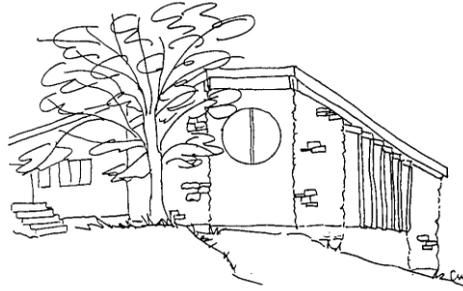


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Monday, April 12, 2010

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World

Sunday, April 18, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Earth Day Celebration

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite

All ages are invited to help save the Earth in multigenerational community! Stories from Reverend Emily, a homily by Reverend Mary Ann, and wonderful music from our UU Choir, directed by Susan Swaney, will create a joyful service of learning and dedication. After each service, check out the Earth Fair, where you can pick up a free tree, learn about geothermal power, learn how to drive your current car in an earth-friendly manner, and much more!

****Please help the earth by walking, biking, or carpooling to this service if you can: it is our first "Walbicus" service of the spring!****

Sunday, April 25, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

"I believe...": Hearing and Honoring our Coming of Age Graduates

**Reverend Bill Breeden, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite,
 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

Today we will honor our eighth and ninth graders, who complete their Coming of Age program today. They will be sharing something about what they believe at this point in their lives. Come and celebrate their accomplishments and witness the diversity of Unitarian Universalist beliefs. This service will include special music composed by member Lauren Bernofsky and performed by the UU Choir.

Baby Dedication Sunday, May 9

The Co-Ministry Team (Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden) offers services each year to celebrate the babies of our community with a dedication ceremony. May 9th is the date for the spring dedication ceremony. If you would like your baby to be included in the May 9th ceremony, contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education. (dre@uubloomington.org). Reverend Macklin will then contact you regarding details. The ceremony will be available at both services. Please let us know which service (or both) you would like to participate in, 9:15 am or 11:15 am.

4/14/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	4/18/2010	2:00 PM	Stafford Music Academy Recitals
	11:30 AM	Soup & Sage-ing		2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class
	6:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Cmte		6:00 PM	YRUU
	6:30 PM	Earth Kin Teens	4/19/2010	3:00 PM	Management Team
	7:00 PM	Forum on Bradford Woods		6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace
4/15/2010	5:15 PM	Habitat Women's Build meeting		6:30 PM	Program Team
	7:00 PM	Attuning to the Sufi Path		7:00 PM	World as Art Museum
	7:00 PM	NAMI Class		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	7:00 PM	UU Choir	4/20/2010	2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler
	8:30 PM	String Band		6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
4/16/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
	11am-10pm	Concert rehearsal		7:00 PM	Yoga (\$)
	12:00 PM	UU Staff	4/21/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
4/17/2010	9a-12n	Spring Grounds Clean up		6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte
	10:30 AM	Live to 100 & Enjoy It		7:00 PM	Cakes for the Queen of Heaven
	10:30 AM	Stiglitz: American Free Markets		7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors
	7:00 PM	African American Choral Ensemble	4/23/2010	8:30 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series
4/18/2010	10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing		10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	10:30 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal		12:30 PM	Role of Staff in Policy Governance
	12:15 PM	Parent Talk		1:30 PM	Role of Management in Policy Governance
	12:30 PM	Children's Task Force		6:00 PM	Transitional Role of Program Team in Policy Governance
	12:30 PM	Sound Cmte			
			4/24/2010	9:45 AM	Role of Lay Leadership in Policy Governance

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

From the Ministers

We are encouraging everyone to attend a workshop by Reverend Laurel Hallman on Saturday, April 24th from 9:45am to noon. We selected this time so, if you choose, you can still visit the Farmer's Market early in the morning and have your Saturday afternoon open. The workshop is entitled "The Role of Lay Leadership in Policy Governance" and explores the following questions for lay leaders: What is the role of lay leaders in our congregation? How do we give our gifts of time and talent? How are we empowered to building community and change the world? This workshop comes at a time when we, as a congregation, are developing new governance and management structures to support our growth. We hope to see many of you there.

