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Monday, July 19, 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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 Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World

Sunday, July 25, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Ich Bin Ein Illegal

Reverend Dennis McCarty

We welcome Reverend Dennis McCarty, Unitarian Universalist minister of the Columbus, Indiana congregation, into our pulpit on Sunday. The controversy over Arizona's immigration laws highlights the tension between economics, conscience, democracy, and justice. It's naive to say there's no problem needing a solution. But where do justice, prophethood and practicality meet? Reverend Macklin will also offer comments and participate in the service.

Sunday, August 1, 2010

9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

With an Attitude of Gratitude

Sally Todd, pianist

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

Jazz pianist Lionel Hampton once said "Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind." During this worship morning we will explore gratitude and offer heart-felt gratitude as we honor our wonderful pianist of ten years Sally Todd. This will be Sally's final Sunday with us creating magic at the keyboard. She is moving to North Carolina in mid-August to pursue doctoral studies in piano performance. *A reception in honor of Sally will take place during the coffee hour between services.*

7/23/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	8/5/2010	6:30 PM	ARE Cmte
7/26/2010	6:30 PM	RE Committee	8/6/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
7/27/2010	11:00 AM	Women's Alliance meeting	8/10/2010	6:30 PM	Earth Kin Discussion
	7:00 PM	UU Men's Group		6:45 PM	BCS Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	UU Yoga (\$)	8/11/2010	7:00 PM	McCarter concert
7/28/2010	7:00 PM	Green Spaces Meeting	8/13/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
7/30/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
7/31/2010	7:30 PM	Lammas	8/14/2010	5:00 PM	Wedding
8/1/2010	9:00 AM	Children's TF Fundraiser - bake sale	8/15/2010	10:15 AM	IOTF Bake Sale
	12:45 PM	GSTF on Global Climate Change		10:30 AM	Membership Book Signing
8/2/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline		2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class
8/3/2010	6:45 PM	BCS Rehearsal		6:00 PM	GSTF-Global Climate Chg Potluck
8/4/2010	3:00 PM	Life Stories	8/16/2010	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	7:00 PM	McCarter concert	8/17/2010	6:45 PM	BCS Rehearsal
8/5/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance		7:00 PM	UU Men's Group

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

Earth Kin celebrates Lammas



Sat. July 31, Earth Kin will celebrate the first harvest festival of the 2010 gardening year. We will gather at 7:00pm with ritual starting at 7:30pm. We will be outside so bring blankets, chairs, protective clothing and other creature comforts to keep safe and comfortable. There will be a feast afterwards in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food from your gardens to share with one another. Water and wine will be available to drink. Summer flowers are always welcome to decorate the ritual space. Bring musical instruments to add to the festivities. If it rains, we will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Earth Kin looks forward to this time of gratitude. There will not be childcare for this event. Questions should go to Beckie at elmbeckie@yahoo.com.

MAM's Musings

As I look out through the windows of my office, I view the green foliage and trees which line our northern border. The limbs are swaying from a lazy Hoosier breeze. During our Sunday worship service I mentioned that this verdant border will likely be gone soon. The Bypass expansion means the removal of a swath of trees and undergrowth along its intended path. It's hard to imagine the absence of this flora...all of this green. Yesterday afternoon, my partner Deborah and I, along with our dog, walked this border in gratitude and sadness. We said our good-byes. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to have a moment of closure as well.

Tending to the small rituals in our lives allow us to accommodate the ever-changing world in which we live. Change is a constant. Marking that change allows us to move forward wholly in mind, body and spirit.

In our service next Sunday, we will invoke an old-time ritual in many Unitarian Universalist congregations...the 'talk-back' following the sermon. Guest minister Reverend Dennis McCarty will speak about immigration from our pulpit on Sunday. After speaking to Dennis, we found it an opportune time to have further discussion (talk back) regarding immigration and how the issue became a focal point at our Unitarian Universalist General Assembly. This 'talk back' will take place in the library following each service. Congregation member David Keppel and I will join Dennis in responding. Join us as we explore the ethical and moral implications of borders in the life of this country.

As a prelude to this discussion, I recently received the following report from David Keppel regarding our General Assembly: "Reverend Bill Breeden, and delegates Jackie Hall, Lloyd Orr, and David Keppel represented our Church at UU General Assembly in Minneapolis June 23-7. Amy Taylor was able to attend part of the conference. The major decision was to go ahead and hold General Assembly 2012 in Phoenix as previously planned, but to make it a special social justice GA focused on protesting Arizona's racist immigration law SB 1070. We voted to make Immigration a Congregational Study/ Action Issue.

"The assembly also adopted a Statement of Conscience on "Creating Peace," which our delegates successfully moved to amend to add support for "non-violent resisters." Our congregation proposed two of the five Actions of Immediate Witness (urgent social justice resolutions that came to the floor). One to "Clean Up the Clean Energy Bill" passed; one to "End the Blockade of Gaza and Halt the Growth of Israeli Settlements on Palestinian Territory" failed to win the needed two-thirds majority."

David Keppel would be glad to send anyone interested a longer written report; please email him at keppel@sbcglobal.net or call 331-2815.

