

The Prologue

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Sunday, August 23, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

To Hell and Back: My Journey from Fear to Faith Rev. Andy Burnette

Beginning with an essay on a sermon I heard 20 years ago at a church camp in the deep south, I'll trace my faith journey up to the present day.

Sunday, August 30, 2009 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

A Problem with Principle Rev. Andy Burnette

The words of the first Unitarian Universalist principle, "the inherent worth and dignity of every person," are in plenty of UU elevator speeches. But if we stop there, we're left with a faith that's off-kilter.

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 5:30 Dinner, 6:15 Worship

Family Worship: Being Unitarian Universalist Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

Come join friends of all ages for this half-hour worship service where we enjoy stories, songs, and participation! This month, we will be thinking about what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. 5:15PM craft, 5:30PM dinner (provided, with a vegan option, \$1 donation requested), 6:15PM worship.

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 ways we connect with our Muslim friends. Here at our church, we will join 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. It's free of charge, and all ages are welcome. Childcare provided after the meal. We need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event! Please sign up on the RSVP list in the Commons, by Sunday, August 23. Info: Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@bluemarble.net.

8/19/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class	8/25/2009	7:00 PM	Exploring Pan's Labyrinth
	2:30 PM	Quilting for Middle Way House		7:00 PM	UU Men's Group
	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors	8/26/2009	10:30 AM	Options Crafts Class
8/20/2009	8:30 AM	Head Start Staff Training	8/27/2009	7:00 PM	Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
	10:00 AM	Leadership Cultivation Cmte		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	7:00 PM	New Moon Ritual	8/28/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	8:30 PM	String Band		7:45 PM	Ramadan Celebration - sunset at 8:22 p.m.
8/21/2009	10:30 AM	Life Stories	8/29/2009	10:00 AM	UU Board, Management Team, Program Team
	11:00 AM	Maryann Orr art sale	8/30/2009	1:00 PM	Coming of Age Program - Mentor Training
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		4:00 PM	Younger Adult Meeting
8/22/2009	9:00 AM	Usher Training	8/31/2009	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	10:00 AM	Maryann Orr art sale		7:00 PM	Social Justice Coordinating Circle
	10:00 AM	Viral Spiral Book discussion		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
8/23/2009	4:00 PM	Memorial Service for Maryann Orr	9/1/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
8/24/2009	8:30 AM	Carpet Cleaning		7:00 PM	Yoga for the Ages
	6:30 PM	RE Committee	9/2/2009	3:00 PM	Life Stories
	6:30 PM	Scientists Unitarianism: Darwin		5:00 PM	City North Neighborhood Group Dinner
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship
8/25/2009	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers			

See also "Full Calendar" at www.uubloomington.org!

Minutiae from MAM

*Reverend Breeden is on sabbatical. Rumor has it that he holed out for an eagle on a par-5. That's golf lingo for "pretty darn amazing."

*Reverend Andy Burnette, our part-time sabbatical minister, will be preaching the next two Sundays. Please join us for worship and meet Andy, who will be in our pulpit at least once a month and assist with our Chalice Circle small group ministry program. He will have afternoon office hours on third Fridays beginning in September. Andy is the minister at the Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregation in Danville, Indiana, and he served as the sabbatical minister for the UU congregation in Columbus, Indiana, last year. He is on the board of directors for the Indiana Coalition for Reproductive Choice and is a former board member for Indiana Equality. He's a cool dude. Come hear him preach.

*Meanwhile, our Minister of Religious Education, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, has stepped up to aid in ministerial needs during this sabbatical time. I can also call upon our Minister Emerita Reverend Barbara Carlson if I need support or back-up. Reverend Carlson, while retired from the professional ministry, still continues her amazing ministry of spirit and fire. Please see her column regarding her work with the Monroe County Religious Leaders.

We also have a stellar staff and group of lay leaders who ease efforts during sabbatical.

*Speaking of staff, please support our Religious Education staff by helping to make registration for our Unitarian Universalist children go smoothly. We are using a new data-base system and timely registration is most helpful.

*Sign up to attend and help with the August 28th Ramadan dinner.

Peace, MAM

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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Monroe County Religious Leaders

Monroe County Religious Leaders (MCRL) includes representatives from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Baha'i, and Unitarian Universalist faiths. We meet monthly to *advocate for the religious principles of mercy, peace, social and economic justice, and stewardship of the earth*. Both clergy and lay leaders participate and visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. at Monroe County United Ministries.

