

The Prologue

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Tuesday, May 26, 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, May 31, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Growing Spiritual Redwoods Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Reverend Macklin will offer reflections from the heart regarding our congregation in its past, present and future, as well as our co-ministry. Reverend Breeden will also offer remarks. These spiritual ponderings from our co-ministers will be presented as a prelude to next week's congregational meeting. From our Green Spaces Initiative to our progressive mission, we hope to inspire each person to reflect upon our ongoing common vision of "seeking the spirit, building community and changing the world."

Sunday, June 7, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Democracy: Quaint Idea? Reverend Bill Breeden



Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend. Agenda will include Board elections, 2009-10 budget approval, Green Spaces Initiative, and selection of 25% of Sunday Plate Fund recipient for 2009-10. Childcare provided. Supper to follow the meeting; fundraiser for Green Sanctuary.



Sabbatical Picnic July 19

Come join us for a picnic lunch on Sunday, July 19, to celebrate our co-ministry and give Rev. Breeden a good send-off for his sabbatical, which begins August 1. Lunch at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. No need to bring anything except your own place setting. July 19 will be Rev. Breeden's last Sunday in the pulpit until December.

05/28/09	7:00 PM	UU Choir (last reh til Aug)	06/05/09	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte
05/29/09	10:30 AM	Life Stories		10:30 AM	Life Stories
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		12:30 PM	Super Staff
05/30/09	12:00 PM	Sammis Memorial Service	06/07/09	10:15 AM	Ice Cream Social-for our RE Teachers
05/31/09	10:30 AM	Sun Svcs Cmte		12:15 PM	Campus Ministry Lunch
	12:45 PM	UUA Presidential Election Forum		1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart
	4:30 PM	Chalice Circles Facilitators Dinner		4:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
06/02/09	5:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Cmte		6:00 PM	Congregational Dinner
	5:30 PM	Stewardship Cmte	06/08/09	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	7:00 PM	Bmtn Chamber Singers		6:30 PM	Scientists & Unitarianism: Priestley
	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group, off-site	06/09/09	12:00 PM	Lunch with Minister
	7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus		7:00 PM	Bmtn Chamber Singers Mtg
	7:30 PM	Yoga from the Ages		7:30 PM	Quarryland Men's Chorus
06/03/09	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers		7:30 PM	Yoga from the Ages
	7:00 PM	Membership Cmte	06/10/09	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
06/04/09	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance		2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House
	1:00 PM	Database Task Force	06/11/09	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Executive Committee			
	6:30 PM	Pagan Ongoing Class			
	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!			



From the Ministers

We want to begin this column by saying thank you to the many persons who made this year's stewardship campaign a success. We began working on this campaign last fall in the throes of what has been termed the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. We have heard news of many congregations who have been forced to take very drastic measures in response to stewardship campaign results that fell far short of recent years. We are fortunate that our community as a whole has not been hit as hard as some areas of the country. We give thanks for the stewardship committee led by co-chairs, Drew and Margie Schrader and Joan and Rob Hongen. And we give thanks to you for your commitment to the financial health of this congregation. Our total to date is very close to matching last year's pledge drive which is a real blessing in these economic times.

We also give thanks to our treasurer, John Lawson, and the finance committee, who are working hard to present a budget for next year, and to all those who have striven to be responsible stewards and cut budget requests as much as possible and still meet the demands of the ministry of our church. As ministers of this wonderful community, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, we have looked at the numbers and determined that we are so close to being able to present a balanced budget that we think there may be those who will join us in an attempt to make that happen. In discussion with our partners, we have determined that we both can find an extra \$100 to add to our own

pledges for next year and have done so. It amounts to less than \$2 a week, and we think it is worth the effort at presenting a balanced budget. We hope you are able and willing to join us in adding to your pledge. Some may be able to do more, some less, but every increase will help make it happen. The Stewardship Committee has done their job and done it well. We invite you to join us in putting icing on the cake. We are thankful for all of you who make this ministry possible.

You may take part by emailing the amount of your pledge increase to Church Administrator Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org

We also encourage you to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 7th. There are many important decisions to be made, and the democratic process depends on you being there.

