

The Prologue

Monday, March 5, 2012

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

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Gathered Here Helps Us Share Hopes-- March 24

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 24 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for Gathered Here, a listening campaign initiated by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Board of Trustees. We will share hopes for the faith to help determine the UUA's future. Participants will respond to questions about how being Unitarian Universalist helps them think and act, and how UUs working together can change the world. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. Details, see www.uuworld.org/news

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 5:30 dinner, 6:15 worship

Family Dinner and Worship: Unbirthday Party

Pasta dinner, unbirthday celebration and worship. See Page 3 for details.

Sunday, March 11, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.



TIME CHANGE! SPRING FORWARD! Move your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening, March 10.

A Light Before Dawn: Progressive Faith in Our Time Reverend Andy Burnette

What does faith mean for members of a free religious movement? We'll explore some possible answers. We welcome Andy Burnett into our pulpit this Sunday. Andy served as one of our sabbatical ministers and is currently serving a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Danville, Indiana.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 6:30 p.m.

A Vespers Worship Circle

Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, worship leader Rachel Johnson, song leader

This monthly meditative evening worship service continues with a reflective one-hour worship in our Library, led by Reverend Macklin on the second Wednesday of each month. Rachel Johnson will assist with music.

Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Taoism: A Blustery Spring Welcome Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Taoism is one of the great philosophical and religious systems to come from China. Its naturalistic and mystic grounding resonates with many Unitarian Universalists. In this service we will explore Taoism through its main text, the Tao Te Ching, as well as two lesser known texts, The Tao of Pooh and The Te of Piglet.

Sunday, March 25, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Healing our Anger Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh states, "According to Buddha's teachings, the most basic condition for happiness is freedom. Here we do not mean political freedom, but freedom from the mental formations of anger, despair, jealousy, and delusion." In this service we will explore the wisdom of when it is appropriate to cool our flames, and how to do it.

From the Ministers

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Item One:

One of the joys of being part of our liberal religious community is welcoming guests and newcomers who join us for worship. As Unitarian Universalists not only do we have an ongoing search for truth and meaning in our lives, we also engage in unending explorations of new ways for to offer radical hospitality.

When a guest arrives for the first time on a Sunday morning, our coffee hour can be a bit intimidating with all of its activities and conversations. For those of us who are regulars (members, friends, staff), part of our role is to be as welcoming as possible to our guests who may be feeling lonely and vulnerable. If you have been in worship the past few weeks, you are likely aware that we have changed our yellow mug welcome strategy to offer a warmer greeting to our guests!

Out with the Old Yellow Mug
In with the New Welcome Mug

We now have new welcome mugs which WE, Friends and Members, may use for our coffee or tea at coffee hour. By using one of these welcoming mugs you are saying to guests and newcomers that you are *available for conversation* and are *ready to welcome them to our coffee hour and community!*

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Item Two

As part of our new governance structure we now have a policy and visioning Board of Directors. Our Board is creating new ways to listen to you as they help create the landscape of our congregation's future. In late February the Board hosted a successful Town Hall meeting and is planning other such events. Also the Board, Ministers and District President will be listening through an appreciative inquiry offering in late March. See Page 1 for info on the Gathered Here event on March 24th. Please join us.

In Gratitude for You, You.

Mary Ann and Bill

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



Photo by Ginger Ko

You are invited to the UU Church:



Unbirthday Party!



Family Worship

Wed. March 7th

5:15p crown making

5:30p Pasta Bar

Dinner, party games,

6:15p Celebration
and Worship

\$1-2/person

(Suggested donation)

No RSVP required

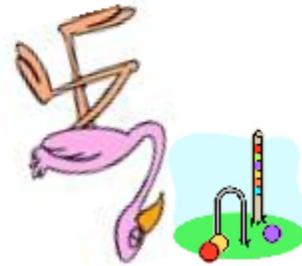
Dinner is provided, contact

Cindy with dietary needs

such as gluten free

- Games
- Cake
- Unbirthday crowns
- Flamingo Croquet
- New Friends!!

** Guests especially welcome!*



Seeking the Spirit, Building Community, Changing the World

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UUs Changing the World—



Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Collects Food April 1

Next Bounty-full Sunday is April 1. Monroe County United Ministries welcomes donations of all nonperishable foods, but they currently have a special need for the following items: canned vegetables, especially potatoes and carrots, vegetable soups, baking mixes (pancake, corn bread), canned fruits, especially oranges.

