

The Prologue

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

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

Pull Over for Scenic Overlook The Sunday Service Committee

Sometimes we need to pause to get a new perspective. Community begins in small ways and locally—right here, right now; and sometimes the work at hand is so compelling we don't get to see how it affects the big picture. Our local UU community recently joined with other UU congregations to gain that larger vision. Who are we? Where are we going? How do our beliefs and commitments support that? Hear from our delegates to the UUA General Assembly as they share their Salt Lake City mountaintop view of Unitarian Universalism as a vibrant, vital, diverse, and essential community. Special music will be provided by Jeff Hiatt and Dawn Iulig.

Sunday, August 2, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Everything Good Is Simple Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

This year, in my annual poetry sermon, I will focus on the life and poetry of the remarkable poet Nikki Giovanni. In a recent poem entitled, "Everything Good is Simple" Giovanni writes, "'All things good are good: poetry... patience... a ripe tomato on the vine... a bat in flight... the new moon...me in your arms... things like that". We will gather in this worship service to honor the gift of poetry and the contributions Nikki Giovanni has added to its riches. Pianist Sally Todd will weave music throughout the service.

Lammas Celebration Saturday, August 1

Our EarthKin group along with Black Bear Druid Grove from here in Bloomington will lead the Lammas (Lughnasadh) celebration here in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. The druids will be teaching about Lammas and Lugh, the Celtic deity who presides over the arts and sciences and is associated with this holiday. Please bring food to share at the feast to follow the celebration. Info, Beckie Wagner, elmbeckie@yahoo.com.



Water Communion Services August 16

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 16. The fall term for children's Religious Education also begins Aug 16.

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7/22/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class	8/5/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
	12:15 PM	BCS Library Sorting		3:00 PM	Life Stories
7/23/2009	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!	8/6/2009	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance
7/24/2009	8:00 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series		6:30 PM	Earth Kin
	10:30 AM	Life Stories		7:00 PM	Adult Rel. Ed. Cmte
7/25/2009	10:00 AM	Viral Spiral Book discussion		7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!
	12:30 PM	UU Board - Policy Review		7:00 PM	Summer String Band
7/26/2009	1:00 PM	Parenting from the Heart	8/7/2009	8:15 AM	Soc. Justice Steering Cmte
	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class		10:30 AM	Life Stories
7/27/2009	6:30 PM	RE Committee		12:00 PM	Super Staff
	6:30 PM	Scientists & Unitarianism: Darwin		5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
7/28/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers	8/8/2009	10:00 AM	Viral Spiral Book discussion
	7:30 PM	Yoga for the Ages - \$5 donation		4:00 PM	Wedding
7/29/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class	8/9/2009	10:00 AM	Intl Outreach Snack Sale
7/30/2009	2:00 PM	Database Task Force		12:45 PM	Parent Talk
	7:00 PM	Learn to Swing Dance!		1:00 PM	New RE Teacher Orientation
7/31/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories		4:00 PM	Betty Perry Memorial Service
	7:00 PM	Amanda Biggs Recital \$\$	8/10/2009	3:00 PM	Mgt Team with President
8/1/2009	7:30 PM	Lammas Celebration		6:30 PM	Scientists and Unitarianism: Darwin
8/2/2009	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force	8/11/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
8/3/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline		7:00 PM	Exploring Pan's Labyrinth
	11:00 AM	Sabbatical Committee	8/12/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
8/4/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers	8/13/2009	2:00 PM	Leadership Cultivation Cmte
	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group		7:00 PM	UU Choir resumes for fall



The West Window

Last Sunday, July 19, was my final worship service before going on sabbatical for four and a half months,

and I wish to thank all those who celebrated with us. A special thanks to David Cox and the crew that served up the food for the picnic.

During the sabbatical period, you will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of this congregation. That celebration will include the return of several ministers who served here in years gone by, and will provide a historical perspective for those who have come to this community in recent years. Reverend Andy Burnette, who serves the UU congregation in Danville, Indiana, will serve as a sabbatical minister during my absence.