May we witness the borders in our lives, MAM
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

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Community Connections

Our faith in action in the community

The UU Northside Neighbor Group held a box lunch auction recently at the home of Jackie Hall and Lloyd Orr and raised \$91 for the Help Your Hungry Neighbors Task Force.

See Our Bulletin Board for a number of volunteer opportunities now available in the larger community.

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 will be out of the office until July 25.



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.

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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:

July 27, Aug 17, Sep 7, Sep 28.

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

Women's Alliance August 5

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, August 5. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month's hosts, Joan Hongen and Roberta Watson, will provide beverages and dessert. Guests are always welcome. Info, Lois Holl, loisholl8@yahoo.com

Summer Prologue Dates

Articles for The Prologue are due by 10 a.m., to admin@uubloomington.org, on the following dates:

Mon Aug 2; Mon Aug 16

Tues Sep 7; Mon Sep 20

This year, we will publish the Prologue on the first and third Mondays of each month (except July and Sept when the first issue will be on a Tuesday due to federal holidays.)

You can help in RAISIN money for the church by buying grocery cards

for Marsh, Kroger and/or Bloomingfoods. The are available in the Commons area between services.

BULLETIN BOARD:

Classical Guitar Recital by George McCarter, 8/4 at 7pm, Church Library. Works by J.S. Bach, Joaquin Rodrigo, Federico Torroba and a world premiere of McCarter's "Six Songs of Emily Dickinson" for high voice and guitar performed with soprano Sharon Harms.

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UUs Changing the World



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Aug 1.

Current needs at Monroe County

United Ministries: canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, beef stew, spam, etc.), canned veggies (potatoes, mixed, carrots, beets, corn, etc.), rice, jelly and jam.



Focus on RENEW— When water is NOT to be celebrated?

Our last Prologue spoke about renewal of our courtyard space – turning it into a functional and beautiful outdoor room that all generations can share and enjoy together.

But RENEW also refers to the need for much needed repairs and improvements to our building and grounds. Previously we've highlighted obvious problem areas – energy inefficient windows that are permanently clouded due to broken seals, split tiles in the upstairs hallways, and badly worn and stained carpeting, to name a few. However, a major issue

affecting the health and integrity of our building is less obvious – drainage problems. The foundation of the church is often wet, and sometimes there is water within the air ducts below the RE wing. Sidewalk puddles, marshy areas in the courtyard, and ice-covered roadways in winter are more evidence that water is not being properly channeled away. The Green Spaces team is working closely with our architect, Steve Miller, to find solutions. We've also consulted with a hydrologist about the underground water.

As part of this capital campaign, we are determined to address these water problems so that our building will be healthy and sound and our sidewalks and roadways will be safe. While we will once again celebrate water at our annual Water Service next month, in our spiritual home we need to keep it where it belongs! Share your thoughts, ideas and energies with us at greenspaces@uubloomington.org.

Green Sanctuary Task Force Veggie Potluck

The Green Sanctuary invites you to celebrate the dog days of summer with a veggie potluck at the North shelter (up the hill from the mobile stage) in Bryan Park. Enjoy music by the Not-Too-Bad Bluegrass Band, while enjoying a meal and fellow Green Sanctuary supporters. The potluck starts at 6 pm with music from 6:30 until 8 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own dinnerware. The Green Sanctuary Task Force will supply beverages. For more information contact Marcia at marciaveldman@gmail.com.

Passport to the World!!



Children entering grades 1st through 9th grade are always welcome at our Passport to the World summer program!! Come join the fun as we learn about other cultures during worship each Sunday. Preschool class and childcare for children 0-3 are also happening.

July 25 Netherlands-food and games will be enjoyed

August 1 Iran-what is it like to be a child in Iran?



Call for Proposals: Fall Adult Religious Education

Are you a spiritual seeker, an avid reader, a poet, parent, or activist? Do you have an interest you would like to share and explore with fellow Unitarian Universalists?

If so, you are encouraged to submit a course proposal to our Adult Religious Education Program. We are now accepting proposals for fall classes (September-December), single session or multiple sessions. Please go to www.uubloomington.org to download a proposal form (under Religious Education, Adult Religious Education), or pick up a form in the church office. Proposals can be mailed to the church or emailed to the ARE chair: Carolyn Emmert, at davidjemmert@sbcglobal.net. Proposals submitted by August 4 will receive first consideration.

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel Ed

Our Folks...

We are saddened by the death of David Wiley. David, a congregation member, died Saturday evening. Our comforting thoughts are with his wife Anna and their family and friends. A memorial service will take place in late summer or early fall.

We send healing thoughts to Velma Harrison, who is recovering from abdominal surgery.

Congratulations to Anne Haynes. Anne was recently presented the Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry President's Award for Outstanding Service. Anne was instrumental in instituting Chalice Circles as part of our congregation's ministry.

Choir resumes on August 5 at 7:00!

If you want to build your lung capacity, strengthen your memory, spend time with great texts, explore new languages, make friends, and, of course, make beautiful music, join the choir! All are welcome!



