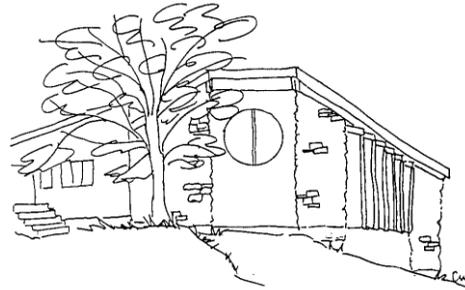


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| 9/23/2010 | 7:00 PM | UU Choir Rehearsal | 9/30/2010 | 7:00 PM | OWL grades 7-8 Parents Orientation II |
| 9/24/2010 | 10:30 AM | Life Stories Writing Group | | 7:00 PM | Social Justice Circle |
| | 12:00 PM | UU Staff Meeting | | 7:00 PM | UU Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 PM | Autumnal Equinox - Full Moon Ritual | 10/1/2010 | 10:30 AM | Life Stories Writing Group |
| 9/25/2010 | 7:00 PM | IU Football Game | | 12:00 PM | UU Staff Meeting |
| 9/26/2010 | 10:30 AM | UU Children's Choir Rehearsal | | 7:30 PM | Mental Health America Benefit Concert |
| | 11:00 AM | YRUU, Grades 9-12 | 10/2/2010 | 9-2:45 PM | Commission on Appraisal Hearing |
| | 1:00 PM | OWL grades 7-8 Parent Orientation I | | 12:00 PM | IU Football Game - NO FOOTBALL PARKING |
| | 3:00 PM | Reception for Rev. Macklin and Deb | | 3:00 PM | BSO Load in and set up for concert |
| 9/27/2010 | 6:30 PM | RE Committee | | 7:30 PM | Bloomington Symphony Concert w/ UU Choir |
| | 7:00 PM | Green Spaces Initiative Focus Group | 10/3/2010 | 9:00 AM | Children's Task Force Fundraiser - bake sale |
| | 7:30 PM | Green Spaces Initiative Committee | | 12:30 PM | Green Spaces Initiative Focus Group |
| | 7:30 PM | Voces Novae Chamber Choir | | 12:45 PM | Green Sanctuary Task Force |
| 9/28/2010 | 10:00 AM | Green Spaces Initiative Focus Group | | 1:00 PM | Chal Circle - Judy Bennett |
| | 6:45 PM | BCS Rehearsal | | 1:00 PM | Death with Dignity |
| | 7:00 PM | UU Men's Group | | 1:00 PM | YRUU, Grades 9-12 |
| | 7:00 PM | UU Yoga | | 5:30 PM | What is UU Culture? Potluck and discussion |
| 9/29/2010 | 7:00 PM | Chal Circle - D. Crane | 10/4/2010 | 10:00 AM | Prologue Deadline |
| | 7:00 PM | Green Spaces Initiative Focus Group | | 11:00 AM | Mental Health America Lecture |
| | 7:00 PM | Fac Use - rehearsal | | 6:30 PM | Belief Buddies and Critical Communities |
| | | | | 7:30 PM | Voces Novae Chamber Choir |

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Monday, September 20, 2010

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit Building Community
Changing the World

Sunday, September 26, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Rites of Passage: Weddings and Marriage
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden

In this church year we are planning to do a series on rites of passage and the spiritual issues that they raise. In this congregation we attend to a variety of rites of passage which include weddings, memorials, baby dedications, our age of reason ceremony, coming of age and several more. This Sunday we will focus on weddings and marriage just because it's been on our minds. Our Getting Involved Fair will also be part of this worship service!

Sunday, October 3, 2010 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

In Search of a Moral Compass Reverend Bill Breeden

Amid the cacophony of voices calling for us to "Take America Back," I am asking, Back to Where? And for Whom?