As for my sabbatical time, I will be spending many days at home, doing things that have needed attention for a while. I will also golf, fish, read and spend time with family including of course, my grandson. Sometime in September I plan to take a road trip to Central America. I have no rigid agenda, but rather will live a day at a time, listening to life as it comes to me. Glenda will be with me part of the time. We plan to spend some time in the Yucatan, but the plans are loosely drawn. It is the journey not the arrival that is of interest. After all, arriving is inevitable

and will come too soon for all of us. That's life.

Thank you again for the wonderful gift of a sabbatical. It is a gift of immeasurable value. I also want to thank the wonderful staff of this congregation with whom it is a joy to work. There is not enough time or space for me to adequately express my appreciation for them.

Then, of course, there is my co-minister, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin. I won't take up space sharing the names by which I know her, but simply say she is far more than a colleague. She is a spiritual advisor and she is one of my best friends. I cannot begin to imagine doing this work without her, and I give thanks every day for the opportunity to serve this community with her. I leave knowing that both you and she will care for each other always.

Where ever I find myself over the next few months, I know that I will be within the circle of your love, as you will be in mine. Hasta luego!

Peace--bill

Reverend Bill Breeden

Administrative Office Hours

Church Administrator Carol Marks or Office Assistant Ginger Ko will be in the church office Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 9:00-4:00, Weds 12:30-5:00, and Sundays 10:15-11:00, 12:15-1:00. Carol Marks will be on vacation July 22-28.

Community Connections
Our faith in action in the community

Hiroshima Day Program August 6
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Bloomington Branch presents: White Light, Black Rain: The Destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a Documentary film by Steven Okazaki.
Thursday, August 6th, 7 pm
Monroe County Public Library Auditorium
Discussion led by Reverend John Gaus, a witness to Nagasaki, and David Keppel, in the context of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Free and Open to the Public.
Co-Sponsored by Bloomington Peace Action Coalition and Just Peace Task Force, Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington. Info: David Keppel keppel@sbcglobal.net or 331-2815.

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 will be on sabbatical
August 1-December 13, 2009

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.

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. Reverend Macklin will be away from the office July 25-30. Reverend Breeden begins his sabbatical on August 1.

Our Folks...

Our sympathy and prayers are with Diane and Bob Port and their family, upon the recent death of Diane's mother in Florida.

Our sympathy and prayers are also with Vid Beldavs, Aris Beldavs and Danyi Heckaman-Beldavs and their family, upon the passing on July 14 of Aija Beldavs.

Congratulations to the Loftman and Cusack families upon the birth on July 8 of Nola Pearl Cusack to Eve and Sam Cusack, and big sister Dela Cusack.

Our Mission Statement

In this liberal religious community of inspiration, love and action:

- we celebrate life
- we nurture one another
- we welcome all
- we care for the earth and
- we work for the common good.

(approved at Congregational Meeting, June 7, 2009)

Women's Alliance Meets August 6

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, August 6 in Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with a brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m.; beverages and desserts will be available. Guests are always welcome.

Attendance			
Sun, July 12,	9:15:	108;	11:15: 188; RE: 69
			Total: 257
Sun, July 19,	9:15:	84;	11:15: 194; RE: 64
			Total: 342
Sun, July 12	non-pledge offering:		\$ 379
Sun, July 19	non-pledge offering:		\$ 399
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club			\$ 194

UUs Changing the World



HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Next Bounty-Full Sunday is August 2

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. Thank you to all who contributed on July 5.

