

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Seeking the Spirit

Building Community

Changing the World

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Sunday, September 23, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Forgiveness Searching

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

We are in the midst of the Jewish High Holy days, which is that time between Rosh Hashanah, the new year, and Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. Reverend Macklin will offer her annual sermon on forgiveness in honor of this sacred time within the Jewish calendar. What is the role of forgiveness in your life? What role does forgiveness play in our spiritual journey?

Sunday, September 30, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Our Chosen Faith: Love Thy Neighbor

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

Reverend Bill Breeden

Our co-ministers continue to explore the book "Our Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism" by John Buehrens and Forrest Church. In this worship service they will explore the role of Jewish and Christian teachings within our liberal religious tradition. What does it mean to love our neighbor as our self. What if our neighbor is a pain?

Congregational Update Meeting at 12:45 p.m. on September 30, with UUA Stewardship Consultant Kay Crider. Childcare provided, Room 108.

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

5:15 p.m. craft project, 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6:15 p.m. worship

Family Worship – Open Minds and Helping Hands

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite, Minister of Religious Education

Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education

The UU Children's Choir directed by Jill Courtney

All ages are invited for a story about the importance of books and reading, and a celebratory introduction to the First Books Fundraiser sponsored by our Children's Task Force. The children's choir will sing! **Bring a gently used book or two from home for a book exchange--kids and adults!** and get ready to read and exercise to provide books for children who can't afford to buy their own. 5:15pm-Design your own bookmark, 5:30pm-Baked Potato Bar with gluten free and vegan options. \$2 per person donation requested. Shared clean up. 6:15-6:45pm-Worship



**All-Congregation
Potluck September 28**

**Appreciative Inquiry
Event September 29**

**Earth Kin Equinox
Celebration
September 29**

**WALBICUS
to worship
October 7**

The North Window

As the change in the title of my column suggests, the location in which I write has moved. Reverend Macklin and I have switched work spaces reflecting the change in the number of hours we are in the office each week. Don't worry if you go to the wrong office looking for either of us; we have been doing the same trying to find ourselves for a couple of weeks. We will get used to it.

Someone shared a story with me after last Sunday's service. It is one told about Abraham Lincoln. After attending a worship service, the President was asked what he thought of the sermon. He responded that he found the sermon to be well crafted and the oration thereof to be skillfully delivered, but he was disappointed because the content of the sermon did not ask anything of him. That is, he was not challenged to do anything.

Reverend Macklin and I are fortunate to serve a congregation that expects to be challenged to be involved in the building of community and changing the world. To be sure we all arrive with a desire to seek the spirit of love, understanding and acceptance, and yet we know that seeking such spiritual values and sustenance is not the whole enchilada, but merely the first step. The times in which we live challenge us to be about the work of making this nation and this planet a better place for coming generations.

In this Prologue, you will find ways to be involved, things to do, places to go. We ask you to read it, be aware of what is going on, and then put your hands to the plow and help us turn furrows of justice in the soil of this earth.

Reverend Macklin returns this week from a workshop in Minnesota, and we hope to see you on Sunday.

Peace-- *bill*

Reverend Bill Breeden



Our Folks...

Judy Eichhorn recently moved to Brown County Health and Living Community, and welcomes visits and cards from her friends in the congregation. 55 Willow Street, Nashville, Indiana 47448.

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.



An Invitation to Share Your Spiritual Discipline with Young Adults

Do you have a regular spiritual practice that has been transformative in your own life? Would you like to introduce it to others? Members of our weekly Spiritual Exploration Group on the IU campus are interested in learning about ways to develop spiritually through such disciplines as breathwork or chanting, various forms of meditation or prayer, movement or *Lectio Divina*, mandalas or morning pages, practices of gratitude or forgiveness, periodic food fasts or media fasts, etc.

The theme of spiritual practices will be incorporated into many of the Spiritual Exploration meetings on Tuesday evenings this fall, and there may be other opportunities to share as well. Intrigued? Please contact Shari Woodbury at uucampus@uubloomington.org or 345-8313.



