

The Prologue

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5/12/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers	5/18/2010	9:00 AM	Dave's Chal Circle - Habitat lunch prep
	6:30 PM	Denominational Affairs Cmte		2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Backler
	6:45 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee		7:00 PM	Membership Cmte
5/13/2010	6:30 PM	Adult Religious Ed Cmte	5/19/2010	10:00 AM	UU Wednesday Walkers
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Wagner/Parsons		11:30 AM	Soup & Sage-ing
	7:00 PM	New Moon Ritual-Earth Kin		6:00 PM	Nominating Cmte
	7:00 PM	UU Choir		7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors
5/14/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	5/20/2010	7:00 PM	Attuning to the Sufi Path
	12:00 PM	UU Staff		7:00 PM	UU Choir
	6:30 PM	Women's Drumming Circle		8:30 PM	UU Choir Party
5/15/2010	2:00 PM	Murphy mem svc	5/21/2010	8:30 AM	Center Stone Breakfast Series
	4:30 PM	Chal Circles Facilitators dinner		10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
5/16/2010	10:30 AM	Memb Coord. Member Interviews		12:00 PM	UU Staff
	1:00 PM	Green Spaces Feasibility Study Mtg		1:00 PM	BLEMF reh.
	2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class		6:00 PM	BLEMF lecture, concert, reception
	6:00 PM	YRUU	5/22/2010	3:00 PM	BLEMF reh.
5/17/2010	6:00 PM	Dances of Universal Peace		6:00 PM	BLEMF concert
	6:00 PM	Habitat Cooking - Dave's Chal Cir		8:00 PM	Set up for Flower communion service
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir	5/23/2010	6:00 PM	YRUU

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

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Monday, May 10, 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Congregation founded 1949
GLBTQ Welcoming Congregation since 1995
Green Sanctuary since 2007



**Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World**

Sunday, May 16, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
"On Saving Democracy" Reverend Bill Breeden

Salvific ideas from beyond our borders.

Please walk, bike, or carpool to worship this week in honor of "Walbicus to Worship" weekend, celebrated by local congregations of many faiths.



Sunday, May 16, 2010 1:00-2:15 p.m.

All-Church Meeting on Green Spaces Feasibility Study

Please join us for an all-church meeting to hear the results presented by our consultant, Jessica White. She will describe the findings from the study (go to www.uubloomington.org and click on Green Spaces banner to read her brief report) and take your questions. Bagels will be available for purchase prior to the meeting. Childcare provided.

Sunday, May 23, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Intergenerational Flower Communion Service
**Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin,
and Reverend Bill Breeden**

Please bring a flower (and extras if you have them!) and join us as we celebrate our congregational community at our annual Flower Communion. All ages will enjoy story, singing and ritual together as we recognize our interdependence, congratulate our graduating seniors, and acknowledge the transitions happening in many of our lives.



From the Ministers

Perhaps it is the chill in the weather that has caused things to flow a bit slower this spring, including our cash flow. Last month our monthly pledge payment income took a precipitous dive. Unfortunately, the expense of carrying out the ministry of our congregation takes no such dives, and so we are asking that members and friends make a special effort to catch up on 2009-2010 pledge payments. We have less than two months left in this fiscal year, and we need to “pony up” as they say, and meet our financial obligations. Fortunately we are blessed to serve a caring community of persons committed to the vision of “Seeking the Spirit, Building Community and Changing the World.” We have faith that each of you will do what you can to help catch up.

We also want to remind you that we are in the closing days of our 2010-2011 Pledge Drive, and the Stewardship Committee is working hard to finish the task. We need everyone to pitch in with a pledge. Everyone counts-- every single pledge makes a difference. Please go to the website, call the office, or drop by and make a pledge this week.

We were recently visited by the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman, a former minister of this congregation. She came to meet with us as a consultant on the transition to Policy Governance.

In our final meeting with her, she was very clear about the fact that this congregation is a very healthy community, and one of the bright stars in the Unitarian Universalist sky. We agree with her completely. As we continue to meet the challenge of being a voice for justice, a presence for peace, and a place of healing and solace for those in need, let us celebrate the gift of being together.

Peace—bill and mam
Reverend Bill Breeden
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Our Folks. . .

Our comforting thoughts are with Bill Lynch who is recovering from recent appendectomy surgery, with Carol Shapiro who is at home recovering from broken bones sustained in a bicycle accident, and with Amy and Wayne Holmes who are still in the hospital recovering from a motorcycle accident. Cards are welcome.

Many blessings to Dick Stumpner and Licia Weber upon the recent birth of a new grandbaby.

Congratulations to Jake Woollen, son of Susan Swaney and Ian Woollen, who will give his Senior recital on Friday, May 28th at 7:00pm at IU's Ford Hall. The program will include Bach Solo Suite No. 1 and Brahms Sonata in e minor. Jake will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

See the bulletin board in the courtyard entrance for community volunteer opportunities!