Peace-bill and mary ann
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
Reverend Bill Breeden

Our Folks...

Our prayers and sympathy are with Yvonne Wittmann and Bob Flynn and their family, upon the death of Yvonne's father, Ivan Wittmann, on May 15.

Our best wishes for quick recovery to Elizabeth Lion, who recently underwent surgery. Cards are welcome.

John and Peggy Woodcock have 55 of their photographs hanging at Lennie's Brew Pub! They'll be up through June.

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Social Justice Potluck and Sing Along
Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall, with Rev. Bill and Glenda Breeden and guest musicians.

Lunch with a Minister June 8

Bring a brown bag lunch and have lunch and conversation with Rev. Bill Breeden and others, Tuesday, June 8 at 12:00 noon, Fellowship Hall. This will be the last Lunch with a Minister until January 2010, when Rev. Breeden returns from sabbatical.

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.

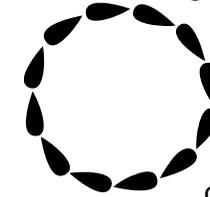
On call M, W, F mornings, and Tuesdays
breeden@uubloomington.org
mobile phone: 812-360-1779

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.

Thank You, Chalice Circles!



Our service projects were a great success this year—here is a complete list of church and community activities: For the Church: Long time member celebration; Habitat for

Humanity breakfast; Holiday Bazaar Cafe; spreading mulch around church flower beds; thank-you notes for Auction; set up White Elephant booth at Holiday Bazaar; re-organizing music copies for our choir; set up Silent Auction items. For the community: set up new charts for new clients; moving old charts and file cabinets to basement for Planned Parenthood; sorted food for United States Postal Service food drive; hauled and spread mulch on the dog yard at Animal Shelter and made dog toys; assisted at Community Kitchen; collected household items for Stepping Stone clients; made pizza for them and donated a gift certificate; "Litter walk" along Hwy 46 and Fee Ln raising awareness of safety, recycling and disposal of trash; yard work and cleaning gutters at Middle Way House; assisted at Monroe County United Ministries pre-school forming words, making letter sounds, books, coloring, painting. Thank you to all our chalice circle participants for their commitment to service. --Karen Gunderman

Erratum The recent Common Ground contained an incorrect email address for Norm Horrar; his correct address is nhorrar@arealOagency.org

BULLETIN BOARD

Been to Kyrgyzstan? Amy Bedford seeks info and language help before she goes there to study religious pluralism (in Jan. 2010). All leads welcome! Bedford.Amy@gmail.com.

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UUUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS
Next Bounty-
Full Sunday is
June 7



Current needs at Monroe
County United Ministries:

peanut butter, regular coffee (not decaf),
canned mixed veggies & canned carrots,
canned mandarin oranges, pancake mix &
syrup, crackers, chicken & beef broth, hot
chocolate mix. We have donated 646 lbs so
far this year! Thank you!

Women's Alliance Meets June 4

The Women's Alliance will be meeting June 4 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 Dr. Mary Mahern speaking. Hostesses will be Diann Lock and Velma Harrison. Guests are always welcome.

UUA Presidential Election Forum May 31st at 12:45 p.m.

UUA PRESIDENT - - - - WHO?

Join us at a forum about the UUA presidential election, Sunday, May 31 at 12:45 p.m., presented by the Denominational Affairs Committee. Representing candidate Laurel Hallman will be Guy Loftman and representing candidate Peter Morales will be David Keppel. There will be an opportunity to introduce the "candidates", ask questions by you the members of our congregation, and closing statements. GK Rowe will moderate and Amy Taylor will be the time keeper. This is a most important event and time. Elections will take place in June at

General Assembly in Salt Lake City. Please join us for a creative conversation. Learn more at [Http://www.HallmanforUUAPresident.org](http://www.HallmanforUUAPresident.org) and [Http://MoralesforUUAPresident.org](http://MoralesforUUAPresident.org). If you wish, bring a brown bag lunch to have in Fellowship Hall before the forum begins. For more information: Iris Kiesling 332-5224



Please Let Us Know About your pledge!

