

~ The Prologue ~

August 4, 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, August 10, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

“Realing” in our Promises

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

How do we make our promises real? In this worship service, we will affirm our congregation’s ongoing promises as a covenantal community within our circle of care. During the service we will be re-introducing and exploring our small group ministry program, entitled “Chalice Circles.” This program is based on the formation of relationally-oriented small groups within the congregation which promote intimacy and spiritual growth. Join us as we explore issues of intimacy and ultimacy in our worship together as Unitarian Universalists.

Sunday, August 17, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Down to the River to Pray

Reverend Bill Breeden and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this, our annual water communion ceremony (see below), Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden will wade in the theological waters of welcome and inspiration. Special music will be offered by our Children’s Choir, directed by Jill Courtney, and our Adult Choir, directed by Susan Swaney. There will be plenty of rhythm, warmth and reflection.



Water Communion 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. The new fall term for children’s Religious Education also begins August 17.

From the Ministers:

In case you missed it, August arrived last week and the “Dog Days” cannot be far behind. Care for yourselves in the heat, breathe into each day with thanksgiving and walk mindfully in as much as you are able. This summer we have mourned the deaths and celebrated the lives of several long-time members of our congregation. As ministers, it has become a summer of reflection. Our Unitarian Universalist faith is one that honors all of life of which death is an essential part, and the dignity with which our brothers and sisters live is reflected in the dignity with which they die. And yet witnessing that full cycle of dignity takes a toll, and we wish to remind this community to care for one another. Take a moment now to draw a circle around the whole of our church family, and then a moment to draw a circle around a particular one who comes to mind and whisper “blessed be.” Take also a moment to know in your heart that you are encircled, and that your name is being whispered as well.

On Wednesday evening, July 30 we held a candlelight vigil in response the tragic violence at the Tennessee Valley UU congregation in Knoxville, TN. We were joined by persons from other faith communities for an hour of healing. A relief fund has been established by the denominational headquarters in Boston. These funds will be used to provide ministry to the Knoxville community as they recover from the trauma of senseless violence. If you wish to contribute to this effort see the information below.

As we prepare for the coming school year, let us re-dedicate ourselves to the task before us, i.e. making the world a better place for generations to come. Let us know

that the rewards of living life to its fullest and giving ourselves to such a task far outweigh the risks, and let us know that love will guide

Lastly, remember the water communion ceremony on Sunday, August 17. This is an annual liturgical gathering of our family, bringing together life-giving water from our individual lives to add to that healing stream of community.

Peace—bill and mary ann
Rev. Bill Breeden and
Rev. Mary Ann Macklin

Knoxville Relief Fund

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA), in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District, has established the Knoxville Relief Fund to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the tragedy in Knoxville, Tennessee. Your gifts will assist the Tennessee Valley UU Church and the Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and their members, and will show them that they are not alone during this time of shock and grief. Make an online, credit card donation through the UUA's secure website to the Knoxville Relief Fund. (uua.org) Or you may contribute by check:

* Send checks made payable to
"Knoxville Relief Fund" to:

Tom Klein
Unitarian Universalist Association
Stewardship and Development, 6th Floor
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

For more information contact [giftinfo @ uua.org](mailto:giftinfo@uua.org). No more than 5% of the funds raised will be used to cover administrative costs, including fees for credit card processing.



August 10th: Helping Habitat for Humanity

On Sunday, August 10th children in Religious Education will help prepare lunch for the Interfaith Build with the Habitat for Humanity Task Force.

Grade schoolers in first service will prepare sandwich wraps and students at 11:15 will prepare fruit salad. Children in grades 5th and up will have the opportunity to help deliver lunch to the building site during second service. Join us for this last day of Summer Vacation Religious Education.

Fall Semester Religious Education Begins Sunday August 17th kicks off the fall semester of Religious Education.

Children will divide into their classes and participate in the Water Communion with their new teachers. Everyone is invited to bring water (or a shell or rock) that was collected over the summer. Help your child prepare a sentence or two they can share with their new class about they spent the summer.

Fall Semester Registration

Please stop by the registration table on August 10th, 17th, 24th or 31st to register your children for 2008-2009 and to volunteer to help make religious education possible. It is also time to **turn in your Read to Feed forms and pledges for Heifer International.**

Children who participate will vote for which animals we want to buy this year, please let us know by August 24th if your family will be turning in pledges.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Min.of Religious Education



Exploring UU Class September 14 and September 21

Are you curious about Unitarian Universalism in general and this congregation in particular? You're invited to attend the next class to be held on September 14 and September 21 from 3-5 pm. Child care can be arranged. Sign up at the Welcome Table on Sunday or call Marjorie Crosby at 339-2579 or e-mail at marjohn28@comcast.net.

