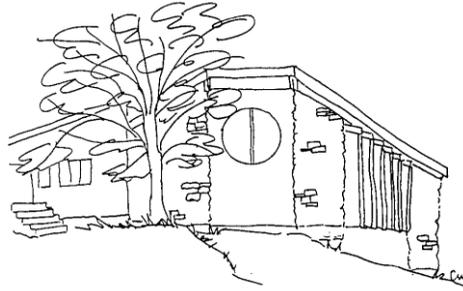


The Prologue

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12/23/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	12/31/2009	12:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game
12/24/2009	4:00 PM	Away in a Manger Christmas Eve Service	1/2/2010	1:00 PM	RE Teacher Orientation, Team meetings
	6:00 PM	Choir Warm up	1/3/2010		Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
	7:00 PM	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service		1:00 PM	Woody Reh.
	9:00 PM	Meditative Christmas Eve Service		2:00 PM	Gulick Memorial Service, Meadowood
12/27/2009		Services at 9:15 and 11:15	1/4/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	1:00 PM	RE Teacher Orientation		3:00 PM	Management Team
	1:00 PM	Woody reh.	1/5/2010	10:00 AM	Greeter Cmte
12/28/2009	9:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game		2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler
12/29/2009	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group, chaynes@indiana.edu		6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
12/30/2009	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	4:00 PM	CUUPS Reunion			
	7:00 PM	Woody reh.			

For more, go to www.uubloomington.org; click on Full Calendar.

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Monday, December 21, 2009

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949
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Thursday, December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Services

Away in a Manger 4:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education

Join us for a Nativity Pageant for Young Children. This interactive nativity pageant service will focus on an atmosphere welcoming to small children (infants through age 6) and their families and friends. There will be carol singing throughout this retelling of the familiar Christmas story.

Lead On, Spirit 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breedon

In Charles Dickens's 19th century novel, A Christmas Story, Ebenezer Scrooge urged, "Lead on! Lead on! The night is waning fast, and it is precious time to me, I know. Lead on, Spirit!" In our annual Christmas Eve Service, we will offer reflections on Christmases past, present and future. With the night waning, we will shape what is of worth in our lives and give gratitude for our precious time together. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be included.

Meditative Service 9:00 p.m.

Reverend Bill Breedon

A service of sharing Christmas joys and memories in an informal style. Candle lighting and "Silent Night" will be included.

Sunday, December 27, 2009

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Last Chance for Gas Reverend Bill Breedon

A laid back service with special music, sing-alongs and congregational participation. Come fill your tank for the new year.

Sunday, January 3, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Ununbium: The Annual Science Review Sermon

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Reverend Macklin will offer her annual review and reflections on scientific discoveries and advances from 2009. We will explore topics from such areas as human origins, environment, physics, math, health, mind & brain, and technology...then, as liberal religious seekers, we will ponder these things in our hearts. Sally Todd, pianist, will offer all-Bach music selections for the service.

MAM's Musings

As I said at the Intergenerational Worship Service on Sunday, December 20, we are so grateful for everyone, both volunteers and staff, who creates a Religious Education program for our congregation that feeds the soul for all ages. During that worship service, we heard the story of the camel Hoshmakatu who traveled a great journey to Bethlehem many years ago; Hoshmakatu carried the gifts of many on his back which was a heavy burden for his journey. In our meditation words, we pondered questions echoed by the journey of Hoshmakatu, "Are there times when we find ourselves facing something difficult to handle? Some burden that feels very heavy to bear? Do we ever lose sight of our destination?"

During the holiday times, some folks find themselves challenged by the expectations of the season, which may include too many activities or not enough activities. The holidays can be a time of loneliness for some who are by themselves or even in the midst of a crowded room. The expectations of ongoing joy and happiness espoused at this time may feel like a burden.

My holiday wish for you is that wherever you find yourself in this season, like Hoshmakatu you know deep within the divine spark of your strength and beauty. I believe that each of us is stronger, braver, nicer, more patient and resourceful that we ever imagine. May we be reborn into that knowledge as the light returns each day. May we call upon others (friends, ministers, family, colleagues) when we need support. And

may we never cease to reach out in love and concern for others.

Peace, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The West Window

It is good to be looking out this window again. Although the snow on the roof of the empty State Police Post is not as inviting as the turquoise waters of the Caribbean, there is something heartwarming about being home. My sabbatical journey was wonderful, restful, invigorating and magical. I find myself ready to be home and yet still I feel the pull of the tides, the sounds of island life, and I want to keep the calmness that accompanied every sunrise. Stories and lessons from my time away will rise to the surface as I continue to stir the simmering memories that will last the rest of my life. Thank you for being a community that cares for its ministers, and makes such healing time possible.

