

# The Prologue

Monday, July 2, 2012

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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

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Sunday, July 8, 2012      9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

### **Bullying—A National Pastime**

**Reverend Bill Breedon**

Reflections on the Phoenix General Assembly and the Unitarian Universalist commitment to justice and equality for all.

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

### **Surviving Our Ingenuity**

**Reverend Mary Ann Macklin**

How do we balance the world of human endeavor, such as technological advances, with the natural world? Are we living in sensory overload or depletion? How can mindfulness help us along the way? These questions, inspired by author and naturalist Diane Ackerman, will be explored in our worship service. A special welcome to our guest musicians Bloomington Chamber Singers.



### **Call for Course Proposals Fall 2012, Adult Religious Education**

Are you a spiritual seeker, an avid reader, a poet, parent, or activist? Do you have an interest you would like to share and explore with fellow Unitarian Universalists? If so, you are encouraged to submit a course proposal to our Adult Religious Education (ARE) Program. We are now receiving proposals for Fall 2012 classes. Either a single session or multiple sessions are welcome. Please go to <http://www.uubloomington.org/re/adult/index.php> to download a proposal form, or pick up a paper form in the church office, Room 204. Proposals can be mailed to the church or emailed to the ARE chair: Carolyn Emmert, at [davidiemmert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidiemmert@sbcglobal.net).



### **Don't Miss the Great Late Summer Sale, August 11**

Think White Elephant Sale, but in the summer with more space, more donations, more volunteers, more money for UU!

See page 5 for details

## MAM's Musings

Roots hold me close. Wings set me free. The roots of our congregation are rich and run deeply. This past month three of our founding members died and their loss is present in many of our hearts. Julia Carter made wonderful madrigal dolls for our holiday bazaar and also served as our church librarian. Her husband Ledford, who died within forty-eight hours of Julia, served as our congregation's historian for many years. Cookie Lynch, who many of us thought would be here forever, was spirited in maintaining the stories and records of who we are and where we have been. Julia Carter (Librarian), Ledford Carter (Historian) and Cookie Lynch (Oral History Project) offered so much to our congregation during their life times. They were passionate about this liberal religious community. As we grieve their loss, I believe one way we can honor them is by filling volunteer positions which they highly valued, beginning with a congregational historian. Ledford served in this position for many years, but it has gone unfulfilled for nearly a decade.

Volunteer Staff Position  
Congregational Historian  
1 to 5 Volunteer Hours per week

Are you passionate about our congregation? Our congregational historian would work in three main areas:

- 1) Collection: Keep informed regarding current history making events as well as exploring our past.
- 2) Education: Keep current membership informed about our heritage through various means (newsletter, adult education classes, web-site).
- 3) Resources: Figure out what we know and don't know. Help create resources to fill in the missing pieces.

We do have a wonderful archivist (Ginny Richey) so archiving would not be part of this position. If you are interested in the volunteer historian position, please contact Reverend Mary Ann Macklin, [macklin@uubloomington.org](mailto:macklin@uubloomington.org) by August 1st, 2012. Stay tuned for other volunteer opportunities regarding our library and oral history project.

And may we remember our ancestors in our hearts  
and as reflected in these words often sung by our choir.

Breaths, lyrics by Birago Diop and Ysaye Barnwell

*Those who have died have never, never left  
The dead are not under the earth  
They are in the rustling trees, they are in the groaning woods  
They are in the crying grass, they are in the moaning rocks  
The dead are not under the earth*

*So listen more often to things than to beings  
Listen more often to things than to beings  
'Tis the ancestor's breath when the fire's voice is heard  
'Tis the ancestor's breath in the voice of the water*

Peace, MAM  
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

## Message from the Treasurer

Board policies call for an external audit of church finances every four years. I would greatly appreciate input from church members that have experience with accounting businesses or individuals that perform external audits. Please let me know the name of and contact information for persons or businesses that are qualified to do such audits. If you are familiar with their work, it would be useful if you let me know. The only limitation is that a potential auditor cannot be a member or friend of the church. Please contact John Lawson at [lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lawsonjrl@sbcglobal.net) or 812-335-1856 with input. Thank you.