Fellowship Dinners Gearing Up

Have you had this conversation? "Whatever happened to Joe and Arlene, I never see them anymore and come to think of it what about Lucille, Albert, and Josephine. Don't they come to Church anymore?" Of course you know the answer to that. Well duh! we have two services and they come to the other one. Now if you want to catch up with these old acquaintances join the Fellowship Dinners and you will probably find them there enjoying great food, fun and renewing old friendships. Fill out a Fellowship Dinner Form from the rack in the foyer and send to Dolores or leave at the Newcomer Table and you will soon be back in the swing of things. Dolores Freiburger, Coordinator

@Email Glitches Cause Delays

The church has been experiencing email problems in the last couple of weeks, and we are currently investigating the possible causes. Some email sent to or from @uubloomington.org addresses is not getting through. If you have sent us email and do not get a response within a day or so, please be sure to call us on the phone so we can provide the information you need!

—Your Ministers and Staff, 812-332-3695

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Our Folks...

Our prayers of sympathy are with Molly Stewart and her family upon the passing of her mother, Roberta Celestial Hayes, on July 23.

Parent Talk Meets Sunday

August 10 Parents of Adults will meet on Sunday, August 10, from 12:15-2:15 in the church library. Bring a brown bag lunch/beverage and join the discussion. We meet to share joys & concerns and ideas about staying connected with our adult children. Questions ? contact Dorothy Sowell 334-0169, d.j.sowell@comcast.net

Call for Volunteers!

Ramadan Iftaar Celebration



Friday, September 19

Our Annual Ramadan Iftaar Celebration of the breaking of the fast (called Iftaar in Arabic) is one of the most enjoyable and powerful ways we connect with our new and old friends from other local religious communities. We will join with members of the Islamic Center for Iftaar, prayer, and dinner during the evening of Friday, September 19 this year. We had 300 guests last year, and we want to be prepared for even more. Islamic Center members do all the cooking, and we need about 25 UUs to make this event as wonderful as always. Please help if you can by volunteering to fill one of these needs:

Set-up team 5 - 7:30 p.m., Java Team 6 - 8:30 p.m., Greeters team 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Clean-up team 8 - 10 p.m.

Please contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@bluemarble.net, 812-837-9978, to volunteer. Thank you.

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, August 17 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 no later than Wednesday, August 13.

Voter Registration Available August 17 and September 14

If you have not yet registered to vote in Monroe County and would like to do so, there will be a non-partisan opportunity to register here at church between the services on August 17 and September 14. Abe Shimm will be facilitating this effort. For details, Abe can be reached at ashimm10@cmc.edu

Traveling Shoes... When you go out of town for vacation or other time away, and ask the Post Office to hold your mail, please be sure to let us know when you return, so we can re-start your Prologue. The P.O. tells us when you leave, but they won't tell us when you come back. Thanks! Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org

"I have been in Sorrow's kitchen and licked out all the pots. Then I have stood on the peaky mountain wrapped in rainbows, with a harp and a sword in my hands." — ZORA NEAL HURSTON
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Join the Oral History Project

The Oral History Project is seeking interviewers so that we can begin filming the more than 40 long time members of the congregation who have said they are willing to be interviewed. Since the inception of the project more than 90 people are on film in our archives. These filmed interviews are priceless. Many of those interviewed have died, and the videos provide insight into the individuals who were instrumental in both the founding and the growth of our congregation. Ministers and staff are included.

We have a new, simple to operate, digital video camera and will train people in its use. We would like people to volunteer to do ten interviews over the next year. Interviews can be done at the church or in a home and typically last less than one hour. Guidelines for the interview are provided. We guarantee that doing an interview will be a good experience and a way to get to know members of our church family. Many of those on our list are in the newly retired age group and active in the congregation.

If we get a good response to this article, we will hold training in late July or August. Please call or email Joan Caulton (jcaulton@gmail.com 336-0455).

The Oral History Project Team:
Joan Caulton, Jennifer Livesay, Jeanette Miller, Melissa Guilliland



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.



Green Spaces Building Renovation and Courtyard Redesign project.

The Green Spaces building renovation and courtyard design project has been meeting with Architect Steve Miller to develop plans that will fix problems, lower our carbon foot print, and create a multiuse courtyard. Recently an Energy Audit was conducted of the entire building, funded by the Green Sanctuary Task Force in conjunction with the Green Spaces Committee. A report will be available soon, and the results will inform our design process. Let us know if you want to be involved in creating a more green building and courtyard for our community.

--Cynthia Lindman Port
cport@epi.umaryland.edu

Next Veggie Potluck: Sept. 28th!



Save the date for our next Vegetarian Potluck, followed by an inspiring movie, on Sun. Sept. 28th at 5:00pm. Details coming in the next Prologue. Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Task Force.

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UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS

Next Bounty-Full Sunday is September 7

Current Needs:
canned fruit,
canned meats,



cornbread mix and other baking mixes, rice and pasta boxed side dishes (no expired food please). Thanks to everyone for donations in August: 89 lbs. of food. Remember to bring some fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs which are surplus from your own gardens. Collection area is in the Commons each Sunday between services and will be delivered to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard the next day. Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 333-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com.

