

The Prologue

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Return Service Requested



4/15/2009	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers	4/21/2009	10:00 AM Chalice Cir - Ulla L.
	6:00 PM Campus Ministry Gathering		6:30 PM Pagan Ongoing Class
	6:00 PM Nominating Cmte		7:30 PM Quarryland Men's Choir
	7:00 PM UU Board	4/22/2009	10:00 AM UU Wednesday Walkers
4/16/2009	7:00 PM First Time Dads Support Group		6:00 PM Campus Ministry Gathering/Worship
	7:00 PM UU Choir	4/23/2009	7:00 PM Chalice Circle
	8:30 PM String Band		7:00 PM First Time Dads Support Group
4/17/2009	10:30 AM Life Stories		7:00 PM UU Choir
	12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting	4/24/2009	8:00 AM Center Stone Breakfast Series
	6:30 PM Leadership Cultivation		10:30 AM Life Stories
4/18/2009	9:00 AM Leadership Cultivation		12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting
4/19/2009	10:15 AM All-church Retreat registration	4/25/2009	7:00 PM Diversity in Music - Ghanaian Drummers
	10:15 AM Green Sanctuary Earth Fair	4/26/2009	
	10:30 AM Membership Book Signing		10:15 AM All-church Retreat registration
	12:15 PM Parent Talk		10:15 AM Children's Choir Reh.
	1:00 PM Stafford Recital I		10:15 AM Rainbow Rights Fundraiser Breakfast
	6:00 PM YRUU		12:30 PM Breakthrough Congregation Interviews
4/20/2009	3:00 PM Management Team		1:00 PM Stafford Recital II
	6:00 PM Dances of Univ Peace		6:00 PM Sabbatical Potluck
	6:30 PM Program Team		6:00 PM YRUU
	7:30 PM Voces Novae		

Our full congregational calendar is at www.uubloomington.org -- Check it out! --cm

~ The Prologue

Monday, April 13, 2009 ~

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949

GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995

Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Our Community Changing the World

Sunday, April 19, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Multigenerational Earth Day Celebration

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Reverend Bill Breeden, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Celebrate the earth with stories, song, and quiet reflection. All ages welcome. The Adult Choir and our fifth and sixth graders will share wisdom from our Transcendentalist forebears, trees and shrubs will be distributed by Earth Kin, and there will be an informative Earth Fair between the services. Consider walking, biking, carpooling, or busing (if only taking the bus were possible!) ("Wal/bi/c/us") to the festivities if you can! Child care is available (as always) for our youngest children.

Sunday, April 26, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Blessed Are the Poor? Reverend Bill Breeden

Fundraiser Breakfast on April 26 by Rainbow Rights Task Force

Join us on April 26 for a fundraiser breakfast, 10:15-11:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Rainbow Rights Task Force. The winner of the t-shirt design contest will be announced at the breakfast.

Sabbatical Scoop -- Big Potluck Supper April 26! Everyone Invited!

A **sabbatical** (from the Latin *sabbaticus*, from the Greek *sabbatikos*, from Hebrew *shabbat*, i.e., Sabbath, literally a "ceasing") is a rest from work, a hiatus, typically lasting two or more months.

The Sabbatical Committee continues its work to create opportunities for the Congregation during Reverend Bill Breeden's Sabbatical which will take place August 1 through mid-December 2009.

Please Join Us! April 26th - 6:00 pm - a Congregational Pot-Luck to learn more about Reverend Breeden's sabbatical and begin this transition with him. This gathering will be co-sponsored by the Program Team, the Board of Directors and the Sabbatical Committee.

Contact the Sabbatical Committee if you have questions: Beth Lodge-Rigal, Lloyd Orr, and Jason Hill

Reverend Macklin Away Dates: Reverend Macklin will be away from the office April 20-25. (She'll be back for the Sabbatical Potluck!)

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MAM's Musings

A few weeks ago I preached a sermon inspired by Stephen Levine's book "A Year to Live" in which he wrote,

Socrates recommended that we should "always be occupied in the practice of dying." So did His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Recently, when someone asked him what he would like to do next, the Dalai Lama answered that he was fifty-eight years old and felt that it was time to complete his preparations for death....

"When a journey is in our future, it is never too soon to check out the travel guides and customs, and to learn the language of the world approaching. And it's never too late to complete our birth. As Buddha said, 'It doesn't matter how long you have forgotten, only how soon you remember.' In many cultures and spiritual traditions it is considered an act of wisdom to prepare for death throughout life."

