

The Prologue

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Monday, October 13, 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, October 19, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

In These Times: I Reverend Bill Breeden

The Dickensian nature of our day raises questions about our way of being in the world. In this first of two sermons I will reflect on some of those questions. Rev. Macklin will join me in presenting a wonderful response to those questions in the form of intentions expressed in the wedding vows of a young couple of our community--intentions that have inspired us with hope.

Sunday, October 26, 2008 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

In These Times: II Reverend Bill Breeden

In the midst of the final weeks of our national political theater, I will continue to consider our way of being in the world. We are called to be more than we are, and our response to that call might well be the voice that tips the balance in favor of tolerance, dignity and respect for all of life.

October 13, 2008 (mailed on Oct. 14)

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Return Service Requested



DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
10/15/2008	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	10/20/2008	6:30 PM	Program Team
	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte		6:30 PM	Science and Religion
	7:00 PM	Green Space planning mtg		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Ruellen
	7:00 PM	Greeter Training		7:30 PM	Voces Novae
	7:00 PM	UU Board	10/21/2008	10:00 AM	Chalice Circle - Ulla L.
10/16/2008	7:00 PM	5&6 Grade OWL		6:00 PM	7&8th Grade OWL
	7:00 PM	Camp Min Worship- Ballantine 004		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	7:00 PM	CJ Jung Class		7:00 PM	Green Space Initiative Input Mtg
	7:00 PM	Tapestry Class		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus
	7:00 PM	Faure Reh at Sherwood Oaks	10/22/2008	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
10/17/2008	8:00 AM	CenterStone		7:00 PM	Green Space planning mtg
	10:30 AM	Lifestory		7:00 PM	Intl Outr Fndrsr- Players Pub
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		7:00 PM	Next Steps Membership Class
10/18/2008	9:00 AM	BCS Rehearsal	10/23/2008	7:00 PM	5&6 Grade OWL
	5:30 PM	Faure Requiem Performance- SOCC		7:00 PM	Camp Min Worship-Ballantine 004
10/19/2008	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship at 9 & 11:15 a.m.		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle- Judy B.
	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing		7:00 PM	Earth Kin org mtg
	12:45 PM	Just Peace Task Force		7:00 PM	CJ Jung Class
	2:00 PM	Rituals for UU Families - ARE		7:00 PM	Tapestry Class
	6:00 PM	YRUU		7:00 PM	UU Choir
10/20/2008	1:30 PM	Database Implementation		8:30 PM	String Band
	3:00 PM	Management Team (MAM, BB, CM)			
	6:00 PM	Tolkien and Religion			

For More Calendar info, go to www.uubloomington.org and click on Full Calendar.

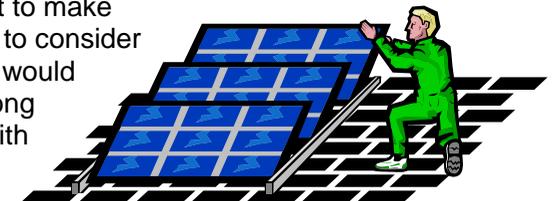


Solar Panels on the Meeting Room Roof?

The Green Spaces Initiative building renovation and courtyard improvement project is considering many possibilities which could help our church become a green leader in our community while creating a healthy future for the church through sustainable growth and practices. A professional energy audit of the building revealed many areas of concern, some that we knew about and some that were unknown.

Current building repair funds are not sufficient to make necessary repairs to our building and do not allow us to consider energy efficient practices that cost more up front but would save our budget and benefit the environment in the long run. The Green Spaces Initiative has been working with architect Steve Miller and is considering possibilities like adding solar panels or developing a fund for future growth.

We seek congregational input and involvement at this time. Please attend the All Congregation Meeting on Tuesday Oct. 21st at 7PM, find out more, ask questions, and tell us what your vision of our future is. Childcare provided.



From the Ministers:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times; it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair; we had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going directly to Heaven, we were all going the other way."—Charles Dickens (Unitarian)

"Sometimes I lie awake at night and ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night."—Charlie Brown (Perhaps a Universalist?)