Remember to Buy Macaroni! Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force



Have You Seen The Light?

The Green Sanctuary Task Force has already had requests for 120 commercial-grade LED bulbs, so we will definitely be placing an order. We decided to extend the offer until March 25th since we don't know when in the future we'll have a large enough need to repeat this offer.

LEDs not only use about 20% as much energy as equivalent incandescent bulbs, but unlike compact fluorescents, have no mercury. The bulbs we will purchase are highly-rated commercial quality. Each bulb has a five year warranty and should last 50,000 hours (or about 20 years at 8 hours a day). They can be dimmed with most dimmers and will not flicker or buzz like many fluorescent bulbs.

Cost:

--8 Watt (40 Watt equivalent) bulbs for \$21.81 each

--13.5 W (60W equivalent) bulbs for \$27.50 each

--15W (75W equivalent) flood lights for \$36.44 each.

Specify Warm or Neutral White. Our 13.5W sample bulb is Warm (2700K) and that is what we will order unless you specify Neutral White (4000K, which may be slightly brighter).

Please stop by the Green Sanctuary table on Sunday in Fellowship Hall to see the sample light and place your order or e-mail Molly O'Donnell at MollySOD@gmail.com with the type and quantity you want. The Green Sanctuary Task Force will place an order on March 26th and have them for pick up starting Sunday April 1st. No fooling! Please make checks payable to UU Church with "LED fund" on the memo line.



Habitat for Humanity Task Force: Calling All Women!

Calling all women! Thirty-five women are needed to participate in the UU-build day for the Habitat Women Build on Wednesday, May 9. We normally have a 25-member team, so this year we are hoping some women who haven't done this before will join those who have done this for years.

We will be doing the "pre-build" this year, which is the first day of the build, so we'll be hammering a lot, putting together the trusses and other major wall sections. You don't have to have experience -- instruction will be provided. Unlike other builds, there is a \$250 financial commitment, which can be donated or fund-raised. If you are male or can't build, we'd love to get donations to help sponsor a woman who is willing but cannot come up with the entire amount. If you'd like to build or donate, please contact Barb Berggoetz at barbberg@bluemarble.net or call 812/876-6659. —Barb Berggoetz

View "Journey of the Universe" March 7

Please join Earth Care Bloomington on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at First United Church for a special viewing of the movie, "Journey of the Universe" exploring cosmic evolution as a profoundly wondrous process, envisioning an unprecedented opportunity for the world's people to address the daunting ecological and social challenges of our times. <http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/>



Clothing Swap April 14

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting their spring clothing swap on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Keep it local, keep it green and refresh your wardrobe for free in the most earth-friendly way possible! Eliminate the expenditure of the massive amounts of energy it takes to produce and transport fabrics across the world to be manufactured and then shipped to stores all over the US.

Clean out your closets and bring your unneeded clothing (clean and in wearable condition) on Saturday, April 14th to Fellowship Hall. Please drop off clothing starting at 9:30am and no later than 11am. "Shop" for what you can use between 10am and noon. No money exchanged for clothing! Clothing for men, women and children welcome. Remaining items will be donated to Opportunity House and Prison Ministries.

To volunteer or for more info contact Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com or (812) 333-9324.



25% Sunday Plate Collection for Social Justice Applications Due April 1

The collection of 25% of non-pledge offerings from the weekly Sunday plate continues to be a great success! Our contributions to the current recipient, Planned Parenthood of Indiana, totals \$ 3996 since July1, 2011. The total donated to the People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) last year was \$ 9472.

Thank you to all who have been adding additional cash and non-pledge checks to the collection plate. Your generosity has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the families and individuals served by our contributions.

The process for selecting next year's agency to receive the 25% of Sunday plate collections is underway. An application form and set of guidelines are now available for those who would like to submit the name of an agency you would like these funds to support. After the applications are submitted, the Social Justice Funds Committee will choose three applicants for the congregation to vote on at the Spring congregational meeting on June 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Those who submit applications must be able to meet the following obligations: (1) contact the agency you support to gather the information necessary to complete the application; (2) provide written information on the agency to be published in the Prologue; (3) give a brief 5-minute presentation during both services on Sunday, June 3rd, giving an overview of the organization and an explanation of how the funds will be spent.