"Each One, Feed One" Community Food Drive - Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30

The fourth annual "Each One, Feed One" food drive aims to collect 15,000 pounds of food over a two-day period to re-stock MCUM's food pantry. More than 250 volunteers are needed to make this two-day event a success. Volunteer opportunities include:

Store Volunteers: These folks will distribute information about local hunger and collect donations at area grocery stores. Sign up early to get the shift and the store of your choice! Shifts: 10am-1pm and 1pm-4pm

Sorters: Volunteers are needed to sort donations as they arrive at MCUM. Although you will be working in air-conditioned comfort, some lifting is required. Shifts: 12am-3pm and 3pm-6pm

Store Coordinators & Assistants: These volunteers play an essential role in this drive, serving as a liaison to the grocery stores and the store volunteers. Tasks include setting up and closing down volunteer stations and transporting donations from the stores to MCUM. Most drivers will drive their own vehicles but gas will be paid for. Lots of heavy lifting is required. Assistants may work half-day

shifts, but drivers are asked to commit to a full day. Shifts: 9am-6pm

Interested in volunteering? Contact Meri Reinhold at mcum@bloomington.in.us or 339-3429.

Thanks to the stores who are participating in this year's drive: Bloomingfoods, Kroger, Marsh, O'Malia's, Sahara Mart, Save-a-Lot.

UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

There will be UU Men's Group meetings every 3 weeks at 7:00 p.m. Interested men can contact Chris Haynes at 336-3221 or by email chaynes@indiana.edu for locations, and to be added to our mailing list. Dates through the end of the year are Aug 4 and 25, Sept 15, Oct 6 and 27, and Nov 17, and Dec 8 and 29.



Volunteer at Middle Way House

Would you like to be a trained volunteer to help the women at Middle Way House? These women have left their homes after abuse and are looking to start a new life. If there is sufficient interest among church members we will be forming a new Middle Way House Task Force. Please consider helping. Contact Heather Terhune htherhune@indiana.edu.

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Summer Vacation Religious Education

Passport to the World, grades 1-8

We have been having fun on our whirlwind trip around the world this summer. The kids (and we!) have learned fascinating facts about New Zealand, Italy, Germany, India, Mexico, and Cuba and have enjoyed some of the stories, foods, and crafts of those far-flung lands.

July 26th, Kenya- This week, we're headed to Kenya. Jason and Maemie Blankenship and Claire Robertson will be sharing their experiences there as we explore a little Kenyan culture.

August 2nd Afghanistan- Our last visit will be to Afghanistan on August 2, when members of the Just Peace Task Force will accompany us on our journey, and we will join in doing some justice work together.

August 9th Magic Show- On August 9, we will conclude our Summer Religious Education with travel to the world of illusion with master magician and illusion designer Rich Hill (Carol Marks's talented brother!) We hope your children will be here to celebrate with us!

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite,
Minister of Religious Education



Remember Water Communion on August 16

UU Children's Choir Starts August 2

Calling all children in Kg- 6th grade who like to sing! We will have our first set of rehearsals in preparation for singing at the Water Communion Service on August 16. New & returning singers are always welcome! If you can't make this set of rehearsals, keep watching the Prologue for info on future singing opportunities. The UU Children's Choir sings in several services per year, with a set of 2-4 rehearsals in preparation for each performance. When scheduled, rehearsals are usually Sunday mornings between the services, with an occasional Thursday evening practice. Upcoming schedule below; questions-contact Jill Courtney; jcourtne@mccsc.edu or call 330-8829.

Sun. 8/2: 10:15-11am, Library (reh. for 8/16)
Sun. 8/9: 10:15-11am, Library (reh. for 8/16)
Thurs. 8/13: 7:00-7:45pm, Fellowship Hall/Meeting Rm. (rehearse for 8/16)
Sun. 8/16: Sing in both services; details TBA

Ginger Ko is Our New Office Assistant

Welcome to Ginger Ko, our new Office Assistant, who joined our staff on June 16. In addition to a wide variety of office work experience, Ginger has degrees in English and Biology, and will begin a master's degree in creative writing this fall. She enjoys training and competing in dog obedience and agility with her two Jack Russell terriers. Ginger and her husband Jeremy live here in Bloomington. Ginger will be in the office 12:30-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Our New Sound Technician is Paul Messing

Welcome to Paul Messing, our new Sound Technician, who joined our staff on July 17. His wide experience includes work in radio, television, sound design, audio production, and musical composition. Paul works with IU's Department of Radio and Television Services as a creative consultant on projects involving both traditional and interactive technology. Paul will begin running sound for our Sunday services in August.

