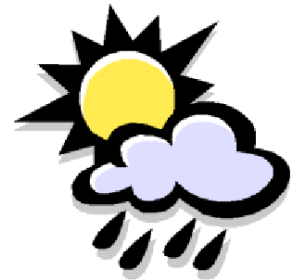


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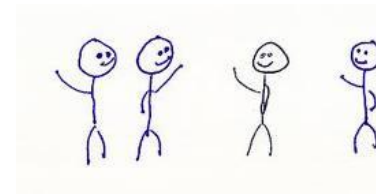
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Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World

Sunday, September 12, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Unitarian Universalism: This I Believe
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



On this *Bring a Friend* Sunday, we will explore Unitarian Universalism, and our co-ministers will offer their current reflections on their beliefs within the context of this liberal religious faith tradition. Our Children's Moment will welcome new babies into our congregational community with a Baby Dedication ceremony. If you've considered introducing a friend to our church, this would be an ideal Sunday.

Sunday, September 19, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Voir Dire: In Search of Truth and Forgiveness
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



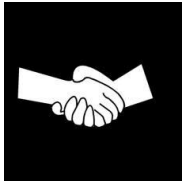
As the Jewish High Holy Days arrive and draw to an end (Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year begins at sundown September 8th and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins at sundown September 17th and ends at nightfall September 18th) we will once again go in search of the mysterious journey of truth and forgiveness. A friend recently told me, "Forgiveness, in part, is the acceptance that the past is not how we would have wished it to be."

Attention Social Justice Leaders: Apply for Funds, Now!

The Social Justice Funds Committee encourages all social justice task forces to apply for our church's Fall Grants Funding. If you have ideas about social justice projects and need some start up cash, you are encouraged to be creative, involve the congregation in planning and submit an application. Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of the congregation, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit. Request applications from blankenship.jennifer@gmail.com.

9/9/2010	1:30 PM	Database Planning	9/13/2010	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	5:00 PM	Super Staff Fall Gathering	9/14/2010	6:45 PM	BCS Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	ARE Cmte		7:00 PM	UU Yoga
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal	9/15/2010	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors
9/10/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group	9/16/2010	2:00 PM	Women's Alliance bd mtg
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		7:00 PM	Attuning to the Sufi Path
	6:00 PM	OWL facilitator training		7:00 PM	Chal Circle - Jeannette Miller
9/11/2010	8:00 AM	OWL facilitator training		7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
9/12/2010	12:00 AM	Bring a Friend Sunday & Baby Dedications	9/17/2010	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	1:00 PM	YRUU (High School Youth Group) Kickoff Event		12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class	9/19/2010	10:15 AM	IOTF Bake Sale
9/13/2010	6:30 PM	Belief Buddies and Critical Communities		2:15 PM	A Year to Live Class
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle		3:00 PM	Exploring UU Class
	7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee		6:00 PM	YRUU 2011-2011 Grades 9-12

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



From the Ministers:

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

Who are we?

Where are we going? How do we care for each other along the way? The above vision statement of our congregation speaks volumes in pursuit of these questions. As ministers, we believe we live in a world that yearns for our liberal religious message and presence. For those people who are religiously homeless and spiritually hungry, our congregation can mean refuge, sanctuary and home. Unitarian Universalism brings new meaning and purpose into people's lives. If our congregation is one of the best kept secrets in our community, then this little light of ours needs to shine better and brighter. We ask you to join us on a journey of generous welcome.

We invite everyone to take a leap of faith as we expand our hospitality and welcome to all. We begin with a *Bring a Friend Sunday* next Sunday, September 12th. If there is a friend or acquaintance that you've considered bringing to a Sunday worship service, then this would be an opportune Sunday to do so. If you are not a life-long Unitarian Universalist, take time to remember what you felt like before you discovered this faith and this congregation. If you are a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, know that this faith has much to offer others, again, particularly those who are religiously homeless and spiritually hungry.

