

The Prologue

Monday, May 16, 2011

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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



Seeking the Spirit Building Community Changing the World

Sunday, May 22, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Intergenerational Flower Communion

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite and Reverend Bill Breedon

Please bring a flower (and extras if you have them!) and join us as we celebrate our congregational community through the annual Flower Communion. All ages will enjoy stories, singing, and ritual together as we recognize our interdependence, congratulate our graduates, and acknowledge the transitions happening in many of our lives. Our children's choir, directed by Jill Courtney, will perform.

Sunday, May 29, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Philosophy of Hobbes & Calvin, Part 2 Reverend Bill Breedon

Sunday, June 5, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

The Unbroken Circle, Part 1 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

In this service we will explore illness and end-of-life issues within our journey as liberal religious seekers. As part of this exploration we will look at how we, as a congregation or individuals, care for one another during such challenging times.

During this service we will hear from the candidates for the 25% of Sunday Plate fund for 2011-12: Monroe County Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, and Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners. The vote will be taken at the afternoon Congregational Meeting.

Congregational Meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Fundraising Supper to Follow the Congregational Meeting After the meeting, the Denominational Affairs Committee is planning to provide a light supper to raise funds to assist our congregation's delegates in attending General Assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the end of June.

Sunday, June 12, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

The Unbroken Circle, Part 2 Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

This worship service continues the exploration of our liberal religious circle of care within the context of loss and grief. How does loss and grief impact our spiritual journey? How do we care for one another, as a congregation or individuals, along the way? Voces Novae, a chamber choir conducted by our own Music Director, Susan Swaney, will provide the music.

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MAM's Musings

The annual OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD is given each year to members of the congregation who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in our congregational life. As we have grown as a congregation, we have found that it is harder for us, as ministers, to keep track of everyone who is putting in extra time, energy and spirit to the work of the congregation. As result, this year we are asking your help. If you have a nominee for the Outstanding Service Award, please send me the person's name and an accompanying essay of 500 words or less expressing your reasons for the nomination, by May 31st, macklin@uubloomington.org

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Earth Celebrational All Congregational Intergenerational UU Retreat on May 7th, 2011. We learned a lot about gardens, soil, shrubbery and how to care for our earth. We enjoyed the outdoors through activities which ranged from kayaking, hiking, bird watching and canoeing to archery and rock-wall climbing. Oh, and a number of us learned how to make origami hopping frogs. The next retreat will be in two years so mark your calendar now for MAY 11, 2013!

Speaking of calendars, the next *A YEAR TO LIVE* class will start January 2012. This yearlong class addresses end-of-life issues and is built around themes raised in Stephen Levine's book, "A Year to Live". Due to the developmental nature of this class and the importance of group process, there is a strict attendance policy which allows for only two absences within the year. The following dates are currently planned for the class:

Class Orientation: 9:30am to 4:00pm: January 21, 2012

Regular Class 2012: 2:30pm to 5:00pm, January 29; March 4; April 1; May 6; June 3rd; July 1; August 5; September 9; October 7; November 4; December 2

Overnight Retreat: February 1 (evening) and February 2nd 9:30am to 4:00pm

Next Sunday, May 22, I will be in the pulpit at First Unitarian Society in Madison, Wisconsin, where I served as a minister from 1997 to 2002. It will be fun to see old friends as well as family. After preaching I will be in northern Indiana for a week's vacation. See y'all in June.

Peace, *MAM* Reverend Mary Ann Macklin



All Y'all:

Come to the UU Kids Talent Show & Cake Party-- May 22

When: Sunday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. Meeting Room and Fellowship Hall

What: **Talent Show featuring our kids**, then a contest for the **Best Representation of Something Other Than a Cake in the Medium of a Cake**

Start planning your cakes! Cakes at past cake parties have represented a hedge hog, the Eiffel Tower, a VW Bus with graffiti, a Hawaiian lagoon, and lots of other cool stuff. ANYONE may contribute a cake, and you don't need to tell us in advance whether you are bringing one or not.

Kids talent acts should send an email to Sue Swaney (music@uubloomington.org) stating: -who is participating (group acts are encouraged), -what the act is (magic tricks, jokes, music, dance, yo-yo, jump rope - use your imagination), -HOW LONG it will last, and -what set-up will be required. -Nick Dold has generously agreed to accompany those who need it -please also indicate if you will need his services. This event is a fundraiser (all contributions voluntary) for the commission of an original children's musical play to be performed next spring!