Ah those Charlies, they continue to provide insight on the human condition. Indeed, we are in difficult times of ambiguity and anxiety. We stand perhaps at one of the most significant moments in the history of our nation and our human family. As ministers of this community, we give thanks for caring people committed to building community, and we pledge to strive for that community even though it will take more than one night.

We continue to have many things in this congregation to celebrate and for which to be grateful. Last week we received a message from our district which stated, "Congratulations. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington is the recipient of the Fall 2008 Chalice Lighter Grant." We are very excited about this grant, which was created to bolster our congregation's commitment to securing a membership coordinator position on our staff. Our present budget has some minimal preliminary funds, and this grant could garner \$12,000 plus. The amount is unknown, for now, because a call will go out this month to members of the "Chalice Lighters" program throughout our district. We should know the full amount by the end of this calendar year. For now, a shower of kudos to board member

Shari Woodbury, who was the lead grant writer for this project, as well as congregation members Jackie Hall and Libby DeVoe who assisted in the revisions. Many thanks to all, including staff, who helped make this grant a reality!

Meanwhile, an "Elder Focus Task Force" was created as an adjunct group to our Caring Committee, and began meeting last month. This group of folks (Jean Anderson, Barb Backler, Deborah Phelps, Jean Knowlton and Reverend Macklin) will be focusing on the gifts and needs of the wise elders of our congregation. We are borrowing the definition of 'elders' from gerontology parameters (65 plus). During the month of October, we hope to contact many of you through mail or a visit in order to gather information to further the tasks of this group.

A reminder that Reverend Macklin will be away October 20th through October 31st. She will be attending a 12-day residential program with cultural anthropologist Angeles Arrien in the Arizona desert. This leadership program is entitled, "Communication, Mediation, and Conflict Resolution Skills for Personal, Professional and Relational Growth." The program inspires 'spirit in action' using the cross-cultural components of leadership and communication skills, creative problem-solving, health, self-care and education. It is the companion program to the initial retreat Reverend Macklin attended during her sabbatical last fall.

Hope to see you Sunday.
"God bless us every one."—Tiny Tim
(However you define God, or not)

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

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Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

9th Annual Jill Behrman Run for the End Zone October 18 The Jill Behrman Run for the End Zone to benefit the Jill Behrman Emerging Leader Scholarship and Jill's House will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 18. Registration is \$25. Info at www.recsports.indiana.edu

Lunch with a Minister Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Family-Friendly ADVANCE Wednesday, Nov. 12th

Did you miss the Shaping our Future Together Advance in October? Be a part of our congregation's visioning process that continues to move forward! Families and individuals are invited to attend this second ADVANCE event on Wednesday Nov. 12th from 5:15-7:30. Dinner and children's programming will be included; children will be a part of the process. What works in our church and what do we want more of? What inquiring, inviting and inspiring ideas do you have? All ages are invited; details to come. Contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education, for more info: dre@uubloomington.org or Melinda Swenson, mwenson@iupui.edu.

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

Women's Alliance Meets November 6

The Women's Alliance will meet November 6 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. The program is from 12:00 - 12:30 with Diane Thayer, Yoga Director of the Monroe County YMCA, speaking on exercise for self-improvement. Hostesses: Karla Kunoff and Jackie Hall. Guests are always welcome.



Next Veggie Potluck: Sunday, Oct. 26, 5:00 p.m.

Join us for the next Green Sanctuary Task Force-sponsored vegetarian potluck, Sunday, October 26th @ 5:00 pm in

Fellowship Hall. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share (no meat products of any kind, no seafood, no poultry; dairy and egg products ok; vegan dishes welcome, too), a recipe/label for your dish, and your own reusable, non-disposable place settings. If you need childcare, please contact the church two weeks in advance. Following the veggie potluck at 6:15 pm will be a showing of four segments of "Renewal," (about one hour), a documentary on the vitality and diversity of today's religious-environmental activists, Questions? contact jillmcourtney@gmail.com.

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UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is November 2
Current Needs:
rice, canned mixed



vegetables, canned carrots, canned potatoes, Jiffy Cornbread mix, baking mixes, powdered milk, canned fruit. (No Expired Food Please) Thanks to everyone for donations in September: 251 pounds of food. Questions? Contact Mary Blizzard at 33-8957 or mary_blizzard@hotmail.com.