### Our Folks...

We mourn the passing of longtime member Violet (Cookie) Lynch, on Thursday, June 28. Our hearts are with her family and friends. A memorial service will be held for Cookie on Saturday, August 18.

Our healing thoughts are with Sharon Yarber who recently had gall bladder surgery.

Cards are welcome.

Our healing thoughts continue with Ilona Richey, who is recovering from back surgery on Tuesday, June 19. Cards are welcome.

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](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) by 10:00 a.m. on the 1st or 3rd Monday of the month.

## Used Books Welcome at the Booktable's Rolling Cart

We welcome your donations of gently used books at the beige-colored booktable Rolling Cart in Fellowship Hall. If you have used books, fiction or non-fiction, that you would like to share with fellow UUs, please remember the Rolling Cart. Just leave the books next to the cart and we will shelve them for you.

--Glee Noble and Patsy Flint

## Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

### Seven Summer Sundays of Reflection and Exploration with Molly Delight Whitehead

Celebrate the dog days with an hour of reflection and exploration: meditation, free writing, and discussion. This drop-in workshop meets on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., May through August (except July 22) at Poplar Grove Schoolhouse, 4638 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Led by Molly Delight Whitehead, writer, zen priest. [mollydelight@gmail.com](mailto:mollydelight@gmail.com). Free/donations welcome.

### Change a Life... and Yours Will Never Be the Same!

Have you ever wondered why so many people seem to be stuck in the cycle of poverty? Are you interested in partnering with a family that is working hard to get unstuck? Do you like caring, open-minded, and FUN people?!? If so, then come learn how you can BE AN ALLY with the Monroe County Circles Initiative.

Informational Dessert Nights (join us either night)

Wednesday, July 11th at 6:30pm or Monday, July 16th at 6:30 pm

South Central Community Action Program located at 1500 W. 15th St. Bloomington, IN 47404

RSVP to Carrie at [mailto:carrie@insccap.org](mailto:mailto:carrie@insccap.org) or (812) 339-3447 ext. 263



## Exploring UU Class Meets Sundays September 9 & 16

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 on Sunday, September 9 and Sunday, September 16 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by September 2<sup>nd</sup> at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing [office@uubloomington.org](mailto:office@uubloomington.org). Free child care is provided. For more information contact Judy Bennett, [memcoord@uubloomington.org](mailto:memcoord@uubloomington.org)



## UU Youth Group Upcoming Events

**Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** - We invite YUUMS and YRUU to join us for a wet and wild time at Splash Island in Plainfield, Indiana. This will be an all-day field trip, leaving UU at 9:00 am and returning around 7:00 pm. RSVP and Permission Slip required.

Please contact Adrienne Summerlot if you have any further questions. Adrienne Summerlot, Acting DRE: [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org)



## Young Adult Lunch 2nd and 4th Sundays

All young adults (18-35 years) are welcome to attend our Young Adult Lunches that take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Meet us outside of the sanctuary after the 11:15 am service. There we will determine as a group the best place to go out for lunch somewhere within the town of Bloomington.

Please email Molly at [uucampus@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucampus@uubloomington.org) if you have any questions or are interested in being a lunch facilitator or if you would like to organize any UU young adult events. Any friendly young adults are encouraged to step up into leadership! *Next lunch is July 8th.*

## Drum Circle July 13th 6:30pm

Everyone is invited to participate in the UU Drum Circle. It is held the 2nd Friday of the month. Doors open by 6:30. If there is interest - we will practice rhythms from 6:30-7:00. Improvisational drumming from 7:00-8:00. No experience necessary and creative "drums" are welcome - ie. pots and pans, bodydrumming, etc. as well as traditional Djembes and the like. Please join us.



