

The Prologue

Monday, August 15, 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, August 21, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Fount of Blessings: Our Annual Water Communion **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden**

In this, our annual water communion service, we count our fount of blessings within our congregational lives as we gather together once again. Reverend Macklin and Reverend Breeden will wade in the theological waters of welcome and gratitude. We will welcome back our Children's Choir and welcome back everyone who has traveled near and far in the summer season.

Sunday, August 28, 2011 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Life Together: Celebrating Solitude within Community **Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

In theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic *Life Together* he stated, "Let the person who cannot be alone beware of community. Let the person who is not in community beware of being alone." What does it mean to be together within our congregation? How do we celebrate and guard one another's solitude? We will explore these questions and more in our worship service. A member of our small group ministry, Chalice Circles, will share thoughts as well.

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 5:30 p.m. dinner & 6:15 p.m. worship

Family Worship: Stories of Beginning **Reverend Breeden and Reverend Macklin** **Cindy Port, Director of Religious Education**

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.

Attendance and Offering *We have 452 certified members, as of 2/1/11. Our current membership is 469.*

Sun, Aug 7, 9:15: 138; 11:15: 188; RE: 88 Total: 414

Sun, Aug 14, 9:15: 99; 11:15: 175; RE: 93 Total: 367

8/7 non-pledge offering: \$446; Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: **\$142**

Our members voted in June 2011 to give 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Planned Parenthood of Indiana, July 2011 through June 2012, to help with its work in our community. For info on Planned Parenthood, visit <http://www.ppin.org>

Grocery card sales

Sun, Aug 7 Total sales: \$1950; church income from sales: \$95.50

Sun, Aug 14 Total sales: \$1175; church income from sales: \$58

From the Ministers:

This Sunday is our annual Water Communion service. You and your children are invited to bring water that is representative of your time this summer—whether that time was spent at home or far away. We will pour the waters in a common bowl to celebrate our coming back together and beginning another year of Seeking the Spirit, Building Community and Changing the World. (We will not drink the water, nor will there ever be any requirement to drink the Kool-Aid.)

As for changing the world, our world is certainly changing rapidly here at Fee Lane and the Bypass. The road construction is nearly completed in our area, and our reconstruction is kicking into high gear. We are not lacking for excitement around here. Don't miss the Green Spaces column below (on pg. 6) with photos of the groundbreaking ceremony. Also, please take time to read the information regarding the progress in raising an additional 10% to realize the dream of making our campus a more welcoming and environmentally friendly space. We think you will be energized by the generosity expressed by those who have already made their pledge, and hopefully you will join in this effort. Every pledge brings us closer.

We give thanks for this community that is open to all who would wish to join in our effort to make the world a better place.

Peace,

Bill and Mary Ann

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



Children at the Green Spaces groundbreaking ceremony

Live in Love

-Written by students who attended 11:15 RE and
Bobbie Lancaster on 8/14/11

Live in love
My family cares for me
And like branches on a tree
We sway together
On Sunday, we all meet
Our church, Our Community
Here we learn to live in love

Chorus: *Live in Love*

Our teachers, our parents, our friends

Live in Love

Animals, trees, oxygen

We Stand on the Side of Love



Song writers with Bobbi Lancaster, photo by Adrienne Summerlot

Join a Team! Volunteers are very much needed for this fall. Scheduling is flexible: volunteers lead teach 5 Sundays, assist 5 Sundays and have 8 Sundays 'off'. Teacher Orientation is Aug. 20th at 10a, Team meetings 11:15a. Please contact Cindy Port dre@uubloomington.org, or Kitty McIntosh, kmcrea@yahoo.com

Preschool (9:15): Alan Patton, _____, _____

Picture Book Religions K-2 9:15: Matthias Weber, Sarah Shannon Firestone, Brian Wright

Spirit of Adventure 3-5 9:15: Darlene Jolley, Jessie Cook, _____

Preschool 11:15: Martha Nord, Angela Yeakle, Helen Ford

World Religions K-1 11:15: Julie England, Marcia Harlow, Lori Carmicheal Howell

Picture Book Bible Stories 2-3rd 11:15: Mindy King, Shelia McDermott-Sipe, _____

Tool Box of Faith 4th-5th 11:15 Laura Jesseph, Amy Crozier, _____

YUUMS UU Action 6th-8th 11:15a Melissa St. John, Dan Beauregard, Ceci Schrock

Religious Education Registration now Online!

