

~ The Prologue

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

Father's Day Reverend Bill Breeden

Guest Choir: Quarryland Men's Chorus

As a Father's Day gift, our daughter Denise Breeden-Ost will share the pulpit with me, and perhaps someone else will join us to explore perspectives on the meaning of fatherhood. At 10:30 a.m. in the Library there will be a Membership Book signing. To arrange to sign our Membership Book, please see the article on Page 7.

Friday, June 20, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Solstice Celebration

See details on Page 4.

Sunday, June 22, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Summertime Reverend Bill Breeden

Time to "slow down," "dress down," "get down," and enjoy being human beings. I'll have something to say about this wonderful season.

Two Memorial Services on June 14

On Saturday, June 14, there will be a memorial service for Wayne Mitter at 1:00 p.m., and a memorial service for Dan Quilter at 6:00 p.m. Both Wayne and Dan were long-time members of our congregation.



Thank You from the Bottom of Our Hearts

Our recent invitation to members and friends to contribute a little more to our 08-09 Stewardship Campaign was a success! We met our goal of \$7,000 more, and the budget approved on June 1 included this amount. Total pledges for 08-09 as of June 9 are \$415,338. Thank you all for your generosity and devotion to our congregational life.

The West Window

Floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, droughts and wildfires! It's enough to make you wonder why we humans have to add war to the equation as if there were not enough challenges facing us on this livable little blue-green marble in midst of a vast universal space. I used to worry a lot about the future or lack thereof, but in my senior years, I have come to understand that worry doesn't put hair back on my head, and it is unlikely to change the reality with which I must learn to live. I don't mean to say that I never worry, but I have found myself doing a lot less of it lately, and this community has played a big part in that transformation. Why worry when we can celebrate?

The more I celebrate the less time I have to worry. I celebrate the strength of this community and the ways in which we care for one another and for the world in which we are called to be. As the summer heats up and life hopefully slows down, let us celebrate the gifts that we have in one another, and let us continue to raise our voice for justice, lift our hands to help others, and hold this world in the circle of our hearts for all the grandchildren to come. Celebrate the life you are given, and know that it is good.

peace—bill Rev. Bill Breeden

The woods and pastures are joyous
in their abundance now
in a season of warmth and much rain.
We walk amidst foliage, amidst song.
The sheep and cattle graze
like souls in bliss (except for flies)
and lie down satisfied. Who now
can believe in winter? In winter
who could have hoped for this?

--WENDELL BERRY

MAM's Musings

Yes, Mother Nature definitely has our attention. At Sunday's worship we lit candles for all those within our congregation and throughout Indiana/midwest affected by the recent flooding and extreme weather activity. May we continue to keep these folks in our thoughts and hearts as well as this spinning blue green planet we call home.

Of note, I will be away from the office and pulpit for the rest of June beginning next Sunday, June 15th. On that morning (June 15th), I will be in Terre Haute participating in the Installation of Amy Kindred as the new minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Terre Haute. I will be delivering the "Charge to the Minister", which is my opportunity to offer wisdom I have garnered regarding ministry within our living faith tradition. I am honored to do so. I will then spend some time in northern Indiana with family and also celebrate the 50th birthday of my partner Deborah. From there I will fly to our Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. General Assemblies make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and direct and control its affairs. Voting at each regular and special General Assembly is by accredited delegates from certified member congregations, certified associate member organizations, and trustees. I myself am looking forward to the workshops, seeing old friends and making new ones.

I am also looking forward to returning home and being back in the pulpit.

Warmly, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Summer Vacation Religious Education 2008

Sunday June 15th and June 22nd

Read to Feed Heifer Project

Encourage children to read all summer and help hungry people in developing countries

by participating in the Read to Feed project for Heifer International

(www.heiferinternational.org) On 6/15 and 6/22 grades K-9th along with members of the International Outreach Task Force will learn about extreme poverty and how gifts of livestock can contribute to a sustainable living. Children ask friends and family for donations to Heifer for reading books throughout the summer.

Together our kids make a difference; you do not have to be present to participate. Contact Cindy if your family would like to receive a packet of info in the mail.



Sunday June 29th-August 10th

Journey for the Planet

Grades K-9th will spend the summer learning about how kids can work against global

warming and why Unitarian Universalists care for the planet. With help from the Green Sanctuary Task Force, we will have fun and get empowered to make a difference. The fun will include puppets, games, outdoor exploration, tie-dying, and a field trip to the woods.