The completed applications must be submitted no later than Sunday, April 1st, to be considered. Applications are only available electronically and can be requested from and submitted to Bret Earheart (bretearth@gmail.com). Contact Bret with any questions (cell: 345-2176 or bretearth@gmail.com).

The Social Justice Funds Committee: Blaine Carrell, Linda Patton, Ellen Tamura, Millie Jackson, & Bret Earheart.



Goods and Services Auction Earns Over \$8,500

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in this year's Goods and Services Auction on March 4. It was a great success with Phil Cooper the last man standing for the Heads or Tails contest. He even had some beads remaining. Preliminary total is over \$8,500 gross. A final total will be available after expenses are paid. We want to let everyone know how much we appreciate your assistance. We truly are a great church family.

For The Auction Committee, Janice G. Skinner



What This Church Gives to You, by Abby Gitlitz

My name is Abby Gitlitz. I am a member of our board of directors and the stewardship committee, and I am writing to you about the annual pledge drive that kicks off at the beginning of April.

When I moved back to Bloomington three years ago with no job and no clear plans, this church was a life line for me. Within a year I was a newcomer welcomer, on the board of directors, and a YRUU facilitator. I said yes to everything.

But there was an ulterior motive to all of my joining. I did not find a job when I moved back to Bloomington. In fact, I have lived below the poverty line for eight of the past ten years. When I moved back to Bloomington I felt like I could not afford to pledge money to this church. I thought, I have time and energy so I will pledge those things instead.

But, honestly, that is not enough. I know that to provide a home for all seekers, our church needs my money as well. It needs my money so that we can pay our ministers a fair wage and so that when Mary Ann and Bill decide to retire we can pull in the best and the brightest ministers out there. It needs my money so that the first impression of our church building that newcomers have, is of a welcoming and safe place for themselves and their children. It needs my money so that we can continue our exciting outreach into communities in southern Indiana that are crying out for liberal religion. It needs my money so that we can continue to be the strong voice of liberal religion that I am so proud of.

This church is my home and I will pay rent on it gladly. We all make our choices about what we can afford, and I have decided that I can afford this church.

I hope when you get your pledge cards in April that you will think deeply about what this church gives to you, and what you will give to the church. —Abby Gitlitz



Choir Stewardship Testimonial: A Search for Truth and Meaning

The Stewardship Testimonial from the Choir on March 4 began with a song:

“Choir, choir, choir! We come to Church for CHOIR!”

Guy Loftman had written new words for the old parody about Unitarian Universalists’ love of coffee.

Noretta Koertge continued with a humorous description of the difficult job of getting sixty-odd Unitarians to sing with one voice. On a more serious note, Noretta spoke of how singing religious music from many times and cultures helps her share in a *universal* experience of great value.

Also, Noretta responded to two key questions:

Why am I a Unitarian Universalist? *My answer to that is pretty straightforward: Because I strongly believe in the UU principles, especially the ones affirming “the right of conscience” and “a free and responsible search for truth and meaning”.*

Why do we come to this church and support it financially? *Now the answer gets more complicated and we certainly need to mention something about what Bill and Glenda Breeden call “the sweet, sweet spirit of this place” -- the friendly people in the Commons, the cute kids playing outside, the really tasty home-made goodies in the bake sales ...*

Noretta spoke about *the very special role that singing in this choir plays in my life* – how coming to rehearsals every Thursday and singing on Sunday morning balances and enriches the rest of her week.

Our Folks...

Congratulations to member Gladys DeVane who will receive the Lifetime Contribution Award at the Women’s History Month luncheon on Tuesday, March 6.

Congratulations to Jeff Stone and the Bloomington Playwrights Project, recently honored by Downtown Bloomington Inc. with the 2011 Main Street Award for an Organization. Jeff is on the staff at BPP as well as serving as our custodian.



If you would like us to include an item of a pastoral nature (weddings, births, illnesses, condolences, special achievements, 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.

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

"Sowing Struggle: Urban and rural social movements in Tlaxcala, Mexico" March 9

featuring Luz Rivera Martinez of the Consejo Nacional Urbano Campesino (CNUC)

Friday, March 9, 2012 / 6:00-8:00pm at Rachel's Café – 300 E Third St.

Luz Rivera Martinez will speak about her 20 years of experience constructing autonomy, organizing outside the electoral system, and resisting free trade. For more info on the tour visit their website at www.mexicosolidarity.org.