Support CROP Walk On Sunday, Oct 19

CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty." Please show your support for our annual Crop Walk by donating to a walker or becoming a walker yourself. The walk, beginning from Monroe County United Ministries at 2:00 p.m., can be either two miles or six-miles long. Twenty-five per cent of the funds raised by this event will be allocated among five local emergency service agencies. Seventy-five per cent of the funds go to interfaith agencies providing relief services in Africa and Asia. Make checks payable to Church World Service (CWS)/CROP. Please visit the CROP table in the Commons between services, get more information about the walk, and make your donation to the Walk! Thanks for your help. Contact Harriet Pfister at 339-3364 or at pfisterh@indiana.edu.

Just Peace Addresses Justice

The Just Peace Task Force meets Sunday, October 19th at 12:45 in Room 207 B. We will discuss not only our ongoing work to end the war in Iraq and prevent an attack on Iran but also the current economic crisis. Our task force used to be the Peace and Justice Task Force. We changed our name, to recognize

that there are other task forces that address justice. But since there is not currently an economic justice task force, we have an opportunity to connect peace to justice. How should the nation reorder priorities? How can our task force work towards that? For more information, please contact David Keppel 331-2815; keppel@sbcglobal.net.

Change: "Run to 100" Class

starts Sat. Oct 25, 10-11:30 am on Saturdays for 5 weeks. Facilitated by Al Strickholm. Email admin@uubloomington.org to register. \$5 charge for reading materials.

Clothing Swap November 8

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting its semi-annual clothing swap on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Clean your closets and clear the air while refreshing your wardrobe. Bring your unneeded clothing, then "shop" for whatever you can use. No money exchanged. For more information or to volunteer contact Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com. Live Green! Make the Connection.

Hatred paralyzes
life; love releases it.
Hatred confuses life;
love harmonizes it.
Hatred darkens life;
love illuminates it.

Martin Luther King Jr.



Treasure Hunting in Kindergarten and First Grade

This year our kindergarten and first graders go on a treasure

hunt every Sunday. They are learning about what Unitarian Universalists treasure most, and this week the treasure they found was 'friendship'.



Each child made a small book of friends and brought it home to put in their own treasure box which we made the first day of class. We also made a card for a friend that moved away and treasure box kits for any new friends that join the class.

Hike at Lake Griffy Oct. 19th for grades 7-8

This Sunday October 19th the Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers (YUUMS) will go on a hike at Lake Griffy. They will go to YUUMS advisor Jane McLeod's home and hike from there. Youth



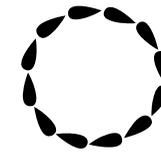
should come dressed in long pants and sneakers or boots; we expect there to be plenty of mud and poison ivy. YUUMS should also expect fun! Contact Cindy or Jane McLeod for more information.

Senior High youth attend Worship once a month

The Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) senior high youth group attends service once a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Most other Sundays they meet from 6-8PM at church for fun, food and fellowship. Recently they painted and decorated their room (RM 110) and held a mock debate. All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join any time! Contact Adam Leite

aleite@indiana.edu, Martha Nord
marthanord@hotmail.com or Sam and Eve
Cusack ssamandeve@bellsouth.net

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



Chalice Circles Invites New Members

Chalice Circles, our program of small group ministry, welcomes new members.

Groups of up to ten people, including a facilitator, meet once or twice a month with a focus on deep listening and sharing personal experiences. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session, with topics such as forgiveness, gratitude, or saying goodbye. Groups also do service projects for the church and community. Participants find that they get to know themselves, and often others, more deeply in these small groups. For more information please contact Anne Haynes at 336-3221 or Judy Bennett at 331-4181 or judybennett2@gmail.com.

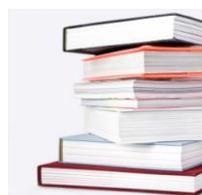
We're Dreaming of a GREEN Christmas!