We invite everyone to take a leap of faith with us as we expand our hospitality and welcome to all with our *Green Spaces Initiative* which is growing by leaps and bounds. Due to the recent bypass expansion, the *Green Space's* development and greening of our building will now include our entire site. We want our land and building to say 'You are welcome here' to all beings. We urge you to take time to read the enclosed insert regarding *Green Spaces*. We will Renew, Reinvest and Reach Out. We invite you to participate in the focus groups at the end of September and beginning of October. We want to hear your voice and dreams for this place. Our *Green Spaces* capital campaign will run concurrently with our pledge drive in March and April. We look forward to special events and guests throughout the 2011 year as we go forward together--*Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World*. Join us on the journey.

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

Our Folks...

Thank you Women's Alliance and all others who sent cards via Postmaster Jean Knowlton in recognition of my 90th birthday. I spent a pleasant, nostalgic afternoon perusing your messages while my family made an excellent vegetarian dinner. It was so great to feel like a part of the congregation again. My love to all of you wonderful folks, Gabriele Langdon

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Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Dessert for Circles Initiative Sept 14

Circles Initiative, a community building program working to end poverty, will hold a Volunteer Information Dessert at the South Central Community Action Program on Tuesday Sept. 14th at 6:30 p.m.
1500 W. 15th St. --Carrie Felton,
(812) 339-3447 x 263

Open House at Stepping Stones September 15, 5-7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Stepping Stones Community Center to help celebrate their 5 year anniversary! The evening will have food, activities, a silent auction, information and more! Info: (812) 339-9771. 2615 E. 2nd St. Apt. #4.

Volunteer at Templeton Elementary

Teacher Barb Schwegman is seeking volunteers for her classroom at Templeton beginning in September. All volunteers need to complete a criminal background check. Call Barb 812-219-8269 if you would like to help. Barb is also in need of carpet squares, about 10 x 11 inches, for "sit-upons" for her classroom.

Folk City

October 1, 2010 7:30 p.m. @ UU Church

A musical celebration of American folk icons Pete Seeger, Huddy Ledbetter, The Weavers, Harry Belafonte and many others who fought against censorship, black listing, and personal betrayals. Featuring Carrie Newcomer, Robert Meitus, Michael White, Dan Lodge-Rigal, Stuart Norton, and many "Woody Guthrie" cast and band members. Tickets at Bloomingfoods (\$15, \$12 children 12 & under and senior citizens). All proceeds will benefit Mental Health America of Monroe County. --Jane D. McLeod

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

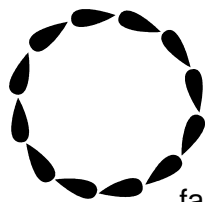
at church in the meditation room (207b) on Thursdays 9am-11am. If you have questions please come by. Her email is memcoord@uubloomington.org.



Help Feed Your Hungry Neighbors

Thank you to the UU gardeners who have been bringing their surplus harvest to church on Sunday morning. We take it to Mother Hubbard's

Cupboard on Monday afternoon. You don't have to wait until Sunday to donate your produce: take it yourselves, if you can, to their location on South Walnut any weekday between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tell them it's from the Unitarian Universalist Church and they'll give us 'credit' when they weigh it.



Chalice Circle Testimonial

I am not a Bloomington native, but moved to Bloomington with my family eight years ago. We discovered the UU Church of Bloomington last spring and I was looking for a chance to meet members of the church. I found that the Chalice Circle provided me with the opportunity to meet new people and much more. Our group was wonderful. We met once a month and had some wonderful in-depth discussions about a variety of topics. While I learned about the other people in my group, I also learned about myself through the discussion of the topics. We worked on improving active listening, the ability to focus on the other person's words without distractions or worrying about formulating your response. We had a great facilitator who chose our topics for the month and gently guided us during our meetings. We were also involved in two different volunteer projects. One was a church project and one was a community project. We all really had a wonderful time with each other and the projects were very rewarding, the Women's Habitat build lunch and Commitment Sunday breakfast. I was sad to come to the end of my Chalice Circle, but I gained new friends and additional opportunities for me to get involved in the Church. I am glad that I chose to be part of a Chalice Circle Group and I plan on participating again. I would definitely recommend Chalice Circle Groups to other people.