Order Out of Chaos: New Plan for Lost and Found

In an effort to keep order in our facility, we will begin attaching a dated tag to lost and found items each week, and placing them on the coat rack nearest where they were found. Items left in the building for longer than 8 weeks will be given to charity. Please double check to be sure you have with you these items, which are often forgotten: nalgene bottle, car coffee mug, jacket, umbrella, books. Many thanks, Your administrative staff, Carol Marks and Ginger Ko



Friends of Prisoners Quilting Project Invites

Donations of Fabric

--by Glenda Breeden

When I visited my friend Phillip at Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF), he and the other men who give their time and creative talent to the Quilting Project had a huge sack of quilts ready for me to bring

back to Bloomington—eleven beautiful quilts for the new wing at Middle Way! Your donations of fabric and other quilting materials make it possible for these men to provide this service to people in need in our community. If you are sorting through and getting rid of fabric, you may leave donated materials at the Social Justice table in the Commons. And, if some of you would like to visit WVCF and tour the space where the men make the quilts, let me know—they love to have visitors. New Leaf/New Life continues to provide programming for people incarcerated at Monroe County Jail (MCJ) and for those on parole; to help, contact Debra Morrow volunteerNewLeaf@aol.com).

Christine McKenna welcomes volunteers to the Crafting Bridges project that works with men at MCJ once a month to provide gifts for their loved ones. If you're the artsy/crafty type, maybe you'd like to check it out. (cmckenna@area10.bloomington.in.us) —Glenda Breeden (bgbreeden@att.net, 829-3431).

Adult Religious Education (ARE) Proposals Sought for Fall 2009



If you would like to offer a course during our fall session (October-December 2009), please let the ARE Committee know about your interest by filling in a Proposal Form. These forms can be found in the ARE mailbox in Rm 204 or online at uubloomington.org under Religious Education. The deadline for submissions is August 12. Questions, contact Rev. Emily Manvel Leite at mre@uubloomington.org or 333-9822.

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Ramadan Iftaar Celebration August 28

Invitation to all for Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday,

August 28

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 friends from another local religious community. UUs will join at the church with members of the Islamic Center for Iftaar, prayer for those who wish to participate, and dinner on Friday, August 28, with doors opening at 7:45 p.m. Iftaar begins at sundown at 8:22 p.m. We will be finished eating around 10 p.m. You are invited to participate, enjoy delicious foods prepared by Islamic Center members, and make new friends! It's free of charge, all ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar—the most blessed month of the year, according to Islamic teachings. Muslims all over the world abstain from food, drink, and other physical needs during daylight hours, purifying the soul, re-evaluating their lives, and refocusing attention on God. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace; strengthening ties with family and friends; and refraining from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Come honor their tradition of annual rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and worship—and gain understanding of Muslim culture and concerns.

Please sign up on the RSVP list posted in the Commons, by Sunday, August 24. For

more information contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@bluemarble.net.

Too much zucchini? Too little time?

Plant-A-Row for the Hungry helps get fresh, local produce to hungry people in Monroe County. Please bring any extra home-grown vegetables, fruit and herbs to church with you on Sundays, and place them in the plastic bin by the Social Justice table. If you forget, you can deliver your produce directly to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (1010 S. Walnut, M-F 4-6pm) or to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank (615 N. Fairview, M-F 9-5). Just tell them the UU Church sent you.

Erratum – Hunger Task Force

Produce Picking Contact Please see Page 2 of the Common Ground; contact Georgia Emmert at gemmert@stonebelt.org instead of Anthony Schrock, if you want to help pick produce for the hungry.

UU Board of Directors

(Creating Policy, Envisioning our Future)

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BULLETIN BOARD

SCOTT HOGSED will sing in the IU summer opera on July 31 & Aug 8. Tickets, call the MAC.

SOPRANO AMANDA BIGGS will give a fundraising concert here in our Meeting Room on Fri., July 31 at 7:30 pm. Tickets, contact amandarbiggs@aol.com

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