

~ The Prologue ~

May 12, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Welcoming Congregation since 1995

Green Sanctuary since 2007



*Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community
Changing the World*

Sunday, May 18, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Flower Communion: an Intergenerational Celebration

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Rev. Bill Breeden, Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

Please bring a flower and join in this annual celebration of our Unitarian Universalist community. We will enjoy stories, songs, and opportunities to exchange flowers and to celebrate the support we provide for one another in this congregation. Our children's choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will be performing!



Bring a Flower to Share on May 18

Please bring a flower to share on May 18 (and a few extras if you have them.)

Sunday, May 25, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

***Considering Emerson* Reverend Bill Breeden**

~ Official Notice ~

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 1, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Included on the agenda: Election of Board for 08-09, election of members of the Special Purposes Fund Committee and Nominating Committee, and selection of a social service agency to receive 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offering during 08-09.



Welcome to Our Newest Members

The following people signed our Membership Book on Sunday, May 11.
A warm welcome to all of these folks! Vickie McCadden, Sandy Churchill, and Fred Churchill.

The Prologue May 12, 2008 Page 1

From the Ministers

The Earth-Celebrational-All-Congregational-Intergenerational-UU-Retreat for 2008 has come and gone, and we enjoyed gathering with everyone in the beautiful hills and ravines of Brown County at Camp Rancho Framasa. “Retreating” in this fashion is not running away, but rather a joining together in restful space for learning, celebrating, sharing meals, and worshiping with a community of people in love with this planet. Creating an earth forest mandala, the sighting of Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, singing in the misty rain around a campfire, wildflower walking, dancing Dances of Universal Peace, learning about bike commuting, composting, organic gardening, and other experiences not normal to our everyday living enhanced the sense of being together in a common cause. We hope many of you can join us next time. A BIG thank you to all who made it happen.

Next Sunday, May 18, is our annual flower communion service. You are invited to bring a flower, or a bouquet of flowers to share with others as we celebrate this uniquely Unitarian Universalist way of expressing the beauty of our lives together. This is also **Bike to Worship Sunday** sponsored by Earth Care, the newly formed Bloomington interfaith group of which our Green Sanctuary Task Force is a part. You are invited to bike, walk or carpool to church as a way of expressing your connection to this spinning blue green planet we call home, and lightening our footprint thereon. Consider this a part of our liturgy of caring for this planet.

Finally, in response to the cyclone in Myanmar we are providing information for those who wish to contribute to the relief effort. May we hold in our hearts all those who suffer and strive to be a presence for healing and peace in our world.

Peace, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
and Reverend Bill Breeden

Info for Helping in Myanmar:

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) have launched a humanitarian relief fund to help survivors of the recent Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) cyclone. Both organizations strive to coordinate strategic response to natural or man-made humanitarian crises, especially when rights are threatened or when those in need are overlooked or neglected by traditional relief approaches.

Aid, which will be coordinated through the UUSC, will be channeled to humanitarian relief work in an effort to help survivors—especially those left out of traditional relief strategies—regain their lives and livelihoods.

UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund
Online donations in any amount can be made at www.uusc.org/info/support_cyclonenargis.html

Those who wish to donate by check should make it payable to "UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund" and mail it to:

UUSC-UUA Cyclone Nargis Relief Fund
P.O. Box 845259
Boston, MA 02284-5259



Kayaking at the UU Retreat, May 10.
Photo by Rev. Bill Breeden

YUUMS Paint A Mural With Help From Women's Alliance



Our young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) have painted a mural on the concrete window-well wall outside Rooms 103 and

105. YUUMS facilitator Addie Hirschten helped the youth come up with a design that the preschool, kindergarten and first grade children would appreciate. The Women's Alliance donated the money for the supplies to paint the wall, which included priming and sealing it. Our preschoolers and kindergartners are excited to look outside their classroom windows and see flowers and sunshine. Thank you Addie Hirschten, Martha Nord and the Women's Alliance.

YUUMS Raise Money for Homeward Bound

The YUUMS also raised \$190 participating in the Homeward Bound 5K walk. The money will go to agencies serving the homeless, like Stepping Stones and Shalom Center. As a part of the project, our seventh and eighth graders learned about the problem of homelessness in our community.

