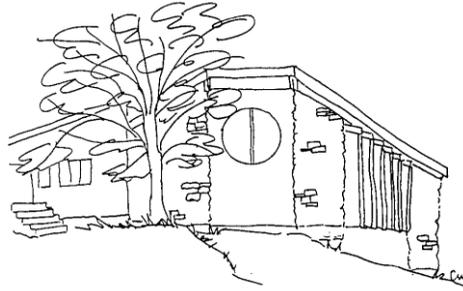


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Monday, January 4, 2010

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

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.

Sunday, January 10, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

The Ghost of Reinhold Niebuhr

Reverend Bill Breeden

The first of two sermons about the primary moral question of this new decade:
Is Just War just war?

Sunday, January 17, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Fantasy and Fallacy

Reverend Bill Breeden

Christian Realism in the 21st century.

Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism, and militarism. With this powerful commitment we shall boldly challenge the status quo and unjust mores and thereby speed the day when “every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain.” -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

1/6/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	1/12/2010	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators - Tues grp
	3:00 PM	Family Dinner Prep		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	3:00 PM	Life Stories		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
	5:30 PM	Family Dinner & Worship		7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)
	7:30 PM	Woody reh.	1/13/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
1/7/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance		1:00 PM	Friends of Prisoners Task Force
	5:30 PM	Chalice Circle Exec Team		6:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Cmte
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons		7:00 PM	Chal Circle - Crane
	7:00 PM	UU Choir	1/14/2010	7:00 PM	New Moon Ritual
	8:30 PM	String Band		7:00 PM	UU Choir
1/8/2010	12:00 PM	UU Staff	1/15/2010	12:00 PM	UU Staff
	6:30 PM	Women's Drumming Circle		5:00 PM	Fac Use
1/9/2010	9:30 AM	Kick Around Ideas	1/16/2010	9:30 AM	Kick Around Ideas
	10:00 AM	Talent Auction Cmte		2:00 PM	Open Tea for Sisterhood of Avalon
	10:30 AM	BCS Board Meeting	1/17/2010	1:00 PM	Woody reh.
	8:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game		3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class
1/10/2010	12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force		4:30 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game, vs. Minnesota
	1:00 PM	Chal Circle - Knowlton		6:00 PM	YRUU
	1:00 PM	Woody reh.	1/18/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class		12:30 PM	Sabbatical Committee
	6:00 PM	YRUU		6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace
1/11/2010	5:30 PM	Stewardship Cmte		6:30 PM	Program Team
	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators - Monday grp		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir	1/19/2010	8 a - 8 p	Feasibility Conversations - Green Spaces Initiative
1/12/2010	12:00 PM	Library Committee Meeting			

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

The West Window

It was zero degrees last night at our house. I remember a little voice that spoke to me as I sat on a beach in the Caribbean last month. It kept saying "You're going to pay for this." I think it was a holdover from my childhood when we were constantly warned against having too much fun, because most fun was related to some kind of sin, and to be honest, I found sitting on a sun-washed beach to be deliciously sinful. It is probably equally sinful to flaunt the memory of that beach for you to read bundled up in your winter clothing, and I promise to make restitution and sin no more.

It is actually good to be back in the invigorating Indiana winter, and there is enough to do to keep us warm. One of the warming opportunities in our own community is to volunteer to staff the homeless shelters being offered in four Bloomington churches. I understand that some of our members have already taken the training and given some time, but it is a long winter and the need is great. It takes nearly twenty-five volunteers a night to provide for the homeless in our community who have nowhere else to go. The shifts are just a few hours, and yet they make a profound difference in the lives of the homeless, and in the hearts of those who serve. Volunteer training upcoming:

Tuesday, Jan. 12 2010, 6-9pm,
Sherwood Oaks Christian Church (2700 E. Rogers Rd). Full training class.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 2010, 6-9pm,
St. Marks United Methodist Church (100 N. State Rd 46).

www.interfaithwintershelter.org

Be well, stay warm and love the world.

Peace—bill

Reverend Bill Breeden



Happy New Year from your Stewardship Committee!

This season of giving, receiving, reflecting, and making resolutions is a natural time for thoughts of our financial stewardship of this church. It is our privilege to thank everyone for honoring their pledges and supporting the work of this church over the past year. Although the pledge campaign is just a few weeks each year, the pledges you make and the work your pledges support serve as a continual commitment to the health of this free religious community. In the same spirit that called us to rededicate the meeting room in honor of the 60th Anniversary of our congregation, we hope that your stewardship of this church is one more opportunity for you to feel a regular rededication and recommitment to the goals and values of this our spiritual home. May you have a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Coming Soon – From the Aesthetics Committee

John Woodcock has taken some beautiful photos of the church that will be viewable soon in the newly created "Pocket Gallery" just before the north door entrance to the Meeting Room; please take a moment to look at the photos and read about the new space.