I mentioned in the sermon that I will be offering the class again in 2010, and due to the class content and group formation, only two absences are allowed. I have had a number of inquiries regarding whether I have 'set the dates' yet. I now have.

Saturday, January 23rd (full day workshop 9am to 3pm), and the following **Sundays**: 2:15 to 5:00pm February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 13, July 18th, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19th. An optional overnight retreat is slated for Friday and Saturday February 11-12, 2011. Formal registration will be in Fall of 2009 as part of our Adult Religious Education Program.

Meanwhile, it is time to register for the **All Congregational Earth Celebrational Intergenerational UU Retreat!** There will be worship, Dances of Universal Peace and

Campfire Singing, kayaking, archery, bird-watching, and many more outdoor activities. Ethical Eating workshops will include "Menu for the Future Sampler," "Wildflowers and Edibles," "Local Foods," "Raw Foods," and much more. Retreat registration is available between worship services, and if you need financial assistance, contact me for volunteer scholarship information.

(macklin@uubloomington.org or 332-2695).

Peace y'all, *MAM*

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

Thanks to all who have pledged thus far, we are doing well in our stewardship campaign. We are a little ahead of last year's campaign, which speaks volumes for the strength of this community and the depth of commitment shared by our members and friends. We still have a way to go, but there are still many pledges to come and we are hopeful that this year's pledge drive will once again provide a solid foundation for the ministry of this congregation. If you have not done so, please send your pledge in today. We are counting on you all doing your part, and we believe that you will do just that.

Our congregation has been named a Breakthrough Congregation by the Unitarian Universalist Association and will be honored at this year's General Assembly in Salt Lake City. We are making a video about our congregation, and will be doing "sound-byte" interviews on Sunday, April 26th, from 12:30-3:00 pm and again at 4:30-6:00 pm. The finished video will be short, and thus we cannot guarantee that your sound byte will make the final cut, but you are welcome to participate. Enjoy the springtime and find lots of mushrooms. Peace—bill

Reverend Bill Breeden *The Prologue 4-13-09 Page 2*

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Rafia Zakaria Talk April 16 The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is sponsoring a talk on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the Monroe County Public Library. Ms. Zakaria's topic is "Pakistani Women: Between Terrorism, Fundamentalism, and Authoritarianism."

Middle Way House training for Volunteers Apr 18 There will be a Middle Way House training at First United Methodist on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for new volunteers to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. No registration required.

Quarryland Men's Chorus Spring Concert April 19 The Quarryland Men's Chorus will present its Spring Concert, "Poets Weave: Heaven & Earth," at St. Thomas Lutheran Church on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at Flowers & Interiors, BLU Boy Chocolate Café, and Athena. A dessert reception will follow.

Remember Who Made You April 19 Jeffrey Barnes presents his play Remember Who Made You on Sunday, April 19 at First United Methodist at 4:00 p.m. The play highlights the struggles that people of all sexual orientations encounter on the subject of being gay AND Christian. Admission is free.

Community Kitchen's Palette to Palate fundraiser May 16 Community Kitchen's annual fundraiser, Palette to Palate, will be held on Saturday, May 16th at 6pm at the Clubhouse at The Fields. Music of Merrie Sloan and Toby Purnell and lots of great food. Tickets are available at Community Kitchen, Rebecca & Me, and Bloomingfoods.

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Lunch with a Minister April 14

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, April 14 at 12:00 noon, 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.

Ministers' Availability

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

On call M, W, F afternoons, and Thursdays
macklin@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 812-322-0205

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays
breeden@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 812-360-1779

Rev. Breeden will be on sabbatical Aug-Dec 09

Membership Coordinator Availability

Membership Coordinator Judy Bennett will be available at church in the meditation room (207b) on Thursdays 9am-11am. If you have questions please come by. Her email is memCOORD@uubloomington.org.



Third Annual Diversity in Music Concert

April 25 Join us Saturday,

April 25, 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room for a performance by a large group of drummers and dancers from Ghana! Free and open to the public.

BULLETIN BOARD

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UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is May 3



Current needs: Peanut Butter, crackers, canned fruit, canned soup, pancake mix and syrup, rice. (No expired food please) Non-food items in high demand are laundry soap and all purpose cleaners.

I Walbicus. Do You?