## UU Men's Group Upcoming Meetings

July 10, July 31, August 21. Contact Russ Boulding for meeting locations, [irb-eeh@bluemarble.net](mailto:irb-eeh@bluemarble.net)



## Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternate Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 210, after the children's religious education class has ended. 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. *Next meeting is July 8.*

## Chalice Circles Small Group Ministry Starts Up Again in the Fall

Chalice Circles, the program of small group ministry in our congregation, has concluded its sixth year. The focus of each Chalice Circle meeting is a topic that serves as a springboard into reflection on deeper issues of who we are and what gives our lives meaning. At the core of each session is deep listening. Questions are posed and each person responds in turn. The other participants provide the speaker with rapt attention. They don't ask questions; they don't give advice – they listen deeply.

Chalice Circles will begin again in the fall. Watch for our announcements, letters, and Sign-Up Sunday in late August. For more information contact Alan Backler, 340-1323 or at [abackler@aol.com](mailto:abackler@aol.com)



## UU Summer Garage Sale August 11

Think **White Elephant Sale**, but in the summer with more space, more donations, more volunteers, more money for UU!

**Date:** August 11 – the same day IU students have a sale at the stadium.

**Time:** 8:00a - 1:00p (½ price bargains begin at 1:00)

**Place:** Inside the UU building

**Special Preview Party and Sale for UU members:** Friday evening Aug. 10.

Cost \$5.00 to buy early and drink wine with friends.

**We need:** volunteers to help set up & price items Wed, Thurs, Friday (Aug. 8-10) and volunteers on Sat. to take money, reconfigure items as inventory goes, etc.

**We need:** Donations from everyone. Please consider cleaning out your basements, garages, closets, drawers, kitchens, summer-homes, or attics.

**The Sale will accept:** quality clothes, books, kitchenware, knickknacks, travel souvenirs, furniture, antiques, framed pictures, toys, games, anything that would be useful to someone else.

***The Sale will have a special section for Crafters; see the last paragraph.***

**Volunteer Opportunities:** To be a success we need 3 components: shoppers, donations and worker bees. Folks who have helped with the Holiday Bazaar or Auction know working with such projects can be great fun and a wonderful way to know fellow UUs.

If you're free any time Aug. 8, 9, 10, or 11 and can sign up for a shift or need information on description of jobs, contact Julie Lawson [juliakarin.j8@gmail.com](mailto:juliakarin.j8@gmail.com) or call 606-2732

Others to contact:

Pricing: Jana Anna - [janachannel@gmail.com](mailto:janachannel@gmail.com) 369-6060

Signage in the building: Beverly McGahey – [bevmusic@pacbell.net](mailto:bevmusic@pacbell.net) 330-2368

Preview Party: Mary Jo Conley – [brwnbeyond@msn.com](mailto:brwnbeyond@msn.com) 988-6130

Crafts: Melinda Elston – [meelston@indiana.edu](mailto:meelston@indiana.edu) 369-3847

Any Questions: Diann Lock [dlock333@yahoo.com](mailto:dlock333@yahoo.com) 361-7402;

Do you craft? Thought about having a booth at the Holiday Bazaar, but weren't able to? Consider renting a booth at the Summer Sale, the UU Church's new fundraiser. The booth rental fee is \$10. Crafters are responsible for bringing their own tables, chairs, and set up equipment. Space for crafters will be outside. For more information, or to rent a booth, please contact Melinda Elston at [meelston@indiana.edu](mailto:meelston@indiana.edu) or 812-369-3847 (leave a voice mail if no one answers). The rental fee must be paid on or before Sunday, August 5th. Checks to UU church, memo: Summer Sale. This is a wonderful way to benefit not only yourself, but your loving spiritual community as well.

## UUs Changing the World—



### Come Build a House With Us August 18

The Habitat Task Force is recruiting a team of builders for participate in a Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, Aug. 18. There is NO financial commitment to participate in any Habitat build, other than the annual Women Build. Just be willing to donate four or eight hours of your day to help a local family have a decent, affordable home. On Aug. 18, the

work will include painting, putting down luan (flooring), and putting up siding and drywall. All tools and food for the day are provided. If you can help, please contact Barb Berggoetz at [barbberg@bluemarble.net](mailto:barbberg@bluemarble.net), or call 812-876-6659. We will have a sign-up sheet on the social justice table soon, too.