Thank you,
Gail Hardy

Getting Involved Fair Sunday, September 26 Looking for a way to get more involved in church activities? Tables will be set up by groups/committees which welcome your participation. Browse the groups, find out about their activities, eat special snacks, meet new friends. This is a great opportunity for new folks and visitors to see the wide variety of activities available and to talk with folks from these groups. New this year! Win a UU T-shirt if you collect initials on the participation card from 8 stations. This fun event will take place after each service on Sunday, September 26. More information contact Kathy Sideli (sideli@indiana.edu)



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, October 17th, 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 memcoord@uubloomington.org or 812-331-4181, no later than Wednesday, October 13th.



We Treasure Our Children!

Last Sunday, our second service Kindergarten and First Graders continued their Treasure Hunting curriculum. Volunteer teachers Sheila McDermott-Sipe and Terry Loucks led the kids in a song welcoming each child, then told the story of King Midas, ending with the idea that we treasure our children more than anything. The kids then enjoyed making fancy treasure chests to take home and put their first treasure inside: the fingerprints of each of their classmates. They will be continuing to learn about what Unitarian Universalists treasure throughout the year, beginning with the knowledge that our congregation treasures them, and every child, most of all.



Calling All High School Students!

Come to the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) Kickoff Event on Sunday, September 12, 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Room 110. Join us for friends, fellowship, and ice cream sundaes!

Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education
dre@uubloomington.org
Rev. Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Rel Ed
mre@uubloomington.org

Women's Alliance Meets October 7

The Women's Alliance will meet on Thursday, October 7. Guest speaker, Pat Harris, will discuss Oral Histories of Indiana. The meeting begins with a brown bag luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our hosts, Ann Watzel and Anna Wiley, will provide beverages and dessert. Guests are always welcome. Info, Lois Holl, loisholl8@yahoo.com

This issue will be posted at www.uubloomington.org by September 9.

Attendance and Offering

Sun, Aug 22, 9:15:	103;	11:15:	172;	RE:	115	
				Total:	390	
Sun, Aug 29, 9:15:	134;	11:15:	188;	RE:	117	
				Total:	439	
Sun, Sep 5, 9:15:	103;	11:15:	180;	RE:	n/a	
				Total:	283	
Sun, Aug 22 non-pledge offering:	\$331					
Sun, Aug 29 non-pledge offering:	\$559					
Sun, Sep 5 non-pledge offering:	\$484					
Total to PALS*	:				\$344	

*People & Animal Learning Services



LETTUCE all pitch in and buy grocery cards. Don't LEAF church next Sunday without buying one in the Commons between services.

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Upcoming Prologue Dates

First and third Mondays. Articles for The Prologue are due by 10 a.m., to admin@uubloomington.org:

Mon Sep 20

Mon Oct 4, Mon Oct 18

Mon Nov 1, Mon Nov 15

(Any announcements about events in late November and early December should appear in the [November 15 issue](#).)

Life Stories DVD's Available to Borrow

The Elder Focus Task Force has funded the copying of the *DVD's of the Oral History Project* of several long time members of our church. These are now available in the library to be loaned to those who would like to view them. Please sign your name on the sheet that has been provided by the church Librarians and return them in a timely manner. We know you'll enjoy getting to know these members in this special way. The task force is going to continue with this project, so we will be adding new DVD's of other members this year. If you have questions or comments, please contact Barb Backler at 876-8368 or backler@bluemarble.net

Electronic Congregational

Directory If you use email every day, you might enjoy receiving the congregational directory in a pdf file, via email. Receiving it this way saves money for our congregation. If you'd like to receive the directory in pdf form, please send an email to Office Assistant Ruthann DuBois at office@uubloomington.org.

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Potluck Dinners Begin In October! Sign Up Soon!

The six monthly *Fellowship Potluck Dinners*, open to all members and friends, begin in October and *Fellowship for Families*, especially designed to include children, has its inaugural evening on October 15. Registration forms for both are available at church or contact deejaywelch@gmail.com. The deadline for the October dinners is September 26.

