

~ The Prologue ~

May 27, 2008

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

Welcoming Congregation since 1995

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Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, June 1, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

On Marriage and Civil Rights for All Reverend Bill Breeden

The choir will share music by UU composers this Sunday, on the theme of peace.

Sunday, June 8, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: An Eye for Possibilities

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Guest Choir: *Voces Novae*

In this worship service, inspired by a May concert by the chamber choir *Voces Novae*, we will explore the realm of recycling within its ecological sense and beyond. In her program notes for the concert, the artistic director of *Voces Novae*, Susan Swaney, states, "Recycling is not just an ecologically responsible act; it is a way of seeing the world, an eye for possibilities."

Join us for some recycled sermon insights and further explorations. *Voces Novae*, under the direction of Susan Swaney, will recycle music from their May concert for our worship services.

Please join us in thanking Religious Education teachers at the all church ice cream social between services, 10am-11am.



~ Official Notice ~

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

Picnic 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. Congregational picnic to follow—a thank you from the Stewardship Committee.

To Members and Friends: A Message from the President of the Congregation

Let me begin with a word of appreciation for your support of our congregation and your participation in the Annual Pledge Drive. In the midst of tough economic times we are now completing a very successful pledge drive. Our Stewardship Committee is to be commended for coordinating an outstanding campaign. As of May 26th our total pledges for 2008 are \$405,912!

After considering all budget requests for the coming year, the Board of Directors, in consultation with the Finance Committee, believe that we need a budget of at least \$413,000 in order to meet the demands of the mission and ministry of this church. The Finance Committee, using priorities defined by the Board, has judiciously pared down the total budget requests of over \$420,000 in order to arrive at this figure. As you can see, we need only \$7,000 to meet this minimal budget, and we *believe* that we can reach it. Therefore we are asking members and friends to consider small additions to their pledges. An increase of \$50 per pledge would mean that we could restore the cuts and fully fund all budget requests. That is less than \$1 per week. Meeting the minimal budget is certainly within our reach, and wouldn't it be something if we could meet the total requests? If you have not yet pledged, now is the time.

Let me briefly give you some of the priority items that we are striving to meet with this budget.

1. Provide a cost of living raise for employees
2. Increase the co-ministers' compensation from 86.5% to 90% fulltime employment (FTE). The minimal budget outlined above raises this to 89% FTE.
3. Add a part-time membership integration staff member to work with volunteer co-ordination and membership development.

If you can help with this effort by making a small increase in your pledge, or if you have not pledged because you did not think your pledge

large enough to make a difference, we need to hear from you immediately. Our deadline, or lifeline, for this budget is the June 1st congregational meeting, and the Board needs to know by Thursday, May 29th in order to make the budget fit the reality of our pledges. You can call 332-3695 or respond by email to admin@uubloomington.org to let us know.

Thank you,

Jan Skinner, Congregational President

MAM's Musings

I am currently preparing a worship service for June 8th entitled "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: An Eye for Possibilities". In this worship service which will include pertinent facts about recycling as well as metaphorical explorations, I plan to recycle some ponderings and insights from past sermons. As I explore some former sermons and worship service, I'd love your help. Is there something from a past sermon that has really stuck with you? Is there a moment in a worship service you found particularly transforming? I would appreciate hearing from you as part of the preparation for this worship service. Contact me at: macklin@uubloomington.org or give me a call 332-3695. While I may not be able to recycle everything for the June 8th worship service, nothing shared regarding the sacred time we spend together in worship ever goes to waste!

On another note, please see the "Caring Committee" call for volunteers (Page 6) for those of you who were not here to fill out a volunteer sheet at the May 11th worship services. Also, many thanks to those of you who have already offered your caring assistance; this past week we had a *call for care* regarding respite care and had a generous response. Our congregation sees itself as "seeking the spirit, building community and changing the world". Our Circle of Care is part of that vision.

Warmly, Mary Ann

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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RE Teacher Celebration June 8

Please join us in thanking Religious Education teachers at the all church ice cream social between services on Sunday June 8th, 10am-11am. Teachers will be wearing blue

chalice pins on their name tags, please make an effort to thank one of your child's teachers personally.