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Interfaith Prayer Service at Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center January 16

Arjia Rinpoche and the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center (TMBCC) are pleased to announce that His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama will visit Bloomington in May 2010. As followers of His Holiness's path for universal peace, members of the center also wish to celebrate the beginning of a New Decade by holding an Interfaith Prayer Service at the center on January 16, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Barbara Carlson (our Minister Emerita) will be one of the speakers at this event, and everyone is welcome. Each person attending should bring a food donation (canned or packaged) that will be donated to Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Info, www.tmbcc.net

GLBTQ Pride Film Festival in January

The Bloomington GLBTQ Pride Film Festival is January 28-31, at the Buskirk Chumley Theater. Details and schedule, see <http://pridefilmfestival.org/>

John Shelby Spong to Visit Bloomington February 14

Mark your calendar. On Sunday, February 14, well-known author and advocate for liberal religion John Shelby Spong will visit Bloomington. A retired Episcopal bishop, Dr. Spong will lead the 10:45 worship service at First United Church, 2420 E. Third St., and give a lecture there at 2:00 p.m. entitled "Can a Citizen of the 21st Century Still Believe in Life After Death?"

Come and have your beliefs challenged.

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Ministers' Availability

Rev. Macklin's regular day off is Tuesday.
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Reverend Macklin will be away Jan 4-10.

Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.
On call M, T, W, F
breeden@uubloomington.org,
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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.

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, 1/2 block to the south, or in the Marching 100 Hall parking lot (old Church of God) across the bypass.

UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Feb 7

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.

Thanks from MCUM for Holiday Baskets

Dear Unitarian Universalists,

Thank you for your donation to MCUM's Emergency Services Program. In 2008, with the help of congregations like yours, we were able to provide food to 5,025 of our neighbors in need.

Your contributions of **6,080** pounds of pantry items on 12/18/09 will help the continuation of these services. So far this year we have collected 73,353 pounds of food from members of our community.

Thank you for making a difference!

Sincerely,

Cliff J. Edens

Emergency Services/Volunteer Coordinator
Monroe County United Ministries

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.

Continued wishes of wellness to Chris Clothier, who is well on the road to recovery after surgery on December 9th.



We Love Coffee, We Love Tea

We want to be sure coffee hour is always there, welcoming everyone to our community each Sunday. If you would like to help, sign up in Fellowship Hall or email Ron Ellis, rondeb_ls_03@verizon.net.

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 are not provided).

UU Coffeehouse

Friday, Jan. 29 Come join in the fun on Friday January 29th at 7:30pm! Come in out of the cold and enjoy wonderful music and fine poetry as you relax with friends. This month those featured include Beth and Dan Lodge-Rigal on keyboard and guitar with Beth's original songs, and Andrea Augustine on violin and guitar. Denise Breeden-Ost and Jack King will share their poetry. Children are welcome! Light refreshments are served. A freewill donation is requested to cover costs. Any questions, please contact Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpedesigns.net.

From Intersession Creative Writing

Happy

Alone, cold, and I am happy.
The ground is white and snowy.
It is winter,
and the ground is clean and fluffy.
I am happy.
I am red against the wintery white.
Most birds fly south.
Not I—
I like the winter and its contrast with me.
I feel a chill.
I am happy.
It is quiet and peaceful.
I am swift.
The ground is white.
I feel blessed.
I am solitary.
I am happy.

--Natalia Kropf-Estell

Leaf

I'm a growing life,
Energy and balance,
Rolling in air,
Every green balanced plant,
Energy is growing,
Nice, leafy, wet,

Light to grow,
Every wet leaf,
Air breathing along,
Flowering breathing life.

--Tess Flynn

Visitors and non-registered children are welcome to join the fun! Come to Fellowship Hall following the Children's Moment, each Sunday of January!

January Art Pieces on display in the Meeting Room windows are from the collection of Doris Wittenburg and Harlan Lewis. 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: 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 27, 9:15:	48;	11:15:	127;	RE: 51
				Total: 226
Sun, Jan 3, 9:15:	78;	11:15:	170;	RE: 84
				Total: 332

Sun, Dec 27	non-pledge offering:	\$ 568
Sun, Jan 3	non-pledge offering:	\$ 611
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club		\$ 295

BULLETIN BOARD

WATCH THIS FILM: Patsy Flint recommends *Invictus*, story of Nelson Mandela's first year as President of South Africa. She says: See it soon!