Workshop for lay leaders with Reverend Laurel Hallman Saturday, April 24

9:45 a.m. to 12 noon Fellowship Hall

This workshop is part of overall leadership development in our congregation. Last year we hosted Reverend Annie Foerster who spoke to us about "Sharing Ministry and Effective Leadership Cultivation."

We offer a big thanks to those members and friends who have made their pledge for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. We Are Moving Forward. Our Stewardship Campaign supports the vision of this congregation: *Seeking the Spirit. Building Community. Changing the World.* If you have yet to pledge, we invite you to do so. Let's move forward together.

AND we are very excited about the Intergenerational Earth Fair after each service on Sunday, April 18. As Marcia Veldman (co-chair of the Green Sanctuary Task Force says, "You asked for it and

you're getting it. In the household energy Earth Survey that over 150 UU members and friends filled out, people expressed a strong interest in learning more about how to take the bigger steps toward greater energy efficiency.

At the Earth Fair we'll have experts available to answer your questions on geothermal, solar thermal hot water heating, photovoltaics, on demand hot water heating, low-flush toilets, energy efficiency in vehicles, permaculture, and low cost efficiency options. There are some amazing incentives being offered that make investing in energy efficiency more affordable than ever. Also available: Free tree saplings and information on programs around town that can help you learn how to be even better stewards of the Earth." Thanks to the Green Sanctuary Folks for considering the congregation's interests from the recent Earth Survey, and providing such a rich response.

Numerous congregation members and the Green Sanctuary Task Force reminded us that the Community Orchard Project is participating in an on-line contest to win an orchard. Bloomington has been in either first or second place during most of this voting period which lasts until April 30. Take 20 seconds out of your day each and every day and vote for Bloomington at www.communitiestakeroot.com. Let's see if this congregation can make a difference in this inspiring contest.

Meanwhile may you take pleasure in the blur of the redbuds, the songs of the forsythia, the hint of lilacs, and may your mushroom hunting be bountiful. There is no moment like the present moment.

Peace, MAM and Bill
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and
Reverend Bill Breeden

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Re:New Shalom Benefit Gala April 17

We cordially invite you to Re:New Shalom, a gala to benefit Shalom Community Center, Elaine Mellencamp (honorary chair)

Saturday, April 17, 2010

6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Alumni Hall, Indiana Memorial Union

Join your friends for an extraordinary evening of fine food, camaraderie, art, music, and dancing. Listen to performances by the Stardusters with Janiece Jaffe and special guest Sylvia McNair. Silent art auction, and portraits made by National Geographic Society photographer Steve Raymer. And more.

Tickets: \$75 at pictura gallery and Bloomingfoods. Info: call 812-334-5734 or visit shalomcommunitycenter.org/renew-shalom-gala.

The Quarryland Men's Chorus Tribute to Al Cobine April 18

The Quarryland Men's Chorus announces its spring concert, "A Choral Tribute to Al Cobine," to be held Sunday, April 18th, 3:00 PM, at First United Church (2420 E. 3rd Street). A portion of concert proceeds will support the WFIU Al Cobine Recognition Fund. Tickets, \$12 for adults and \$6 for children, are available on-line at www.quarryland.org, from any chorus member, or at the door. Founded in 2002, the Quarryland Men's Chorus provides a positive performance-based community for gay and bisexual men and their allies in south central Indiana. The group fosters talent, fellowship, pride, and understanding through excellence in vocal music. Membership in the Quarryland Men's Chorus is open to all individuals who support and affirm its mission and purpose.

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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
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Rev. Breeden's regular day off is Thursday.

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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.



Check it out!

Don't forget to bring your checkbook or cash to church

Sunday so you can purchase a grocery card

in the Commons between services. Remember this is an easy way to help the church at no cost to you. A portion of the amount you purchase goes to the church (3% at Kroger and 5% at Marsh, O'Malia's and Bloomingfoods). Double your gift and purchase groceries for Bountiful Sunday with a grocery card.