Practice Radical Hospitality!

The late summer is our busiest time for welcoming visitors. As a congregation it is important for everyone to help make visitors feel welcome. During coffee hour take time to talk with someone using a yellow mug, or just someone you don't know. As many of us know, it is not easy to stand alone in a room full of chattering people. Perhaps you can invite the visitor to sit with you during the service. Of course wearing your name tag is a big help both for new folks and old friends who cannot remember your name! If you need a new name tag the sign-up sheet is at the welcome table in the foyer. Thanks to all for your help.

Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator



Start Date for Rise Up and Call Her Name is September 21

The start date for the Adult Religious Ed class "Rise Up and Call Her Name" has been changed to Tuesday, September 21. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Courtyard Entrance. →

Rise Up and Call Her Name with Ruellen Fessenbecker and Beckie Wagner
First and Third Tuesdays beginning Sept. 21, 7-9:30 PM, Library, Min. 5, Max. 20

What is UU Culture? Here is the link to the articles Rev. Breeden and Ray Rust will be using as basis for their discussions on UU Culture in October: <http://www.uuworld.org/life/articles/162478.shtml>

UU friends Perform at Meadowood and Bell Trace

Friends of our congregation Kit Boulding and Beverly McGahey will perform music for violin and piano at Meadowood Tuesday Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. and at Bell Trace Thursday Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. The recitals are open to the public.

Yard Sale Trail

You are invited to hold a yard/garage sale at your home on Saturday, September 25 and then donate the proceeds to the UU Church of Bloomington. Why would you participate?

1. It is a great way to clear out for fall
2. Donating all (or part) of the proceeds to the church will assist the church budget.
3. As a group, we can advertise together and get more attention. Everyone will get a placard to put up at their sale, and we'll advertise in local papers.

There is a small registration fee of \$5.00 to cover the upfront cost of ads which you can deduct from the proceeds turned over to the church.

Questions? contact Lucy Papier or Jan Skinner (jan.skinner1@comcast.net).

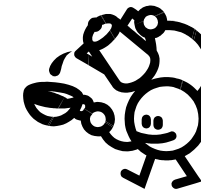
Bazaar Notes

Books, Books, Bazaar!

This year's Bazaar book sale is starting from scratch - meaning we have NO books in storage. So scour your book shelves for contributions and help us build a great selection. We'll start gathering books in November. For more information, contact Kate Cruikshank, cruiksha@indiana.edu, 812-339-6096 (leave message).

Join the Bazaar Committee

The first meeting of the UU Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar Committee was Wednesday, September 8. Join this fun and hardworking committee! Got questions? Contact Julie Lawson, 335-1856 or Joanne Henriot, 323-9941.



Do You Enjoy Drinking Coffee on Sunday Mornings?

If so, you are encouraged to support your own

coffee experience and that of your friends by volunteering to make or clean up coffee on Sunday mornings between the services, once a quarter. This is a lovely way to help, and is so welcoming and friendly. To volunteer, contact Ron Ellis, 812-849-1131 or rondeb_ls_03@verizon.net

New on Our Congregational Staff

Welcome to our newest staff members:

Ruthann DuBois, Office Assistant
Andy Beargie, Sound Technician
Nick Dold, Interim Pianist
Clair Weidman, RE Assistant
Nelmarie Zayas, Childcare
Jessica Wilson, Childcare

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UUs Changing the World



**Feed Our Hungry Neighbors
Next Bounty-Full Sunday is Oct 3.**

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.

Friends of Prisoners Task Force

"Power is of two kinds. One is obtained by the fear of punishment and the other by acts of love. Power based on love is a thousand times more effective...." Mahatma Gandhi

Crafting Bridges folks encourage and bring joy to inmates in the Monroe County Jail the first Monday of each month, 1PM. Contact Christine at

cmckenna@area10.boomington.in.us

Women Writing for a Change spark spirituality and creativity twice monthly.