New Members Join on December 20

A warm welcome to all these wonderful new members, who signed our Membership Book on December 20.

Sheila M McDermott Sipe and Dennis Sipe

Dennis Sipe and Sheila McDermott Sipe are both native Hoosiers. They have four children: Elias 11, Olivia 8, Denali 4, and Oscar 2. Sheila is now in her 11th year teaching language arts at Bloomington High School South and loves running and hiking. Dennis currently stays home with their two youngest children and works part time for the Middle Way House. He was recently admitted to a M.A. program in Library Science at Indiana University but is still deciding if he will start the program in the fall. He is a poet and loves to fly fish. Elias is a devoted soccer player and musician; Olivia loves to sing and make clay cats; Denali's goal is to one day ride a whale, and Oscar loves monkeys and elephants. As a family, they have been motivated and inspired by the spiritual and intellectual community of this congregation and its commitment to social service and great music.

Kitty McIntosh has attended the UU church for over 10 years. She was the Religious Education Assistant for 2 years. She is currently the Religious Education Committee Co-chair. Kitty is married to Eric McIntosh. They have three children, Mandy, Matt, and Stephanie. Kitty originally came to the UU Church looking for a place to bring her children to learn things they might not learn anywhere else. She stayed because she found a community she loves.

Jane Goodman has been attending UUCB and singing in the choir since 2003. After a year abroad in Algeria last year, she gained new awareness of the importance of this community in her life. From the Boston area, Jane is a lifelong Red Sox fan and still has many connections in New England. She moved to Bloomington a decade ago to join the faculty of Indiana University as a cultural anthropologist specializing in performance (music, theater), colonialism, and cultural identity in Algeria. In her spare time, she sings with Kaia and enjoys reading, hiking, spirituality, and her cat.

Mindy King

Mindy King moved to Bloomington 11 years ago when she "married into" Indiana University (her husband, Barry, coaches water polo for IU). Although born in the Midwest (Kansas City, MO), Mindy spent 20 years in California. She found UUCB after her second son was born and she was looking for a positive spiritual home for her children. Mindy has two sons, Aidan (age 6) and Creighton (age 9), and enjoys gardening, running, cooking, swimming, and cycling.

Catherine and Eric Shipp Andrea Fiedler

Lindsey and Erik Weaver

Amy Jo Crozier

Maryann and George Cusack

Michael Harris

Gladys DeVane

Chris Hanna

Erin and Jim Wager Miller

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 that 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.

When You Go Away...

When you go out of town for vacation and ask the Post Office to stop your mail, please be sure to let us know when you return, so we can re-start your Prologue. The P.O. tells us when you leave, but they won't tell us when you come back. Thanks! Carol Marks, Church Administrator, admin@uubloomington.org

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNERS—JANUARY

HOSTS: JEAN SEBEOK & MARK DAY

Mary Andrus-Overley & Donald Halford
Doris Wittenburg & Harlan Lewis
Pat Aungst
Paul Petersen

HOSTS: LIBBY & BOB DEVOE

Joan & Rob Hongen
Carolyn & David Emmert
Nejla Routsong
Dolores Freiburger
Julie James & Brian Richwine

HOST: ABBY GITLITZ

Lois & Rick Holl
Renee Reed & Stephanie Burks
Beverly McGahey
Elizabeth Lion

HOSTS: JACKIE HALL & LLOYD ORR

Cathy & Dick Hiatt
Cyndi & Dale Nelson
Joan Caulton & Ed Greenebaum
Bill Baus
Patsy Flint

HOSTS: NANCY RICHMAN & JANA ANNA

Denise & Harold Ogren
Sandy & Fred Churchill
Dave Parkhurst
Ann Watzel

HOSTS: NATALIA & DUANE SCHAU

Kathleen & Steven Gilbert
BJ Lawrance & Jan Skinner
Cindy & Mike Peek
Barbara Edmonds
Sharin Martin

HOSTS: DIXIE WELCH &

PETER SCHWANDT

Dave Crane & Kevin Rottet
Maryann & George Cusack
Maureen Biggers & Tony Reilly

If you'd like to join in the potlucks, complete a registration form (available in the literature racks at church) or send an email message to Dixie Welch at deejaywelch@gmail.com



**Adult Religious Education Prospectus
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Registration: To register, sign up on the bulletin board by the courtyard entrance or call (332-3695) or e-mail Ginger Ko, Office Assistant, at office@uubloomington.org.

