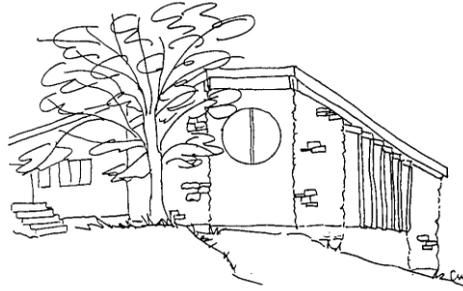


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Tuesday, January 19, 2010

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Sunday, January 24, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Prayerful Thoughts Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

What is prayer? It might be said that prayer is a testament to what we love in this world. Rabbi Sandy Sasso wrote, "Prayer is yes and no. Prayer is questions, doubts, sorrow. Prayer is old and new. Prayer is repeating the words written long ago. Prayer is our loud cries of frustration. And a child's voice calling. Prayer is a kaleidoscope." Join us as we explore prayer as liberal religious seekers. Our Getting Involved Fair and a New Member Recognition will also be part of this worship service.

Sunday, January 31, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

**Hell No! The Unpaved Road of Universalism
 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

We are Unitarian Universalists. What does our Universalist heritage teach us about our theological and spiritual path? What the heck happened to hell? In this worship service we will explore some of the early stories of Universalism and their significance in our lives today. During the service you will be invited to make a contribution to the Unitarian Universalist Association in celebration of Association Sunday.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner

African American History Month Celebration Reverend Emily Manvel Leite
 Join us as we celebrate African American history with Renee Reed's annual soul food dinner feast. The Children's Choir will be singing. \$2 per adult, \$1 per child suggested donation. See page 3 for details.

1/20/2010	6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte	1/27/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors		7:00 PM	Becoming a City of Peace Forum
	7:00 PM	Woody reh.		7:00 PM	Woody reh.
1/21/2010	8:00A-8:00P	Feasibility Study - Green Spaces Initiative	1/28/2010	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Parsons/Wagner		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	7:00 PM	UU Choir	1/29/2010	12:00 PM	UU Staff
	8:30 PM	String Band		7:30 PM	UU Coffeehouse
1/22/2010	8:30 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series	1/30/2010	9:30 AM	Kick Around Ideas
	12:00 PM	Holiday Staff Party		10:00 AM	RE New Teacher Orientation
1/23/2010	9:00-3:00	A Year to Live Workshop		10:00 AM	Tal Auction Cmte
	9:30 AM	Kick Around Ideas		11:00 AM	RE Teacher Team Meeting
1/24/2010	after ea. Svc.	Getting Involved Fair		7:30 PM	Imbolc Celebration
	12:30 PM	Sound Cmte	1/31/2010	2:00 PM	CCMA Scholarship Competition
	1:00 PM	Woody reh.		6:00 PM	YRUU
	5:00 PM	IU Men's Basketball Home Game	2/1/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	6:00 PM	YRUU		3:00 PM	Management Team
1/25/2010	3:00 PM	Management Team		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	6:30 PM	RE Committee	2/2/2010	2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		6:00 PM	Woody Reh.
1/26/2010	6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers
	7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)		7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)

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

MAM's Musings

I am delighted to facilitate another year-long class based on Stephen Levine's book, "A Year to Live". I have been perusing old prayers and poems from that class, and I came across this poem from author Anne Hillman. In these unsettled times, when the challenges of our country are many, and the suffering in the world calls to us, it is important to remember that often a new direction in our lives is only a choice away.

We look with uncertainty
Beyond the old choices for
Clear-cut answers
To a softer, more permeable aliveness
Which is every moment
At the brink of death;
For something new is being born in us
If we but let it.
We stand at a new doorway,
Awaiting that which comes...
Daring to be human creatures.
Vulnerable to the beauty of existence.
Learning to love.

May the love you learn in life guide you
well in your choices.
May the beauty of existence foster your
growth.

MAM (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin)

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 and the Pocket Gallery during January are by Peggy and John Woodcock.

The West Window

The tragedy in Haiti, like others before it, exposes the misplaced priorities that result in the President of the United States promising \$100 million in relief for Haiti and three hundred times that, \$30 billion, as an extra appropriation for war. The common foes of poverty, disease, hunger and climate change demand the abolition of war in this new century. We cannot save the world and destroy it at the same time, and saving it is much cheaper. Working for peace has never been more important than now.

Reverend Macklin and I are honored to serve a generous community. Last Sunday we received an offering for Haiti totaling \$3,620.42. It will be sent immediately to the UUSC for dispersal to aid to those in Haiti most likely to be missed by other efforts. If you wish to contribute, you may also do so at the UUSC website, www.uusc.org, or make check payable to "UUSC/UUA Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund" and mail it to UUSC, P.O. Box 844001, Boston, MA 02284. There is also now a link to UUSC on our website, www.uubloomington.org.