Gardening Surveys Available

The Assessment Working Group of the Bloomington Food Policy Council seeks to learn about people producing plant or animal food in Bloomington and surrounding counties, or about those who are not producing at the moment, but would like to. Please take one of the following surveys to help in this effort

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BFPCprofessional> or www.tinyurl.com/BFPC-pro

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BFPCresidential> or www.tinyurl.com/BFPC-res --David Parkhurst



UU Coffee House Friday March 16th

Join us at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for music, poetry and refreshments. Featured musicians are Andrea Fiedler on guitar and fiddle, Tom Townsend on guitar, Kaleo Wheeler performing Hawaiian songs, and Jonathan and Deborah Hutchison on guitar and flute. Darlene Jolley and Deborah Hutchison will share their writing. Children are welcome. A freewill donation is requested. Any questions, please contact Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS: Important UU gatherings

You are invited to attend two important UU meetings:

1. Heartland UU District Annual Assembly March 30-31 in Lansing, Michigan

Keynote: The Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, "Torn Between Fuzzy Aspirations and Hard Realities", in addition to important by-law changes and discussion of regional UU consolidation. Amy Taylor, President.

See: www.heartlanduu.org

2. UU General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, June 20-24, the "Justice GA",

See: generalassembly@uua.org

We are eligible to send nine (9) member delegates to each of these conferences. If you are interested in participating, please contact Iris Kiesling 812-332-5224 or ifikiesling@aol.com or speak with those who were delegates in the past: Kelly Rauch, Steve Dillon, Lloyd Orr, Jackie Hall, Kevin Rottet, David Crane, and Jan Skinner among others. There is some financial aid available. GA will be available this year through the internet with live streaming! Information meetings will be held in March.



UU Men's Group Meets Every Three Weeks

The UU Men's Group meets every three weeks. For information, contact Russ Boulding 812-336-8396 jrb-eeh@bluemarble.net



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternate Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This group is an opportunity for regular, open, wide-ranging discussions of issues relating to morality and ethics, human development, and the nature of the universe. Info: Harold Ogren, ogren@indiana.edu. Next meeting is March 18.

Young Adults (ages 18-35) Meet for Worship on Campus Every Friday

Unitarian Universalists at Indiana University will gather on campus every Friday, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm starting January 20th, location TBA. All young adults 18-35 are welcome to attend. The first 30 minutes is an informal worship followed by deep listening, discussion, and event planning. Please join our facebook group for the most up-to-date news: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/16976627368/>
If you have any questions, please email Rachel Johnson, Campus and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, at uucampus@uubloomington.org



Women's Alliance April 5

The Women's Alliance will meet Thursday, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. for brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Beverage and dessert will be provided.



Earth Kin Celebrates Spring Equinox March 17

On Saturday, March 17th, Earth Kin will gather in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the balance of night and day and the coming of spring. We gather at 7:00pm and start ritual at 7:30pm. We will dance away the long cold dark days of winter and welcome the newness of spring. Seeds will be planted to symbolize the new growth in our lives for this new season. Bring food to share for after ritual. All members and friends are welcome at this gathering. Wendy and Jim Robbins will be serving as priest and priestess for this occasion. As the new spring season is upon us, so is

Earth Kin branching out into the newness of leadership. Questions to Beckie at elmbeckie@yahoo.com

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Welcome to José and Alexandra, who signed our Membership Book on February 24.



José Octavio Toledo Alcalde

My name is José Octavio Toledo (paternal last name) Alcalde (maternal last name). My nuclear family is constituted by my mother, two brothers and a sister; my father passed away. I was born in Lima, Perú, but my ancestors came from Africa, China, Spain and Perú. I studied Theological Sciences and Bioenergetic/Physical Therapies. My vocation is as a facilitator in matters concerning integral health. This summer I will start the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Bloomington Hospital. I like hosting and DJing radio shows, writing, reading, dancing & cooking. Sharing my life with Alexandra is a beautiful gift. Now, together, we share our lives with the UU.

Alexandra Buck

I am a Midwestern native with an international spirit, a passionate student of new ways to understand the world. My life is a bi-lingual (Spanish-English), dual degree (MPA-Nonprofit Management, MA-Latin American studies), organizational challenge. I love to stay busy, meditate by cooking, do Yoga and Zumba, and debate Latin American politics with José. We found UU Bloomington online from Lima, Perú, and upon moving here last fall, knew right away it was the inclusive spiritual community we were seeking.

