

**The Prologue**  
 Unitarian Universalist Church of  
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Monday, August 16, 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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

**Sunday, August 22, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**Back to the River: Our Annual Water Communion**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

In this, our annual water communion service (see below), we come back to the river of our congregational lives. Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will in the theological waters of welcome and inspiration. We will welcome our new interim pianist, Nicholas Dold, welcome back our Children's Choir, welcome back everyone who has traveled near and far in the summer season.

**Sunday, August 29, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.**

**In Search of...The World's Worst Buddhist Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

While searching for the world's worst Buddhist, we will explore some of the insights from Thubten Chodron's book, "Buddhism for Beginners". Be prepared to meander through such topics as meditation, impermanence, suffering, love, and compassion. Our International Outreach Task Force will offer a social justice moment as part of the service.

**Wednesday, September 1, 2010 5:30p dinner, 6:15p worship**

**Family Worship: Stories of Beginning Reverend Emily Manvel Leite**

All ages are invited to share stories and singing as we celebrate the beginning of our congregational year and hear tales of other beginnings! 5:15PM: craft project, 5:30PM: Dinner is provided, with a vegan option, \$1 donation per person requested. Shared clean-up. Worship: 6:15-6:45PM.



## Water Communion Services August 22

Remember to bring some water, a stone, or a shell for our Water Communion Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, August 22 during the services. Children will also participate in this ritual so let them help collect water during your adventures this summer, even if the adventure is in your own backyard. On August 22, we will pour our collected waters together as a symbol of our reunion as a community. (We won't be drinking the water, of course!)

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8/19/2010	7:00 PM	UU Children's Choir rehearsal	8/27/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal	8/30/2010	11:00 AM	IU School of Social Work
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Sectionals - Frostiana	8/31/2010	5:30 PM	BCS Rehearsal
8/20/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	9/1/2010	3:00 PM	Life Stories
	6:00 PM	Ramadan Iftaar at sundown		5:15 PM	Family Dinner & Worship
8/21/2010	9:00 AM	Chalice Circle Facilitator Training	9/2/2010	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance
	10:30 AM	Teacher Team Meetings		6:30 PM	ARE Cmte
8/22/2010	9:45 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal		7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
8/23/2010	6:30 PM	RE Committee		7:00 PM	UU Choir Sectionals - Frostiana
8/24/2010	6:45 PM	BCS Rehearsal		7:30 PM	IU Football Game
	7:30 PM	Full Moon Ritual	9/3/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
8/26/2010	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal		5:00 PM	Haiti Relief Benefit Concert - IOTF
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Sectionals - Frostiana	9/4/2010	10:30 AM	BCS Board meeting

For more event info, go to [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org); click on Full Calendar.

## From the Ministers:

It is no secret that we believe this to be a special congregation, and we have often stated that we are thankful to serve as your ministers. After having been honored by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) as a “Breakthrough Congregation” we were not expecting any big surprises this year. Well, just about the time you think it can’t get any better, somehow it does. We are honored to announce that this congregation has been selected as one of eight in the nation to participate in a new initiative sponsored by the UUA. The program, entitled “Leap of Faith: Becoming the Religion for Our Time,” is designed to assist healthy congregations to become even more so, and to experience significant growth, not merely in membership but in ministry and program.

The program will link the selected congregations with larger congregations that will serve as mentors to help facilitate growth and improvements in ministry and outreach. We are excited to be a part of this pilot project, and we are thankful that this congregation meets the criteria for participation in it, not the least of which is a culture of boldness and innovation. The words, “We have never done it that way before,” are not bywords for our community, and we have shown a willingness “to boldly go” where we have not been before.

Another significant factor in determining candidacy for this program is a compelling sense of mission. “Seeking the Spirit, Building Community and Changing the World”—that is our vision statement. Thomas Jefferson predicted that within a few generations his young

country would be predominantly Unitarian because it was the most rational of religions. Obviously Jefferson wasn’t much of a prognosticator, and rationality alone simply doesn’t answer all the questions implied in human existence. In our day, when irrationality holds sway along with intolerance, bigotry and fear as the driving forces of our culture, Unitarian Universalism has a message that is not only rational but redemptive. It is indeed a time for us to make a “Leap of Faith” and strive to be a “Religion for Our Time.”

We are excited to see what this new initiative will bring, and we believe that this congregation can once again discover new ways to reach out to those looking for a spiritual home, and work together to make our world a better place. We have faith that you will be along for the journey.