As stated on my first Sunday back, I spent nearly four months completely out of the news cycle of the American Empire. It is refreshing to be out of the target area of those spin masters who tell us what to believe, what to fear and what to buy. As we celebrate the holidays and move to the New Year, let us do it with awareness that every day of our lives is an opportunity to love, laugh, play, and do good work. Glenda and I watched the sub-titled French film *Amélie* last night, and this line stuck in my mind, "We pass the time to forget that time is passing." Every breath we take is holy and is gone forever. May we take each breath with thanksgiving and be graceful in our living.

Peace—bill, Reverend Bill Breeden

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Area 10 Agency on Aging is looking for : Cheerful people to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Bloomington and Ellettsville 1-1.5 hours weekday mornings. Must have your own transportation. If interested please contact Mary at mboutain@area10agency.org or 935-2505.

Ministers' Availability

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.

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

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

On call M, T, W, F
breeden@uubloomington.org,
mobile: 812-360-1779



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.

Offices closed Dec. 24-Jan 2 Staff and ministers' hours will be unscheduled and sporadic during this period. In case of a pastoral emergency, use ministers' mobile numbers, above. There will be staff on duty on Sunday, December 27.

The Owens Kitchen Named

At the congregational meeting on December 13, Jean Knowlton moved, and the membership unanimously voted, to name our beautiful kitchen in honor of longtime members Walter and Tommie Owens. The kitchen will henceforth be named The Owens Kitchen. Walt and Tommie Owens have been influential and generous members of our congregation for many years. Walt's leadership in helping supervise the construction of our new Meeting Room 10 years ago, and Tommie's creativity in helping design and make the congregational quilt now hanging in our Library, are just two examples of ways they have helped our congregation. Walt also designed and built all the cabinets in our kitchen, our sound cabinet, and the pulpit which graces our Meeting Room, including carving by hand the chalice mounted on the front of the pulpit. A special plaque will commemorate the naming of The Owens Kitchen.

Sunday Parking Options

For the time being, we do not have access to the old state police post parking lot, and so on Sundays in order to leave our parking lot available to visitors and those who must park closer, if you are able, please park on Jordan Avenue, ½ block to the south, or in the Marching 100 Hall parking lot (old Church of God) across the bypass.

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Jan 3

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

carrots, greens, mixed veggies and potatoes, desserts such as pudding and jello mixes, canned meat such as chili, chicken or beef. Many thanks for your generous donations.

D.C. gay marriage law signed at Unitarian church

Interfaith clergy coalition mobilized to promote same-sex marriage in nation's capital.

By Jane Greer
12.21.09



Washington, D.C., mayor Adrian M. Fenty signed a bill legalizing same-sex marriage at All Souls Church Unitarian on December 18. (Rob Keithan)

History was made Friday, December 18, when Washington, D.C., mayor Adrian M. Fenty signed a bill in the sanctuary of All Souls Church, Unitarian, legalizing same-sex marriage in the District of Columbia.

The law was approved by the D.C. City Council December 15.

The Rev. Robert Hardies, senior minister at All Souls, is co-chair of D.C. Clergy United for Marriage Equality, one of the groups instrumental in securing the law's passage. "I applaud Mayor Fenty and the D.C. Council for standing on the side of love and ending discrimination against gay and lesbian Washingtonians," he said in remarks during the signing ceremony.

Complete article and other news of interest may be found at www.uuworld.org

Our Folks...

A memorial service for David Keppel's mother, Grace Keppel, will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Meadowood.

Women's Drum Circle Jan. 8

Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship! Several women of the congregation will host a drumming circle for women on Friday, January 8, 2010 in Fellowship Hall at the church from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All levels of drumming experience and non-experience are welcome. We encourage you to bring drums and other percussion instruments (instruments will not be provided).

BULLETIN BOARD -----

The UU bed and breakfast directory UU're Home provides a network of hosts in the U.S. who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their homes to like-minded people. See www.UUreHome.com

Intersession 2010

During the month of January, children in Religious Education will be enjoying a special Intersession called "Stories from the Bible." Rev. Emily Manvel Leite developed this program, which allows children to sign up for multi-age classes based upon their interest, children grades k-7 choose between drama, cooking, creative writing, crafts and outdoors/nature. Everyone can look forward to hearing the worship story told during the children's moment. We are very grateful to the volunteers who help make this possible if you want to be involved, let Cindy or Emily know.