I like to get to church by foot. I like to get to church by bike. I like to get to church with a friend. I would like to be able to get to church in a bus. Earth Care designated Sunday, April 19 Walbicus (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to Worship Day for Bloomington. Anyone who walks, bikes or carpools to church on April 19 may pick up their free "I Walbicus. Do You?" button at the Earth Fair in Fellowship Hall between services courtesy of the Green Sanctuary Task Force. It's a conversation starter and awareness raiser. Live Green, Make the Connection

Earth Fair Sunday, April 19

The Green Sanctuary Task Force and Earth Kin are hosting an Earth Fair on Sunday, April 19 after each service. We'll be giving out free tree seedlings and information on earth-friendly activities and organizations in Bloomington and hosting resource and legislative action tables. Get connected to live green.

Cut Your Carbon Workshop in April

In this two-session workshop sponsored by Earth Care on April 19 and 26 from 3:30 -5:30 pm at the Tibetan Mongolian Cultural Center, learn how to calculate, monitor and reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to cover

the cost of the book. To participate contact Benjamin Schultz at 855-5130 or schultzb@indiana.edu.

3rd Annual Earth Celebrational, All Congregational, Intergenerational UU Retreat



May 8-9th

at Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County--Focusing on ethical eating, fellowship and fun in the outdoors! Worship and workshops

along with time for personal reflection and solitude and great conversation! Registration every Sunday in April at the Green Sanctuary table in Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$60 (bunkhouse) or \$50 (tent) per person (6 & under are free) Family price deals and scholarships available! (We don't want cost to be the reason you don't come!) Join us!

Adult Religious Education (ARE) Proposals Sought for Summer Session

If you would like to offer a course during our summer session (mid-May through August), please let the ARE Committee know about your interest by filling in a Proposal Form. These forms can be found in the ARE box in Rm 204 or online at uubloomington.org under Religious Education. The deadline for submissions is April 24. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite at mre@uubloomington.org or 333-9822.

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Transcendentalism Class to Participate on Earth Day

This Spring our 5th and 6th graders have been exploring transcendentalism by learning about our UU ancestors like Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau and Louisa May Alcott. Rev. Leite wrote the curriculum and the class is being taught by a team of volunteer teachers including Bret Earheart, Abby Mitchell and Melissa St. John. They have been exploring ideas about the interconnectedness of life, spirituality and nature. The class is preparing to be involved with the Intergenerational Earth Day worship service on Sunday, April 19. We hope you'll come and see them.

May Day Celebration May 6th at 5:30pm

On Wednesday, May 6th our Family Worship will celebrate May Day and spring with our annual indoor Maypole Dance. Everyone can



learn to do this traditional dance; newcomers and visitors are especially welcome. Local professional dance caller Tamara Lowenthal will lead us while we dance to the

music of our own Heartland String Band. A simple kid friendly meal will be provided at 5:30 pm, \$1 suggested donation per person. The service led by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite begins at 6:15pm with the Maypole dance being the main activity. We hope you can join us.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education dre@uubloomington.org



Exploring UU Class May 11th and 17th

How were the Unitarians different from the Universalists? Who were our heroes and martyrs? Other faiths have beliefs and principles. What are ours? If you're curious about Unitarian Universalism and thinking about becoming a member, this is the class for you, scheduled for Sunday, May 11 and 17, in the Fuchs Library from 3-5 pm. Sign up at the welcome table in the foyer or call Marjorie Crosby at 339-2572 or email marjohn28@comcast.net. Child care available with 2- week advance notice.

Fundraiser Lunch and Viewing of Van Jones Lecture May 17

Join the Denominational Affairs Committee for a fundraiser lunch (\$5.00) and viewing of the 2008 Ware Lecture, with Van Jones, founder and president of "Green for All." His talk is on Green Jobs and our economy. Funds raised will support delegates attending General Assembly in Salt Lake City this June. If you will need childcare during the video following lunch, contact the church office, 332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org, two weeks in advance to reserve space (by May 1st, please.)

Attendance

Sun, Apr 5, 9:15:	171	11:15:	222	RE:	117
				Total:	510
Sun, Apr 12, 9:15:	163	11:15:	239	RE:	131
				Total:	533
Sun, Apr 5	non-pledge offering:				\$ 598
Sun, Apr 12	non-pledge offering:				\$ 954
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:					\$ 388

Our Folks. . .

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Martha Oakley, whose brother recently died tragically. Cards are welcome.