YUUMS Advisors: Colleen Haas, Mary Boutain, Martha Nord, Elizabeth Collins
YRUU Advisors: Sam Cusack, Eve Cusack, Adam Leite, Martha Oakley

Fall 2007 RE Teachers

9:00 AM - First Service

Preschool: Allan Paton, Mindy King, Helen D'Amico

K – 1st : Sandy Pate, Diane Monroe, Leslie

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2nd-6th : Matthias Weber, Robin Young, Angela

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11:15 AM – Preschool: Tammy Orahood,

Ginny Ritchie, Dennis Duvali

K – 1st: Glenda Breeden, Dixie Welch, Lori

Carmichael Howell

2-3rd Grade: Rob Richards, Carol Hetrick, Jena

Hanes

4th-5th-6th Grade: Jennifer Livesay, Denisha

Jones, Mark Veldman, Maryah Converse

7th-12th Grade: Heather Hansen, Kim Sackmann,

Phil Cooper

Spring 2008 RE Teachers

9:00 AM - First Service

Preschool: Allan Paton, Mary Blizzard, Lindsey Weaver

K – 1st: Sandy Pate, Kimberly Wagner, Laura

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2nd-6th: Matthias Weber, Robin. Young, Aleisha

Kropf

11:15 AM - Second Service

Preschool: Tammy Orahood, Ginny Richey,

Steve Patterson

K – 1st: Angela Scharfenberger, Chris Quirk, Jack Lagoni

2-3rd: Barbara Vance, Patty Doyle, Jena Hanes

4th-5th-6th Grades: Anne Starace, Denisha Jones, Mark Veldman

7th-12th: Heather Hansen, Kim Sackmann, Dave Crane

OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Curriculum)

Teachers: Amy Taylor, Kevin Woodruff, Kim Sackmann, Mary Mahern, Phil Cooper

Intersession teachers: Charlotte Appel, Regina Dilavore, Denise Breeden-Ost, Ros Sternberg, Matthias Weber, Dorothy Sowell, Andrew Appel, Bob Flynn, Ruellen Fessenbecker, Anne Graham, Kim Sackmann, Kelly Rockhill, Melissa Bartlett, Will Watt, Deirdre Sheets, Patty Doyle, Jen Staab, Heike Meya, Amy Cornell

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite,

Minister of Religious Education

Attendance

Sun, May 18, 9:00: 91 11:15: 164

RE: 9:00: n/a 11:15: n/a Total: 255

Sun, May. 25 , 9:00: 109 11:15: 141

RE: 9:00: n/a 11:15: n/a Total: 250

Sunday Offering

Sun, May 18 non-pledge offering: \$230

Sun, May 25 non-pledge offering: \$303

Total to Martha's House: \$133

Vacation Time!

Wondering what impact your family vacation might have on the environment? The Sierra Club has an online quiz titled: "How Green is My Getaway?" with some interesting questions and informative answers. (If you despise taking quizzes, you can even skip right to the answers!) Find out about the most eco-friendly ways to travel at <http://www.sierraclub.org/howgreen/getaway/>

In Honor of Gay Pride Month

The Rainbow Rights Task Force invited two members of our congregation to share their stories in this issue, in honor of Gay Pride Month:

A Couple for Thirteen Years

We have been a couple for thirteen years and consider ourselves married. Other than being of the same sex, we do not lead especially “Gay” lives (whatever exactly that means). We do not march in parades, frequent gay bars, read gay literature, or have many gay friends. Our social circle consists of mostly straight people who treat us like any other couples they know. To be sure, living in liberal Bloomington, moving in academic circles, working for an employer that offers domestic partner benefits, and attending a UU Church makes being gay almost seem “normal.” All in all, the fact that we are gay is usually not very relevant, and that’s precisely the way we want it.

However, society makes it relevant by discriminating against us. Even here in liberal Bloomington, we do not have the legal rights as a couple that heterosexual married couples enjoy. That we are not allowed to have our union legally recognized by the State of Indiana if we so choose is absurd and discriminatory, turning us into second class citizens. The fact that this position is usually based on a particular interpretation of religion as though it represented the only possible religious voice should be completely intolerable to any fair-minded liberal religious person. GLBT rights are simply a matter of social justice and civil rights.

Her Passion for All of Life

In high school I had many boyfriends. I loved the dances and parties and kept the strict rules of the Catholic church concerning sex. At college and after, more than a few men proposed marriage. I was married for twenty-one years. We are blessed with three wonderful sons.

I met Linda about a year after I was divorced and we began a relationship. It was wild, funny, intelligent, crazy and physical. We took walks in the rain and went wading in a creek at night. Much laughter! I thought this was all a fluke. I still

wasn’t sure who I was and wanted solitude to continue my counseling and healing.