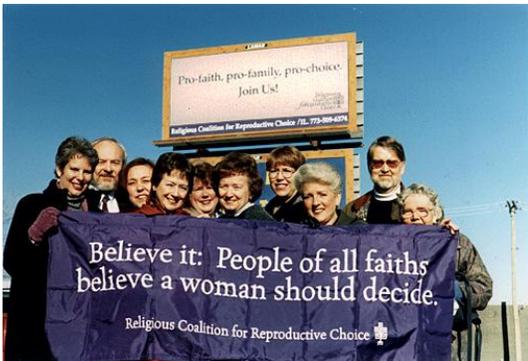
A team of 35 UU women and a few friends participated in this year's Women Build on May 9. Our team raised more than \$10,500 through personal donations and fund-raising. We worked on the first day of the 10-day build, so we put together the framing for two houses -- a lot of hammering. The Chalice Circle headed by Chris Haynes provided a wonderful lunch for us and Reverend Mary Ann Macklin gave the devotional. It was a wonderful day for all involved. Habitat surpassed its goal of raising \$135,000 for the two houses and to support a build in El Salvador. Thanks to every woman involved and to those who gave generously to support them. Barb Berggoetz, Habitat task force co-chair



### News from the Green Sanctuary Task Force Homegrown Indiana Farm Tour with UU Connection

The summer Homegrown Indiana Farm Tour will visit Sun Circle Farm, the farm of Nathan Harman, Maggie Jesseph (daughter of Jerry and Laura Jesseph), and Paul Nord (son of Martha and Dave Nord) in Paoli, Indiana, on Saturday, July 22 followed by a "farm to fork" meal prepared by Rags from Nick's and Jeff Finch from Finch's Brasserie at

the Lazy Black Bear. Participants can either drive their own vehicle or take a bus provided by the City Parks Department. Appetizers, beer and wine will be served starting at 5 pm, the tour is at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. The cost is \$45. For more information or to register visit [www.bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket) or call 349-3700.



### Reproductive Justice: A plan for powerful action and community connection Special Inaugural Program July 11

Join us for this special inaugural program on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Earlier this year, members of our congregation gathered to consider issues related to Reproductive Justice, which takes the issues of birth control, abortion, and sex education out of the realm

of just "women's" issues, and places them firmly in the broader context of human and society issues. In other words, men are part of this, too!

We are now ready to move forward, and invite everyone to join us.

Questions? Contact Melinda Swenson, [swenson.melinda@gmail.co](mailto:swenson.melinda@gmail.co)

Childcare is available for this event; please contact Adrienne Summerlot, [dre@uubloomington.org](mailto:dre@uubloomington.org) if you will need childcare in order to attend.

**Please note:** Rev. Rob Keithan, who was scheduled to lead the meeting on July 11th, has cancelled his visit to Bloomington because of situation at his work -- he regrets that he cannot be with us for our first meeting.

## How to access your pledge records?

Did you know that you may check the balances in your own pledge records by accessing your information online. Here's how:

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", then "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](mailto:office@uubloomington.org) or 812-332-3695.

## Changes in Office Hours for Summer

This summer, Office Assistant hours will vary, but are always posted next to the door of Room 204.

Wednesday office hours are currently 1:30-4:30 p.m. There is administrative staff in the office for at least a few hours each weekday and every Sunday after each service. Church Administrator Carol Marks will be in M,T,Th,F 9-4 as usual, except out July 1-7 at UU Camp.

## URL for Archived Sunday Services

Archived video of our Sunday services from April 22 onward, including BOOM! and The Flower of Departure, A Universalist Requiem, may be viewed at <http://www.techwerks.tv/myVideo.php?clientID=933&name=yes>

## Missing links?

We experienced technical problems with our web page on Saturday, June 23, which made it nearly impossible to find the livestream link to Sunday services, and the quick link to the online database was also missing. If this happens again, since technology is fallible, you can find the livestream link and the video archives link on the message board of the online database. The online database can be accessed, if you have a username and password, from the Full Calendar on the webpage.