Peace—bill and mary ann  
Rev. Bill Breeden and  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## Our Folks...

Our comforting thoughts are with Mary Boutain and Colleen Haas. Mary’s mother died last week. Her funeral took place in Minnesota.

Continued healing thoughts to Chris Clothier who is recovering from recent surgery. We are grateful that Chris’s daughter Ananda (Micki) has been able to be with Chris in her recovery.

Our thoughts are also with Christy True and Pep Sobrer, who are both recovering from recent surgeries.

We are thankful that Brivida Beldavs, baby daughter of Aris and Danyi Beldavs, is home now after a brief hospitalization.

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## Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

**Middle Way House Domestic Violence Training September 11 and 25** Help victims of domestic violence by being trained as a Middle Way House volunteer. Info, see our bulletin board or contact 812-337-4510, [volunteer@middlewayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@middlewayhouse.org).

### A Message from Crestmont Boys and Girls Club

Dear Unitarian Universalist Church,  
My name is Shawna Meyer and I am the new Unit Director for the Crestmont Boys and Girls Club. Keely Griggs has resigned her position to be with her new baby and family. The generous contribution we received from 25% of the Unitarian Universalist Sunday plate allowed for some great opportunities. The older youth successfully completed over 5 community service projects as well as assisted in weekly duties at the club. We brought on an intern in the Spring specifically for teens, and started our Junior Staff program! We appreciate your support and hope that you know your gift was truly valued and allowed us to expand and improve our programming.

Thanks again! Shawna Meyer

### Special September 11<sup>th</sup> Retreat Centering Prayer: A Contemplative Retreat Led by Rev. Forrest Gilmore, 9:00-3:30

The mystics have consistently encouraged us to let go of our small sense of self and expand into what some call “unitive consciousness” – a sense of oneness with the Divine. Centering prayer is a practice designed to help us empty ourselves before the Spirit. This retreat will be held at the Friends Meeting House on Moores Pike. To register, send a check for \$45 payable to Mt. Gilead Friends Retreat to 3363 Mt. Gilead Road, Bloomington, IN, 47408. If possible, please register by Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Info contact 812-679-6835, 812-332-4074 or [mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mtgilfr@bloomington.in.us).

## 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](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org),  
mobile: 812-322-0205

Rev. Breeden’s regular day off is  
Thursday.

On call M, T, W, F

[breeden@uubloomington.org](mailto: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](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org).

## 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: Sept 7 and 28, Oct 19, Nov 9 and 30, and Dec 21. Location varies: contact Chris Haynes, [chaynes@indiana.edu](mailto:chaynes@indiana.edu)

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**UUs Changing the World**



**Feed Our Hungry Neighbors**  
**Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Sept 5.**  
 Current needs at Monroe County

United Ministries: canned meats: tuna, chicken, stew, pasta and rice side dishes, canned vegetables, especially mixed, carrots, and potatoes, crackers, "helper" meals.

**Check out the photo display, social justice table and bulletin board in the hall.** Find your niche in the UU Social Justice Circle and be a force for change here in Bloomington and abroad.

**Fill a jar for the Bazaar!**

Relish, chutney, chow-chow, salsa, pickles, preserves sweet and savory... Think of all the possibilities! And when you're thinking--and canning--think of the Gourmet Galaxy, and fill a jar for the Bazaar! Got questions? Call Julie Lawson, 335-1856, or Joanne Henriot, 323-9941.

**Thanks to Mary Blizzard**

We send our heartfelt thanks Mary Blizzard for serving on the grocery card fundraising committee. She helped by selling cards one Sunday a month. Mary was also the creator of the colorful centerpieces displayed during coffee hour. Join us in thanking her for sharing her time and talents. Contact Mary Goetze ([goetze@indiana.edu](mailto:goetze@indiana.edu)) if you would like to join this committee.

**Earth Kin Full Moon Ritual**  
**Tuesday Aug. 24th. 7:30pm**



Full Moon is the time to celebrate completion. What have you finished this month that you would like to celebrate?

What is still on-going that you might need some help or advice to complete? Sit with us under the moon and bask in her glow as we reintegrate the cycles of the seasons with our lives. This ceremony is open to all members and friends of the church. It will last about one hour. There is no childcare for this event. Contact Beckie Wagner at 812-219-8674 or [elmbeckie@yahoo.com](mailto:elmbeckie@yahoo.com) for further information about location and what to bring.