Walk, pray, and live for peace--bill
Reverend Bill Breeden

Attendance

Sun, Jan 10, 9:15:	96;	11:15:	170;	RE:	142
				Total:	408
Sun, Jan 17, 9:15:	95;	11:15:	202;	RE:	126
				Total:	423
Sun, Jan 10	non-pledge offering:			\$	598
Sun, Jan 17	non-pledge offering:			\$	506
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club				\$	273

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

"Building a City of Peace: Envisioning How" Forum

Wednesday, January 27th, 7-8:45PM,
The Just Peace Task Force, along with BloomingPeace Partners, hosts a forum here January 27 to explore ways to enhance our local quality of life, and promote a broader culture of peace in our city. Inspired by the current movement of communities designating themselves as "cities of peace", we can start now to create our own city of peace. Please join us & share your visions! For more info, contact Ingrid Skoog, 333-1982.

Woody Guthrie's American Song Here February 5 and 6

Several members of our congregation are participating in reprise performances of Woody Guthrie's American Song, here in our Meeting Room Feb 5, 7:30p, & Feb 6, 2:00 p and 7:30p. Tix: \$15 Adults, \$10 Kids under 18 and Seniors. Avail. At Buskirk-Chumley Box Office. Proceeds will benefit Mental Health America Monroe County and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. Don't miss this delightful production!

The Out Side Film Festival: Saturday, February 6

YES Cinema, 4th & Jackson, Columbus, Indiana.
This is the first film festival in Columbus to exclusively feature films from, about and for the LGBT community. The festival includes a diverse selection of independent films, short films, documentaries, feature films with subtitles, but most of the selections will be in English. Info, info@outsidefilmfest.com or call YES Cinema at 812-378-0377, or see www.OutOfSideFilmFest.com.

John Shelby Spong Visits Bloomington February 14, First United Church, 2:00 p.m.

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: 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. (Judy is away until January 25.)

UU Children's Choir- THIS Sunday!

New & returning singers, Kg-6th grade, are always welcome! Questions? Contact Jill: jcourtne@mccsc.edu
*Sun. Jan. 24th: 10:15-11am, Library (rehearse for 2/3 Family Service)
*Sun. Jan 31:10:15-11:00am, Library (rehearse for 2/3 Family Service)
*Wed. Feb. 3rd: Family Service, 5:30 pm

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Feb 7
Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

canned meat - chili, chicken, hash, etc.
canned fruit - peaches, pears, mixed fruit
canned veggies - mixed, potatoes, beets, carrots

Legislative Sunday January 24

The Green Sanctuary Task Force invites you to get involved at the Getting Involved Fair this coming Sunday. We will have a letter writing table in Fellowship Hall after each service. We'll provide suggested talking points regarding climate change legislation and the postage! Please stop by and be an active participant in democracy.

UU Coffeehouse

Friday, Jan. 29 Come join in the fun on Friday January 29th at 7:30pm! Featured artists 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, Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

Women's Drum Circle Feb. 12

Join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship! Drumming circle for women on Friday, February 12,

in Fellowship Hall 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).

Our Folks...

Many blessings to Shari Woodbury and William Reliford upon the birth of daughter Avonelle Woodbury Reliford, at 5:20 AM on Jan. 1; 7 lbs 13 oz and 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Office Assistant Ginger Ko and her Jack Russell Terrier Heloise, who recently qualified for the dog agility trials national competition.

Emma Rush is leaving this week to do research in the British Museum and Egypt for her Senior Project at Harmony. She and Noretta will be gone for a month.

Our comforting thoughts are with Beckie Wagner and Laurette Frazier and their family. Beckie's father died in Ohio last week. A funeral took place on Monday, January 11.

Poetry Book Signing In Fellowship Hall On February 21st.

The Free Range Poets have just published *At Our Windows*, their first collective work after ten years of meeting together. Three of the seven authors represented in the book are UU's: Bob Taylor, Ian Woollen, and Jack King. They and others will be on hand to sign your copy between services on Sunday, February 21. *At Our Windows* is priced at \$6.00 at our Booktable.

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Soul Food Dinner February 3 Soul Food Dinner Wed. Feb. 3rd 5:30pm



Everyone is invited to Family Worship on Wednesday Feb. 3rd at 5:30pm for our annual Soul Food Dinner in celebration of African American history month. Chef Renee Reed has created a mostly vegetarian menu for this soul food feast including collard greens, black eyed peas, catfish, candied yams, macaroni and cheese, corn bread and double-decker peach cobbler, \$2 adult, \$1 child suggested donation. The children's choir will be singing. Please let us know if you can help with preparation or cleanup. Families with small children, newcomers and visitors are especially welcome!