Actions taken include:

Meeting with congressional members to discuss health care, the environment, the wars, and civil liberties

Meeting with the sheriff to assure that clergy of all faiths have access to meet with prisoners

Meeting with local school superintendents to discuss issues of bullying and expressions of religion in schools

Representing an interfaith solidarity in response to hate crimes

Addressing *Islamophobia* through newspaper articles and a series of events with the Islamic Center and community at large

Raising awareness and funds for Volunteers in Medicine through an interfaith fund drive

Studying the impact of the privatization of human services on our most vulnerable citizens and the agencies that serve them, and working for constructive change

Programs have included collaborating with Trinity Episcopal Church in their interfaith project to develop Emergency Winter Shelter for the homeless (UU volunteers are needed.); extending EarthCare Bloomington statewide; and Dr. Rob Stone on health care plans. We have invited Senator Richard Lugar and Congressman Baron Hill to meet with us to discuss health care, climate issues, nuclear non-proliferation, and other vital matters.

Byron Bangert and I serve as Co-Conveners for this interfaith group. Thanks to all who participate and support our work! In the faith,

Rev. Barbara Carlson, Minister Emerita

Community Connections
Our faith in action in the community
See helping opportunities on Page 6!

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 is on sabbatical, Aug-Dec 2009.

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. Rev. Breeden is on sabbatical through mid-December.

Attendance

Sun, Aug 9,	9:15:	103;	11:15:	153;	RE:	50
					Total:	306
Sun, Aug 16,	9:15:	90;	11:15:	190;	RE:	104
					Total:	384
Sun, Aug 9	non-pledge offering:					\$ 392
Sun, Aug 16	non-pledge offering:					\$ 415
	Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club					\$ 202

Women's Drum Circle

September 11 Dorothy Sowell, Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Nancy Richman will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, September 11, from 6:30-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. All levels of drumming experience are welcome. We encourage you to bring drums or percussion instruments, drums are not provided. The four of us, who are novice drummers, would like to share our excitement about drumming with other women. Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship.



What Does The Membership Coordinator Do?

If you are new to the UU church, or if you have been around for awhile, and have some questions about programs, task forces, or how to join the choir, contact the Membership Coordinator, Judy Bennett. Judy can give you information about opportunities, and put you in contact with people that you would like to meet. Look for Judy on Sundays between the services at coffee hour. You cannot miss her eye-catching hat! She is also available in the sanctuary after the second service. During the week Judy can be reached by calling the church phone number 332-3695, by email memcoord@uubloomington.org or by visiting her in room 207B for coffee or tea, Thursdays 9am-11am.
Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator

Call for Volunteers for Ramadan: August 28, 2009

We had 260 guests at Ramadan last year, and we want to be prepared for even more. Islamic Center members do all the cooking, and we need about 25 UU volunteers to make this event as wonderful as always. Please help if you can by volunteering to fill one of these needs: Set-up team 6 - 8:30 p.m.; Java Team 7 - 9; Greeters team 7:25 - 9; Clean-up team 9 - 10:30. Contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@yahoo.com, 812-837-9978.

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UUs Changing the World

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Sept 6

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries: canned meat (no tuna); soups (no chicken noodle); mandarin oranges and other canned fruit; pancake mix and syrup; and saltine crackers.

Thank you to all who contributed on August 2. Our total donation on August 2 was 153 pounds of food.



Shoe Drive for Head Start

The Green Sanctuary and Children's Task Forces are sponsoring a shoe drive to help children in Head Start classes. Head Start serves low income children, and the teachers report that children often come to school in flip-flops or open sandals that aren't good for running and climbing in. They are seeking gently used sneakers and shoes in sizes Toddler 8 to Child 5. Please bring shoes to the collection box in the Commons, next to the social justice table.

Cut Your Carbon and Your Costs

Learn how to calculate, monitor and reduce your carbon footprint while also reducing your energy bills. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is the chief human contribution to global warming. By adjusting our daily routines, we can reduce the CO2 emissions for which we are responsible (our "carbon footprint") and help curb climate change. This workshop is co-sponsored by Earth Care, People's University and Bloomingfoods, in two sessions:

Tuesdays (4), September 22 - October 13 from noon - 1:30 pm, register by Sept. 6 or

Thursdays (4), October 8 - October 29 from 7 - 8:30 pm, register by October 1

Both workshops are in the Hooker Room of City Hall and cost \$4 for City residents, \$5 for others plus an additional \$10 for the workbook.