**Upcoming Prologue Dates**

Articles for The Prologue are due by 10 a.m., to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org):  
 Tues Sep 7; Mon Sep 20  
 Mon Oct 4; Mon Oct 18

**Electronic Congregational**

**Directory** We would like to encourage more folks in our congregation to receive our congregational directory as a pdf file, via email. Receiving it this way saves money for our congregation, as the cost of sending it on paper to everyone is around \$1300 per year. If you'd like to receive the directory in pdf form, please send an email to Office Assistant Ruthann DuBois at [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org).

**Fall Religious Education 2010**

We are so excited that our fall semester is beginning in Religious Education! Classes this year will focus on Unitarian Universalist identity and action. We will be utilizing new



Tapestry of Faith curriculum including 'Windows and Mirrors' and 'Creating Home'. Children and youth should be registered in offices 203 and 205.

Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am- 12:30p **Teacher Team Meetings** and Lunch: RE volunteers work in teams of three that help one another and provide flexibility in scheduling. Lunch and childcare provided during team meetings.

Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> **Water Communion, 9:15 and 11:15a-** Meet and greet with fall teachers, classmates and friends this Sunday. Bring a story from your summer travels or back yard adventures. Each child is invited to bring a little water (or a rock or shell) representing something they did this summer to their classroom. We will have symbolic water ready for visitors and for those who forget, so please join us.

Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>: **Fall Religious Education Classes** begin! Have you registered your children in Fall RE yet? Please register ages 0 and up! Scholarships are available upon request. Wednesday Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 5:30p Dinner and Family Worship: Meet new friends, eat dinner and spend time at church together as a family at a Family Worship!

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)  
 Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel Ed [mre@uubloomington.org](mailto:mre@uubloomington.org)



**Green Spaces Lets Us Reach Out**

Just think of ways we can reach out with Green Spaces!

We can reach out to those with hearing problems by installing a better sound system in the Meeting room.

We can reach out to people with limited mobility by replacing awkward courtyard stairs with a new ground-level entry sidewalk.

We can reach out to visitors by creating a welcoming path to the courtyard door.

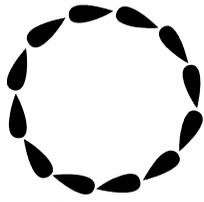
We can reach out to the community by offering a genuinely inviting courtyard, well-landscaped and with ample seating.

With our own physical plant and financial house in order, we'll be poised to focus outside ourselves and reach out to others in need.

Just think of it!

Contact us with your ideas at [greenspaces@uubloomington.org](mailto:greenspaces@uubloomington.org).

Cynthia L. Port 3361-2360,  
 Libby DeVoe 336-8688.



## Chalice Circles Small Group Ministry Kicks Off Sept. 12

Chalice Circles, the exciting program of small group ministry in our congregation, will Kick Off for another year on **Sunday, September 12** at 4:00 PM at the church. The focus of each meeting is a topic that serves as a springboard into reflection on deeper issues of who we are and what gives our lives meaning. At the core of each session is deep listening. Questions are posed and each person responds in turn. The other participants provide the speaker with rapt attention. You can sign up for Chalice Circles after each service in the Commons on August 22, August 29, and September 5. Members of the Chalice Circles Committee will be there to answer questions. Or you can contact Alan Backler at [abackler@aol.com](mailto:abackler@aol.com)

## Chalice Circles Testimonial by Silja Weber

"Here is the church, and there is the steeple; open the doors and see all the People," says a British rhyme. The Chalice Circles I participated in over the last years have opened doors for me: to the opportunity to intentionally leave my tendency to constant analysis at the door and just be. To a sanctuary from the breakneck speed of daily life. Most of all, to an alchemy that weaves in story form between diverse people who may have thought they had little in common, creating a whole new way of connecting.

The tension between listeners, speaker, and silence seems to draw out new layers out of old thoughts. You begin to see the people: everyone in the circle spends most of the time listening. This takes me out of the center of my universe, and into that of the (relative) strangers, and later friends, that share the circle. The service projects enlarge this idea: to shift even the circle out of the center, to remember the rest of the world and its needs.

Paraphrasing Pema Chödrön, Chalice Circles are not the path up the mountain to personal enlightenment. They are one way into the valley, where water and people are. They show the depth of the common ground. In a congregation that has doubled in size since I got to know it, that is invaluable. --Silja Weber



## UU Children's Choir Rehearsal Schedule

New & returning singers, K-8, are always welcome. 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](mailto:jcourtne@mccsc.edu) or call 330-8829.