Sunday May 18th Intergenerational Flower Communion

Each person is invited to bring a flower to give away. Children stay with their family during the service; childcare is available for our youngest ones.

Sunday May 25th Religious Education

spring semester continues Please consider volunteering to teach in the Fall; teacher recruitment is underway.

Sunday June 8th All congregation Ice Cream

Social, 10-11am Help thank the many volunteer teachers and advisors who make RE possible.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite,

Minister of Religious Education

Slate of Nominees for Congregational Meeting June 1

Elected Leadership Positions 2008-09

The Nominating Committee is pleased and honored to present the following slate of nominees for the '08-'09 year for Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and Special Purposes Fund. An * indicates that this individual is a new nominee. The congregation will have the opportunity to vote on these nominees at the congregational meeting on June 1, 2008.

Board of Directors

Position	Nominee
President	G.K. Rowe
Vice President	Andrea Murray*
Treasurer	John Lawson*
Secretary	Chris Haynes
At Large	David Cox Amy Taylor Shari Woodbury

Nominating Committee (This committee also includes the Vice President)

Nominee	Term
Harold Ogren	06 - 09
Harriet Pfister	07 - 10
Beckie Wagner*	08 - 11
Jan Skinner*	08 - 11

Special Purposes Trust Fund (This committee also includes the President and Treasurer)

Nominee	Term
Deb Hutton	06 - 09
Susan Bookout	07 - 10
Tom Hollingsworth*	08 - 11



Jack in the pulpit, May 10.
Photo by Harold Ogren

New Member Biographies

Carol Shapiro - Born in Paducah, Kentucky, Carol came to Bloomington from St. Louis, at the invitation of her daughter, Susan, a student in the IU School of Music. The one-year stay became permanent in a town perfectly suited to a culturally curious, liberal, vegetarian yogi and horticulturist. With her Jewish roots blended with Buddhism, this church seems to be the perfect spiritual home. In addition to her daughter in Atlanta, she has a son Steve in Chapel Hill, NC. Previously affiliated with the Missouri Botanical Garden, she is currently a yoga instructor.

Lindsay Watkins - Lindsay has made Bloomington her home for the past eight years, and she is excited to deepen her ties to the community by joining the UU Church. Along with their 3 dogs, Lindsay and her beau Loren like to rock climb and hike and mountain bike. Lindsay works for the university, and in her spare time, she and Loren are busy building a cabin in the woods and planning their summer wedding.

Loren Wood - Loren moved to Bloomington in 1996. He has been teaching at Aurora Alternative High School for the last six years and is looking forward to being part of New Tech High School this coming fall. Loren spends most of his time with his fiancée

Lindsay and their three dogs, Harvey, Nala and Kit. When he is not teaching, he enjoys rock climbing, running, cycling, hiking and building. While Loren has been attending UU services for a couple of years, he is looking forward to becoming a more active member.

Upcoming Children's Choir Schedule:

Sun. May 18th- Meet at 9:30am in Rm 212,
Sing @ end of 1st service & beginning of
2nd service

New Singers, grades K-8, always welcome!
This will be our last set of rehearsals
until August. Contact: Jill Courtney,
jcourtne@mccsc.edu

General Assembly Delegates Former And Current to Meet

June 1 Please join us in the Library at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, June 1st to review some of the General Assembly material and schedule. Former delegates please join us with some helpful hints on how to navigate GA! Our delegates for General Assembly 2008: Anne and Chris Haynes, Amy Taylor and Kevin Woodruff. Look forward to seeing you all on June 1st at 10:15 am. Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs

Attendance

Sun, May 4,	9:00: 105	11:15: 166	
RE: 9:00: 34	11:15: 55		Total: 360
Sun, May. 11 ,	9:00: 95	11:15: 137	
RE: 9:00: 32	11:15: 51		Total: 315

Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, May 4</i> non-pledge offering:	\$425
<i>Sun, May 11</i> non-pledge offering:	\$376
Total to Martha's House:	\$200



Adult Religious Education Prospectus - Summer 2008

Registration: Register for classes beginning Wednesday, May 14, by signing up on the bulletin board at the Courtyard entrance. Please note that in some instances class sizes are limited, so register early. You may also register by emailing admin@uubloomington.org or calling 332-3695

Child Care: Child care can be arranged for most events if at least two families need it and if parents reserve at least 10 days in advance of the first class meeting. Reserve on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or indicate you will need childcare when you email admin@uubloomington.org.