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 5:30p dinner, 6:15p worship

Family Worship and Book Exchange: "The Wonderful Treasure"
Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and the UU Children's Choir

Come and enjoy this 30-minute worship service designed to welcome children of all ages and their friends and families! We will be singing, sharing a story about a flying lion and a wonderful treasure, and enjoying music provided by our UU children's choir, directed by Jill Courtney. ***If you are able to, please bring one or more gently-used kid books for a children's book exchange. Extra books are very welcome, and will be donated to our Friends of Prisoners Task Force, which collects children's books for the waiting room at the jail.*** Dinner, including vegetarian and gluten-free options, is provided at 5:30 PM, before family worship. A \$1-2 donation per person is requested.

From the Ministers:

It's ecological. It's economical. Those were the words spoken last July when we decided that a move from a printed Prologue to an electronic one would be prudent. Obviously an electronic newsletter will mean less paper and less waste. Also, we were in the midst of reconciling our budget with a shortfall of our pledge goals. If we go electronic, we learned, we could save a couple of thousand dollars. It all makes sense, but it will take some adjustment.

Comments from Mary Ann:

I will be one of the first one to say that this change will not be easy. I love receiving my paper Prologue in my black mailbox near the road. I like the feel of the paper in my hands and the rustle of the pages. I like seeing it clipped with the red fastener hanging on our refrigerator. I like the stack of Prologues I keep in our cabinet in case I need to look up something from the past. I like my Prologue in the same manner that I like my newspaper or a good book. In my hands. There with me. I know that I can print my own, but that defeats the 'less paper' goal. However, I will keep that as an occasional option. Meanwhile, I will embrace change and remember that line from one of our hymns, "Don't be afraid of some change."

Comments from Bill:

It's ecological. It's economical. Our plan is to move from a printed Prologue to an electronic newsletter in November. We realize that some of you do not have access to a computer, or like me, have a dial-up connection at home

that is slower than snail mail. For those who do not have access, we will have a hard copy printed and mailed to you. If you are able, I ask you to join me in making an additional contribution of \$18-\$20 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. If you cannot afford this, we will send it for free. Please let Office Assistant Ruthann DuBois know, 812-332-3695, if you will need to receive a paper Prologue starting in November. If you have web access, but still want a paper copy mailed to you, let Ruthann know; we again ask that you help cover the cost. It's economical. It's ecological. Let's do it.

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

Our Folks...

Our thoughts of sympathy are with Molly Stewart and her family, upon the passing of her father on September 8. Molly writes: "On September 8, at almost 90 years of age, my father Sam Hays crossed over... he had a long, fulfilling life and was happy to join my mother in Summerland..."

Many blessings to Molly Mendota, daughter of Martha and Dave Nord, upon the birth on September 3 of Phoebe Opal Jane Mendota.

Susan Swaney and Ray Fellman will co-star in Cardinal Stage's production of *Souvenir*, Oct 29-Nov 14.

Scott Hogsed will sing the lead in *Barber of Seville* on Sept 24 and Oct. 2.

Pianist Nicholas Dold's Junior recital is at Auer Hall at 6:00 p.m. on October 2.

Our Choir will sing Randall Thompson's *Frostiana* with the Bloomington Symphony here in our Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. on October 2. *The Prologue* September 20, 2010 P. 2

Community Connections Our faith in action in the community

Folk City Benefit Concert October 1

On Friday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in our Meeting Room, enjoy 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 even as they created a new American folk tradition. Featuring Carrie Newcomer, Robert Meitus, Michael White, Dan Lodge-Rigal, Stuart Norton, and many "Woody Guthrie" cast members along with a rocking band (Jim Krause, Stuart Norton, Kevin Reynolds, Mark Stonecipher, Richard Torstrick, Matt Zink). Tickets at Bloomingfoods and at the door (\$15, \$12 children 12 & under and senior citizens). All proceeds will benefit Mental Health America of Monroe County.

Love that Jingle! UU Choir Members John Lawson, Julie Lawson, Steve Pollitt, Rosalind May and local artist Joanne Shank have written and recorded a jingle that will be airing during the next WFHB fund drive beginning September 24th. Pledge to WFHB and say "I love the jingle".