Attendance and Offering *We have 452 certified members, as of 2/1/11. Our current membership is 464.*

Sun, May 8, 9:15: 113; 11:15: 184; RE: 117 Total: 414

Sun, May 15, 9:15: 106; 11:15: 157; RE: 110 Total: 373

Sun, 5/8 non-pledge offering: \$667; Sun, 5/15 non-pledge offering: \$421

Total to People and Animal Learning Services: **\$272**

Our members voted in June 2010 to give 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to People & Animal Learning Services (PALS) through July 2011, to help with its work in our community. For info on PALS, see this Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoH4Hn-maU4>



Celebrate volunteer Religious Education teachers at the

Annual All-Church Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 5th

10:15a-11:00a, Fellowship Hall

Please help us thank the RE teachers for all the super Sundays. Everyone is invited!



Sarah Sackmann sits below Willard Pavilion on University Lake sketching on May 15th. Photo taken by 6th grader Cordelia Harlow.

Easter April 27, 2011



On Easter April 27, 2011 chickens helped the children in Religious Education celebrate the mystery of life. Photos by Laura Jesseph. Thank you to the Kropf Estell Family and the Durlach family for sharing their livestock. Pictured: Nora Nelson Laird, Emily Brackee, Teddy Gonyea.



From right to left, Christoph Irmcher, Ysabel Cluver, Daniel Reed, Sarah Graves, Nicholas Irmsher, Adrian Reed, Tommy DiLavore, Conner True, Zoe Johnson, Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Lily Rushlow wave in Griffy Woods near the Willard Pavilion on Sunday May 15th during the Love Connects Us 5-6th grade field trip.

★ OPPORTUNITY! ★

We are looking for folks to help with the preschoolers over the summer! Please contact Cindy Port, Director of Education if you can spend a few hours with our adorable preschool children over the summer! dre@uubloomington.org



Irene Kropf-Estell and hen



What a Difference a Year Makes!

Last spring a feasibility study reported that we could probably raise \$350,000 to replace windows, enhance sound, improve the courtyard, and create a building maintenance fund. A year later this generous congregation has pledged more than \$770,000 and opened the way to much more!

We WILL HAVE a social justice fund of more than \$37,000, building maintenance fund of about \$50,000, renovated Fellowship Hall and Library, improved drainage, re-surfaced parking lots, paved north driveway, covered north entrance, automated handicap access door,

rain garden feeding into a redesigned Memorial Garden, protected toddler play area, sidewalks around most of the building and an inviting courtyard patio.

Some proposed items will have to be eliminated, including the courtyard trellis, most of the stone walls and probably the pavilion. There will limited changes at the west (office) and southwest entrances, and plantings will be reduced. Some eliminated items may find patrons willing to "adopt" and fund them.

Construction drawings will be delivered June 15, and we'll immediately seek bids for work to begin this summer, starting with drainage. Green Spaces will give an update at the June 5 congregational meeting, but contact us anytime at greenspaces@uubloomington.org.

Our Folks...

Cherry Merritt-Darriau is staying at the Pavilion at Meadowood and welcomes visits from friends. Please contact her son Joseph Darriau, josephdarriau@gmail.com to schedule a visit.

Velma Harrison's painting "Peonies" is on exhibit in the "Art & Aging: the third act" at the Bellevue Gallery through May 28.

Congratulations to Dr. Laura Quilter, daughter of Kathy Sideli and the late Dan Quilter; Laura recently graduated from medical school. Congratulations also to recent graduates Linda Pearse, Denise Williams and Nicholas Dold.

Women's Alliance Meets June 2

Brown bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, June 2. Nancy Richman will be here to update us on Middle Way House. Sylvia King and Dixie Welch will be hosts.



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, June 19th, between the services, at 10:30am in room 207B. (Please note: We ask for participation in our "Exploring UU" class prior to signing the membership book.)

To make arrangements to sign the membership book, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, June 15th.



Green Tips from A Chalice Circle

You can take reusable items to the Recycling Center's supply area for schools, Wonderlab, and art projects, like the following: Pringles cans with lids, corks, audio/video tapes, cd's and cases, baby food jars, decorative bottles or jars, aluminum pie pans, cookie tins, plastic tubs with lids, yogurt containers, egg cartons, cardboard tubes. If you'd like someone to pick up your donatable stuff, call Pat Aungst, 336-2768.