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

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

## Book donations to the Fuchs

**Library** - The library committee would like to clarify its policy for accepting book donations. Because our shelf space is limited, a prescreening of donated books is desirable. If you wish to donate books to the library, please contact a member of the committee to meet with you for this purpose. Members are Marjorie Crosby, Ann McEndarfer, Roberta Watson and Patsy Flint.

## Women's Alliance Meets September 2

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, September 2. Guest speaker, Libby DeVoe, will give us an update on the Green Spaces Initiative. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our hosts, Rita Rust and Dorothy Sowell, will provide beverages and dessert. We welcome new members. Dues are \$15.00/year [July 1 to June 30]. If you are a current member, please try and pay your dues at the September meeting. Guests are always welcome. Info, Lois Holl, [loisholl8@yahoo.com](mailto:loisholl8@yahoo.com)

This issue will be posted at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org) by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Attendance and Offering

Sun, Aug 8, 9:15: 89; 11:15: 155; RE: 93  
**Total: 337**

Sun, Aug 15, 9:15: 103; 11:15: 171; RE: 101  
**Total: 375**

Sun, Aug 8 non-pledge offering: \$427  
Sun, Aug 1 non-pledge offering: \$310  
Total to PALS\* : **\$184**

\*People & Animal Learning Services

## Pianist News

Meet Nicholas Dold, a fine young musician who will serve as our interim pianist as we adjust to the post-Sally-Todd era. Nick is a senior at the IU School of Music, studying piano performance and minoring in French. He has worked with the Summer Opera Workshop, the Pre-College Piano Academy, and he plays for Sue Swaney's morning conducting class at IU. A student of Reiko Neriki and Yael Weiss, Nick has performed on the Dubinsky Chamber Series at IU, at the Duxbury Music Festival in Massachusetts, at Steinway of Phoenix, and WFHB-Russian Recordings. An avid reader, he has worked his way through the complete works of David Sedaris and William Faulkner, and now he's working on Mishima.

Many, many thanks to Beverly McGahey and Chappell Kingsland, who have kindly played for services this summer. We are very lucky to have such fine in-house pianists to call on as substitutes. --Susan Swaney, Music Director

## BULLETIN BOARD:

**4-Part Spirituality and Drum Workshop led by Colleen Haas.** Begins Sept., reg. deadline Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>. Info contact Colleen: [comhaas@indiana.edu](mailto:comhaas@indiana.edu).

**Baby Crib Available.** UU grandparents/ Parents! Need a crib? Full-size, drop-side crib (not on the gov recall list), mattress, etc. Dixie Welch, 339-1075 or [deejaywelch@gmail.com](mailto:deejaywelch@gmail.com).

**WORK WANTED.** Retired IU Admin. Asst. seeking part time work 5-10 hrs. per week. Excellent organizational and computer skills. 812-333-8879, leave message.

## Our Newest Members

A warm welcome to all these new members who signed our Membership Book on Sunday, August 15.

### Sharon and David Parsons

Sharon and David came to IU Bloomington as children of the 70's. They met, married and raised 3 marvelous children, getting an education in the process. They live at May Creek Farm, an intentional community south of Bloomington. Sharon, an RN, has provided care for people in Oncology, Dialysis and Critical Care. With 24 years experience she mentors nurses as the educator in Critical Care. She enjoys 'Grammie' time with 2 beautiful!!! grandchildren, nature and painting water colors. She has followed the Sufi path for 38 years and has an interest in healing, religions and art. After 3 undergrad years, Dave took up masonry, and then worked at Bloomington Hospital in Psych Services and Informatics until retiring in 2006. Dave values authentic spiritual experience and is uplifted by Sufism, especially Rumi and recent western teachers. He runs a composting business, enjoys fishing and is intrigued by the promise of maps.

### Millie Jackson

Originally from Highland, Indiana, Millie Jackson came to Indiana University in 1984 to study psychology/premed. She has called Bloomington home since 1987. Millie is a Certified Massage Therapist, Reiki Master and writer who loves helping people feel better. She is fascinated by the mind/body connection and believes food is medicine. She enjoys Bloomington's many amenities including concerts, plays, lectures, and nature walks. Millie aspires to be a positive influence on this beautiful

planet and is thrilled to share her journey as part of the UU community.