Do you like simple crafting? Living lightly on our earth? Having fun with children? Please help make our annual Gift Making Workshop happen. We need both planners and people who can help on the day of the workshop. This year it is from 3:30-5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 3, and will be followed by a provided dinner and holiday sing-along if you'd like to stay. Put it on your calendar now, and please call or email Rev. Emily Manvel Leite to get involved: (333-9822 or mre@uubloomington.org). Thanks!



HOLIDAY ART FAIR AND BAZAAR Dec. 5 and 6

The 50th annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on December 5th and 6th. UU task forces and other non-profit groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by November 1st. Space is limited and costs \$15 per group; we appreciate your cooperation. Please contact Julie Lawson 335-1856 or juliakarin.i8@gmail.com or Joanne Henriot 323-9941 or jhenriot@indiana.edu



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS for the Bazaar

Used Book Collection for the Bazaar Book Sale will start November 2nd! So, start dusting and sorting through the bookcases and boxes and find those oldies but goodies you are sure someone else must read! Donations can be left in Fellowship Hall November 2nd through November 30th. If you have questions or need help with pick-up or delivery please contact Mary Jo Conley at 988-6130 or brwnbeyond@msn.com.



Cookie Walk Sign-Up Available in November

The frost is (almost) on the pumpkin, hot cider only a few short weeks away--time to cozy up and think about the tasty cookies you can bake for this year's Cookie Walk! We need all types of cookies--decorated, plain, bar, drop--anything to fill

the tummies of our hungry Bazaar buyers. Look for sign-ups in Fellowship Hall in November, but don't wait until then to envision our table laden with cookies! Your friendly Cookie Walk Committee—Karla Kunoff, Jane McLeod, and Peggy Schultz Bever The Cookie Walk motto: Bazaar Bakers Boast Butter in their Biscuits

UU Children's Choir Schedule



New singers, Kg-6th grade are welcome any time! Unless otherwise stated, rehearsals are from 10:15-11:00am on the scheduled Sunday mornings, in the Library. For more info,

contact Jill Courtney at jcourtne@mccsc.edu.
11/16 Rehearse
Thurs. 11/20 rehearse 7-7:30pm
11/23: Sing both services
12/7, 12/14, & 12/21 Rehearse
12/21 evening: Sing @ Winter Solstice svc

UU Choir Sings with BSO

Our Choir will sing the Faure Requiem at Sherwood Oaks, Sat Oct 18 at 5:30 p.m. with the Bloomington Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Charles Latshaw. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, 18 and under free.

PATRIOTISM

When a whole nation is roaring Patriotism at the top of its voice, I am fain to explore the cleanness of its hands and the purity of its heart. I have generally found the gravest and most useful citizens are not the easiest provoked to swell the noise, though they may be punctual at the polls. Emerson's *Journals* 1824



Afro Hoosier Int'l –

International Outreach Task Force Benefit Concert

On Wednesday, October 22 at 7pm, the popular local dance band Afro Hoosier Int'l (with founding member and UU Bob Port) will be performing a benefit concert at Player's Pub (424 S. Walnut) in Bloomington. There will be a \$7.00 cover charge at the door with all proceeds going to support the International Outreach Task Force affiliated service organizations. These include Giving Back to Africa, Inches International, and the Ndethya wa Ngutethya Kenyan Women's Cooperative.

Information on these groups will be available at the event. We invite you to come out and join us for a relaxing evening of Afro-pop music, dance, food, and fun.....making a difference through music.

Info: Jason Blankenship, 765-318-8851 jasonblank33@yahoo.com

UU Wednesday Walkers

A new group is organizing to walk/talk together Wednesday mornings. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10 a.m. and either walk from the church or drive to a nearby location. The walks will be about one hour long. No need to reserve. Just show up at 10. All ages, abilities and newcomers welcome. Questions: contact Denise Ogren, 336 6597 or dogren@comcast.net.



Top Reasons to be a Greeter

... Spiritually rewarding.
Welcoming others

makes your spirits soar.

... Earth friendly. No extra driving Greet on Sundays when you are coming to church anyway.

... Time-efficient Right before, during and after Sunday services.