Register online or in person on Sunday morning. We now accept credit cards!

Online Registration Instructions:

- Go to www.uubloomington.org click on Full Calendar, you are now in Churchdb!
- Click Login on upper right
- Retrieve Password it will be sent to your email
- After login click on Education
- Follow RE Registration Instructions: UUCB does not require or want all of the Emergency Information: do let us know of any special needs or allergies.
- Pay by credit card or press cancel if you plan to pay by check or request a scholarship.
- Now you can update your family information, sign up for groups, tell us about talents, check your pledge information and use the Directory!

Our Folks...

Our healing thoughts are with Jim Dietz, who is home from the hospital.

We send Darlene Jolley condolences on the death of her sister.

If you would like us to include an item of a pastoral nature (weddings, births, illnesses, condolences, etc.) in your life in an issue of The Prologue, please send the info to Carol Marks at admin@uubloomington.org by 10:00 a.m. on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month.

Water Communion Services August 21



Remember to bring some water, a stone, or a shell for our Water Communion Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, August 21 during the services. Children will also be participating in the ritual in their RE classes. Symbolic water is available in case you forget.



Exploring UU Class, September 11th & 18th

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and this congregation? Whether you are considering membership or are just curious, this class is for you. The Exploring UU Class will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sundays September 11 and 18 in the Church Library. Please note—this is a change from the previously announced time! Sign up by Labor Day weekend (space is limited) at the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Free child care is available with advance notice. For more information contact Jack King, 332-9682, jdskking@aol.com.



Next First Steps Class August 28

First Steps, a new class offering a brief introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, will meet next on August 28. It is a 40-minute drop-in class held on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:35 a.m. and 12:35 p.m. in the meditation room (RM 207b). It is designed for the newcomer who is curious but not yet ready to commit to a longer class—just a “taste of UU.” Free childcare available in Room 108 (substantial snack provided at 12:35 p.m.). Questions? Please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at memcoord@uubloomington.org, 812-332-3695.



Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, August 21st, 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 in October, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator, at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org.



UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's Group will meet on 8/30. The location varies. Please contact Chris Haynes, chaynes@indiana.edu for location.



UU Coffee Houses in 2011 and 2012, Starting October 21

Mark your calendars! Beginning in the Fall, the coffee houses will be on the THIRD FRIDAY of the month at 7:30 pm. Come and join us for music, poetry and conversation (and of course coffee or tea with snacks) on the following dates: October 21st, November 18th, January 20th, February 17th, and March 16th. If you would like to perform please contact Dave Sharp, dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

Administrative Questions? Gotcha Covered!

Carol Marks, our Church Administrator, is in the office 40 hours per week, including several Sundays per month. When she is not available, most administrative questions can be answered by our excellent Office Assistants, Erica Caldwell and Ginger Ko, who can both be reached at office@uubloomington.org or 812-332-3695.



e-Giving Now Available on our Website

If you would like to use your credit card or debit card to make a pledge or make a payment on a current pledge, please go to www.uubloomington.org and click on "Donate" in the upper right corner of the screen, or go direct to this URL: <https://www.churchdb.com/churchdb/donate/uucb/donate.asp> Using this secure site, you can make a one-time donation using a credit or debit card, arrange for automatic pledge payments from your debit or credit card, pay your child's religious education registration fees, or simply make a new pledge and ask us to send you periodic pledge statements. Please let us know if you have any questions, admin@uubloomington.org. Thanks!





Green Spaces has begun!

With drums, blessings, green-ribboned shovels and 800 fabulous homemade biscotti from Vivian Breeden, we officially launched the Green Spaces Initiative on August 7. Contractors are now at work. Check out the new ceiling beams in the library and the energy-saving wall that replaced the south window unit in Fellowship Hall. Coming next week: energy-efficient windows in Fellowship Hall and the Library and excavation in the northwest parking lot. New doors should arrive in early September. Traffic is likely to be disrupted for a while, so stay flexible and assure visitors that the results will be worth it.



Thanks to Von Welch, Jessica Davis and the salvage team, landscaping stones have been stashed along the property line for re-use, and benches and some play equipment placed in storage. The wooden playhouse has new home at the Monroe County United Ministries childcare center.