Preschool- We hope to offer preschool class throughout the summer. First service will work on the Children's Garden with Allan Paton. Please let us know if you would like to help with our 11:15 am class of 3-5 year olds.



Collect a little **Water** with your children during summer fun or vacation to bring to the Water Communion Service on August 17th.

Happy Summer!

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education

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

Rev. Macklin will be away June 15-30

macklin@uubloomington.org

mobile phone: 322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays

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Lunch with a Minister Join Rev. Bill Breeden for a brown bag lunch in Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, July 8 at 12:00** noon.

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Adult Religious Education Proposals Invited

Part of the life of our church is Adult Religious Education (ARE). Church members propose and facilitate (or co-facilitate) most of our ARE offerings, which in the past have covered a large range of topics of interest to UU members. ARE offerings are welcome on new topics as well as repeats of previous topics in which interest has been expressed.

The Adult Religious Education Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an ARE offering for Fall 2008. If you have an area of interest that is relevant to ARE, let us know. An Event Proposal Form is available from the ARE box in the workroom, from the church office, or electronically from

<http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/index.php>.

To allow time for adequate planning, please return completed forms by August 1 to the workroom ARE box, or email it to are@uubloomington.org. The committee will review all proposals by August 8, 2008 and then contact you about your proposal.

You can view this Spring's ARE offerings at http://uubloomington.org/re/adult/ARE_JanMayProspectus08.pdf.

Bob DeVoe, Chair

Adult Religious Education Committee

Attendance

Sun, June 1,	9:00:	97	11:15:	165	
RE: 9:00:	44	11:15:	54		Total: 360
Sun, June 8,	9:00:	85	11:15:	171	
RE: 9:00:	27	11:15:	48		Total: 331

Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, June 1</i> non-pledge offering:	\$582
<i>Sun, June 8</i> non-pledge offering:	\$332
Total to Martha's House:	\$228

Summer Solstice Celebration June 20

Earthkin invites everybody to a Summer Solstice celebration on Friday June 20. Children's' activities will begin at 6:30PM and the celebration/ceremony in the UU courtyard at 7:30. Attendees are asked to bring their "fulsome summer selves," a bouquet of fresh wild flowers or grasses, and some fresh summer fruit in bite-size pieces to share with others. If you have rattles, drums, flutes or pipes, bring those for merry-making afterwards. For additional information, talk with Beckie Wagner, Karen Gunderman or Tim Slack.

Our Folks

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Dan Quilter, who passed away Thursday, May 29.

Our thoughts are with Eleanor Auer, whose daughter is recovering from surgery in Oklahoma City.

Our thoughts are also with everyone in Monroe and surrounding counties who has been affected by this week's disastrous flooding.



Water Service is August 17

Remember to bring some water, a stone, a shell or other object from your summer adventures to our Water Communion Ingathering Services on Sunday, August 17.

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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!

Bulletin Board

HOUSING NEEDED Single gentleman with pension seeking apartment or small house by end of summer or early fall. Contact: Glenda Breeden, 812-829-3431.

FURNITURE FOR SALE Cheap: 8' red fabric couch \$50, two unusual end tables, \$50 for both. Tim Slack, 812-827-3080 or 812-827-3082

NICE DOGS NEED HOME Foster or Adoption home wanted for two lovable lab mix females; Poco and Presto. Family moving to Germany for a year in July; can't take dogs. Pat & Alexa Casey: 606-9046 or ptrck.casey@gmail.com

USHERS NEEDED AT PLAYHOUSE Brown County Playhouse seeking ushers for the summer. No experience needed. See the show for free! Must be at least 15 years old. Trish Hausmann, 856-3844 or pjhausma@indiana.edu

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for students from France, July 8-29. Contact Leslie Cracraft, lcraecraft@harmonyschool.org

UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is July 6

Current needs are soups,



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



**Hookers,
Needlers and
Shuttlers!
You know who
you are!**

It's never too early to begin spinning your magic that will help feed our hungry neighbors.