### Cassidy Rockhill

I grew up in Anderson and attended the Church of God until mid-high school, at which point our divergent realities could no longer coexist. I am married to Kelly and we have two beautiful daughters, Eva and Shilo. Kelly and I met as under-graduates at Indiana University and, other than a 3 ½ year period we spent in San Francisco and Oakland, have been in Bloomington for the last 17 years. I teach special education at Grandview Elementary School and feel very blessed to have found a home here at the UU Church of Bloomington.

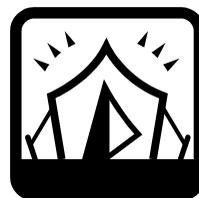
### Bill and Mary Jo Conley

Bill and Mary Jo have been married for 30 yrs. and are the self-builders of a log cabin in northwestern Brown County. Bill is of southern Baptist background and Mary Jo was raised a Methodist but they had not found a home that melded with their diverse feelings and beliefs until they found UU Bloomington about 5 yrs. ago. UU was recommended to them by their son, Jonathan, then an IU grad student, and now an attorney in Chicago. Meeting Elizabeth Lion at the Welcome table pretty much had them hooked. Bill is a pharmacist at Community Hospital South in Greenwood but a carpenter and fixer-upper at heart. His hobbies are reading, preventive medicine, working on the "farm", and tinkering in general. Mary Jo is happily retired after 37 years as a cardiac ultrasound specialist. She is an avid mystery reader, animal lover, perennial gardener, stained glass artist and is working her way through a rather large collection of cookbooks with Bill as her guinea pig.

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### Jon R. Chaffin

Born and raised in Kansas, Jon came to Bloomington in 1961. He graduated from IU with a degree in education and MA in history, then taught history and psychology for 35 years, retiring in 1998. He currently lives in Spencer and spends Jan- April in Florida. He has two children, Jared and Jennifer who both live in the Bloomington area. At UU church he sings in the choir, attends the men's group and life story writing group. He enjoys reading, writing, traveling, hiking, biking, working out, singing, and attending plays, concerts and good films.



**HUUSIER  
PALUUZA  
Saturday,  
September 18 at  
UUI—**

### A UU Revival

The goal of the Huusier Paluuzza is to celebrate the creative spirit of Unitarian Universalism and make visible the uncommon denomination. This revival-style extravaganza will highlight the "big tent" philosophy of UUism, celebrating and creatively expressing the unconditional love and acceptance of our faith. This event includes family activities in the afternoon, a youth-led worship service, a rock-band, a community meal, and an evening of music and worship featuring "firebrand" preachers Rev. Meg Barnhouse and Rev. Bill Breeden (UU Bloomington). Organized by Central Indiana UU Congregations, the event will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis campus with major activities occurring under a large tent on

the grounds. For more information, contact Pam Blevins Hinkle at [pbhinkle@gmail.com](mailto:pbhinkle@gmail.com).

## Meet Our New Office Assistant, Ruthann DuBois

Our office assistant Ginger Ko has left us and moved to Chicago to help care for an elderly relative. We were very sad to see her go and greatly appreciate her service to our congregation for the past year. However, we are happy to introduce our new Office Assistant, Ruthann DuBois, who joined our staff in July. Ruthann has excellent administrative skills and goes about her work with cheerfulness and efficiency. We are so glad she is with us. Ruthann's hours are Monday and Friday 9-3, Wednesday 1-4, and Thursday 9-1. She is also present on Sunday mornings after each service on one or two Sundays per month.



## Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday, August 20, 2010

All are invited to our Annual Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday, August 20. 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 prepared by Islamic Center members. If you wish to attend, please contact Erin Hollinden, [ehollinden@yahoo.com](mailto:ehollinden@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, August 18.

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**Adult Religious Education Prospectus  
Fall 2010  
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**Registration:** To register, sign up on the bulletin board or call (332-3695) or e-mail Ruthann DuBois, Office Assistant, at [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org). You

may also register on Sunday mornings in Room 204. See either Ruthann DuBois or Church Administrator Carol Marks.

**How to purchase texts:** You may be able to purchase texts through our Booktable (chaired by Glee Noble, [gleenoble@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@uubloomington.org).

**Rise Up and Call Her Name** with Ruellen Fessenbecker and Beckie Wagner  
First and Third Tuesdays beginning Sept. 7, 7-9:30PM, Library, Min. 5, Max. 20

During this curriculum we will learn about a variety of cultural traditions that honor goddesses and esteem women. We will also become acquainted with some of the beliefs that are associated with these traditions and how varied spiritual practices stimulate person inner journeys. The journey we are undertaking together will be both an outer and an inner one. We will use ritual, chanting, creative play, storytelling and guided meditation to learn about other cultures, female deities and ourselves. As we meet ancient and modern goddesses, we will examine our own belief systems and our own culture's effect on our lives. With one additional Saturday workshop TBA.