Contact: Beth at

beth@womenwritingbloomington.com.

OASIS gives support to people who have been released from incarceration and are dealing with the challenges of life on the outside. Contact OASIS: 812-320-8046.

Community Justice and Mediation Center-Community Voices, trains mediators to work directly with victims and offenders so that victims and the community can have a direct role in the offender's righting of wrongs. Contact CJAM: 812-336-8677.

NewLeaf/NewLife, our community partner in advocacy and support at MCJ and with those who have been released from Monroe County Jail, is in the midst of a financial crisis. Do you have new sample textbooks you could donate? Cash you'd like to give to a good

cause? Contact Tania: tkarnofs@umail.iu.edu 812-219-1349.

Quilt Project. Thank you for donating quilting supplies to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Quilt Project. By supporting these men, we become a part of their generosity and creativity that touches (and warms) so many needy people in Indiana.

"Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."-Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States: Troy Davis is an innocent man on Georgia's death row who has depleted all of his appeals. Even with an international campaign for his exoneration, his sentence has not been vacated. 139 people have been exonerated because of innocence from death row since 1973. Mr. Davis's name needs to be the next on the list. Google "Troy Davis," read the full story, and take action. Thanks so much, Glenda Breeden, gbreeden@att.net, 812-829-3431.

Green Sanctuary Task Force On Global Climate Change

"Please call Senator Lugar at (202) 224-4814 and Senator Bayh at (202)224-5623 and ask them to support a strong bill for clean energy and climate protection."

Thanks, David Keppel

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20100810/OPI/NION01/8100312/Clean-energy-failures-create-headaches-for-future>

August 10, 2010

Clean-energy failures create headaches for future

In "Running on empty" Aug. 5, columnist David Broder cites the U.S. Senate's failure to address clean energy and climate change.

Unfortunately, Indiana's senators are among the reasons that Majority Leader Harry Reid could not find the votes to bring meaningful legislation to the floor. Sen. Richard Lugar, to his credit, supports clean-

energy technologies. But neither he nor Sen. Evan Bayh is willing to set a price on carbon dioxide pollution. Until dirty energy becomes more expensive, it will be virtually impossible for clean energy to compete.

Correction: Fossil fuels such as coal and oil are already more expensive than wind, solar and geothermal, not to mention smart conservation. But like the debtor nation we have become, we are leaving the bill to future generations. 2010 is set to be the hottest year in centuries. By 2050, rising sea levels, stronger storms and interior drought may make a billion environmental refugees. A new book by Gwynne Dyer, "Climate Wars," points out that the U.S. military takes global warming as a major security threat.

Yes, Indiana is a coal state. But do we want future generations to remember us as global spoilers? --David Keppel

Just Peace Task Force

*On August 9, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association sent a joint letter to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg expressing strong support for the Park51 Islamic and intercultural community center proposed for Lower Manhattan. Excerpts from the letter appear below:

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

We are writing to express our strong support for the planned...Islamic community center in Lower Manhattan.

We commend you for resisting... shortsighted arguments of the Anti-Defamation League and various political ideologues. [T]he tragic attacks of Sept. 11 in no way reflect mainstream Islamic values — values that are embodied in the proposed center.

[T]he voices of moderate Islam hold the key to defeating extremism. ... To demonize them is at odds with .. our cherished — and constitutionally protected — tradition of religious freedom.

Unitarian Universalism has always been at the forefront of promoting intercultural understanding. ... Unitarian Universalists have also worked to help defend Muslim Americans against some of the worst consequences of the erosion of civil liberties resulting from post-Sept. 11 security policies.

Sincerely,
Rev. Peter Morales, President,
Unitarian Universalist Association
Rev. William F. Schulz, Interim President,
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

**Katrina Relief Task Force:
Help Rebuild New Orleans Homes**

You've probably heard recently on the news that Katrina hit New Orleans and elsewhere five years ago. The amount of work left to do to help people get back into their homes is remarkable. The Katrina Relief Task Force has taken four groups there over the last three years, and one of our trips is described in a 10-minute mini-documentary at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6w3C4Mb02Cs>.