Last year we were able to raise over \$1500 for Monroe County United Ministries through the sale of your beautifully crafted fiber art projects at our UU Christmas Bazaar. With your help in restocking our inventory, we hope to surpass last year's record sales this December. A MCUM project drop box will be located by the Social Justice table between services on Sundays for the collection of hand made scarves, hats, slippers, mittens, miniatures, afghans, quilts - no project too large or too small! For further information contact Mary Blizzard, 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com, subject line MCUM PROJECTS.

Remember, start early to warm your heart!

Volunteers in Medicine Thanks

Elizabeth Sturgeon, Executive Director of Volunteers in Medicine, and I (Judy Bennett) would like to sincerely thank the members of our congregation for their vote on June 1 to give the clinic the 25% of unpledged Sunday plate for the 2008-09 year.

The clinic is a true example of believing in the worth and dignity of every person. Many of the clients there have never been treated with respect before when they tried to obtain healthcare, and for most it has been years since they had healthcare except in an emergency. The money for the diabetic test strips will hopefully help the diabetics start testing their own blood sugars and partnering with their physician at VIM to take control of their disease. Thank you all.

—Judy Bennett, VIM volunteer

In Support of Native American Sundancers

Earthkin will hold a ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11 in the UU courtyard in support of the Native American sundancers. Our ceremony will express our support, gratitude and emotional encouragement for those dancers participating in this centuries-old ceremony. By our ceremony, we honor those who are dancing to further the connectedness of us all. Each participant is asked to bring a small spirit gift, which will be placed on a blanket and each participant will choose another's offering after the ceremony concludes. —Tim Slack

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community



Lend a Hand

Buy a Foot

Did you know that the Hoosier Hills Food Bank has actually had to refuse donated food due to their inability to store it? And yet, in 2007 HHFB somehow distributed a record

2.3 million pounds of food —42% more than the year prior. They need more space and with your help they can relocate to a new facility that more than doubles the area of their present facility. You may buy a piece of the new HHFB site for \$48 a square foot and fulfill this dire need for more storage and operating room. To make a much needed contribution call Hoosier Hills Food Bank at 334-8377 or visit www.hhfoodbank.org.

Cut Your Carbon Workshops Offered by Earth Care in June and July

See the schedule in May 27 Common Ground, Page 3. Earth Care is Bloomington's Interfaith Group for the Environment, and our Green Sanctuary Task Force is a member.

How to Help Victims of Recent Flooding in Southern Indiana

To help people in a specific county, send donations to the American Red Cross office which serves that county:

Monroe and Owen County:

American Red Cross, Monroe Co. Chapter
411 E 7th St, Bloomington IN 47408

Brown and Bartholomew County:

American Red Cross, Bartholomew-Brown Co. Chapter, 931 Repp Dr, Columbus IN 47201

Morgan County:

American Red Cross, Greater Indpls, PO Box 2303, Dept 154, Indpls IN 46206-2303

Natural Building Techniques Featured at Caldwell Center Luna Moth Gallery

There will be a reception for the current show in the Luna Moth Gallery, Earthworks, on June 13th from 5:30 - 7:30. The Earthworks show features 3 buildings in the Bloomington area using natural building techniques. "Fox Haven" - a cordwood Hermitage at the Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat; the Habitat for Humanity built Strawbale house; and Silja Weber's "Hobbit" type playhouse created with cob construction.

You may tour Silja Weber's Cob-built building from 2-4 this Saturday, June 14th. The address is 1503 Dunstan Drive. Luna Moth Gallery At The Caldwell Eco-Center, 323 S. Walnut St. <http://lunamothartgallery.blogspot.com/>

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.

High Impact, Low Commitment

If you are casting about for a way to lend a hand at church, we would appreciate your help on alternate Tuesday mornings, 9-11 a.m., when we fold and label The Prologue. We'll be folding next on Tuesday, June 24.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		June 2008	11 7:00pm Executive Cmte.	12	13 12:00pm UU Staff	14 1:00pm Wayne Mitter Mem Svc 6:00pm Dan Quilter Mem Svc
15 10:30am Membership Book Signing	16	17 7:00pm Yoga 7:00pm Green Spaces Cmte	18 7:00pm UU Board	19	20 6:30am Ctr Beh Hlth 12:00pm UU Staff 7:30pm Summer Solstice Celebration	21 9:00am Permaculture Class
22	23 10:00am Prologue Deadline	24 7:00pm Yoga	25 General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale 6/25-6/29	26	27 12:00pm UU Staff	28
29	30 End of Fiscal Year					