**Unitarian Universalist Yoga** with Shelley Taylor

Tuesdays, Sept. 7-Nov. 23, 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 per session requested.

**Attuning to the Sufi Path**

With Sara Steffey McQueen & Sharon Parsons

Third Thursdays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, 7-8:30 PM, rm. 210, Min. 3, Max. 25

These classes are for Unitarian Universalists interested in exploring meditation and practices, including work with the breath, healing, light, and sound. Stories of Sufi masters will be presented to inspire reflection and discussions. Classes will be based on the teachings of the Sufi Order of the West, particularly Hazrat Inayat Khan. The teachings provide insight into the Unity of Religious ideals.

**Belief Buddies & Critical Communities** with Noretta Koertge

Mondays, Sept. 13, 20, Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 1, 6:30-8PM, rm. 207B, Min. 5, Max. 12

Do you or your friends have beliefs that others consider to be weird? When is so-called *stigmatized knowledge* socially useful and when is it a cause for concern? We'll explore these issues using a variety of examples, ranging from Loch Ness monsters to dowsing to concerns about MMR vaccines; from UFOs to Pearl Harbor to the deaths of JFK and Princess Diana. Our goal will *not* be to endorse or denigrate any of these theories. Rather it will be to explore how and why such systems of belief arise and flourish, and how they impact our democratic society.

Readings (Second-hand copies are available on the web and we can also share.):

Jim Marrs, *Above Top Secret* (optional). Marrs is a leading promoter of strange views.

David Aaronovitch, *Voodoo Histories*. British journalist with a cheeky style.

Mark Fenster, *Conspiracy Theories: Secrecy and Power in American Culture*. Fenster is a lawyer and academic – very evenhanded.

**Death with Dignity** with Clarke Miller

Sundays, Oct. 3, 10, 1-2:30PM, room 207B, Min. 5, Max. 30

What practical steps can be taken now to help with a later death with dignity, i.e., with minimized pain and distress? How can we avoid difficulties for ourselves and loved ones at the end of our life?

Information about Living Wills, Health Care Power of Attorney, and legally hastening a difficult death will be provided. Also an update on Oregon's 13-years old Death With Dignity Act. A copy of an Indiana Advance Directives (Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney) will be provided for each participant.

**What is UU Culture?: Pitch-in Dinner and Discussion**

with Ray Rust and Reverend Bill Breeden

Sundays, Oct. 3 and 17, 5:30-7PM, Fellowship Hall, Min. 3, no Max.

Bring a pitch-in dish, and join our two-session exploration of ideas and issues raised by the UU World article: "What is UU Culture?" appearing on page 30 in the summer 2010 issue. Christopher Walton's introduction to the discussion and links to the responses which make up this article can also be found at [uworld.org/issues/summer2010.shtml](http://uworld.org/issues/summer2010.shtml)

**The Historical Jesus: What Did He Really Say?** with Bob DeVoe

Thursdays, Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 7:30-9PM, Library, Min. 5, Max. 15

The historical Jesus is the Pre-Easter Jesus. How does one discern this historical Jesus in our only sources of information about him, the gospels written by Post-Easter Christians who were centered on the resurrected Christ? What are the techniques that biblical scholars use to distinguish words that Jesus spoke from words put in his mouth by gospel writers?

Required text: *The Five Gospels: The Search for the authentic Words of Jesus*, by Robert W. Funk et al (2 copies available in the church library)

**Dying Consciously: The Greatest Journey** with Jenae McIlwain

Wednesdays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 7-9PM, Library, Min. 3, Max. 15

This class is designed for all persons involved in the dying process. The message of *The Greatest Journey*, a curriculum created by the Institute for Energy Medicine, is that we can come to the end of life with grace, with no unresolved issues, and can make the journey beyond death in peace and full of light. We will use maps created by cultures that consciously use sacred death rites to release their loved ones, including Buddhist, Earth traditions, and Shamanic maps. We will learn and practice gentle, clear, and simple ways of helping our loved ones (and ourselves) clear our energetic bodies and to gently disengage from the physical body.

Note: Jenae is an Energy Medicine practitioner who came to this work through her work with children with cancer. She has experienced death as a counselor, a hospital social worker, a practitioner of indigenous traditions, as family, and as a friend.

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