The Finance Committee and Management Team are hard at work making decisions about our budget for the coming year which begins July 1, based on your pledges. We have received pledge commitments so far for a total of a little over \$406,000. Every pledge is important! If you would like to pledge via email, please send the amount you would like to pledge to admin@uubloomington.org and we will make a record of it. See "From the Ministers" on Page 2 for additional info.

Office Assistant Position Available

Position is available July 1, with 20 hours of training last two weeks of June. The Office Assistant is a permanent, 12-month, 19 hrs/wk M-F position, integral to the functioning of our busy church office. One or two Sunday mornings per month are included in the schedule. Applicants should know Microsoft Office programs, have good keyboarding skills, fearlessness of technology, and sense of discretion. Send letter of interest and resume to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org or Attn: Carol Marks, Church Administrator, UU Church, 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington IN 47408, by June 1. Info, call 332-3695.

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A Poem from One of Our Youth

James Halpin, 11th grade,
wrote the following poem,
which he read during the
youth-led worship services on

May 10th. Enjoy.

It and they and he or she or me and you,
that's what's doing it and seeing it and
playing it and taking it in all the time?
How can anyone do injustice so great that
we as all, and them and no one and all can
see, refuse to see will see have always seen
it guides us?
Does it guide us?
Did we create it?
Did it make us?
Do we meditate? Pray?
Contort to the Kama Sutras?
To what do we talk when you are alone?
To who do you praise when your pockets are
filled with red green or blue?
Who knows? Do we will? Will we find?
What if we must still make it?
What if science is magic?
What if magic makes gods?
Who made man? What will we make?
Will we, he approve?
Have we shunned ourselves?
Are we him?

James Halpin

**Would you like to join our Life
Stories Writing Group #2?** The first
group seems to have so much fun that we
thought we would start another one. We
meet the first Wednesday of each month
from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the meditation room
upstairs (Room 207-B). Please join us. Tom

Gregory came to our last meeting and shared some of his writings that he wrote in the other story group, and I just feel so much more connected to him. His recollections of his adolescence are wonderful. So far we have interest from Laura Campbell, Carolyn Emmert, Jean Knowlton, Veronica Lenard and myself. John Woodcock has agreed to join us to guide and inspire us and share his stories. Please e-mail me - Barb Backler at bbackler@indiana.edu or call 876-8368 or just show up June 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

General Assembly Delegates Present and Past – Meet June 2

Please join us at a UUA General Assembly (GA) informational meeting with the Denominational Affairs Committee on Tues June 2nd at 5:30 pm, in Room 210. We will discuss the changes of the membership of our Committee and what is happening at GA, the program, elections, etc. Former Delegates would be welcome to add their observations and experiences. Info Iris Kiesling 332-5224.



Earth Note

GoodGuide.com

Have you wondered what chemicals are in the sunscreen you put on? Was sweatshop labor used to make your t-shirt? What's the environmental impact of some of your everyday purchases? Increasingly people are interested in the health, environmental and societal affects of products we use. Goodguide.com rates products and provides detailed information, so we don't all have to do in-depth research prior to each trip to the grocery. Make the Connection. Live Green!

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Administrative Moment: The Mystery of the Golden Question Marks Revealed

? Prologue Deadline

As you use our new church calendar online (go to www.uubloomington.org and click on Full Calendar), you may notice golden question marks to the left of some of the events that are listed, as in the example, above. This does NOT mean that these events are tentative; it means there is additional information available about them. Place your mouse arrow over the golden question mark to see the additional info. If there is a tentative event listed on our calendar, you will see the word "tentative" next to it.

—Carol Marks, Church Administrator

Small Gifts...

Give the church kitchen your surplus mugs and teaspoons. There is a need for 6 to 8 ounce cups (no larger, please) and for teaspoons. Bring your gifts to the church kitchen.

Our Newest Members

John and Adrienne Summerlot met while attending college at Mississippi State University and married in 2001. They moved to Bloomington in 2004 and even though they were raised in diverse backgrounds are happy to have found a community at the UU Church. They have two beautiful daughters, Susannah (5) and Katharine (3) who look forward to coming here every Sunday. John is a proud veteran of the USMC who works at Indiana University and is currently pursuing a doctorate in the HESA program. Adrienne is a New Jersey native who works at the YMCA and will be

attending Ivy Tech in the Fall.