It might be prudent to bookmark all these URLs on your computer browser as well.

--Carol Marks, Church Administrator

**Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, July 16;** deadline for articles 10:00 a.m. Please send articles to [admin@uubloomington.org](mailto:admin@uubloomington.org) The Prologue is published on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions. Dates of the next few issues: July 16, August 6, August 20, Sept 4, Sept 17, Oct 1. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

## Attendance and Offering

We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012. Current membership is 489.

Sun, June 24, 9:15: 86; 11:15: 152; RE: n/a Total: 238

Sun, July 1, 9:15: 100; 11:15: 163; RE: 62 Total: 325

6/24 non-pledge offering: \$724; 7/1 non-pledge offering: \$353

Total donated to Planned Parenthood of Indiana: \$181

Total donated to VIPS: \$88

On June 3, 2012, members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Visually Impaired Preschool Services - Bloomington through June 30, 2013. VIPS-Bloomington is the only agency in Indiana providing early intervention for visually impaired infants and toddlers within a 60 mile radius of Bloomington. For info in VIPS, visit <http://www.vips.org>

Grocery Card Sales: June 24 \$1025, income to UUCB: \$51.25; July 1 \$2250, income to UUCB: \$107.50.

**Invitation to all for Ramadan Iftaar Celebration Friday, August 3**

*Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar—the most blessed month of the year. Muslims all over the world abstain from food, drink, and other needs during the day, purifying the soul, re-evaluating life, and refocusing attention on God. Muslims pay special attention this month to making peace; strengthening ties with family and friends; and refraining from bad habits, bad actions, bad thoughts, and bad words. Join us in a rededication to self-restraint, cleansing, and worship—and gain understanding of Muslim culture and concerns.*

UUs come together at our church with members of the Islamic Center on Friday, August 3.

- 8:15 p.m. doors open
- 8:56 sunset and the breaking of the daily fast
- prayer for those who wish to participate
- dinner: Islamic Center members bring delicious foods of all types. UUs bring desserts.

It's free of charge, all ages are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

Please sign up on the RSVP list posted in the Commons by Sunday, July 29.

**Artisan Applications 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, November 30 and December 1, please contact Sandy Taylor, [staylor2@comcast.net](mailto:staylor2@comcast.net) for an application. Application deadline is September 1.

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The Rev. Mary Ann Macklin, Minister

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Return Service Requested



Additional calendar info at [www.uubloomington.org](http://www.uubloomington.org)

7/5/2012	11:30 AM	Women's Alliance	7/13/2012	6:00 PM	RE Freaky Friday Drop-in Art Night (Kaleidoscope)
	6:30 PM	Adult Religious Ed Cmte	7/15/2012	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15
7/6/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		10:15 AM	Intl Outreach Bake Sale Fundraiser
	12:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting		10:45 AM	Sustainable and Fair Compensation Committee
7/8/2012	9:15 AM	Sunday Services at 9:15 and 11:15		2:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism
	12:45 PM	Humanist Forum		7:00 PM	Friday Musicale Reh
	2:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism			Deadline for The Prologue newsletter,
7/10/2012	9:00 AM	Carpet cleaning on both levels	7/16/2012	10:00 AM	<a href="mailto:admin@uubloomington.org">admin@uubloomington.org</a>
7/11/2012	12:00 PM	Hope for Prisoners Task Force	7/18/2012	6:00 PM	Leadership Cultivation Committee
	3:00 PM	Life Stories Writing Group		7:00 PM	Friday Musicale Reh
	6:30 PM	Intuitive Exploration	7/19/2012	4:00 PM	New Hope Board meeting
	7:30 PM	Reproductive Justice Task Force		6:00 PM	Heartland String Band practice
7/13/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group		7:00 PM	Chalice Circle Exec Cmte
	1:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting	7/20/2012	10:30 AM	Life Stories Writing Group
	6:00 PM	Drum Circle - Earth Kin		1:00 PM	UU Staff Meeting
				7:00 PM	Friday Musicale Concert