Tough budget decisions have to be made soon. We are optimistic that the congregation's response to the Almost There campaign to raise \$70,000 by September 1 will be generous. Together we will invest in sustainability, accessibility and beauty in our sacred space. We welcome your comments at greenspaces@uubloomington.org.

~Libby DeVoe for the Green Spaces committee.



We're Almost There!



Thank you, thank you! Generous UU's, their friends and families have already made pledges of \$20,000 to the Green Spaces Almost There goal of \$70,000. Thanks to the Bloomington Chamber Singers and the Green Sanctuary Task Force on Global Climate Change for their donations.

We are asking everyone who is able to join us by increasing your original Green Spaces pledge by 10%. If you haven't yet pledged, now is the time to add your household to the 350 who already have. We welcome creative ideas for giving and have already received gifts in honor of a friend and in memory of a family member. Request a donation to Green Spaces for your birthday, anniversary or other important event. You don't have to be a UU to donate! Every amount makes a difference. Together we can turn our dream into reality.

Almost There pledges will ensure our dream of making our space greener, more welcoming and more sustainable. They will protect enhancements such as sturdy children's play equipment, limestone façade on the courtyard entrance, limestone seating wall around the toddler play area, high-quality energy efficient light fixtures, and handsome landscaping. These are investments in our future, in our community and in our vision of creating a better community for all.

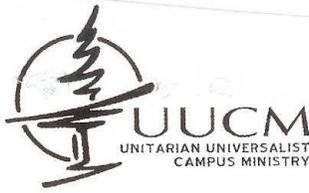
You can put your pledge or check in the offering basket or the Green Spaces box in the Commons, mail it to the church, or pledge online at www.uubloomington.org by September 1.



We're grateful for your thoughtful consideration and support at any level that makes you feel good!

~Jackie Hall for the Green Spaces Almost There Capital Campaign

Welcome Back Students!



Young Adult (ages 18-35) Lunches 2nd & 4th Sundays

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, young adults gather outside the sanctuary after the 11:15 service to have lunch together in town. All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to join us! To find out more about our campus and young adult ministry, go to our website at

www.uubloomington.org and click on Getting Involved > Campus Ministry or

find our Unitarian Universalists at Indiana University group on facebook.

–Rachel Johnson, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Young Adults (ages 18-35): We Need Your Addresses!

Because we lost a mailing list facility recently when our webhost changed servers, we need to reassemble our young adult email list. If you are age 18-35 and would like to be on our young adult email list, please send an email to Rachel Johnson at uucampus@uubloomington.org with "Subscribe UUs at IU" in the subject line, and include your paper mailing address in the body of the email, please.



Humanist Discussion Group Forming August 21st

A Humanist Discussion group is being formed as part the Adult Religious Education program. This group will be an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, evolution, the nature of the universe, the capacities of the brain, human happiness, the latest scientific research and discoveries, and any other topics of interest to the group. On Sunday August 21 at 12:45 (right after the second service) there will be an organizational meeting in the Library to discuss the structure and operation of the discussion group, and to plan meeting times and possible topics for future discussions. The meeting is open to all, whether or not you may think of yourself as a "Humanist". Contact Harold Ogren for information, ogren@indiana.edu

Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

Next Bounty-full Sunday is September 4. Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but we currently have a special need for the following items: baking mixes (pancake, corn bread, etc.), crackers (especially saltines), sugar, flour, oil, canned vegetables (especially mixed), and canned meats (chili, beef stew, chicken, etc.).

SAVE THE DATE!

October 14, 15, & 16, 2011

Social Justice Empowerment Workshop

Legislative training with guest facilitator Rob Keithan, former director of the UUA's Washington Office.

Read Rob's blog at <http://socialjustice.blogs.uua.org/author/rkeithan/>

UUs Changing the World—**Green Sanctuary Task Force***on Global Climate Change***Green Sanctuary Task Force's Task of the Month: August Updates**

Over 135 UU households have signed-up to participate in the Task of the Month Program. We are 8 months into this 12 month project to reduce our carbon footprint, and it is not too late for your household to get involved. If you have not yet signed-up, please consider taking part—the tasks are simple to accomplish. 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 update us at TaskoftheMonth@gmail.com.