We now seek volunteers for another trip during IU's spring break, March 13-19, 2011. Also, some volunteers willing to put in their time can't afford the expense of the trip (about \$300 for gas, housing, and food), so we seek contributions to the cause. Tax-deductible contributions can be made with checks sent to the church, payable to the UU Church of Bloomington, with "Katrina Relief" in the memo line. The Church address is 2120 N Fee Lane, Bloomington, 47408-1646.

Information about the Little Farms Church (United Church of Christ) where we were housed, and which has a well-developed rebuilding program, is at <http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/hurricane/>. For further information, please contact David Parkhurst at 333-2945, or by e-mail, nola.dfp@comcast.net Thank you!

From Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change

Walbicus to Worship

Participate in Walbicus to Worship on Sundays, September 12 and October 10. 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.

Reforestation In Haiti

Join Lizzie Cooke at Boxcar Books on Friday, September 24 from 7 - 9 pm as she discusses "Reforestation as Restoration: An Examination of the Link between Environmental and Economic Restoration in Post Earthquake Haiti." For more information contact elizabeth.c.cooke@gmail.com.

Simply Living Fair Sept 23-26 Community Orchards! Solar Bicycles! Natural Building!

Living Car-Free! Solar Furnaces! Rain Barrels! Permaculture Tours! Energy Retrofits! Wildlife Habitat!
Join the Center for Sustainable Living and the Bloomington Permaculture Guild for a four-day celebration of simple and sustainable living including speakers, workshops, children's activities, hands-on demonstrations, tours, and green vendor

booths on September 23 - 26. Visit www.simplylivingfair.org for more information and to register.

UU Men Meet Every 3 Weeks

The UU Men's Group will meet every 3 weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. on the following dates: Sept 28, Oct 19, Nov 9 and 30, and Dec 21. Location varies: contact Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu



Pledge Statements Coming Soon

Many thanks to all of you who have made a financial pledge to the congregation for 2010-11. We will be sending pledge statements this month, so that you will

know 1) how much you pledged and 2) how much you have paid so far. Our congregation is a healthy and thriving religious community because of your generous gifts and we all appreciate it!

Celebrate! We hope you will all participate in the festivities on Sunday, Sept. 26, to honor Mary Ann Macklin and Deborah Phelps's wedding. Please contact Dorothy Sowell or Lynne Gilliatt, who are organizing the food for this event, if you can bring a dish.
--Lois Holl, Women's Alliance

*The Women's Alliance
of the
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Bloomington, Indiana,
invites everyone
to an
Afternoon Tea Reception
Sunday, September 26th
3:00pm to 5:00pm
in Fellowship Hall
to celebrate the Legal Marriage
of
Deborah Phelps
and
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin.*

*Light refreshments
will be served.*

*The wedding will take place
September 22nd in Vermont.*



Can you Hear Me Now?

A critical part of Green Spaces Reach Out is to improve sound quality at the

church. Good sound is important in terms of accessibility and aesthetics, and both our Meeting Room and Fellowship Hall have critical needs in terms of sound.

The Church has recently contracted with an acoustic consultant who specializes in working with churches: JdBSound.com. The Sound Committee is gathering all the information necessary for JdB Sound to complete a full analysis of our Meeting Room and make recommendations on how to make speech clear and understandable. Based on his recommendations we will 1) purchase and place new overhead speakers (that will replace our damaged ones), and 2) install aesthetically pleasing acoustic treatment on the walls to make speech and singing more intelligible while maintaining excellent sound for music.

Finally, a new console that will control light and sound together will be installed along with upgrades to old equipment. This is important for many Sunday services and especially for special events. In Fellowship Hall the sound is muddy and too noisy. We can improve the sound treatment (foam sheets hanging from the ceiling) in an aesthetically appealing way. Questions and suggestions can be made to Diane Kewley Port or Guy Loftman, co-chairs of the Sound Committee. You can also direct questions to greenspaces@uubloomington.org.