September is Haiti Awareness Month. Go to this link for information on inspiring and educational events during September in Bloomington. bloomington4haiti.wordpress.com/haiti-awareness-month

Interfaith Winter Shelter Volunteer

Trainings Several downtown churches provide overnight winter shelter for the homeless. To volunteer, attend a training: General Training: (choose one)
Required for all new volunteers

Tuesday, October 5th, 6 - 9 pm

First Christian Church, 205 E. Kirkwood

Wed. October 13th, 6 - 9 pm: First United Church, 2420 E. Third St.

Sunday, November 7th, 2 - 5 pm

Bloomington Islamic Center, 1925 E. Atwater
Refresher Training: Required for all returning volunteers

Sunday October 3rd, 3 - 4 pm

First United Church, 2420 E. Third St.

Sunday, October 24th, 2 - 3 pm

First Christian Church, 205 E. Kirkwood

Site Specific Training (optional)

Sunday, October 3rd, 4 - 5 pm First United Church, 2420 E. Third St.

Sunday, October 24th, 3 - 4 pm

First Christian Church, 205 E. Kirkwood

PALS Hosting Annual Fun Show

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) is hosting the 10th Annual Fun Show on Saturday, October 9. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. PALS is the recipient of our 2010-2011 25% of plate offerings. The PALS Fun Show highlights the abilities of PALS riders as well as the benefits of equine assisted activities. PALS provides services for children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities, and at-risk youth. The show will be 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM at Ellington Stables, 680 W. That Rd. Concessions will be provided by the Trojan Horse and door prizes will be awarded. This is a great opportunity to learn more about an organization we are supporting!

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

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.

Invitation from the Ministers This I Believe

On September 12th, we shared some of our beliefs from the pulpit and invited you, members and friends of this congregation, to work on your own Credo or "This I Believe" statements. We write to encourage you to do so. In fact, we ask that you write a belief statement of 500 to 750 words and send it to us. We will create a folder for each person. That way we can get to know you better. Also if your belief statement happens to fit in with a particular topic upon which we will be preaching, we might ask you to share your statement on some Sunday from the pulpit. Of course, you can decline this part of the invitation or have one of us read your statement, but we believe that our congregation would benefit from hearing "This I Believe" from others.

We also offered a few key questions to help form your "This I Believe Statements": WHO AM I? This explores the nature of humanity. Am I a human being having a human experience? A

human being having a spiritual experience? A spiritual being having a human experience? What is my role in life? What is at the core of who I am? WHO IS ANOTHER? This is a relational question. Is another all human beings? What is my responsibility to others? Does another include winged ones? Swimming ones? Crawling and Creeping ones? Does another include mother earth? What is my relation to another? Where do ethics and morality come into being? WHERE AM I GOING? This is a question regarding our purpose in life. What are my goals, hopes and dreams? What calls to me? Do I create my own purpose or am I part of something larger? WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE? This is a theological and scientific query. Why is there something instead of nothing? What is sacred? How does the universe work? What happens when I experience something that doesn't fit with how I think the universe works? What is love? What is god? What is evolution?

We suggest that you initially live with these questions. Maybe try answering them briefly every day for a few weeks. Then, at some point, slowly allow your "I Believe Statement" to be written. We look forward to hearing from you.

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
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Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education Program

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality education program meeting for parents of 7th and 8th graders is this Sunday Sept. 26th at 1:00 pm.

OWL is a positive, comprehensive, age-appropriate curriculum developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association in partnership with the United Church of Christ. There are six programs across the lifespan in the OWL series; OWL for 5-6th graders will be offered in January and we will offer OWL to 1st-2nd graders next fall.