Katrina Relief Task Force Invites Your Support for Rebuilding in New Orleans

The Social Justice Committee's Katrina Relief Task Force will be taking about 15 volunteers to New Orleans to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, from September 13-20. We will car-pool down, and stay (and cook our meals) in a church there. Most of the volunteers are contributing the \$500 estimated trip costs, but a few are able to contribute only their time. Donations are sought to support the efforts of those few. If you are able to contribute to this cause (any amount will help), please write a check to the UU Church of Bloomington with "Katrina Relief" in the "memo" line. Mail checks Attn: Carol Marks, Ch.Admin, UU Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington IN 47408. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to join the group, please phone David Parkhurst at 333-2945. Thank you.

Tapestry of Faith coming soon: Lifespan curricula for all ages

Tapestry of Faith is a new curriculum for all ages that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love. The goals of this series center around ethical, spiritual, and faith development while its themes focus on living faith, seeking truth, creating love, and serving the community.

We are delighted to present two courses this fall from the Tapestry of Faith series. **Toolbox of Faith**, by Kate Tweedie Covey, offers 5th and 6th graders an opportunity to ask themselves what tools Unitarian Universalism offers for the challenges of life. **Spirit of Life**, by Barbara Hamilton-Holway, seeks to bring meaning, beauty, inclusivity, and growth to Unitarian Universalist adults as they deepen their spiritual awareness and connections.

To find out more, check it out at uua.org. This program is truly a twenty-first century faith development curriculum that will change the face of Unitarian Universalist religious growth and learning, while keeping the spirit of programs developed by our landmark religious educators. Watch for more detailed information in the next Prologue. –Kevin Woodruff

Attendance

Sun, July 27, 9:00:	n/a	11:15:	104	RE:	72
				Total:	176
Sun, Aug 3, 9:00:	110	11:15:	139	RE:	34
				Total:	283

Sunday Offering

Sun, July 27	non-pledge offering:	\$ 403
Sun, Aug 3	non-pledge offering:	\$ 449
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:		\$ 213

Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

RSVP/Area 10 Agency on Aging is in tremendous need of volunteers right now to

- (1) deliver meals in their Mobile Meals program,
- (2) deliver food pantry food to low-income homebound seniors,
- (3) serve as receptionists at the Ellettsville office,
- (4) serve as Job Coaches for low-income individuals of all ages seeking employment. If you would like to help, contact Christine McKenna at cmckenna@area10agency.org, 812-876-3383 or 800-844-1010

Women's Alliance Meets Aug 7

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, August 7 in Fellowship Hall, beginning with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. There will be no speaker, just fellowship. Guests welcome.

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

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Lunch with a Minister Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, September 9 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.
No Lunch with a Minister in August.

High Impact, Low Commitment

Volunteer Job Want an easy way to help at church? Come to the Library on alternate Tuesday mornings, 9-11 a.m., when we fold and label The Prologue. We'll be folding next on Tuesday, Aug 19.



Earth Tip

Eating Green: Summer Harvest

You don't have to be Popeye to enjoy a green meal. No matter where you're preparing your meal (at home or on vacation), try recipes based on local, seasonal ingredients to keep the environmental impact of your grub to a minimum. This doesn't mean you have to give up on favorite dishes that call for ingredients from far away places. Rather, you can whip them up with a little creativity and substitutes from local harvests. Don't know where to begin? Start with foods available at a nearby farmers market or raid the produce aisle for basil, bell peppers, green beans, summer squash, and tomatoes--all in season during July and August.

Source: Sierra Club "Green Life" email newsletter (green.life@sierraclub.org)

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday, August 07, 2008	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	Wednesday, August 13, 2008	5:30 PM	Chal Cir Exec Cmte
	1:30 PM	Web Database Cmte		Thursday, August 14, 2008	7:00 PM
	7:00 PM	ARE Cmte	8:30 PM		String Band
	7:00 PM	Greeter Cmte	Friday, August 15, 2008	10:30 AM	Lifestory
Friday, August 08, 2008	10:30 AM	Lifestory		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	11:45 AM	UU Staff offsite	Saturday, August 16, 2008	9:00 AM	Chal Cir Fac Training
Saturday, August 09, 2008	10:00 AM	Board Retreat		12:00 PM	RE Teacher Orient.
	Sunday, August 10, 2008	10:15 AM	Children's Choir reh.	Sunday, August 17, 2008	10:30 AM
12:15 PM		Parent Talk	3:00 PM		7&8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation
Monday, August 11, 2008	12:30 PM	New RE Teacher Orient.	Monday, August 18, 2008	6:30 PM	Program Team
	2:00 PM	Facilities Use		7:30 PM	Voces Novae
	3:00 PM	Management Team	Tuesday, August 19, 2008	6:00 PM	7th & 8th Grade OWL
	7:00 PM	Membership Committee		6:45 PM	Bmtn Chbr Singers
Tuesday, August 12, 2008	7:30 PM	Voces Novae	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chor.	
	7:00 PM	7&8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation	Wednesday, August 20, 2008	12:00 PM	Staff Retreat
		7:00 PM		UU Board	