The Bhagavad Gita: Exploring the Essence of Hinduism

Four Thursday sessions, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in Room 207B, June 5, 12, 19 and July 3.

Facilitated by Chris Haynes

This series explores the most widely revered scripture of Hinduism. Participants are invited to draw upon other religious traditions and their own lives as we find meaning in these 700 verses of ancient wisdom.

Required Reading: Bhagavad Gita, translated by Eknath Easwaran, Knopf Publishing, 2000, is recommended (available from Barnes and Noble), but any translation may be used.

Enrollment: minimum - 5, maximum - 12

Creating a "Permanent Culture": An Introduction

One Saturday Session, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Library, June 21

Facilitated by Rhonda Baird

Permaculture, "permanent agriculture" or "permanent culture," has a lot to offer humans as we seek a way to live in right relationship to our fellow humans and our plant and animal neighbors. In the three hour course, we will begin to give you an idea of how wonderful this system and its results are and how much they promise for our future. This course includes practical outside experience.

Suggested Reading: *Earth User's Guide to*

Permaculture, 2nd Edition, by Rosemary Morrow and Rob Allsop, 2006. Available online at

<http://www.permacultureactivist.net/booksvid/BooksNvid.htm>

Enrollment: minimum - 4, maximum - 30

Yoga From the Ages (For all Ages)

Four Tuesday sessions, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Library, June 3, 10, 17 and 24

Facilitated by Derek Tambo

This class will present Hatha (physical) Yoga that will be compatible for all ages and levels of physical fitness, regardless of your body's limitations.

Breathing exercises and meditation techniques will be included to complement the Yoga. A padded Yoga or workout mat is suggested but not required.

Enrollment: minimum - 2, maximum - 12

BULLETIN BOARD

NEED OLD CANDLES? If you could use the old tea-lite candles from the church's Joys and Sorrows ritual, contact Glenda, bgbreedden@att.net.

UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is June 1

Current needs are soups,



canned meat, including salmon, jelly, honey, syrup and canned pasta meals. No outdated products, please.

Green Sanctuary Task Force Clothing Swap May 24

Bring your unneeded men's, women's or children's clothing (clean, and in wearable condition please!) to the Clothing Swap on Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, then pick up whatever you can use. Info, Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com.

Our Folks...

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Wayne Mitter, who passed away on Sunday evening, May 11.

Our thoughts of healing are with Jan Skinner, who is recovering from abdominal surgery.

Congratulations to these May 3 graduates: Jonathan Conley, son of Bill and Mary Jo Conley, from IU Law School, Eric Loftman and Yarrow Neubert, son and daughter-in-law of Connie and Guy Loftman, from IU Law School, to member Laura Smith, who received her Ph.D., and to member Susan Bookout, who received her MBA.

Congratulations also to Martenic (Marsha) Reed, daughter of Renee Reed. Marsha will graduate from Harmony School this spring.

Many thanks from Sally Todd to all in the congregation who "held her in the light" during her recent illness; she continues to be on the mend, and is very grateful to all.



Wanted – Lawn Mowers

The Grounds Committee is looking for volunteers who can spend a few hours during the summer months mowing the grass at church. It takes about three hours each week to mow everything, but the job can be broken down into shorter periods of time over a couple of days. If you can help, please contact John Lawson at 335-1856/lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net. We will e-mail a signup sheet with available weeks so volunteers can see when help is needed.



Earth Tip: Children and the

Outdoors Summer is a wonderful time for children to enjoy and explore the outdoors. Adults' active participation with kids outside can enhance their understanding and connection with the environment. The Children & Nature Network website cites research by Dr. Louise Chawla about childhood experiences that influence people to take action to benefit the environment when they are adults. A list of ways to enhance kids' family camping experiences: www.eartheasy.com. The American Camp Association website (www.acacamps.org) has loads of information about camps and the camp experience. They also have a cool "Green Spoken Here" pledge that families can take:

http://www.campparents.org/nature/green_spoken_here.pdf.