... User friendly Training 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, October 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall. Join us! Libby DeVoe 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu

Letter Writing Campaign on Climate Change Oct 19

The Green Sanctuary Task Force and One Sky are hosting a letter writing campaign after each service on Sunday, October 19. The letters will be sent to presidential candidates and the Herald-Times, encouraging action on climate change within the first hundred days of the new administration. We'll have all the supplies you need, so please take a few moments to stop by the coffee table and remind the candidates that climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time.

Scheduling a Meeting? Check out our new Web Calendar! Go to www.uubloomington.org and click on [Full Calendar](#).

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, October 19 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, October 15.

Windows to the World? Windows to your Soul? Windows in the Meeting Room?

Enjoy seeing something beautiful or interesting in the windows during service? Flowers are only one option. Would you consider displaying your art work, your collections or creations of any kind with the congregation? Doris Wittenburg has agreed to decorate in October, and our holiday committee, headed by Mary Ann Williams, are planning for the month of December. In January, we will be treated to beautiful art work by Reza Pishgahi. Please consider signing up to help decorate our meeting room starting in February 2009. First come, first serve, for your favorite date! To sign up, please email Diann Lock dlock333@comcast.net

Grocery Cards = Easy Money For The Church!

By using a grocery gift card purchased at church, you are contributing 5% of your purchase amounts to our church. You may buy a gift card for use at Bloomingfoods,

Marsh, O'Malia's or Kroger, available in the Commons each Sunday, 10-11:15 a.m. One additional "perk" for those who use Kroger gift cards is a discount of 10 cents a gallon at the Kroger gas pump with each \$100 purchase of groceries (you also need to have a Kroger Plus card). We have many loyal customers each Sunday, but we could accommodate many more! Please consider this easy way to shop and to help our church at the same time. If you have any questions about the cards, please ask the friendly salespersons in the Commons on Sunday, or contact Sheri Benham or Harriet Pfister, Co-Coordinator of the UU Fundraiser.

New Church Directory Coming Soon—Check your Info

We will be publishing our own updated (non-photo) church directory shortly, and as always we strive for accuracy. We will have proof sheets with everyone's current information available in Fellowship Hall again on October 19 and October 26. Please check to be sure your info is correct and make any needed changes. You may also send us updated information via email, admin@uubloomington.org. *Green Moment*: Let us know if you would like to receive the 55-page directory in a pdf file via email instead of on paper through the mail.

Attendance

Sun, Oct 5, 9:00:	71	11:15:	176	RE:	106	Total:	353
Sun, Oct 12, 9:00:	85	11:15:	193	RE:	130	Total:	408

Sunday Offering

<i>Sun, Oct 5</i> non-pledge offering:	\$ 529
<i>Sun, Oct 12</i> non-pledge offering:	\$ 597
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:	\$ 282

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All-Congregational Potluck: Friday, November 7

Eat well, meet our new members and hear first-hand stories from three active church groups who are *Reaching Beyond Ourselves* at an all-congregational potluck supper on Friday, November 7 at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited—recent visitors, long time members, new members!

5:45 Arrive and chat
6:00 Dinner. New members will be seated throughout Fellowship Hall so that you can chat with them. Children will join us for dinner; childcare will be available during the program.
7:00 Personal stories from Friends of Prisoners, International Outreach and Katrina Relief task forces. (New members get to ask questions first.)

Join us! Bring a dish to share (salad, vegetable, main dish, dessert, etc), your own reusable, non-disposable place settings, and a hearty welcome for our new members. The Membership Committee will provide beverages. In order to plan how many tables to set up and childcare needs, please RSVP to Denise Ogren at dogren@comcast.net or 336-6597 by October 25.

Earth Tip: "Recycle City" – Activities for Kids

Want to help your kids to grow up healthy and green? The Sierra Club offers tips for eco-parents, including directions to this website with "Recycle City" activities: <http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/mainmap.htm> The page includes lots of educational & fun activities, centered around a map of "recycle

city." It's perfect for a rainy day or some inside-time. But be sure to get kids out in this beautiful autumn weather, too! Have fun!

Our Folks...

A memorial service for Eleanor Auer, who passed away on September 28, will be held on May 10, 2009. Timing of the service is pending, and will be announced in the Prologue in April.

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