New Loan Policy for Church Library Books

The Library Committee has created a new policy for loan of books from the Ralph and Annetta Fuchs Library, to encourage everyone to return books in a timely manner so that more members of our congregation can share this fine resource. We had at one time many excellent and rare books in our collection that are not now available because they have not been returned.

1. A committee member will check the card file for books overdue by 2 months.
2. We will notify the borrower by email or phone.
3. If there is no response within another month, we will post the title of the book and the borrower's name in the Library.
4. If there is no response after the fourth month, we will ask the borrower to reimburse the library for the cost of the book.

Simple math reveals that we are providing a four-month grace period before we request payment from the borrower so we can replace the book. That's a lot of grace!

Thank you to everyone for helping us preserve and share our library's collection.

Marjorie Crosby, marjohn28@comcast.net

Biographical Information on Nominees for Elected Office

Election to Be Held at Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m.

If elected, all terms begin July 1, 2011.

Chris Haynes joined the church in 1994 and began serving as a YRUU facilitator and Youth Advisory Committee chair. Since then I have served as ARE committee chair, as an RE and OWL program instructor, as webmaster, and as a chalice circle facilitator. I've led a number of ARE events and been a member of the long term planning committee, the chalice circle planning committee, the web committee, and the denominational affairs committee. Currently I serve as Board Secretary (second term) and on the sound committee. Board secretary, 2 year term, 2011-2013.

John Lawson and his wife Julie moved back to Bloomington after he retired from the Federal Government in 2002. We started attending the UU Church because first Julie and then both of us were looking for a place to sing. We very quickly found a spiritual home here and became members in 2005. John has served a Board Treasurer since 2008. 2 year term, 2011-2013.

John Summerlot chose the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington as the first church I have ever been a member of for several reasons. Raised an agnostic within a Christian culture, traveling the world, earning degrees in religion, philosophy, and history, and marriage to someone raised Irish Catholic, I found the church a welcoming place that allowed for exploration and self-definition without discounting our past. Secondly, I enjoy the diverse religious education program available for my family which includes three young children. Lastly, I enjoyed the free exchange of ideas among members and ministers along with the commitment of the church to serving the greater good. As I have learned more about UU, I have realized that it fits me like no other faith tradition I have encountered and I really can't see myself anywhere else. I am pleased to be nominated for the Board of Directors and I see it as an opportunity to not only further explore both UU and the world of (semi)organized religion but also a chance to give back to a community that has given much to myself and my family.

At-Large Member of the Board, 2 year term, 2011-2013.

Kevin Rottet has been involved in many church activities since 2004: four years with the church auction committee; some work with other committees (IOTF, Rainbow Rights); twice a member of chalice circles; has attended numerous Adult RE classes; regular participant in Fellowship dinners; Booktable staffer; recently helped launch the Book Discussion Group. A couple summers ago he served as a delegate to GA in Salt Lake City. At-Large Member of the Board, 2 year term, 2011- 2013.

Lloyd Orr joined in early sixties and has served on the Board several times - 70's through 2005-- three stints as treasurer. He served on the building and RE committees in the 60's and 70's. Lloyd managed the finances for the late nineties building project and served on SPF in the nineties. He set up the fund structure and the procedure for drawing income from the endowment. Currently on the auction, finance, and planned giving committees. Special Purposes Fund, 3 yr term, 2011-2014.

Kelly Rockhill joined UU in 2005. She was intrigued by the idea of a "liberal religious community," a foreign concept to her at the time! After a couple years of coaxing, her husband Cassidy attended and soon became a gung-ho member. Being involved is integral to their membership-from choir, to ushering, to teaching RE to Leap of Faith. There is no place like this spiritual home for Kelly, Cassidy, and their two daughters, Eva (5) and Shilo (9 months). Leadership Cultivation Committee. 3 year term, 2011-2014.

Tom Nelson-Laird, a professor of higher education at IU, and his wife, Connie, moved to Bloomington in 2003 and subsequently joined the church. Tom participated with groups examining the future of the church, including the Shaping Our Future Together and Leap of Faith committees, and actively supports Connie in her work with the Habitat for Humanity Task Force. Leadership Cultivation Committee, 3 year term, 2011-2014.



Annual Stewardship – Green Spaces Capital Campaign Update

Congratulations to those 342 families who have made a commitment to our financial well being and ability to fulfill our dreams of Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World. To date our annual stewardship campaign has raised \$432,769 and the green spaces capital campaign is sitting at \$772,151.