For more information or to register call 349-3700 or visit www.bloomington.in.gov/parks.

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, September 13 as Walbicus (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to Worship Day for Bloomington. Anyone who walks, bikes or carpools to church on September 13 may pick up a free "I Walbicus. Do You?" button at the Green Sanctuary Task Force table in Fellowship Hall between services. It's a conversation starter and awareness raiser.

Zucchini coming out of your ears? Plant-A-Row still needs your extra garden produce (fruits, vegetables and herbs) to share with your hungry neighbors in Bloomington. Don't forget to bring your produce to Sunday service and place it in the bin near the Social Justice table. Thanks for all the great food donated so far.

Newcomers Invited to

Exploring UU Class New to the church and want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Sign up for the Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays September 13 and 20. Free child care is available with advance notice. For information contact Libby DeVoe, 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu

Art in the Commons in August

The paintings in the Commons this month are the work of Peggy Gohn.



Please register all Children and Youth

It is time to register all children and youth for Religious Education 2009-10. Please

register at the computers in the offices in RM 203, RM 204 and RM 205 on Sunday Aug. 23rd and Aug. 30th, or call 332-3695 during office hours and register over the phone.

Fall 2009 Teachers

Please take the time to thank these volunteers who are willing to spend time teaching our children and youth this fall!

9:15 Preschool "Celebrating Me and My World" Allan Paton, Kelly Nelson, Laura Mojonnier

9:15 K-2nd "Picture Book World Religions" Matthias Weber, Charlotte Appel, Erin Wager Miller

3rd-6th "Super Heroes Bible People" Mindy King, Angela Lexmond, Scott Hogsed

11:15 Preschool Martha Nord, Sheila Mcdermott-Sipe, Barbara Vance

11:15 Kst-1st "Picture Book World Religions" Kimberly Wagner, Terry Loucks, Madeline Rivera-Gill

11:15 2-3 Super Heroes Bible People, Ceci Schrock, Tammy Orahoad, Dave Crane

11:15 4th-5th "A Stepping Stone Year" Marcia Harlow, Kim Sackmann, Laura Jesseph

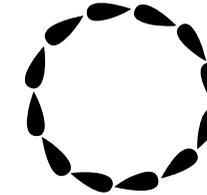
11:15 6-7 (YUUMS) "UU Action" Anne Veldman, Molly Perchlik, John Jesseph

8th-9th Neighboring Faiths

Mary Beth O'Brien, Melissa St. John, Dan Beauregard and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite --Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education and Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education

A Space for Human Growth

Being part of a Chalice Circle was one of the best things in my life this past year. When our group started we shared reasons for joining. We wanted to meet people outside



the workplace, hoped to meet new friends. Some of us were experiencing the normal stress of jobs, new relationships, raising children and growing existing relationships. Personally, I had retired and needed more human contact. And hey, UU people are usually OK, so why not give it a try?

At the start, no one joined this group of strangers thinking it would become an extended family. I don't remember anyone saying they joined to share significant parts of their lives and be a listener as others did the same. But that is what happened. It was magical and creative and very human. Our Chalice Circle was a space for human growth and healing. It happened for me and I believe it happened for others in the group. And, I believe all Chalice Circles have this potential. Why? Because the format of listening deeply allows me to speak and hear my own story, which is an intensely affirming and creative task. It allows the listener to hold the space for another human to grow. It is a practice that re-creates us all as more human, sharing another's heart if only for a moment. Though you may disagree at times (even with yourself!) you understand and see others.

So, our initial hopes were met and we found abundantly more. I encourage anyone who is attracted to consider joining a Chalice Circle. --David Parsons

Attention Social Justice Leaders: Apply for Funds, Now!

The Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) encourages all social justice task forces, organizers, workers, and leaders to apply for our church's Fall Grants Funding. Below are guidelines from the application. If you have ideas about social justice projects and need some start up cash, we encourage you to be creative, involve the congregation in planning and submit an application by October 1.

Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of the congregation, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit. Before submitting the grant proposal, advocates of the proposal should have taken steps to inform members of the congregation and to involve interested members in the project.