Our monthly drawings continue for prizes that help accomplish the designated tasks. Congratulations to August's winners of weatherstripping. September's drawings will be for cans of spray foam insulation. For more information about Task of the Month go [here](#) or come by and chat with us at our coffee table between services.

**UUs: Come Out and Work for Habitat in August and September**

The Habitat Task Force invites you to participate in upcoming Habitat builds in the Cedar Chase neighborhood on the southwest side of Bloomington, on Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. You do not have to donate or pay any funds for these

builds -- only the Women Build requires a donation. You can work for a full day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or a half-day (8 a.m. to noon or noon to 4 p.m.). Lunch, snacks and drinks are provided for all workers. You need not bring any tools -- they will be supplied. You also don't need to have building experience because you will be trained.

If you are interested, please contact task force co-chair Barb Berggoetz, at barbberg@bluemarble.net, or call 876-6659. You also can sign up on Habitat's website at www.monroecountyhabitat.org, or call the Habitat office at 812/331-4069.

Over the summer, task force members built and sold five children's picnic tables, as a fund-raising project. Thanks to UUs who bought the tables and to task force members and other volunteers who built them.

To earn more funds, task force members will again be collecting funds from IU football fans who want to park in the UU parking lot on six home games. Hopefully, the Hoosiers will improve and we'll get more fans to park at UU!

We are about half-way to our goal of raising \$6,250 to fund one day of a Habitat build in the future. The task force also is planning a fundraising breakfast in the fall, so please consider supporting our efforts and having a good breakfast between services. More details will be coming. We also hope to financially contribute to Habitat's long-term infrastructure needs for the new neighborhood it's planning along the B-line. --Barb Berggoetz, co-chair



Invitation to all for Ramadan Iftar Celebration Friday, August 19

Come to the Ramadan Iftar Celebration and honor the Muslim tradition of annual rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and worship—and gain understanding of Muslim culture and concerns.

Our Annual Ramadan Iftar Celebration is one of the most enjoyable and powerful ways we connect with our friends from another local religious community. UUs will join at the church with members of the Islamic Center for the breaking of the daily fast, prayer for those who wish to participate, and dinner, on Friday, August 19, with doors opening at 7:45 p.m. Iftar begins at sundown at 8:36 p.m. We will be finished eating around 10. You are invited to participate, enjoy delicious foods prepared by Islamic Center members, and make new friends! It's free of charge, all ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

Please RSVP list by Wed, August 17.

If you'd enjoy it, please volunteer and/or bring a dessert to share. For more information, contact Erin Hollinden, ehollinden@yahoo.com, 812-320-8607.

Community Connections

Our Faith in Action in the Community

County Youth Council Forming

The city and the county are looking for youth 11-19 years old who are interested in participating in a newly created Monroe County Youth Council, which will work with other youth to do community service. It will meet September through March. Contact person is David Nioska 369-5199 or email mcyouthcouncil@gmail.com before September 9th. (-Iris Kiesling)

Middle Way House Domestic Violence Training for Volunteers, September 10th & 24th

Middle Way House Inc.(MWH) is seeking to train new volunteers to help maintain the level of service that they provide to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Interested individuals need only attend one of the training dates on either September 10th or September 24th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at First United Methodist Church (Rm 218-219) located at 219 E. 4th Street. This training is a prerequisite for both women and men interested in volunteering with MWH, but it is also very appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. No pre-registration is necessary for the training. For info call (812) 337-4510 or e-mail volunteer@middlewayhouse.org

Talk on Humanitarian Projects in Vietnam September 23

On September 23 at 7:15 p.m. in the Terrace Room at Meadowood Retirement Community, 2455 Tamarack Trail, Mr. Phan Van Do, Project Coordinator for Madison Quakers, Inc., will give a talk on humanitarian projects by this organization in Vietnam, including micro-lending, building of schools, the My Lai Peace Park, continuing effects of Agent Orange, and relationship building to promote peace. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the Courtyard entrance.



Artisan Applications Still Available for Booth Space at the Bazaar!

If you are an artisan and would like to apply to have a booth at the Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar, December 2 and 3, please contact Sandy Taylor, staylor2@comcast.net for an application. Application deadline is September 1.

*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.



Beat the Heat with Books!