How to purchase texts: You may be able to purchase texts through our Booktable (chaired by Glee Noble, gleenoble@sbcglobal.net).

Child Care: Child care can be arranged for most events if parents reserve by the posted deadline and if **at least two families request child care** for a given class or event. Reserve on the sign-up sheet, call 332-3695, or email office@uubloomington.org.

A Year to Live with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Starts January 23

FULL—you may sign up for the waiting list. Email office@uubloomington.org

Kick it Around with John Crosby

4 Saturdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9:30-11:30AM, Library

Kick Around ideas about religion and theology. Sign up now! (No childcare)

Unitarian Universalist Yoga with Shelley Taylor

12 Tuesdays, January 12–April 27 (except March 16) from 7-8PM, Fellowship Hall, Min 5, Max 20

This professionally-led yoga class is appropriate for both beginners and experienced yoga participants. You may want to bring a mat or towel. \$5 donation per session requested. Sign up or drop in. No child care available unless 2 or more families sign up for all 12 sessions!

Cut Your CO₂ST Workshop with Stephanie Kimball and the Green Sanctuary Task Force

4 Saturdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 10AM-Noon, Fellowship Hall, Min. 10

Discover ways to cut your household energy use, save money, and reduce your impact on our planet's fragile climate. Participants will calculate a baseline, identify specific actions, report on their progress, and share information and ideas with one another. Those who are interested may join the 50% club, a loosely organized group of people committed to reducing utility usage by 50% or more and supporting others' efforts to do the same.

Required text: *The Low Carbon Diet* published by the Empowerment Institute

Art of Living with Ashkay Ponda

2 Mondays, February 15 and March 1 from 7-8:30PM, Library, Min 5, Max 12

Tired of being stressed out? Learn practical tools to eliminate stress and bring balance to your life including yoga, guided meditation, and the power of breath. This class will include DVD presentation and guided practice to give you a taste of the "Art of Living". Come and try it out!

Soup and Saging with Barb Backler and Ruth Sanders

4 Wednesdays, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 from 11:30AM-1PM, Fellowship Hall
The Elder Focus Task Force is sponsoring this soup lunch and book/discussion group each month where we will examine the role of elders in our church and in society.

February 10: *From Age-ing to Sage-ing* by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi (on mentoring)

March 10: *Prime Time* by Marc Freedman (on the effective use of experienced people)

April 14: Each person brings a synopsis of an appropriate book, video, poem, or short story

May 12: We'll reflect on all we've heard and decide where we want to go next.

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven with Beckie Wagner and Ruellen Fessenbecker

6 Weds, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 17, March 3, 17, and April 7 from 7-9PM, Room 210, Min 5, Max 20

This continuation of the course, Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, continues our journey into the past to reclaim stories of powerful women that can be found in ancient Judaism and early Christianity. We will also look at the global silencing and brutalization of women that accompanied the rise of patriarchal religion and society. Finally, we will celebrate the exciting new world view and theology that has emerged in our time, and explore personal and social changes that may be suggested by them. Come be a part of the complex process of telling a new story! This class is open to women of all ages. Participation in the fall session of Cakes for the Queen of Heaven is not required for this session.

Family to Family: Dealing with a Family Member's Mental Illness with Lee & Al Strickholm

12 Thursdays, February 11-April 29 from 7-9:30PM, Library, Maximum: 20

This 12 week program designed by experienced mental health professionals provides information, support, and empowerment for family and friends of individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. The class will include lectures, discussions, role playing, guest speakers, and short video presentations and will provide concrete, specific information, basic clinical guidance, skill training, coping techniques, and a safe, confidential place to talk about your experiences.

A commitment to attend all twelve sessions is required to take this class. All participants will be interviewed by the facilitators before the group begins to make sure the class is appropriate for them. Please contact Lee Strickholm with questions: leestrick@aol.com

COMING SOON!

Look for our March ARE Prospectus with the February 15 Prologue:

How to Read a Poem with Jack Carpenter

Artful Everyday Compositions: the World as Art Museum with Beau Vallance

A Psychiatrist Views the Feminine with Bob Taylor

Live to 100 and Enjoy it! with Al Strickholm

Living the Welcoming Congregation with Phil Cooper and Kevin Woodruff

Parenting From the Heart with Rhonda Clower

Questions? Contact our Minister of Religious Education
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