Request grant applications from Blankenship.Jennifer@ymail.com. Or obtain from the Social Justice Funds Committee mailbox in the Church's workroom (Room 204). --Social Justice Funds Committee

New Year for the Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance, an organization for women of all ages (and interested men), starts its new year September 3 with Cookie Lynch talking about the history of the Alliance in our church. Discover the many community and church activities the Alliance has sponsored through the years.

The Alliance meets on the first Thursday of every month in Fellowship Hall. Come at 11:30 with a brown bag lunch; program begins at noon. Dessert and drinks are

furnished by members who take turns hosting. There is a brief business meeting at 12:30 and we finish by 1 pm. Dues for the year are \$15.

The Alliance provides financial assistance for programs in the church. This year we will be utilizing the UUA International Convocation of Unitarian Women's Global Literacy Program. This program will help educate us about the challenges women face globally and what UUs are doing about improving women's lives. "Global Literacy" means becoming informed about what it means to be effective global citizens.

In October and February we will discuss what kind of programs we might want to support. In November we will hear Jason Blankenship, of the International Outreach Task Force, on programs for women in parts of Africa. In January we will learn about violence against women in our community. Hopefully by spring we will determine what we want to support and put a program into place for that financial and active support. In other months we will be hearing from members of the church community about their lives in the community and the church. Please come and join us.

Buying Groceries? We Need More Users Of Fundraiser Grocery Cards!

Our UU Fundraiser grocery card project contributed \$6,000 to the church in the last fiscal year. Many thanks to those of you who made this possible because you bought and used the cards for Kroger, Marsh, O'Malia's, and Bloomingfoods! The church received 5% of what you spent on groceries at these stores. Now, the situation has →

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changed somewhat: Kroger, beginning on August 9, has reduced its payback percentage to 3%, while the other stores still give us 5%. We can easily make up the difference at Kroger if more UU's buy and use grocery cards! Please see our salesperson in the Commons between services and learn how easily you can help our church's operating fund!

--Sheri Benham and Harriet Pfister,
Fundraiser Coordinators



Chalice Circles: Sign Up Now through Sept 13

On Sunday, August 9, Chalice Circles were reintroduced for the fourth year. Everyone should have received a letter and brochure in the mail describing the program. Chalice Circles is small group ministry that enables us to know others and ourselves better by deep listening with an open heart. The groups are guided by a facilitator who uses written session plans.

This is a great way to meet new people from our church community and to get to know yourself and others better.

There are many different Chalice Circle meeting times offered. If you need childcare, sign up for the group that meets on Thursday evenings at the church and indicate that you need childcare. Sign up sheets are posted in the Commons and will be available through **Sunday, September 13.** A Chalice Circle group may meet once or twice a month or even every three weeks. A Chalice Circles executive committee member or facilitator will be available after both services to answer any questions you may have.

The next step after sign up is to attend the **Chalice Circle Kick Off on Sunday September 13, from 4:00-6:00 pm** in the **Meeting Room.** This is the required

orientation meeting of your Chalice Circle. **Please mark your calendar.** If you are unable to attend you will be contacted to attend a make-up session.

Details, please contact Chris Clothier at 332-3622 (c_clothier@sbcglobal.net), or Alan Backler at 812-340-1323 (abackler@aol.com)

♪Getting To Know You...

At A Fellowship Potluck What is a fellowship potluck?

A group of 6 to 8 friendly people who share a meal and conversation in the home of one of the participants.

Coffee hour too short to become better acquainted? This is an opportunity for a more prolonged conversation, widening your circle of UU acquaintances since you will meet different people at each meal.

How do you become a participant? Registration forms with details for "Fellowship Potluck Dinners" are in the hall literature rack at church. Fill one out and send it in. You'll be informed at the beginning of each month of your dinner assignment.

We love newcomers!

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 20, 5 p.m.,

and attend a fellowship potluck dinner at the church to enjoy food, conversation, and learn more about the program. Everyone is welcome, not only newcomers. Let me know if you do plan to attend.

CHILDCARE can be provided on September 20 if we have reservations from at least two families. Contact Dixie Welch right away if you would like to have child care at the church.

Reservations for child care must be made by September 3!

Fellowship Dinner Coordinator: Dixie Welch, 339-1075 deejaywelch@gmail.com.