Our thoughts of comfort are also with Fresca and Pep Sobrer and family. Fresca's mother passed away last week in Nantucket.

Congratulations and many blessings to Margie and Drew Schrader upon the birth on April 6 of daughter Zadie Goodwin Schrader.

Katie Lynn Peebles and Minister Emerita Rev. Barbara Carlson will both participate in IU's Baccalaureate interfaith service on May 2 at 5:00 p.m. Katie, who will receive her doctorate in English, Folklore and Ethnomusicology, will offer a Unitarian Universalist prayer by Rev. Clarke D. Wells, and Rev. Carlson will offer a blessing to the graduates.

Congratulations to the following members and friends who will be retiring this year from Indiana University: Diane Kewley Port, Edward L. Robertson, Scott Russell Sanders, and Josep Miquel Sobrer.



Announcing our 2009 UUA General Assembly Delegates

We were very pleased that fifteen members indicated an interest in representing UU Bloomington at Salt Lake City in June. The following people have been chosen and approved by the Board to be delegates: Phil Cooper, Jackie Hall, David Keppel, Iris Kiesling, Carol McCord, Andrea Murray, Amy Taylor, Kevin Rottet, Kevin Woodruff.

Since we had so many members apply for delegate status, we determined that we should assign alternates. The following people in the order listed will be alternates if one of the designated delegates cannot attend: Lloyd Orr, Dave Crane, Ruth Ann Cooper, Beckie Wagner, and Tim Slack.

There are several GA-related events scheduled by the Denominational Affairs Committee in the coming weeks. We hope all delegates and alternates will be able to attend, as well as former delegates. We can use your input! Also, please see the displays in the Commons. --Iris Kiesling, Denominational Affairs, 332-5224

Parent Talk April 19

Parents of Adults will meet on Sunday, April 19, from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the church library. Bring your brown bag lunch; 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

Baby Dedication Ceremony on

May 10 The Co-Ministry Team (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden) offers services each year to celebrate the babies of our community with a dedication ceremony. May 10, 2009 will be the spring dedication ceremony. A winter date will be announced later. If you would like for your baby to be included in the spring ceremony, contact one of the ministers. The ceremony will be available for both services. Please let us know which service (or both, 9:15 or 11:15 a.m.) you would like to participate in by May 4th. Reverend Mary Ann Macklin (Macklin@uubloomington.org or 332-3695)

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Green Spaces Looking at



Long Term Building Needs

The Green Spaces Initiative courtyard and building improvement project is looking at long term facility needs. Parts of our building are more than 30 years old; current financial reserves are not sufficient to cover the costs of roof or window replacement. The Green Spaces Initiative seeks to improve our financial reserves that will allow us to make repairs to the building that will be as energy efficient and environmentally friendly as possible. Currently the group is making an inventory of everything that will need future repairs or replacement such as the many furnaces, A/C units, roofs, windows, and floor coverings. We can create a space that builds community and leads by example with green building practices. -Cynthia L. Port and Cindy Port.

Women's Alliance May 7

The Women's Alliance will meet May 7 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be a salad luncheon. Please bring a salad of your choice to share; beverages and desserts will be available. The program is from 12:00 - 12:30 with Victoria Bledsoe speaking on "The Transformation of Holistic Medicine." This should be very interesting. Hostesses will be the officers of the Women's Alliance. Visitors are always welcome!

Beltane Celebration on May 1

Friday, May 1st at 7:30pm Earth Kin will meet in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the joyous holiday of Beltane. Weaving our intentions for our community for this growing season will be a highlight of the celebration. Festive clothes, lots of flowers, and spring fruits all add to the fun of this holiday. Dress in your finery and bring flowers and food to share. This celebration is open to any member or friend of the church.

Elder Task Force Brunch May 13

Save the date – Wednesday, May 13th from 10:30 - 12:00 noon. In Fellowship Hall. Come and hear The Joys of Getting Old (and the Few Frustrations). Please RSVP to Barb Backler (backler@bluemarble.net or 876-8368).

Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If you are prepared for the commitment of membership in our liberal religious community, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, April 19 between the services at 10:30 in room 207B. (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the Membership Book.) To make arrangements for signing the book, please contact Stephanie Wilson at 812-339-1247 or stephw3@yahoo.com no later than Wednesday, April 15.

Summer Camp for Unitarian Universalists?

There are lots of options for family church camp for UUs in the summertime. See the info on the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance and in the document holder nearby.

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