Religious Education News

Families, we want to invite you and your any friends or special guests to monthly **Family Worships!** We can always use volunteers to help us in the kitchen cooking, setting up or cleaning up, childcare is provided for volunteers! Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org for more information

When: 1st Wednesday of the month

What: 5:15pm - crafts, 5:30-Dinner (\$2 donation suggested per person), 6:15pm-Worship, 6:45pm - Dessert

Where: Fellowship Hall

Why: This is a great opportunity to connect with other families and people of our community and congregation, enjoy some great food and share the idea and experience of worshiping with your child(ren)

Who: EVERYONE!

Vacation RE - Sunday, September 23rd! A special program will take place. All grades will be together in Room 105 during 1st service and in Fellowship Hall for 2nd service! We will also be giving our children information about a special service project called "Read and Get Fit" that we hope families will participate in which helps gets books into every child's hands, look for information in the prologue, this Sunday and over the next few weeks!

A Spooktacular All-Congregational, Intergenerational Halloween Event October 20

A fundraiser for First Book-Monroe County Supported by the UU Children's Task Force and Bloomington Jazzercise An Afternoon of Jazzercise, Storytelling, Games, Crafts and Healthy Snacks Saturday, October 20th from 2:00-4:00pm here in Fellowship Hall. A suggested donation of \$10/family, or \$5/per person is recommended.

Participants in the "Read and Get Fit" reading program and their families enter for free.

--Adrienne Summerlot, Director of Religious Education

Youth News

A big Thank You to David Cox and the YUUMS (Young Unitarian Universalist Middle Schoolers) group for providing a wonderful lunch for the OWL (Our Whole Lives sexuality curriculum) parent orientation last Sunday.

YUUM!



There will be no meeting of the High School Youth Group next Sunday, September 23. They will resume on September 30 from 5:30-7:30PM. Dinner is provided, and all 9th-12th graders are always welcome.

Reverend Emily Manvel Leite
Minister of Religious Education



UU Children's Choir Rehearsals

New & returning singers, grades K-6, are always welcome! Upcoming schedule below.

Rehearsals will be in Room 212 (at the east end of the hall upstairs). Questions? Contact

Jill Courtney: jcourtne@mccsc.edu

Sunday 9/23 & Sunday 9/30: Rehearse, 10:30-11am

Wed. 10/3: Sing at Family Service 6:15pm (Dinner at 5:30)

10/21, 10/28: Rehearse, 10:30-11am (No Rehearsal 11/4- Jill out of town)

11/11: Sing in both Services (Intergenerational Thanksgiving): Rehearse 9:30-10:00, sing end of 1st service/ start of 2nd service



Check this out! Grocery cards really pay off. In May, the church received \$6000 of profit from sales the previous months. We hope to accrue even more by the end of the year, but we need your help. The cards work just like gift cards, but for every \$100 Marsh and Bloomingfoods card sold, the church earns \$5 and for every \$100 Kroger card, the church gets \$3. They are for sale every Sunday between services in the Commons, outside Fellowship Hall. What a painless and "tasteful" way to give to the church!



Reminder!

Congregational Stewardship Visit September 28-30!

Kay Crider, facilitator, Unitarian Universalist Association

Purpose of the weekend is to provide our congregation with an objective eye to gather information and identify strengths, opportunities, and areas needing improvement. Please make room in your schedule to participate so that our congregation will get the most out of this visit. This is a wonderful opportunity to consider and share your ideas, dreams, fears, observations, whatever . . . concerning our congregation. Hope you will be able to participate.

Meeting times with Kay in Library except for Appreciative Inquiry

Friday, Sept 28th and before by phone:
ministers, board, administrator, Sustainable
and Fair Share Compensation Committee

2:00 – SJ Task Forces & Chalice Circle
Executive Committee

3:00 – ARE and RE committees and MRE &
DRE

Saturday, Sept 29th
8:00 am – Building & Grounds and Green
Spaces Committee – tour & conversations
9:00 – Finance Committee
10:00 – Stewardship Committee
11:00 – Campus Ministry/ Young Adult
11:30 – Music
1:00 pm – Membership Committee &
Membership Coordinator

**4:00-5:30 – Appreciative Inquiry Workshop
in Fellowship Hall for all interested
congregational members and friends
(childcare provided)**

Sunday, Sept 30th

**12:45 pm - Gather in Meeting room – light
snack (bagels, etc), and childcare provided**

1:00 pm Presentation by Kay Crider

Thanks for your consideration,
Jackie Hall, Stewardship Chair & Reverend Mary Ann Macklin
FYI – As a Fair Share Member Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA),
we are receiving this service at a significant discount.