Ray Fellman has recently returned to membership after a 6 year hiatus in New York City where he continues a career as a coach, conductor and voice teacher. In 2007, he was invited by IU's Department of Theatre and Drama to join the faculty and help build the new Musical Theatre Program. Ray is happy to be back in the liberal religious community that he loves, and this time with his wonderful partner Scott Hogsed.

Julia Heimer Dadds mostly grew up in MN and IN (More growing up? Who knows). She moved (back) to Bloomington in 1995, attending UU since 1999ish. Interests? Buddhism, the Tao, poetry, art, music, and feminist-oriented Curriculum Studies. Work? Part-time Development Coordinator for Community Justice and Mediation Center, board member of YSB, NPA and Step Ahead. Mothering? 3 guys ages 12-21. Mate? Mark Beebe. Lives? Sanders. Garden? Untidy but the birds, bugs and chipmunks don't seem to mind.

Ed and Ann McEndarfer retired to Bloomington six years ago from Kirksville, Missouri, where they both were on the faculty of Truman State University. Ed taught ceramics and design in the Art Department, and Ann taught English as a Second Language and other classes in the English Department. Both do volunteer work in the community, Ed at Hilltop Garden and Ann at the IU Art Museum. Gardening and attending musical performances are among other interests.

Nominations for Election at the June 7, 2009 Congregational Meeting

Returning Board officers:

GK Rowe- President

Andrea Murray- VP

John Lawson - Treasurer

The following have agreed to have their names placed before the members at the Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 4PM.

I have been Chair and member of the Membership Committee, Chair of the RE committee, a member of the stewardship committee, the Nominating Committee, and of the Connections Sub council. I have organized the Wednesday Walkers and the Getting Involved Fairs. **Denise Ogren**, Board Member at Large, two-year term

I've served as a greeter, book table chair, member of auction committee and IOTF, representative to ICON, volunteer for Habitat, Rainbow Rights, and Bazaar Cafe. This year I'm a delegate to GA in Salt Lake City. I've been involved with Chalice Circles, ARE classes and Fellowship Dinners. **Kevin J. Rottet** - At-Large – two year term

I began serving the church as YRUU facilitator and Youth Advisory Committee chair in the 90's. Since then I have served as ARE committee chair, as an RE and OWL program instructor, as Webmaster, and as a chalice circle facilitator. I've led several ARE events and been a member of the long term planning committee, the chalice circle planning committee, and the web committee. I currently serve as board secretary and on the sound and denominational affairs committees. **Chris Haynes** – Secretary - two year term

I've been a member of UU for five years and served on Reverend Macklin's sabbatical committee '05-'07. I serve on the Committee on Ministry and as a Greeter, both of which I've done since '05. I've been a member of the Men's Group since it began in '05. **Clarke Miller** - Special Purposes Fund – three year term

I began attending the UU church the summer Rev. Bill Breeden was a visiting minister. I've been on the Sunday Services Committee; contributed materials to the Social Justice bulletin board, attended seminars and trainings for committees, presented to an adult religious seminar, attended 2 church retreats. I'm kind of a bridge builder, meaning I'm very active in the community and I bring that to UU and UU to that. **Julia Heimer Dadds** - Nominating Committee – three year term

Special Mailing Coming Soon

The Social Justice Funds Committee is mailing a special report to the congregation about the candidates for the 25% of Sunday Plate Fund for the coming year. You should receive it this week. We'll vote on June 7. The candidates are CASA, Crestmont Boys and Girls Club, and Middle Way House.

Attendance

Sun, May 17, 9:15:	126;	11:15:	208;	RE:	intergen	Total:	334
Sun, May 24, 9:15:	95	11:15:	157	RE:	90	Total:	342
Sun, May 17	non-pledge offering:						\$ 603
Sun, May 24	non-pledge offering:						\$ 474
Total to Volunteers in Medicine:							\$ 269

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