Linda died this year in California from pancreatic cancer. She fought valiantly to live for three and a half years. When she entered a room she swept everyone in with her smile—her passion for all of life.

Last summer she came to Akron to say goodbye to friends. It was as if I had just seen her. So emotional and real! In her presence, I could open my heart. That is what being a lesbian means to me.

Summer Vacation Religious

Education The first two Sundays in June, our Religious Education classes will learn about how children can make an impact on world hunger through the Heifer International summer Read to Feed program. Then we will embark on a journey with the Green Sanctuary Task Force to find out what children can do to prevent global warming.

Carpool to Church!

Carpool to church! Can’t quite manage to bike or walk? Check out the carpool list at the Green Sanctuary table in Fellowship Hall. Add your name, or find a carpool buddy!

New Member Biographies

Phillip and Christine Quirk

Phil works in IU’s new interdisciplinary Human Biology Program, where he co-teaches courses with Jane McLeod. Chris is leaving cancer research in IU’s Medical Sciences Program in order to work as liaison with oncologists throughout Indiana for Bristol Myers-Squibb. Their son, Sean, just turned seven, and they expect a baby in September. They have both expressed admiration for the Books for Prisoners program.

Fred Churchill

I was born the year Franklin Roosevelt got elected. My brother and I were packed off

every Sunday to the nearest Unitarian Church to give my parents a peaceful Sunday morning without the noisiest of four children about. My career was tediously normal: BA (Biology); US Army; Columbia MA (History) 1961; Harvard PhD (History of Science) 1967; IU faculty (History and Philosophy of Science) 1966 to 1997. I have enjoyed: sports, the Red Sox, bird watching, skiing, book collecting, travels, tree farming, and planting a personal arboretum. My wife, Sandra, has been my best friend for thirty years. When her two sons and their families visit, Sandra and I will attend UU services; so that they, too, may enjoy a lazy Sunday morning at our home.

Sandra Churchill (answers to Sandy too)

I was raised on a small farm with a brother and sister in Evansville, in the land of great German food and good genes, where both parents are still living under their own steam (mostly). I grew up on good books, pies, bacon, eggs, fried this and that and enjoyed a large family most who survived well into their late 90s and early 100s. First of my family to go to college, I graduated from IU with a degree in English, history and business and did graduate work in gerontology. I retired after 36 years at IU (most of them great fun). I enjoy my family: two sons, their lovely wives and three GRAND daughters and my dear husband Fred Churchill. I read a lot, quilt, hike, volunteer, play bridge, and love the out of doors. I'm delighted to have a new family: the UU family.

Vickie McCadden

I am a grandmother of one, mother of three. I became a Certified Massage Therapist 11 years ago and then a Reflexologist, Herbalist etc. I have developed a manual modality of Energy work to add to my repertoire and wrote and self-published the manuals to teach others. I enjoy gardening, reading, hiking, cooking, enjoying life and living it to its fullest. Years ago I taught Sunday school classes at a Unitarian church in Illinois.

Memo from MAM: Supporting Hallman Candidacy

Many of us are finding inspiration in all of the energy around the current election process for the next President of the United States. Meanwhile, within our own Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) a whole other presidential campaign has begun. There are two candidates who are seeking election as the next President of the UUA: Reverend Laurel Hallman www.hallmanforuupresident.com and Reverend Peter Morales www.moralesforuupresident.org. Both candidates are passionate about Unitarian Universalism and the prospect of leading our association. I hope you will take time to visit both of their web-sites to familiarize yourself with each candidate. Information regarding what you can do to support either candidate is available on their web-sites. Voting will take place at General Assembly in June 2009.

As for me, I have formally endorsed Reverend Hallman who, as many of you know, is a former minister of this congregation. I was a member of this congregation for several years when Laurel was ministering here (back in the 1980s). Her ministry was part of the inspiration which led to my decision to pursue a vocation in Unitarian Universalist ministry. If you'd like to join a local group supporting Laurel's bid for the UUA presidency, please contact me at: macklin@uubloomington.org. I am sure there will be plenty to do in the coming year. When I recently asked Laurel what supporters from this congregation can do at present, she said, "You can invite people to go to my website. I have also just started a Facebook account. ☺. And tell them I love them, even the ones I don't know!"

Peace, Mary Ann
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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**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.

