If you like, bring along a snack or beverage. All are welcome.

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## The West Window

There is a lot of news these days about the changing climate, and indeed Indiana weather has a way of making the effects of global warming rather obvious, or so it seems to me. There is another climate change that might well be just as significant and that is the change with regards to the political process of our democracy. There are new winds blowing, clearing away the smog of apathy that has fouled the air for so long, and young people are participating in the primary process in numbers not seen in years. Change is the only constant, and we can hope that change will be guided by truth and love rather than fear and ignorance.

Toward that end, I would like to provide a bit of information regarding the war, you know, that conflict from which most of our media has withdrawn even as our troops have surged. Nobel prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and Harvard's Linda Bilmes have calculated the cost of the Iraq War to be \$720 million dollars a day! That figures to be about \$500,000 a minute! I hope you were already sitting down. With this same money, we could provide homes for 6,500 families or full health care for 423,529 children. Defense spending in the proposed 2008 budget is nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a trillion dollars. I believe we are sacrificing our children and grandchildren on the altar of Ares, the god of war. I pray the new winds blowing will provide a climate where, in the words of Dwight D. Eisenhower, " ... people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it." In the words of one of my Pappy's favorite gospel songs, "What a Day That Will Be!"

Peace--bill  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Caring for Our Elders

Our congregation is an intergenerational community. We are fortunate because we can learn from our very young as well as our wise elders as well as everyone in between. As Unitarian Universalists, one of our main community questions is, "How do we care for each other along the way?" As many of our elder members begin to face the issues of aging, we must ask ourselves more questions, "What is the ministry we share together in caring for our elders? How do we covenant together regarding responsibilities for one another as we age?"

We believe these are vital questions to each of us as members of this community.

Please join us for this workshop which will be facilitated by elder minister specialist Reverend Esther Hurlburt:

**Saturday, February 23, 9-12noon  
Fellowship Hall**

Warmly, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and  
Reverend Bill Breeden

## Exploring UU Class – March 9 and 16

If you are interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism before deciding to become a member, this class is for you. The class will be held in the library on March 9 and 16 from 3-5 pm. Childcare is available with advanced notice. We will explore UU history and principles and opportunities to serve in this liberal community. Please sign up at the Welcome Table on Sundays, or call Marjorie Crosby at 339-2572.

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## Thank an RE Teacher



Have you thanked a Religious Education (RE) volunteer teacher lately? Even though teaching is rewarding it can also be challenging at times and children do not usually express their gratitude

for the privilege of attending Sunday school. Do you know the names of your child's teachers? We just started a new semester, so introduce yourself!

## Muffins Say Thank You

Currently we are looking for folks who wish to express their appreciation of our volunteer teachers by bringing in food one time this semester for a Teacher Breakfast. Please contact Cindy Port (332-3695, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)) if you are willing to cook, prepare or purchase a breakfast item to say thanks.



## Intersession Creative Writing

Below are questions and answers written during a game played by our 9 AM Creative Writing class that occurred during January Intersession, enjoy.

Q: Why are Chili Peppers Spicy?

A: Because they are short

Q: Why do we sing hymns in Church?

A: Because they have very good memories

Q: Why do we wear nametags?

A: Because protein is good for you.

Cindy Port  
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite  
Minister of Religious Education

## Why I Pledge

by Ruellen  
Fessenbecker



I pledge to the church because I believe in community. It is, I suspect, common for people to try to

get their spiritual needs met alone. They do this by exploring the UU sources of wisdom; spending time in nature, reading the words of prophetic men and women, learning from the great religious books and other ways.

While these are good ways to learn some things, people who only experience religion alone miss out on some important religious lessons by not becoming a part of the community. We learn from each other when we truly listen to each other and work together. It is when we hammer out a compromise over the course of weeks that we really learn to respect the worth and dignity of others. When we celebrate together or laugh together, our hearts grow and we learn the meaning of connection. I have at times stepped on the toes of other's beliefs inadvertently and learned volumes about their values. Were these experiences comfortable? Sometimes no, but finding the loving path in these situations has made me the person I am. I have learned through working on committees in this church the value of sitting on the edge of discomfort and listening openly to other people. It is a challenge to stay continuously open to the variety of beliefs and opinions and passions in this church. And it is often exhausting. Yet, learning to love together when we don't agree on everything is a marvelously hopeful example of a future I hope to see.

Why do I support this church? Because we are worth it!