HH The Dalai Lama of Tibet in Indianapolis May 14 The Dalai Lama will be giving a public talk (Facing Challenges with Compassion & Wisdom) in Indianapolis at Conseco Field house on May 14 at 9.30am. For further info, <http://www.indianabuddhist.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.

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.

This issue will be posted at www.uubloomington.org by May 12.



You Can't BEET this!

Purchase a grocery card in the Commons on Sunday—you benefit by pre-paying for your groceries and the congregation benefits when the stores give us 3-5% of the amount you spend!

UU Men Meet Every 3 Weeks

The UU Men's Group will be meeting every 3 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. on the following dates:
May 25, June 15, July 6, July 27, Aug 17, Sep 7.

The location varies: contact Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu

Attendance, Offering, Membership

Sun, May 2, 9:15:	112;	11:15:	179;	RE:	115	
					Total:	406
Sun, May 9, 9:15:	90;	11:15:	167;	RE:	94	
					Total:	351
Sun, May 2 non-pledge offering:						\$728
Sun, May 9 non-pledge offering:						\$591
Total to Crestmont Boys & Girls Club:						\$330
Our certified membership (Feb 2010) is 431.						
Current membership: 447						

High Impact, Low Commitment Volunteer Job

Want an easy way to help at church? Come to the Library on alternate Tuesday mornings, 9-11 a.m., when we fold and label The Prologue for mailing. We'll be folding next on Tuesday, May 25. Info, admin@uubloomington.org.

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UU's Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is June 6
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
May 16 Participate in the second spring Walbicus to

Worship on Sunday, May 16. Help us reach a tipping point, a critical mass of people walking, biking and carpooling. Join with friends and neighbors to be a visible presence. We are one of twenty Earth Care Bloomington congregations participating in the Walbicus to Worship Weekend and working together to protect our sacred Earth. For more information contact Steve Cotter at stevecotter6@gmail.com.

Plant-A-Row For The Hungry & Share Your Bounty

When you harvest from your vegetable garden consider sharing some of the bounty with the hungry. **Each Sunday morning** during the growing season there will be a large green bin located next to the grocery gift card table in the commons for your fresh produce. This delicious, fresh, vitamin-rich food will be delivered to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard the next day.



Women's Drum Circle May 14

Please join us for a spiritual evening of drumming and fellowship.

Dorothy Sowell,

Chris Clothier, Jeanette Miller, and Nancy Richman will host one last Drum circle for women on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the church in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 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).

Java Crew

May 16: 8:00 a.m. Bill Polansky
9:00 a.m. Ron & Joanna Clees
10:30 a.m. Mary Goetze & Bob Althausen
May 23: 8:00 a.m. Kathy & Steve Gilbert
9:00 a.m. Mike & Rita Drescher
10:30 a.m. Dixie Welch & Peter Schwandt

Greeters and Welcomers

May 16: 9:15 a.m. Bill and Mary Jo Conley, Anna Wiley, Al Kosinski
11:15 a.m. Fred and Sandy Churchill, Elizabeth Lion
May 23: 9:15 a.m. Rob and Joan Hongen, Tom Wilson, Clarke Miller
11:15 a.m. Mark Day, Jean Sebeok, Bob and Libby DeVoe, Jim and Erin Wager Miller

Religious Education for Children and Youth



Sunday May 23rd Bring a Flower for our **Flower Communion!** All ages are invited to bring a flower to worship on Sunday May 23rd. Young children will enjoy the communion more if they understand the flower they are bringing to church will be given away to someone else. Plenty of extra flowers we be here for visitors and for those who may forget.

Sunday June 6th Ice Cream Social in appreciation of RE Teachers, 10:15am-11:00am! On the last day of our Spring Semester Religious Education classes we will have another all church Ice Cream Social during Fellowship hour. Join us for sundaes and thank one of the 75+ people who volunteer to make Religious Education happen at our church.



Sunday June 13th Passport to the World



summer vacation Religious Education begins. We had so much fun learning about other countries and cultures last year we have decided to pack our bags again this summer with stops planned in Egypt, Thailand, Brazil and Iran. If you or your family would like to participate by bringing in show and tell items for a particular country or culture, please

contact Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education or Rev. Emily Manvel Leite our Minister of Religious Education. Preschoolers will continue to have their class as usual, volunteers are needed. Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education dre@uubloomington.org and Rev. Emily Manvel Leite mre@uubloomington.org



Want to Save Paper?

If you would like to read The Prologue on our website instead of receiving it on paper in the mail, we would be happy to send you a reminder email when each issue is posted. Just send Office

Assistant Ginger Ko an email, to let her know, office@uubloomington.org, and she will take care of it!

Special Artwork by Margaret Gohn

The artwork displayed during the month of May in the Commons and the north hallway and in the Meeting Room is by Margaret (Peggy) Gohn.

Correction for Baby Dedication on May 9

Emily Williams and Matt Rosenthal's daughter's name was incorrect in the order of service; her full name is Yeabnesh Sara Rosenthal Williams; she goes by "Yabbi."