Once again the book sale for the bazaar will be starting from scratch, so let's put together a book store inventory to rival the best. Stay cool inside and read those books, then tuck them away in a safe place for the book sale. We'll start gathering books in November. For more information, contact Kate Cruikshank, cruiksha@indiana.edu, 812-339-6096 (leave message).

Congregational Notices and Bulletins

MISPLACED. Sometime in late Spring, Don Halford left his anthracite-colored Polartec jacket somewhere. Two hearing aids were in a jacket pocket. If found, please call 334-3437 and speak clearly.

ROOMMATE WANTED. I am looking to rent out my spare bedroom in my home. It is fully furnished with internet access. We will share a bathroom, kitchen and common living area. No pets or smoking please. Would prefer graduate or international student. \$400.00/ month which includes utilities. The house has central air, washer and dryer and adequate parking. It is on a bus line if needed. Please contact Beckie Wagner at elmbeckie@yahoo.com or call 812-219-8674.

BEGINNING PIANO LESSONS. Our pianist Nicholas Dold offers piano lessons this fall with an innovative approach to early childhood education and cognitive development (ages 3-6). For sessions and rates email ndold@indiana.edu.



Radical Hospitality In Action

August and September are the peak attendance months for new guests attending our services. It is important that we make folks feel welcome, so it is essential for everyone to take the time to greet newcomers.

Our fellowship hour can be noisy and intimidating if you don't know anyone, so you can help guests feel at home. Please watch for faces you don't recognize or look for people holding the proverbial yellow mugs at coffee hour and go over and introduce yourself. "I don't believe that we have met before" will break the ice even if this is a long time member whom you don't know.

Maybe you can invite the guest to sit with you during the service. Please try to avoid discussing church business during coffee hour because that automatically excludes new people from the conversation.

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 please sign up at the welcome table in the foyer. It will be available for pick up in the box at the same table the next Sunday.

Please help us welcome guests to our spiritual community as warmly as if they were coming to your home.

--Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator



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

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, August 15th and posted on our website www.uubloomington.org by August 17th.

Recommended Article Length for The Prologue

Be brief. Briefer articles are more likely to be read fully. ☺



Adult Religious Education Prospectus

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Fall 2011

Registration: To register for any of the classes offered, e-mail Ginger Ko or Erica Caldwell, Office Assistants, at office@uubloomington.org or call them at

812-332-3695. You may also sign up for classes in Room 204 with a member of the administrative staff (Ginger, Erica, or Carol).

How to purchase texts: You may be able to purchase texts through our Booktable (chaired by Glee Noble, gleenoble@sbcglobal.net).

Child Care: Child care can be arranged for most classes if parents reserve it two weeks in advance of the first class meeting, and if **at least two families request child care** for a given class or event. Reserve child care by contacting Director of Religious Education Cindy Port at 332-3695, or email dre@uubloomington.org

Eve, Cakes, and Snakes with Peggy Gohn margarethgoth@gmail.com

4 Fridays: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Library Min 3, Max. 25.

We will be investigating and discussing world-wide symbolisms of Snakes/Serpents, Birds, etc. and the Tree of Life in ancient goddess-oriented religions. We may create ritual objects from recycled materials and similar activities. We will start out with a drum circle (which may include dancing and other instruments) and end with quiet meditation. Leader Peggy Gohn has recently studied goddess mythology as part of her MFA degree. Peggy will be assisted by Ruellen Fessenbacker who is an experienced leader of the Rise Up and Call Her Name and Cakes for the Queen of Heaven curriculum.

Facebook for Beginners with John Summerlot jopsumme@indiana.edu

Sundays, 12:45 p.m. Students should contact John Sommerlot individually to schedule sessions.

This course is a one-on-one (or two-on-one) chance for individuals new to Facebook to create a profile, find a friend, upload a photo, and learn some basics of privacy settings and applications.