**Interfaith Build Celebration June 1: Eat
and sign up to build!** The Habitat for
Humanity Task Force is hosting a continental-
style breakfast between the services from 10
a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 1 in Fellowship Hall to
celebrate the start of the Interfaith Build on July
26 and thank everyone for helping us raise
more than \$15,000 to participate. We are
among nine (maybe 10) faith communities who
will work together over about three months
to build a home for a Monroe County family.
Among the others are: Trinity Episcopal, First
United, Beth Shalom, St. Thomas Lutheran, St.
Paul Catholic, Friends Meeting and Baha'i
Center. Sign up to build on specific dates and
help provide food for builders at a table in
Fellowship Hall between services. Thanks SO
much for your donations, purchases of baked
goods, Christmas ornament, car washes, and
support over the past two years.

Our Folks

Congratulations to Eve Cusack, who
graduated from the Rocky Mountain
Montessori Center in Boulder, Colorado on
May 18; Eve will continue teaching at the
Bloomington Montessori School.

Dee Lane has moved to Richland
Beanblossom Healthcare Center, and would
appreciate visitors or cards: 5911 W St Rd 46,
Ellettsville, IN 47429.

Caring Committee Asks for Your Help!

If you are willing to be called to help meet
one or more of the following needs, please
complete this form and **mail it to the
church, Attn: Caring Committee, or send
us an email with the same information,
admin@uubloomington.org**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I can help with the following:

Prepare occasional food for situations of
short-term health recovery, bereavement, or
new parenthood

Provide occasional transportation for those
who are unable to drive but need to get to
appointments

Help purchase, prepare, and/or serve food at
memorial service receptions

Set up or clean up for memorial service
receptions

Provide respite care for family member of a
homebound member

Visit someone who is homebound or in a
nursing home

How long have you been attending worship
services at our church? _____

What other activities have you been involved
in with our congregation?

Sharon Yarber, Caring Committee Chair, 336-4427.

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Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

Encounter Point film and discussion at Beth Shalom June 1

Brit Tzedek V'Shalom and Congregation Beth Shalom will show the film Encounter Point Sunday, June 1 at 7:30 Beth Shalom Sanctuary 3750 E. Third St. This documentary introduces citizens on both sides for whom ending the conflict in Israel and Palestine has become a personal quest. Join us Sunday evening for a FREE film and conversation. Call Julie Bloom at 339-9146 or email at jgb1948@gmail.com.

Jail Volunteer Training June 2

An orientation/training for volunteers at the Monroe County Jail will be held Monday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the jail. Those who wish to participate should meet in the jail lobby.

Volunteers who complete this session will be able to go to their destinations inside the jail when they come to volunteer, without an escort. Questions, Debra Morrow at 812-349-2890.

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, June 15 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.) Contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, June 11.

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'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, June 10 at 12:00 noon.

Noretta Koertge Speaks at Alliance June 5

Noretta Koertge, church member and Professor Emerita of History and Philosophy of Science at IU, is the scheduled speaker for the Women's Alliance meeting on Thursday, June 5 in Fellowship Hall. Noretta's talk is entitled "My Evolving Thoughts About Science and Religion." A brown bag lunch starts at 11:30 a.m., with beverages and desserts served by the hostesses Diann Lock and Harriet Pfister. The program begins at 12 noon. Alliance officers for the year 2008-09 have been elected: Diane Gregory, President; Betty Showalter, Vice President; Karen Cassidy, Secretary; and Judy Bennett, Treasurer. Guests are always welcome to attend Alliance meetings.

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		May 2008	28 5:30pm Recital - Mackey-McGee (at 7p)	29 5:30pm UU Meditation 7:00pm UU Choir 7:00pm Earth Kin 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 (at 5p)
June 2008 1 10:00am Habitat Thank You Breakfast 10:15am General Assembly 12:45pm Shaping Our Futur 4:00pm Annual Cong Mtg 5:00pm Cong Dinner 6:00pm YUUMS	2 7:30pm Voces Novae	3 5:00pm~5:00pm UU Staff Retreat, off-site	4 <====-5:00pm UU Staff Retreat ends 7:00pm Membership Cmte	5 11:30am Women's Alliance 12:00pm Fac Use all day	6 12:30pm UU Super Staff 6:00pm "Dust" Fundraiser	7
8 10:00am R.E. Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Soc. 12:15pm Parent Talk 2:00pm Fac Use	9 10:00am Prologue Deadline 5:30pm Lg Church Conf wrap-up	10	11 7:00pm Executive Cmte.	12	13 12:00pm UU Staff	14