Join Fellowship Potluck Dinners held several times a year in the homes of Unitarian Universalists. Participants contribute food and conversation. Want to know more? Want to be included? Registration form can be accessed here: <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/social/index.php> or look for the Fellowship Potluck Dinners brochure in the literature racks at church. –Sandy Churchill, fwpdinners@uubloomington.org



Exploring UU Class Meets Sundays: October 7 & 21

Register by September 30

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, October 7 and Sunday, October 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the library. Sign up by September 30th at the welcome table in the foyer, or by emailing office@uubloomington.org. Free child care is provided. For more information, contact Judy Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org

Attendance and Offering

We have 470 certified members, as of 2/1/2012. Current membership is 497.

Sun, September 9, 9:15: 126; 11:15: 197; RE: 144 Total: 467

Sun, September 16, 9:15: 146; 11:15: 208; RE: n/a Total: 354

9/9 non-pledge offering: \$465; 9/16 non-pledge offering: \$610

Total to be donated to VIPS: \$269

On June 3, 2012, our members voted to donate 25% of our Sunday non-pledge offerings to Visually Impaired Preschool Services - Bloomington through June 30, 2013

For info in VIPS, visit <http://www.vips.org>

September 28 All-Congregation Potluck



- Join us on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Bring a dish to share
- Meet new members and fellowship with old friends
- Talk & slide show by John Woodcock: *Visiting Egypt in the Time of Revolution*.
- Childcare available during the program



Have Your Photo Taken for the Database Directory It's fun, it's easy, and it's FREE! We want 150 more photos!

Many thanks to the 53 people who have had their snapshots taken for our congregational database directory. When we get all the photos uploaded, members and friends will be able to log onto the database and create their own pictorial directory online. If you are wondering when would be the best day to have your photo taken, we suggest the alphabetical guide below to help moderate the traffic flow. If you really like your photo and would like a higher-resolution version of it, email office@uubloomington.org and we'll send it to you.

M-Re _____ **September 23** **Ri-Z** _____ **September 30**

People at the front of the alphabet who missed their chances earlier this month are welcome to come and have their photos taken on any other Sunday of September.

You may also upload your own photo or email us one (thumbnail size) to office@uubloomington.org See the instructions on Page 7 of the August 6 Prologue:

<http://www.uubloomington.org/uucb/prologue/pdfdocs/120806w.pdf>

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, October 1; 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: Oct 1, Oct 15, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.

UU Coffee House Friday October 19th

- Fellowship Hall Friday October 18th at 7:30pm
- Music from Sean Cortright on guitar, Kaleo Wheeler on harp, Nick Dold on piano and Dan Wyatt, classical guitar
- Readings by Carol Marks and Glee Noble
- Fun, fellowship and refreshments
- Freewill donation.
- Children are welcome. --Dave Sharp dsharp@sharpdesigns.net



Fun & Friendship at Young Adult Lunches – 2nd and 4th Sundays

All young adults (18-35 years) are invited to enjoy good food and good company at Young Adult Lunches, held on the 2th and 4th Sunday of each month. Meet us outside of the sanctuary after the 11:15 am service. As a group we'll pick a restaurant and then carpool over. Questions? Email Shari at uucampus@uubloomington.org.

Next lunch is September 23.

Unitarian Universalists Changing the World

Attention Social Justice Leaders: Apply for Social Justice Grants by October 1

The Social Justice Funds Committee encourages all social justice task forces, organizers, workers, and leaders to apply for our congregation's Fall Social Justice Grants Funding. Current grant fund balances are:

Small Grant Fund A: \$898.88 Large Grant Fund B: \$3,076.14

Projects must be based in Monroe County and be consistent with the mission of our congregation. Priority will be given to applications from (1) UU Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of congregation members, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit.

Grant application deadline is Oct 1. Request applications from Linda Patton (Impatton14@gmail.com).