Hadron Super Collider with Harold Ogren ogren@indiana.edu

Sunday, November 20, 12:45 p.m. Room 207B

Gentle Yoga, Massage, and Energy Work for Older Folks with Barb Backler, Cynthia Bretheim, Louray Cain, Rachel Johnson, Jeanie McElwain, Shelley Taylor, and Carol Shapiro.

bbackler@indiana.edu

6 Tuesdays: September 20-October 25, 3:30-4:30, Fellowship Hall, Max. 10

Six women from the church will share their arts of health, healing and nurturing. Shelley Taylor will help you discover your own deep source for peace and serenity. Carol Shapiro will offer gentle stretching and deep relaxation techniques. Jeanie McElwain will share several ideas about making space in the body and Trager exercises, which she will offer as choices. Louray wants to help you improve balance, breathing, flexibility, and mind calming. (Bring a yoga mat and stretchy band or belt, if you have them, and wear comfortable clothes to this session.). Rachel Johnson, sound therapist, vocalist, music teacher, and Reiki Master Teacher, will lead you in a participatory experience of sound and energy to teach you about vocal sound healing techniques that you can easily incorporate into your daily life.

Each of these presenters will let you know where you can find further work if you are interested.

Humanist Forum with Harold Ogren ogren@indiana.edu

Sundays, first and third Sundays of the month, August 21-December 18, 12:45-1:45,

First Sunday of the month, Room 207B; Third Sunday of the month, Library

Min. 4, Max 15.

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Singing Meditation with Rachel Johnson rachel@remj.com

Last Wednesday of month, September 28, October 26, November 30, December 28 6:30-7:30 p.m.,
Library

Singing meditation is a spiritual practice with the purpose of providing a songbridge to the Divine to help connect singers with their own inner wisdom. This spiritual practice involves singing as a group repetitive tones, songs, changes, and rounds from the world; sacred traditions and alternating sound with reflective silence. In Singing Meditation, a community of voices provides support to the novice singer. All levels of singing experience are invited! Best suited for ages 14 and older. Rachel Johnson is a certified music teacher and sound therapist.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong, a **Book Exploration** with Rev. Mary Ann Macklin macklin@uubloomington.org

3 Sundays: September 25, October 23, November 27, 2:30-5:00, Fellowship Hall

Min. 5, Max, none.

In this class we will explore Karen Armstrong's book, *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* through large and small group sharing, occasional writing exercises, and whims of the facilitator. Class participants are expected to read the book before the first class begins. We will explore Steps 1-4 in the September 25th session, Steps 5-8 in the October 23rd session, and Steps 9-12 in the November 27th session. Each class will end with a guided meditation exercise. Participants must attend each class unless otherwise arranged with the facilitator.

Required book: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, by Karen Armstrong, Alfred A Knopf, 2011. \$22.95. Copies may be available at our Booktable.

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The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Minister

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Return Service Requested

1st class pstg here



08/15/2011	7:30 PM Green Spaces Initiative Committee	Library	08/21/2011	10:15 AM Intl Outreach Bake Sale Fundraiser	
08/16/2011	5:00 PM Membership Cmte	Library		10:15 AM Membership Book Signing	Room 210
	6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal	Meeting Room		12:30 PM RE Class: Parent Talk	Room 207B
08/17/2011	6:00 PM Leadership Cultivation Cmte	Room 207B, Room 210		12:45 PM RE Class: Humanist Forum	Library
	7:00 PM UU Board of Directors	Library	08/22/2011	7:30 PM Green Spaces Initiative Committee	Library
08/18/2011	4:00 PM New Hope Family Shelter Board Mtg	Library	08/23/2011	6:45 PM Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal	Meeting Room
	7:00 PM Attuning to the Sufi Path	Bldg Steward, Library	08/25/2011	7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room
	7:00 PM UU Choir Rehearsal	Meeting Room	08/26/2011	10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group	Room 207B
08/19/2011	10:30 AM Life Stories Writing Group	Room 207B		12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting	Library
	12:00 PM UU Staff Meeting	Library	08/27/2011	9:00 AM Chalice Circles Facilitator Training	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 PM Ramadan Iftaar Dinner	FH, Meeting Room		5:30 PM Thelemic Ritual - Earth Kin	Library
08/20/2011	9:00 AM Communication Cmte Meeting	Library	08/28/2011	8:30 AM RE Class: Childcare Fall 2011	Room 108
	10:00 AM RE New Teacher Orientation	Fellowship Hall		9:15 AM Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	
	11:15 AM RE Teacher Team Meetings	Rm 103/105/110/210/212		10:15 AM Habitat Task Force	Room 110
	1:00 PM Reiki Clinic	Library		10:30 AM First Steps	Room 207B
08/21/2011	9:15 AM Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15			12:30 PM First Steps	Room 207B

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