Sue Swaney, Music Director

Attendance and Offering

Sun, July 11, 9:15:	98; 11:15: 182; RE: 74	Total: 354
Sun, July 18, 9:15:	103; 11:15: 124; RE: 80	Total: 307
Sun, June 11 non-pledge offering:		\$487
Sun, June 18 non-pledge offering:		\$384
Total to PALS	:	\$218



UU Children's Choir starts Aug. 8!

Calling all children in Kg- 6th grade who like to sing! We will have our first set of rehearsals in preparation for singing at the Water Communion Service on

August 22. New and returning singers are always welcome! If you can't make this set of rehearsals, keep watching the Prologue for info on future singing opportunities. The UU Children's Choir sings in several services per year, with a set of 2-4 rehearsals in preparation for each performance. When scheduled, rehearsals are usually Sunday mornings between the services, with an occasional Thursday evening practice.

Upcoming schedule below; questions-contact Jill Courtney; jcourtne@mccsc.edu or call 330-8829.

Sun. 8/8: 10:15-11am, Library (rehearse for 8/22)

Sun. 8/15: 10:15-11am, Library (rehearse for 8/22)

Thurs. 8/19: 7:00-7:45pm, Fellowship Hall/Meeting Rm. (rehearse for 8/22)

Sun. 8/22: Sing in both services; details TBA

Fill a Jar for the Bazaar!

As you are preserving the bounty of the summer in the coming weeks, please put aside a jar or two of jam or jelly, or pickled watermelon, or just plain pickles for us to sell at the Gourmet Galaxy. Preserves will add a welcome taste of summer to our wintery offerings. Questions? Contact Julie Lawson or Joanne Henriot. Thank you! - Your Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Committee

This issue will be posted at www.uubloomington.org by July 21st.

2010-2011 CHILD-FRIENDLY 'FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES'



To help include families with children we will try an additional Fellowship dinner program called "Fellowship for Families."

This new program will have fixed dates—set far enough in advance for you to put them on your calendars long before they happen. There will be three scheduled evenings: **Friday, Oct. 15; Saturday, Jan 22; Sunday, April 3**, from about 6 to 8 p.m.

On each date several hosts will provide their homes for simultaneous family-friendly gatherings. All participating will provide the potluck dishes and have this time to get better acquainted.

Everyone is invited to join, whether adults (of any age, with or without children), youngsters, children, toddlers, and babes.

Registration forms are now available at church or from the Coordinator, Dixie Welch, at deejaywelch@gmail.com

Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is **Sunday, August 15th, between the services, at 10:30am in Room 207B.** (Please note: We recommend participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 812-331-4181 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, August 11th.

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Invitation to all for Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday, August 20, 2010

The Unitarian Universalist Church and the Islamic Center will join together on Friday, August 20 for our annual Ramadan Iftaar Celebration at the church. Sharing one evening's breaking of the fast, worship, and dinner is a memorable way we connect with friends from another religious community. Doors will open at 8 p.m. Iftaar (Arabic for breaking of the fast) will begin at sundown at 8:29, followed by optional prayers and a feast. We'll finish eating around 9:30. You're invited to make new friends and enjoy delicious foods prepared by Islamic Center members. It's free of charge, all ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

Ramadan is the most blessed month of the year in Islamic culture—the ninth month of the lunar calendar. All over the world, for the whole month, Muslims abstain during daylight hours from food, drink, and other physical needs. It's a time to purify the soul, re-evaluate one's life, and focus on God. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace, strengthening ties with family and friends, and refraining from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Come honor their tradition of annual rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and worship.

If you would like to help put on the feast, please sign up by August 9 on the volunteer list posted in the Commons or by e-mailing ehollinden@yahoo.com. If you would like to attend, please sign up by August 15 on the RSVP list posted in the Commons, so we can prepare plenty of food. For more information, contact Erin at ehollinden@yahoo.com or 812-320-8607.

Coffee As a Ministry



We practice radical hospitality here in our congregation, and having fresh hot coffee and tea available on Sunday mornings is one very

welcoming ministry we all can support. Please volunteer to help on Java Crew, especially with cleaning up. Call 332-3695, email office@uubloomington.org, or sign up on Sunday on the sign up list in Fellowship Hall. Fresh coffee! Ahhhh...

Java Crew Schedules

Sun, July 25,

8:15-9:15: Amy Crozier, Kara Reagan;

9:00-10:30: Amy Crozier, David & Sandra Hill;

10:30-11:10: (clean up) Diane & Bob Port

Sun, August 1,

8:15-9:15: Don Halford, Russ Boulding;

9:00-10:30: Don Halford, Russ Boulding;

10:30-11:10: (clean up) Andrea Murray, Scott Burgins

→ **We have lots of open spaces in the Java Crew schedule for August 8th and later! Volunteer now, office@uubloomington.org.**

Where's the Lost and Found?

Lost items will be placed on the courtyard coat rack or in the basket underneath it. Every 8 weeks or so we will give these unclaimed items to a local charity. Small items such as cell phones, keys, and eyeglasses, will be kept in Room 204. Ask the Office Assistant or Church Administrator for assistance.