Join a Religious Education

Teaching Team! It's not too late to sign up to join a Religious Education teaching team for the spring. Don't miss out on this rewarding experience; new teachers receive lots of training and support from staff and from an experienced teaching team. Team members rotate so that that everyone gets lots of Sundays off; any schedule can be accommodated. We are seeking teachers interested in teaching Preschool "Celebrating Me and My World," K-1st "Experiences with the Web of Life," 3rd-4th "UU Super Heroes," or 5th-6th "Transcendentalists."

Help us keep class sizes small by volunteering to teach at 9:30 am! The RE spring semester starts February 7. Talk to Cindy or Emily today.

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

Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education mre@uubloomington.org
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Info for Soup and Sageing

Class Members For those of you who signed up for the Soup and Sageing Adult Religious Education Class - There are 2 copies of each of the books (From Ageing to Sageing and Prime Time) available in the church library for you to borrow. Prime Time can be ordered for \$5 or less from Amazon.com or other equally fine online booksellers.

Family To Family Program offered through our Adult Religious Education Program

"Someone I love suffers from a major mental illness! What is going on? How will I cope? Where can I get help?" Included as an offering of our Adult Religious Education Program, and developed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the 12-week session provides basic education and skill training for families who are coping with the difficulties of their ill relatives. It helps family members to provide an understanding and predictable environment for their ill loved ones in addition to practical and emotional support to help them in their own role as caretakers. Limited to 20 participants; a few openings are available. Contact Lee or Al Strickholm, 812-339-5440 or leestrickholm@aol.com.

Women's Alliance Feb. 4

The Women's Alliance's next monthly meeting is Thursday, February 4. The meeting begins at 11:30 with a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided. From noon to 12:30 we have a speaker. New members and guests are always welcome. February's speaker is Nancy Richman (rescheduled from January).

About the Congregational Poll on January 24

On Sunday, January 24, the members of the congregation will be asked to vote in a poll of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We are asked whether we vote "Yes," "No," or "Abstain" to moving the Draft Statement of Conscience on Just Peacemaking to the final agenda of 2010 General Assembly. At a meeting on January 17th, the Just Peace Task Force unanimously voted to recommend that the congregation vote "No." The draft is very similar to last year's draft, which was rejected by vote of the General Assembly. In our view, it shirks the challenge of working courageously toward non-violence and instead accepts war provided it is undertaken in the name of self-defense or humanitarian intervention. Since virtually every war in history is undertaken for supposedly just cause, this looks like a blank check in the absence of limits such as limiting war to territorial defense and insisting that intervention be under United Nations command and be governed by international law. Because the amendment process made little difference to last year's draft and the Commission on Social Witness declined to make major changes following the rejection at 2009 GA, we recommend a "No" vote. We think it better to make no statement than to issue an equivocation and call it a Statement of Conscience.
--David Keppel, Just Peace Task Force

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.

From Ledford Carter, on Visiting Ministers

I wish to clarify my role in providing visits of ministers who formerly served our church. Spoken announcements when introducing the Rev. Bruce Johnson and the Rev. David Johnson, if I understood them correctly, gave me full credit for making their return visits possible. That opinion deserves modification.

Upon the death of our son Robert in 1986, church members contributed funds for his memorial. Duba and I also contributed to it. The church designated the Special Purposes Committee to determine the use of the Robert Carter Memorial Funds. This committee then requested Robert's parents to recommend a use. The selection and scheduling of these visits was appropriately determined by the Ministerial Committee of the church.

I am very pleased with the administration of that fund, and I am surprised that the fund has not been expended before the recent visits. I view this project as a cooperative venture in giving and decision-making, and I thank those who participated.

--Ledford C. Carter

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Feasibility Study Progress

The Green Spaces Initiative provided an update of this building renovation project at our December congregational meeting. Following the wishes expressed by the congregation last June, we have been moving toward the completion of a feasibility study to evaluate our fundraising goals and overall plans. We also applied for and received a grant from the Center for Congregations totaling \$14,400! This money will defray the costs of the feasibility study and architect fees. After researching our options, we selected Jessica White and Associates to conduct the study. We've met with them several times to outline our needs and create interviewee lists. Interviews are taking place this week (even as I write this) and we expect to have preliminary results in February!