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

“Retrofitting Homes for Energy Conservation”

May 29 Time: Thursday, May 29, 2008, 6:30 p.m. Place: Monroe County Public Library, Room I-B. Bob Geswein on how homeowners can detect energy leaks and energy inefficiencies in their older homes, and how older homes can be retrofitted to conserve energy and money. Presented in part by Earth Care, Bloomington's Interfaith Group for the Environment.

BHSN Theatre Fundraiser June 6 to send a production of an original play to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Friday, June 6th 6:30p.m. at the UU Church. Performance of "Dust," dinner, and ceilidh featuring our own Heartland String Band. Tickets \$40 at Bloomingfoods.

Stepping Stones' Spring Fling May 18

When: Sunday, May 18, 2008 11am-4pm
Where: IU School of Law Lawn at 3rd and Indiana
What: Community yard sale, craft sale, silent auction, live entertainment. Free.

Stepping Stones' Icing on the Cake Dessert and Awards Ceremony May 20

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 7-8:30pm
Where: Ivy Tech
What: Dessert and awards to recognize the Hon. Viola Taliaferro, Monroe County Circuit Court Judge and Ron Thompson, Executive Director of Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County.
Keynote speaker: Gerardo Gonzalez
Music: Craig Brenner
\$35 single, \$50 couple, \$140 table of 6.
RSVP to Linsay Riddle 339-9771.

The Tuesday Market Starts June 3

Visit the Tuesday Farmers' Market in its new location on Madison Street next to Bloomingfoods Near West. Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m. starting June 3.

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

mobile phone: 322-0205

Rev. Breeden will be away until May 7.

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays

breeden@uubloomington.org

mobile phone: 360-1779

Lunch with a Minister Join Rev. Bill Breeden for a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon.

25% of Sunday Plate Fund Recipient to be Selected June 1

The Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) announces the 2008-2009 finalists for the church's 25% of non-pledge Sunday Plate funds. The three finalists for this year's congregational vote are:

People and Animal Learning Services, Inc.,
Middle Way House Emergency Shelter,
Volunteers In Medicine Clinic.

Brief presentations by each will be given during the Social Justice Moment on Sunday, May 25. Martha's House will continue to receive 25% of non-pledge Sunday offering funds through June 30. Recipient for the coming year will be selected at the Congregational Meeting on June 1 at 4:00 p.m.

The Prologue

Unitarian Universalist Church of
Bloomington
2120 N. Fee Lane
Bloomington, IN 47408-1646

812-332-3695

www.uubloomington.org

The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Minister

The Rev. Bill Breeden, Minister



Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bloomington,
Indiana
Permit No. 78

May 12, 2008 (mailed on May 13)

TIME VALUE! Please deliver by May 14

Return Service Requested



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		May 2008	14 7:00pm Membership Cmte. 7:00pm Finance Cmte	15 12:00pm Membership Develo 5:30pm UU Meditation 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Chal Cir 8:30pm Heartland String Band	16 10:00am Homeschool Group 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff	17 8:00pm BLEMF Concert
18 12:30pm Rainbow Rights TF 2:00pm Recital - Douglas 2:00pm Fac Use 3:00pm Exp UU 6:00pm YUUMS 6:00pm YRUU 7:00pm BLEMF	19 6:30pm RE Committee	20 3:00pm Rehearsal - fac use 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	21 1:00pm Chal Cir - Holl 7:00pm UU Board	22 5:30pm UU Meditation 7:00pm UU Choir	23 6:30am Ctr Beh Hlth 10:00am Homeschool Group 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 8:00pm BLEMF concert	24 9:00am Clothing Swap
25 6:00pm YRUU 7:00pm BLEMF concert	26 9:00am Office closed 4:00pm BLEMF Concert 7:30pm Voces Novae	27 10:00am Prologue Deadline 6:45pm BCS Rehearsal 7:30pm Quarryland Men's Chorus	28 5:30pm Recital - Mackey-McGee 6:00pm Nom Cmte	29 5:30pm UU Meditation 7:00pm UU Choir 8:30pm Heartland String Band	30 10:00am Homeschool Group 10:30am Lifestory 12:00pm UU Staff 5:00pm wedding rehearsal	31 2:00pm wedding