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is May 2

Current needs at Monroe County United Ministries:

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



WALBICUS to Worship on April 18

Participate in WALBICUS to Worship: Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus to Worship on April 18th. Help us reach a tipping point, a critical mass of people who bike, walk, bus or carpool to worship services. Join with friends and neighbors to be a visible presence on the streets, biking or walking if possible and otherwise sharing a ride. Let's work together to protect our sacred earth. We are one of over twenty local Earth Care congregations participating.

Transition Bloomington and the Great Unleashing Apr 24

Join with the rest of the community at a Great Unleashing (of collective genius) hosted by Transition Bloomington, recognizing that the linkage between issues of peak oil, climate change, and economic instability. Transition brings our community together to decide how to mitigate these problems and ensure that our community continues to build resilience and thrive. On April 24 at 9:30 a.m. we will gather at the Showers Building, 401 N. Morton in the City Council Chambers. Keynote speakers, open source workshops, and celebration. Info: Rhonda Baird, (812) 323-1058.

Our Folks...

Jenny Kulow, daughter of Ruellen Fessenbecker and Carl Kulow, has received the "Barry M. Goldwater" National Science Scholarship, one of 300 to win this award. She will be a summer intern with SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) in San Francisco.

Congratulations to Harold Ogren and Sandy Dolby, who are retiring this year from Indiana University.

Dick Pfister sends his thanks to all who have sent him healing thoughts and good wishes in recent weeks.

Painting and Repair Work this Spring

We will be painting and repairing siding in several areas of the exterior of our building in the next several weeks. Please pardon our disarray as we work to protect your investment.

Overdue Books at the Fuchs Library

The library committee requests that these books be returned to their home in the Fuchs Library so that others may have access to them. The following books are more than 30 days overdue. (Titles and dates borrowed)

Emotional Intelligence, 10/18/09
UU Pocket Guide, 10/27/09
Unitarian Universalism, A Narrative History, 1/9/09
Spirit and Nature, 10/27/09
Guns, Germs and Steel, 9/14/03
The Reinvention of Work, 1/28/07
Quantum Healing, 7/13/09.

Coming of Age April 25th

Our 8th and 9th graders have participated in a Coming of Age program this year which incorporated the Neighboring Faiths program. In the Coming of Age program each youth was matched with an adult mentor. Mentors and Mentees have been meeting all year, engaging in workshops, an overnight, fun activities and service projects. In addition, Reverend Emily Manvel Leite worked with teachers Dan Beauregard, Melissa St. John, and Mary Beth O'Brien to facilitate both the Neighboring Faiths program and Coming of Age on Sunday mornings. The youth have been learning about other religions and faiths and have had experiences of different faiths including the Ramadan Feast, worship at St. Paul's Catholic Center, Congregation Beth Shalom, the Friends Meeting, and tours of the Tibetan Cultural Center and the Hindu Temple in Indianapolis. Come hear what the eighth and ninth graders have learned about their own beliefs on Sunday, April 25, during both services, when they will be sharing their credo (belief) statements with the congregation.

YUUMS visiting 1st UU Church of Louisville

6-7th Graders will be visiting the First UU Church of Louisville April 16-18 for a Junior High Conference (Con). At Cons, youth groups from across the Heartland District get together for fun, food, faith and fellowship. This Con is planned and run by High School students on the Heartland District youth ministry committee and is open to 6-8th graders. This will be the first

Con for nine of the youth who are attending so we are pretty excited! At the Con, youth will get to experience youth-led, UU Worship, take workshops and develop friendships. There will also be games, fun, silliness and laughter. If you see cars full of unbathed youth and adults arriving on the 18th during worship you will know they are arriving home from Kentucky.