If you were not selected for an interview, you should not feel that your input is less valuable or desired. Feasibility studies are costly and we could only interview a tiny handful of the people whose opinions and contributions mean so much to this church and to an improvement project such as the Green Spaces Initiative. We are very interested in your opinions and suggestions. Contact Cynthia Port at cport@epi.umaryland.edu.

Finally, if anyone has the tools and skills needed to make a plexiglass-type cover for our 3-D courtyard renovation model, please let me know. We would like to have the model out for permanent display but it is irresistible to small hands!
--Cynthia Lindman Port
cport@epi.umaryland.edu.

Nursing Home Advocacy Training February 18 and 25

Our Elder Focus Task Force invites you to a training on February 18 and February 25, 1:30-4:30 p.m., on advocacy for nursing home residents. Are you interested in learning about how to advocate for elders living in care facilities in our community? If so, Ashley Hillman, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Deputy Director of Area 10 Agency on Aging will be teaching skills necessary for providing that service. A long-term care ombudsman is an advocate for residents in both assisted-living and long-term care facilities. There is no fee or future obligation for this training.

In our Unitarian Universalist movement, we are always looking for new ways to Stand On the Side of Love. We believe this training is one opportunity to learn ways to help some of those who have been marginalized in our society.

The training will be educational. For those who are interested, this training can also lead to becoming an ombudsman volunteer. These volunteers regularly visit with residents at a facility, observe and help resolve issues and complaints. The ombudsman volunteer visits a facility at least once every two weeks, and meets with Ashley once a month to discuss issues as well as listen to guest speakers who provide information about aging, medications, and dementia/Alzheimer's. For further information, or to sign up, call Barb Backler at 876-8368 or bbackler@indiana.edu.

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Talent, Goods & Services Auction

March 7, 2010 (4-6:30 pm)

Registration 4:00-4:30

Live Auction & Silent Auction 4:30-6:30

Dinner Begins: 6:30



Don't miss this delightful evening of auction and delicious food at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington!

You'll be amazed by the range of goods and services for sale! Watch for list of selected sale items in church, and on church web site at

www.uubloomington.org, and full catalog no later than March 1, 2010.

You don't have to be rich to enjoy this UU fundraiser! Admission is free and there will be items to suit all pocketbooks. Childcare can be provided during the auction, if requested by at least (2) families – Contact Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org no later than February 21.

Delicious dinner will follow after the Auction!

Pasta (meat & vegetarian), salad, dessert, & drinks will be available for purchase after the auction in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the good food & relaxing atmosphere.



Half-pot drawing! Win half of the proceeds! Tickets \$1ea or 6 for \$5, starting January 24, 2010 (You don't have to be present to win).

We need your donations! Consider donating a service (babysitting, house cleaning, party or trip, music lessons, computer help, etc.). How about those gently used household items sitting in a closet? Or a loaf of bread, cake, or something you've crafted?

Please see the Donor Form on the reverse side.

Please volunteer! Volunteers are needed to cook, serve supper, set up, clean up, register bidders, be cashiers, mark sale items, and decorate. Look for the Volunteer Sign Up poster in the Commons each Sunday.

Bring your friends and neighbors! The auction is **open to the public**. Help us break last year's record and raise over \$12,000 for the Church!

For more information please contact:

Arzetta H. Losenksy – Ph (812) 824-1394 or zetta@bluemarble.net

Talent, Goods & Services Auction — Mar. 7 '10 Donor Form

***** Please submit this form no later than February 14 *****

Please consider donating your talents, services, or gently-used goods to this year's UU Auction. Previous items have ranged from gourmet dinners, original artwork, and golf lessons to home baked bread, babysitting, and handmade socks. Use your imagination!

All Items are considered donations.

I can donate the following (please describe):

No. items available: _____ (or) No. times service offered: _____

Estimated value per item **(required)** \$ _____

Date for meal or event (if applicable) _____

Number of people served (if applicable): _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Delivery & display of items:

- Bring wall art items to the auction table in the church on February 14
- Bring other non-perishable items on February 21
- Bring food items (unless special orders) on auction day March 7
- **Note: all items must have the name of the donor and estimated value securely attached to the item**

Contact Kevin Rottet or Dave Crane (812) 339-2606 to make other delivery arrangements.

- Wall art will be hung for viewing and other selected items displayed beginning Feb. 21, 2010.
- Watch for list of selected sale items in church and on church web site: www.uubloomington.org and full catalog no later than March 1, 2010.

You may leave the completed form in **Room 204** or send it to:

Kevin Rottet or Dave Crane

2811 E. David Dr.

Bloomington, IN, 47401

krottet@indiana.edu or drcrane98@hotmail.com / Ph (812) 339-2606

An electronic version of this form is available from Kevin or Dave