## Chat with Our Ministers and New Members -- Leapyear Potluck Feb 29!

### (Lasagna provided)

Wave goodbye to February at an all-congregational potluck supper on Friday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. New members and ministerial sabbaticals will be the focus of the evening. Reverend Macklin will reflect on her recently completed sabbatical and Reverend Breeden will share preliminary ideas for his late-2009 sabbatical. Our newest members will be special guests (and get to ask the first questions). Everyone is invited—new members, recent visitors, long-time members. Lasagna and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish, appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Child care will be provided after supper, from 7 to 8 p.m.

### Earth-based Spirituality Group Forming

On Feb. 28th at 7:00pm in the Library there will be an organizational meeting for anyone interested in being a part of an earth-based spirituality group here in this congregation. It will be a meeting to dream, plan, and hope for a more active and involved pagan presence within the church structure and within our individual lives. Bring your dreams, hopes, ideas, suggestions and help us get started. Further questions can be addressed to Beckie Wagner: [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com)

## New Name Tags Are Here— for Kids, Too!



Be sure to pick up your new clip-on nametag on February 24. We have also made nametags for all the children who are registered for Religious Education. They are alphabetized with the adult nametags, and can be found in Fellowship Hall on February 24.

If you would like to keep your old engraved nametag, please pick it up near the courtyard entrance by March 2 and take it home. At 1:00 p.m. on March 2, all the engraved nametags remaining here will be discarded.

### Attendance

Sun, Feb. 10, 9:00:	115	11:15:	217	
RE: 9:00:	33,	11:15	76	Total: 441
Sun, Feb. 17, 9:00:	149	11:15	209	
RE: 9:00:	43,	11:15:	89	Total: 490

### Sunday Offering

Sun, Feb 10	non-pledge offering:	\$529
Sun, Feb 17	non-pledge offering:	\$406
Total to Martha's House:		\$224



## 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).

## Take Your Green Ways to the Workplace

- Turn off the lights when you leave a room for 15 minutes or more. Artificial lighting = 44 % of electricity use in office buildings.
- Set your monitor or laptop to go automatically into sleep mode during short breaks & turn them off (and the power strip) at the end of the day.
- Print on both sides of paper and use the backs of unprintable paper for notes & scrap paper.

Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

## Working Women, Moms, & Habitat Women's Build

Have young children and need childcare in order to participate in the build on May 14? See today's Common Ground, p. 5.  
--Mary Andrus-Overley, Team Leader, UU Mary's Wednesday Team

## Top Reasons to be a Greeter

... No extra driving Serve on Sundays when you are coming to church anyway.  
... Time-efficient Right before, during and after Sunday services.  
... User friendly Training and experienced co-greeters provided.  
... Flexible schedule You decide which hour and date to serve each month.  
... Great benefits You make a difference to visitors and the congregation.  
Greeter/welcomer training Wednesday, February 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall.  
Join us! Libby DeVoe 336-8688,  
[edevoe@indiana.edu](mailto:edevoe@indiana.edu)

## Talent Auction Alert!

**OH MY!** I only have until February 26 to reserve a place at the March 2 auction dinner! I don't want to miss the Spanish tapas, gourmet desserts, mariachi band & flamenco dancers! All for only \$15! I'll reserve in the Commons or call 336-3094.



**GEE!** How to choose from over 100 items at the March 2 auction?! Vacations, trips, foods, art, crafts, really useful services, dinners! I'll look for the auction catalog on my seat at Church or in the Commons. I can also check the preliminary catalog available at [uubloomington.org/talentauction/](http://uubloomington.org/talentauction/) or get a copy via email from [marktday@gmail.com](mailto:marktday@gmail.com).

**GOLLY!** I can bid on auction items or win the Half Pot drawing without being there on March 2! I'll get an absentee bidder sheet from the back of auction catalog, in the Commons, or online.

**WHEW!** I don't have to find a babysitter to enjoy the auction fun!!  
Childcare for ages 12 and younger is provided 4-8 pm!



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**BULLETIN BOARD**

UU couple looking to reuse your car! 2002 through 2005 model. Small, economy, fuel-efficient. Lower mileage is a plus. Contact Tom at 339-1247.