Annual Operating Budget/Capital Campaign

Two potential operating budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, which include \$440,000 - \$459,000 income from pledges, will go to the Board May 18.

Your pledge commitments received this week will help with budget decision making.

Please stop by church, call the office, 332-3695, or make your pledge online at <https://sites.google.com/site/uucbstewardship2011/>

Thanks to everyone who has helped make our campaign a success.



25% of Sunday Plate Recipient for 2011-12 to Be Chosen June 5

At our annual congregation meeting on June 5 at 4:00 p.m. members will vote on which of the following agencies will be the next recipient of 25% of Sunday plate offerings: Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, or Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners.

Official Notice of Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 5, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

In the Meeting Room, 2120 North Fee Lane, Bloomington, Indiana

All members are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

Proposed Bylaw Change to be Voted on at June 5 Congregational Meeting

The following by-laws change will be voted on by the membership at the Congregational Meeting on June 5.

Current Section 4.10:

4.10 Management Team. The Management Team shall consist of the Lead Minister(s) and the Church Administrator. The Management Team shall operate within policy set by the Board of Directors in order to facilitate and manage the daily operations of the Church.

Proposed Change:

4.10 Executive Minister. The Executive Minister shall operate within policy set by the Board of Directors in order to facilitate and manage daily operations of the Church.

UUs Changing the World--**Feed Our Hungry Neighbors**

Bring your grocery donations to services on the next Bounty-Full Sunday, June 5. The food pantry at Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but current needs include: canned meats such as chili, beef stew, spam, and chicken; soups, especially tomato and cream; sugar, flour, oil, baking mixes.

**Green Sanctuary Task Force***on Global Climate Change***Green Sanctuary Task Force's Task of the Month: May Updates**

Over 135 UU households have signed-up to participate in the Task of the Month Program, and YOU can still participate! If you have not yet signed-up, please consider taking part in this important project. Find information, supplies and support at our coffee table in Fellowship Hall. Our streamlined sign-up and progress reporting forms are alphabetized so it's easy for you to let us know when you've completed a task and if you need help or can offer assistance in completing tasks. You can also email us at TaskoftheMonth@gmail.com.

We still have spots available for households interested in a special jumpstart program. We are in the process of organizing trained experts to help those households accomplish 4 of the 12 monthly tasks. We warmly welcome additional volunteers who will learn valuable weatherizing skills while having fun with other participants!

Our monthly drawings continue for prizes that help accomplish the designated tasks. Congratulations to May's winners of garment drying racks. June's drawings will be for hand fans and gift cards to Black Lumber. For more information about Task of the Month go [here](#) or come by and chat with us at our coffee table between services.

Prologue Publication Schedule This newsletter, The Prologue, is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with minor exceptions in January and July. The deadline for articles, sent to admin@uubloomington.org, is 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication. **The next issue will be published on Monday, June 6 and posted on our website www.uubloomington.org by Wednesday, June 8.**

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Return Service Requested



1st class pstg here

5/18/2011	6:00 PM	Leadership Cultivation Cmte	5/26/2011	6:00 PM	Moving the Body, Centering the Spirit
	7:00 PM	Chal Circle - D. Crane	5/26/2011	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	UU Board of Directors		10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
5/19/2011	6:00 PM	Moving the Body, Centering the Spirit		12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Attuning to the Sufi Path	5/29/2011		Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal	5/30/2011	7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee
5/20/2011	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting			Memorial Day - Church ofc closed
	5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	6/1/2011	3:00 PM	Life Stories
5/21/2011	3:00 PM	Wedding Ceremony	6/2/2011	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance
	4:00 PM	Set up for Flower communion		7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
5/22/2011		Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	6/3/2011	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	9:45 AM	UU Children's Choir Rehearsal	6/5/2011		Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
	12:15 PM	Elder Focus Task Force subcmte		10:15 AM	Ice Cream Social - RE Teacher Apprec.
	3:00 PM	Douglas Recital		12:45 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force
	6:30 PM	UU Kids Talent Show		2:00 PM	Spiritual Practices for All Ages
		& Cake Party Fundraiser!		4:00-6:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting, supper
5/23/2011	6:00 PM	Leap of Faith Learning Team	6/6/2011	10:00 AM	Prologue Deadline
	7:30 PM	Green Spaces Initiative Committee		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir	6/7/2011	5:00 PM	Habitat Women's Build Debriefing Mtg

For more calendar information, go to www.uubloomington.org and click on "Full Calendar".