OWL for 7-8th graders will occur on Sunday mornings starting in October; our trained facilitators are Connie and Guy Loftman and Eve and Sam Cusack. This in-depth program is designed to give youth accurate information, develop self esteem, understand relationships and responsibilities to others, and develop interpersonal and decision making skills. An emphasis on valuing diversity and its grounding in Unitarian Universalist values sets it apart from what children learn at school and through the media about sexuality. Parents are an integral part of the program and are required to attend both Parent Meetings on Sunday Sept. 26th and Thursday September 30th. Youth are not invited to attend these meetings. Classes are closed once they have begun.

We are committed to making this program available to all of our children and youth on a regular basis. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments about OWL.

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

Attendance and Offering

Sun, Sep 12, 9:15: 139;11:15: 244; RE: 103

Total: 486

Sun, Sep 19, 9:15: 111;11:15: 194; RE: n/a

Total: 305

Sun, Sep 12 non-pledge offering: \$662

Sun, Sep 19 non-pledge offering: \$520

Total to PALS* : **\$295**

*People & Animal Learning Services

For additional information about our events, go to www.uubloomington.org and click on Full Calendar.

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Green Spaces Focus Groups Sept 27- Oct 7

Come to a Green Spaces Focus Group and help create the final

vision of how we can Renew, Reinvest and Reach out in the next decade. What still needs to be included in our ideal of a church that is welcoming and accessible? What is your dream?

The radical removal of trees on our north side makes it critical to add that highly visible area in our plans. Should we have a dramatic entryway there? We need to submit definite ideas to our architect and landscape architect by late fall in order for them to draw up master plans for next summer's building and landscaping.

Bring your questions and ideas to one of the meetings below. Everyone is welcome: newcomers, members, friends. Child care will be provided Sept 29 and Oct 3.

- Mon, Sept 27, 7-8 pm, Rm 210
- Tues, Sept 28, 10-11 am, Library
- Wed, Sept 29, 7-8 pm, Library (Child care provided)
- Sun, Oct 3, 12:45-1:30 pm, Adults & teens, Fellowship Hall
- Youth Focus Group (K-8th), Rm 210 with pizza.
- Childcare and pizza for young kids
- Thurs, Oct 7 at 7-8 pm, Library

Email us: greenspaces@uubloomington.org

UU Children's Choir Schedule

Calling all young singers, Kg-6th graders! Our next round of rehearsals is coming up! We love to have new & returning singers! See schedule below, and contact Jill Courtney at jcourtne@mccsc.edu if you have questions.

- 9/26 10:30-11 Rehearse, Room 105
- 10/3 10:30-11 Rehearse, Room 105
- 10/6 Sing @ Family Service, (5:30 Dinner, 6:15 Service) Rehearse @ 6pm in Meeting Room.

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, loisholl@yahoo.com



and Bloomingfoods.)



Be a PEACH and buy a PEAR of grocery cards. (We sell cards for Kroger, Marsh/O'Malia

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From the President

Greetings! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It was as hot and dry as I can remember – a reminder that our local climate is changing as a result of global warming. We need to help our environment by doing all we can now. The Green Spaces “Renew, Reinvest, and Reach Out” campaign is an excellent opportunity to get involved with ways we can help heal Mother Earth.

We have a variety of groups and activities available for you to join this fall. The “Getting Involved Fair” after each service on September 26 will give you a chance to learn more about these opportunities.

The Board has been busy working on reviewing and updating our Board Policies and By-laws. We will be spending more time on “visioning” in the near future. Please share your ideas with any of our Board members before our annual retreat on October 30.