--Social Justice Funds Committee



Thought for Food -- Green Sanctuary's Theme for the Year

In 2011, Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice was the adopted Statement of Conscience, recognizing the moral dimensions of our food choices. Join the Green Sanctuary Task Force as we explore Ethical Eating in the 21st century. Over the next 12 months we will offer information, discussions, workshops, films, and readings that will inspire and challenge us all, wherever we may be on our individual food journeys. In each Prologue you'll find information on upcoming activities, or email marciaveldman@gmail.com to receive a monthly update on Thought for Food.



Lunchbox Workshop Thursday, September 27

Thursday, September 27, 6:30-8PM, Fellowship Hall and the Kitchen with Stephanie Kimball and Emily Manvel Leite

Come share ideas and resources for carry-along lunches (and other meals) for kids and adults.

- *share favorite lunchbox recipes
- *show and tell about favorite re-usable containers
- *solve problems that make taking lunch difficult
- *prepare 2 accessible vegan lunch foods

Let's make taking lunch cheap, easy, healthy, AND tasty while helping the planet along the way!

WALBICUS to Worship is Sunday, October 7th!

WALBICUS (Walk, Bike, Carpool or Bus) to Worship, is the day when we join with other faith communities in Bloomington to find new ways of coming to worship in order to lighten our steps on the earth. We encourage everyone to try out a new way of getting to church on October 7th. Many of us live too far away to walk or bike, but let's each challenge ourselves to drive a little less on WALBICUS day.* What if you don't know who you can carpool with? On Sunday, September 30th, after each service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a chance to meet your UU neighbors. This is an opportunity to meet others in your larger neighborhood and to arrange carpools. See you on October 7th with your walking shoes, your bikes, and your new carpool friends!

Questions? Contact Rosalind May with the Green Sanctuary Task Force at rmay615@yahoo.com.

[*Sadly, it is not possible yet to take the Bloomington Transit bus to attend our Sunday morning services. Perhaps it will be possible someday! --Ed.]



Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors Task Force needs your help with Bounty Full Sundays (our monthly food drive on the first Sunday of each month) in the coming months. We are looking for volunteers to set up the table in the meeting room before first service on the first Sunday of each month. We also need volunteers who can collect the donated food and deliver to Monroe County United Ministries on the following Monday. This is a great way to get involved with the church and the community! Perfect for families with kids! To sign up, or for more information, please contact Cecelia Murphy: dianne.murphy1@comcast.net or 822-0309

Founders of Our UU Outlook: Dorothea Dix

Dorothea Dix (1802-1887) was raised Unitarian in a family that had squandered its wealth. Her father was an abusive alcoholic. At age 12 she ran away from home and from age 14 on she lived with an aunt in Vermont and later her grandmother in Boston. Although her father had become a Methodist, she retained her Unitarian faith and was largely self-taught. She became a school teacher and wrote books for children, including one on "common things" that became a best-seller. She never married. In 1836 she went to England and stayed with a Quaker family. She learned from them about the social reforms taking place, especially the efforts to improve the conditions of committed lunatics (as the mentally ill were then called). She returned to the US in 1840 and launched a statewide study of the mentally ill in Massachusetts and presented a paper to the state legislature denouncing the "cages, stalls, and pens" in which they were kept. She got effective passage for construction of an asylum for the mentally ill. She then went to Louisiana, Illinois, and other states to spread her movement. During the Civil War she was appointed head of nursing, but ran into conflicts because she demanded strict dress codes and training. She also alienated Republican radicals by treating Confederate wounded with the same care as Northern soldiers. After the war she returned to her lobbying efforts on behalf of the mentally ill, the deaf, dumb, and blind, as well as unemployable paupers. --Elof Axel Carlson, Congregational Historian



Administrative Moment: Preventing Fraud

Our church administrator Carol Marks recently attended a workshop on Church Fraud sponsored by the Center for Congregations. She heard some riveting and unhappy stories about congregations who lost a great deal through a lack of care in fraud prevention. Our auditor's guidelines were also reinforced by the presenter at this event. Here are a couple of tips:

- 1) Reimbursements. To be reimbursed for an item which you purchased for a congregational event or program, submit the original receipt to the administrative office (Room 204) within two weeks of the purchase date.
- 2) Cash or Check Handling. If you collect cash or checks in a congregational fundraising event, these funds must be presented for deposit to the administrative staff the same day they are received.