Time Capsule 2009 Dec. 27th

Join us for vacation Religious Education on Sunday December 27th during both services. We will be opening the time capsules from 2007 and 2008 and will make one for 2009. You may be amazed at how much some things have changed. Bring any predictions you have about 2010! Adults who can assist this day are needed; please contact Cindy, dre@uubloomington.org

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

dinner 5:45PM, worship 6:15PM

"Dark of Winter" Family Worship

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite

Come join friends of all ages for this light-hearted worship service where we will explore the magic of winter through stories, songs and participation. Dinner will be served at 5:30, \$1 donation per person suggested.

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

January Art in the Commons

The photos on display in the Commons during January are by Peggy and John Woodcock.

UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's group meets every three weeks at a variety of locations. Interested men should contact Chris Haynes chaynes@indiana.edu for meeting locations or to join the UU Men's email list. The meeting dates (on Tuesday every 3 wks) in the next few months: Dec 29, Jan 19, Feb 9, Mar 2, Mar 23, Apr 13, May 4. Meetings are from 7-9pm.

The Women's Alliance Meets Thursday, January 7

Our speaker, Nancy Richman, will speak about domestic violence. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month's hosts, Julie Lawson and Sandy Taylor, will provide beverages and desserts. Guests are always welcome. Join us.

Attendance

Sun, Dec 13,	9:15: 179;	11:15: 261;	RE: 101	Total: 541
Sun, Dec 20,	9:15: 88;	11:15: 192;	RE: intergen	Total: 280

Sun, Dec 13	non-pledge offering:	\$ 656
Sun, Dec 20	non-pledge offering:	\$ 668
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club		\$ 331

FROM THE PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE

Many of us plan to make the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana a beneficiary of our estates. However, estate planning, and changing estate plans tends to be a long and expensive process, often fraught with uncertainty and procrastination.

This form represents a simple way to include the church in your estate. Fill it out, and send it to the Church Administrator. There is no cost for implementation. The amount can be changed at any time to accommodate your circumstances. It can be revoked when you include UUCB more formally in your estate planning, or for any other reason.

Reverend Bill Breeden, Deborah Hutton, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Lloyd Orr

CHARITABLE PLEDGE TO BE PAID POSTHUMOUSLY

I hereby make a charitable pledge to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, Inc., to be paid following my death. It is my intention that this pledge be paid from assets subject to my control immediately before the time of my death. That might be probate assets or assets in a revocable living trust, or assets subject to a beneficiary designation, or assets held in some other form. I leave it to the person(s) handling my affairs after my death to determine an appropriate way to honor this pledge.

I reserve the right to revoke or modify this charitable pledge at any time prior to my death. Any such revocation must be in writing, signed by me, and delivered to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, Inc., 2120 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408.

Amount of Charitable Pledge:
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Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

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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, on topics such as forgiveness, gratitude, or saying goodbye. Groups also do service projects for the church and for the community. Participants find that they get to know themselves, and others, more deeply in these small groups. For more information, please contact Alan Backler at 812-340-1323 or abackler@aol.com

Getting Involved Fair: Sunday, January 24

Looking for a way to get more involved in church activities? Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall by groups and committees in which welcome your participation. Browse the groups, listen to their activities, eat special snacks, meet new friends. This is a great opportunity for new friends and visitors to see the wide variety of activities available and to talk with folks from these groups. This fun event will take place after each service on January 24.

Last UU Banking Day for 2009: December 29

We will be making our final bank deposit of 2009 on December 29. If you wish to make a payment on your pledge before 2010, please do so by December 29. In January, we will be sending each contributor a summary of donations and pledge payments made

during calendar year 2009, for tax purposes. Thank you all for your generous gifts. --Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.

2009 UU Art Fair and Bazaar Final Estimate of Earnings --

Gross Receipts -- \$15,467.81
Net \$13,452.49

Of the net, 20% or \$2,690.50 will go as always to the Women's Alliance for their good works in our congregation and community, and the rest, \$10,761.99, will go to the church's operating budget. This is an increase of 19% over last year's Bazaar contribution of \$9,010.39.



Although a couple of bills have not been received yet, their amounts has been estimated and are included in the above figures. Thanks to all who helped make this happen! --Your 2009 Bazaar Committee

To All Cookie Bakers!

A bountiful THANK YOU! to all of the talented bakers and decorators that donated cookies for the 2009 Bazaar Cookie Walk. We had a beautiful display, excited patrons, and best of all we sold everything!

There was an impressive array and variety and although I tasted many, thank goodness I did not sample them all! We can all be very proud of the Cookie Walk's contribution to the success of this year's bazaar.

Thank you again! Sincerely, the Cookie Walk Committee, Mary Jo Conley and Meg Sears p.s. Please pick up your containers in Room 204 by January 3!