It is an honor to serve you as President. The state of our congregation is very good. I believe we can accomplish much this year by working together to make our congregation even more inclusive and effective in seeking the spirit, building community, and changing the world. As Margaret Mead said “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Steve Dillon,
President of the Congregation



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

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 September 26. More information contact Kathy Sideli (sideli@indiana.edu)



Newcomers Invited to Exploring UU Class

New to the church and want to learn more about Unitarian

Universalism and this congregation? Sign up for the Exploring UU class at the Welcome Table in the foyer. The class will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sundays October 10 and October 17. Childcare provided. The class will be offered again Nov 14 and 21. Libby DeVoe, 336-8688, edevoe@indiana.edu

Proofreading Help

Do you like to edit short written works on a computer? Do you like to work from home? Are you a grammar enthusiast? Can you work with WORD? Our staff occasionally requires a second or third pair of eyes on written documents. (5 to 10 pages average). To volunteer, contact Church Administrator, Carol Marks, 812-332-3695 or admin@uubloomington.org.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, October 24, 3:00-5:00 PM

Leadership 101- For anyone who is a leader or wants to be a leader. Details later. -Jan Skinner

Upcoming Prologue Dates

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

Mon Oct 4, Mon Oct 18
Mon Nov 1, Mon Nov 15
Mon Dec 6, Mon Dec 20

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Fall Gathering for Seniors Thursday, October 14

October 14th from 11:30 - 1:00. Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m., and then we'll have a guest speaker - Lesa Lorenzen-Huber. Here's what she says about her presentation: Belonging to the Unitarian Universalist Church is just one of *The Ten Simple Things You Can Do To Live and Age Well.* You know you have to eat well and exercise every day, but recent research suggests some important things that you may not be doing to age as well as you possibly could. We will talk about new research in aging and ways to incorporate those findings into your everyday life.



Are You A Knitter Looking For Community?

Do you knit, crochet or embroider and would like to do so in the company of friends? If you are interested in becoming a part of a UU Knitting group, meeting monthly at the church, please contact Judy Bennett, memcooord@uubloomington.org. 812-332-3695.

Yard Sale Trail

You are invited to hold a yard/garage sale at your home on Saturday, September 25 and donate the proceeds to the church.
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).

Bonus Check of \$6000

The grocery card fundraising committee proudly presented a bonus check of \$6000 to the Building Maintenance Reserve on Sunday, September 19. This was over and above their already-fulfilled pledge of \$6000 for 2009-10! This was made possible by grocery cards purchased by UU members. Come join the effort so we can boost that amount next year. You can buy cards in the Commons each Sunday. Remember, 3-5% of your card value goes to the church, while you get the full amount when you buy groceries, prescriptions, gas, flowers, plants etc. from Bloomingfoods, Marsh, O'Malia or Kroger with a card. Don't forget your checkbook next week!

Fellowship For Families & Fellowship Dinners

Registration deadline for October is September 26th!

Fellowship Potluck Dinners are held in members homes. Six months of the year we gather together in small groups in UU homes to enjoy food and conversation. Each group is composed of a different set of people, so you'll quickly widen your circle of UU acquaintances.

Fellowship for Families is a new series of potlucks designed for families with children in mind. There is a set date (10/15, 1/22, & 4/3), so you can plan far in advance and a set time is suggested (6 to 8 pm) so children can be in bed at a reasonable hour. It is not restricted to families with children. All are welcome to join in and enjoy the children.

Brochures for both programs with more details are available at church or via e-mail at deejaywelch@gmail.com. Join us! P.S. For those who registered in the past, a reminder that each year one must **re-register**.



Help Us Celebrate on September 26!

The Women's Alliance is hosting the Afternoon Tea Wedding Reception for Deborah Phelps and Rev. Mary Ann Macklin on Sunday, September 26th, from 3-5 pm. We hope you will all participate in the festivities! If you can contribute a "finger food" dish - sweet or savory - please contact Lynne Gilliatt, 339-8199 or Dorothy Sowell, 334-0169, who are organizing the food for this event. Please bring your food items to the church kitchen by 1:30 pm on the 26th.

YRUU Activities

Sunday Sept 26th - YRUUs (high school age Young Religious UUs) meet at 11:00am to attend the service together, with lunch and discussion at the Bakehouse to follow.

Sunday Oct 3rd - YRUUs meet 1:00pm-2:30pm to discuss our covenant and come up with a plan for the year.

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