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Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education, mre@uubloomington.org

DEADLINE for Delegates

APRIL 30th! The UUA General Assembly is in beautiful Minneapolis June 23-27. Represent our congregation at this meeting of delegates from all the congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association. There are many proposed changes to bylaws and our structure. If you are interested, please call/email Iris Kiesling 332-5224 or ifkiesling@aol.com

UU Summer Camp?

Yes, indeed! There are lots of summer camp and conference opportunities for Unitarian Universalists. See our bulletin board for details. Many members of our congregation attend the Midwest UU Summer Assembly (MUUSA) in the Ozarks each July. See www.muusa.org for info, and ask Ruellen Fessenbecker, Cindy Port, Karen Jewell, Jane McLeod, or Steve Krahnke how much fun it is!

**Pledge for 2010-11 online, at
www.uubloomington.org/pledge**

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Stewardship Update

Many thanks to all of you who pledged early, pledged online, and pledged at the Commitment Sunday services yesterday! Our current pledge total for the coming year (July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011), after adding the pledges from April 11, is \$289,105, with 171 of our 691 households having pledged so far!

Special Artwork from

Stonebelt The artwork hanging in the Commons and the north hallway is by clients in the art program at Stonebelt. Many of the pieces, including "Happy Cat" and "Blue-eyed Dog" are available for sale, and a price list is located in the north hallway.



UU Children's Choir

One more chance to sing this Spring! New & returning Kg- 6th grade singers are welcome!

Sun. April 18th: 10:30-11:00am, Library (Rehearse for 5/2)

Sun. April 25th: 10:30-11:00am, Library (Rehearse for 5/2)

Sun. May 2: Sing end of 1st service and start of 2nd service. Meet at 9:45am in the Library. Questions? Contact Jill:

jcourtne@mccsc.edu

Attendance & Offering

Sun, April 4, 9:15: 143; 11:15: 285; RE: 110
Total: 538
Sun, April 11, 9:15: 153; 11:15: 212; RE: 133
Total: 498

Sun, April 4 non-pledge offering: \$991
Sun, April 11 non-pledge offering: \$731
Total to the Crestmont Boys & Girls Club: **\$431**



Spring Clean-up April 17

The Grounds Committee invites you to participate in Spring Clean-up. Saturday, April 17th, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will trim, rake, and do a little transplanting and general spiff-up. Wear appropriate clothes, bring gloves, a rake, and your favorite clippers. Come and get dirty with us! Call John or Julie Lawson 335-1856 for more info.



Elder Picnic April 28

Join us for an Elder Picnic at Church in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 28th at 11:30 a.m. We'll celebrate spring, eat submarine sandwiches and continue where we left off at our last gathering, addressing the topics that we prioritized and then create new possibilities for gatherings and activities. Mark your calendars! You'll hear more later. --Barb Backler, Elder Focus Task Force

Women's Alliance Meets May 6

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, May 6. Our speaker is Liz Brown from My Sister's Closet. We will also have a clothing drive for My Sister's Closet. The meeting begins with a salad luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Guests are always welcome. Info, Diane Gregory, diane.gregory1@comcast.net

Pledged Yet? Pledge for 2010-11 online at www.uubloomington.org/pledge or send the amount you want to pledge to admin@uubloomington.org. Thank you!

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April Common Ground —deadline for April Common Ground social justice newsletter articles is April 23; send to Aleisha Kropf at commonground@uubloomington.org

sing sunrise

sing sunrise
to the good morning sky
scoop up every shade of pink
take huge bites
swallow them whole
wash them down with chamomile tea

sing sunrise
to quiet spilling color
dip buckets full of luminescence
bathe slowly
inside and out
listen to your soul whisper
yes

sing sunrise
to fancy lavender ribbons
borrow one from horizon's edge
tie back your hair
feel dawn's breath kiss your face
inhale deeply the smell of earth's waking

sing sunrise
to eastern sky tapestry
grab north corner in left hand
south corner in right
snap like a giant sheet
whoosh! whoosh!
drape round your shoulders
face the new day charged with solar power

—glenda breeden