## UUs Changing the World



**HELP FEED OUR  
HUNGRY NEIGHBORS**  
Next Bounty-Full  
Sunday is  
March 2

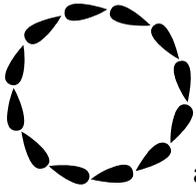


Current needs at the  
Monroe County Ministries  
(MCUM) Food Pantry include:

Cold cereal, Canned salmon, Dried and  
canned fruit, Soups, Canned pasta meals  
Please, NO EXPIRED PRODUCTS.

### 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



### Chalice Circle Doings

Our ten Chalice Circles  
are keeping happily busy  
as the winter progresses.

Each Chalice Circle is asked to choose  
two service projects each year. One  
should be a church activity and the other  
an effort in the community.

We have benefited with help on the  
Talent Auction, Holiday Bazaar, UU  
Sources Art Show, and the Habitat for  
Humanity Bake Sale. The Meeting Room  
has been dusted high and low and the  
racks of the chairs cleaned out.

Beyond this, several groups have  
worked at Community Kitchen. This is a  
popular choice; volunteers say the work is

well organized and they felt needed and  
useful. Habitat for Humanity also received  
help with community activities. One group  
visited the county jail.

We keep a list of possible service  
projects. If your group has a service  
project to add to our list, please contact  
Pat Harris ([pkharris@bluemarble.net](mailto:pkharris@bluemarble.net) or  
330-0415).

### Our Folks...

Our sympathy is with Robin Young and  
her family upon the death of her husband  
Scot Halpin. A memorial service will be  
held here on Friday, February 22 at 7 p.m.

A memorial service for Forrest Burrignt  
will be held here on Friday, March 7 at  
6:30 p.m.

Our healing thoughts are with Lewis  
Whikehart, who was recently hospitalized.

Congratulations to cellist Jake Woollen,  
who is the winner of the 2008 Youth  
Concerto Competition. He will play two  
concerts: Saturday, Feb. 23, 7:30 PM at  
Bedford North Lawrence High School  
Performing Arts Center and Sunday, Feb.  
24, 4:00 PM, Bloomington High School  
North Auditorium.

Thanks to Vivian Breeden for baking  
about a zillion delicious biscotti for the  
Long Time Member reception on Feb. 17.

Thanks to Bill Corcoran for the  
installation of a handrail next to the new  
steps at the southwest corner of the  
building.

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## Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

**Homeward Bound Walk April 6—Let's get up a Team: UUCB ROCKS!** On April 6, participate in the 5K Homeward Bound Walk and help raise funds for local agencies providing services to fight homelessness. . Events start at noon and the walk begins at 2 p.m. at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Park. Let's get an extraordinary UU presence at this event. As a team leader, I am looking for 25+ UUCB folks (all ages) to walk on April 6<sup>th</sup> as the UUCB Rocks! Team. I KNOW that we can reach a goal of \$5000.00+ if we all put our minds to the sky and our feet to the pavement. Contact Alexa Casey (339-5277) and sign up as a WALKER, a DONOR or a CHEERLEADER. OR sign up at [www.indianahomebound.org](http://www.indianahomebound.org) – look for the UUC ROCKS! Team/Bloomington, IN. We can make it happen together----YES WE CAN!!! Thank you! –Alexa Casey

**Preparing for Holy Week: Taizé Services at Trinity Episcopal Church.** We invite the community to Taizé services in Lent: Sundays, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30p in the Great Hall, 111 S. Grant St. Music from the ecumenical Taizé community in France emphasizes meditative chanting and prayers. All are welcome. Questions, 336-4466.

**Creating Aging-Friendly Communities** is an on-line conference at Bell Trace Senior Living Community. There was a time when communities were good places to grow old. We believe that time can come again. At Bell Trace, Wednesdays Feb 20, Feb 27 and Mar 5, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Phil Stafford, 855-2163.

## Quilting for Habitat

Are you a quilter or quilter wanna-be? Join us in planning a quilt for Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build house. See article on p. 5 of Common Ground.

## 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.

## Habitat is Topic at March 6

**Alliance** Kerry Thomson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, will speak at the Thursday, March 6 meeting of the Women's Alliance. The Alliance recently contributed \$600 to Habitat for the purchase of six doors in a new home. Ms. Thomson will discuss work of her agency in general, as well as the details of the UU Church's participation in the Interfaith Build. The brown bag luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with hostesses Dolores Freiburger and Ann McIntosh providing beverages and desserts. The program will begin at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and to hear about one of the church's important social justice activities.

**Lunch with a Minister** Join Rev. Bill Breeden for a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 11 at 12:00 noon.

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