Congregational Directory Available Pick up your paper Congregational Directory for 2011-12 in Room 204. This directory is updated daily and is also available to members and friends online, 24/7. See instructions below.

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, March 19; deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to admin@uubloomington.org The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. Dates of the next few issues: Mar. 19, Apr 1, Apr 15, May 7, May 21. On federal holidays, The Prologue is not published and offices are closed.

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www.facebook.com/uubloomington

Attendance and Offering We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012.

Our current membership is 477.

Sun, Feb. 26, 9:15: 135; 11:15: 146; RE: 103 Total: 384

Sun, Mar. 4, 9:15: 117; 11:15: 208; RE: N/A Total: 325

2/26 non-pledge offering: \$842; 3/4 non-pledge offering: \$855;

Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: \$ 424

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: Feb. 26 \$3325, income to UUCB: \$166.25; Mar. 4 \$1900, income to UUCB: \$95.

Access Your Congregational Directory, Pledge Records, and Register for Adult and Children's Religious Education Online! Members and friends of our congregation can get access to their own pledge records or the congregational directory or register for religious education classes.

Click on this: <https://www.churchdb.com/churchdb/Login.asp?iOrgzKey=49>

Click Retrieve Password-- it will be sent to your email (you only need to do this once)

Log in with your username and password; You are now on your Member page, with a list of choices

Click "Stewardship", "Treasure", "details" or "View Pledges" to see your contribution info

OR, Click "Directory" to get contact info for anyone in our congregation.

OR, Click "Education/Class Registration" and follow the onscreen instructions to register for classes.

Questions, contact Erica or Ginger at office@uubloomington.org or 332-3695.

See Our Website for Full Calendar of Events, www.uubloomington.org

3/7/2012	3:00 PM	Life Stories Writing Group	3/12/2012	6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitator Group
	5:00 PM	RE Class: Compassionate Eating 101		7:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir
	5:30 PM	Family Dinner and Worship	3/13/2012	2:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Doug Cauble
3/8/2012	6:30 PM	RE Class: Parenting from the Heart		6:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitator Group
	7:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Jeanette and Gayle		6:45 PM	Bloomington Chamber Singers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal	3/14/2012	5:00 PM	RE Class: Compassionate Eating 101
3/9/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		6:30 PM	Vespers with Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		7:30 PM	UU Knitters
	6:00 PM	Drumming in Fwp Hall	3/15/2012	4:00 PM	New Hope Family Shelter Board Mtg
3/10/2012	10:00 AM	Abolition of the Death Penalty Group - meeting		6:30 PM	OWL grades 1-2 class
3/11/2012	2:00 AM	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR		7:00 PM	RE Class: Attuning to the Sufi Path
	8:30 AM	UU Choir Rehearsal at 8:30 and 10:30		7:00 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal
	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15	3/16/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	1:30 PM	Chalice Circle - A. Backler		12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
	2:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism		7:30 PM	UU Coffeehouse

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Return Service Requested



**Do You Like Good
Food?
Do You Like Good
Conversation?**

Fellowship Dinners Are A Good Source Of Both!

If you would like to be included in an April dinner,
contact Dixie Welch at deejaywelch@gmail.com or
call her at 812-339-1075.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS - MARCH 2012

HOSTS: Elston, Melinda & Jonathan Kidwell

Davis, Dawn Rae
Edmonds, Angie
Ferentinos, Sue & Danielle McClelland

HOSTS: Gilbert, Steven & Kathy

Churchill, Sandy & Fred
DeVoe, Bob & Libby
Hiatt, Dick & Cathy

HOSTS: Gitlitz, Abby & Matt Stonecipher

Baus, Bill
Caulton, Joan & Ed Greenebaum
Emmert, Carolyn & David
Lund, Barb

HOSTS: Hall, Jackie & Lloyd Orr

Aungst, Pat
Ayd, Ruth & Von Welch
Marion, Cynthia & John Pappas
Petersen, Paul
Sauer, Jim & Helen

HOSTS: Shei, Hwa-Mei & Bruce

Dolby, Sandy
Halford, Don
Lock, Diann & Ted
Lundy, Gary & Mike Nagy

HOSTS: Strickholm, Lee & Al

Albright, Tom & Flint, Patsy
Kim, Mia & Harmeet Sawhney
Nelson, Cyndi & Dale

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