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Stewardship Update: Strive for 5

Many thanks to all of you who have made a pledge for 2010-11. We appreciate your generosity and support. We encourage everyone in our congregation to participate in financially supporting this dynamic religious community! We encourage you to strive to pledge 5% of your household's income.

Pledge online at www.uubloomington.org/pledge, or contact the church office, 812-332-3695, admin@uubloomington.org, or mail in your pledge card today!

2010-11 Slate of Nominees

Members of the congregation will have the opportunity vote on this slate at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Steve Dillon--President I moved to Bloomington in 1998 and started attending church services with my wife Jessie Cook—a life-long UU. I soon became a member of the church and the choir. I'll never forget the prison concerts and candlelight peace rallies. I served on the board of directors for four years and look forward to serving you as president. I am proud to be a part of this church of love and service.

Carol McCord – Vice-President Carol is a longtime UU who served recently on Shaping Our Future Together.

John Lawson – Treasurer John is completing his first term as Treasurer and is being nominated for a second term.

Abby Gitlitz—At-Large Board Member was raised in the Bloomington Unitarian Universalist church and has been a member since 1988. That year she was appointed as the YRUU representative on the board. In college she founded the UU campus ministry

group at Oberlin College. More recently she was a OWL teacher for the YUUMS at the Carbondale Unitarian church in Illinois. After fourteen years away from Bloomington she excited to be back and become active in the Bloomington church again. She currently serves as a one of the facilitators for the YRUUs and is a newcomer welcomer.

Karen Jewell - Special Purposes Fund Karen is a former Board of Directors member who has been a UU since 1993.

Anne Haynes—Nominating Committee, 2010-2012 Anne has been a UU and member of this congregation since 1982. She has served on or chaired numerous committees, including the Nominating Committee, and has served as Secretary of the Board and a three-year term as congregational Vice-resident/President/Past President. She has attended UU Midwest Leadership School, been a delegate at the UUA General Assembly and Heartland District conferences, and has been instrumental in the founding and implementation of Chalice Circles in our congregation.

Women's Alliance June 3

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, June 3. Our special guest will be Beth Lodge-Rigal. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Beverages and dessert are provided. Guests are always welcome. Info, Diane Gregory, diane.gregory1@comcast.net.

Annual Reports Due May 15

Committee and task force chairs are encouraged to submit a brief summary of their work over the last 12 months to be included in our Annual Report to the Congregation. Deadline is May 15; to Carol Marks, admin@uubloomington.org.

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We Welcome Our Newest Members

Wayne and Amy Holmes

Wayne is a lifelong Bloomingtonian and Amy transplanted to Bloomington from near Ann Arbor, MI six years ago. She's originally from Buffalo, NY and loves the weather here. Wayne is an avid motorcycle rider and is currently a fulltime student at Ivy Tech. His other hobby is playing video games with his friends online, when he's not busy with school work. Amy is also a fulltime student at Ivy Tech. Currently her main diversion from class work is reading sci-fi and fantasy novels. They recently moved to Ellettsville and into their first home. Therefore they spend most of their free time and effort on working on the house. They live with their three "kids"; a black female cat named Kess, a tortoise point Siamese mix female named Jadzia and a purebred blue point Siamese male named Nero. They are glad to have found UUCB.

Brandee Kay and Chris Marksberry

Brandee Kay and Chris Marksberry moved to Bloomington 19 years ago to attend Indiana University, fell in love with the town, and with the exception of living in Portland Oregon for 2 years, have lived here ever since. They have decided to put down some roots and raise their three boys, Braden, Mason and Samuel in Bloomington Indiana and couldn't be happier about their choice to join the UU church. Brandee and Chris are excited to be a part of a community that has such a great focus on community services and social justice and feel the importance of raising their three boys with this focus in life. Brandee has been a Labor and Delivery RN at Bloomington Hospital for the past 10 years and Chris is working for DCS since he graduated with his masters in SPEA last spring.

Kathy and Steven Gilbert

Steven is a former professor of science teacher education, chair and dean of education at IU Kokomo and IU Southeast. He currently is writing fiction and nonfiction. He enjoys golf, travel, reading and thought-provoking discussions. Kathy is a professor of Family Studies at Indiana University with a specialization in issues related to death, dying, and bereavement. She enjoys knitting and other crafts, travel, and time with friends and family.

Feasibility Study Report

Available Online-- Meeting May 16



The long anticipated Green Spaces Initiative feasibility study is complete! Our

consultant, Jessica White and Associates (JWA), interviewed 39 congregation members about the Green Spaces plan and a wide range of additional topics important to our members. The overall finding is very positive – the fund raising goals are within our reach and there is support for all four components, namely replacing deteriorating windows, enhancing sound in the Meeting Room, improving the courtyard, and building up a much-needed and long-dreamed-of reserve for ongoing building repairs. Read the executive summary on our website. Click on the Green Spaces banner at www.uubloomington.org.

Also, PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH from 1:00 pm to 2:15 pm for a meeting on the Green Spaces feasibility study. Childcare provided. Bagels available for purchase. This is an important step in our church's history. We want your input. –Cynthia L. Port, Green Spaces Initiative

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