These policies protect every person in the congregation as well as protecting the fiscal health of our congregation as a whole.

A Selection of UU Events in the Coming Two Weeks:

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

6-7pm Leadership Cultivation Cmte
6-7pm Youth RE Committee
7-8:30pm UU Board of Directors

Thursday, September 20, 2012

7-8:30pm UU Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 21, 2012

10:30am-12pm Life Stories Writing Group
11:30am-12:30pm UU Staff Meeting

Sunday, September 23, 2012

10:30-11am Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:30-11am First Steps - Intro to UU
12:30-1pm First Steps - Intro to UU
12:45-1:45pm Just Peace Task Force

Monday, September 24, 2012

10:45-11:45am Technology Grant Cmte
7:30-9pm Reproductive Justice Task Force

More calendar info at <http://dft.ba/-1qo8>

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

2-4pm Chalice Circle - Aydt & Haynes
6:30-8pm RE Committee

Thursday, September 27, 2012

6:30-8pm Lunchbox Workshop
7-9pm Chalice Circle - J. Miller
7-8:30pm UU Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 28, 2012

6-9pm All-Church Pot-Luck

Saturday, September 29, 2012

4-5:30pm Stewardship Appreciative Inquiry
7:30-10pm Autumnal Equinox Celebration

Sunday, September 30, 2012

10:30-11am Children's Choir Rehearsal
12:45-2:30pm All-Congregation Meeting
4-5:30pm Coming of Age Program
5:30-7:30pm YRUU High School Youth Group

Monday, October 01, 2012

10:00 am Deadline for articles, The Prologue
10:45-11:45am Technology Grant Cmte

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

The Violence of Silence Sept 20

On Thursday September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monroe Co Domestic Violence Task Force is hosting a workshop: "The Violence of Silence" on domestic violence awareness and the faith Community's response. All are welcome, including ordained and lay leaders of all faiths. Ivy Tech Community College, 200 Daniels Way, Bloomington. Info, 349-3560, safeandcivil@bloomington.in.gov.

Homegrown Indiana Farm Tour - September 30 from 2 - 7 pm

Join us for an afternoon immersed in a farm's diverse ecosystem. "Ewe"nique Farm offers a special opportunity to learn about all-natural farm practices. Farm tour, hayride, grain threshing, with simple supper in the evening. \$25 per person; all ages welcome; register by Monday, September 24. www.bloomington.in.gov/farmersmarket



Radical Hospitality In Action

August and September are the peak months for guests at our church. 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 is noisy and intimidating if you don't know anyone, and YOU can help guests feel at home. Use one of the new "Welcome Mugs". Please watch for faces you don't recognize or look for people standing alone. 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. And wear your name tag! If you need a new name tag please sign up at the welcome table in the foyer. Help us welcome guests here as warmly as if they were coming to your home.

--Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator



Humanist Discussion Group Meets on Alternate Sundays

Humanist Discussion group meets on alternate Sundays at 12:45 p.m. in Room 210. 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 September 23.*



Earth Kin Celebrates Autumnal Equinox Saturday, September

29 Earth Kin will gather here Saturday, September 29th at 7:30pm to celebrate the Equinox, balance of day and night, Mabon, the second harvest festival of the Wheel of the Year and the full moon. Come and bring food to share, flowers to decorate the altar and room, what you have harvested this season (whatever it might be), and drums. With so many energies falling on one night, this should be a fun time to come together and raise our voices to the moon. Molly and Jerry will officiate this ritual. It is open to all members and friends of this congregation as well as the community at large.

Depending upon the weather, we may be outside. So, bring a lawn chair just in case.

Autumnal Blessings to all of you. Questions to : elmbeckie@yahoo.com



Ready to become a member of UU Bloomington?

If this is your community, if you feel at home here, join us! If you would like to make the commitment and become a member of UU Bloomington, the next membership ceremony is Sunday, October 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, please contact Judy Bennett, Membership Coordinator,

at 332-3695 or memcoord@uubloomington.org, no later than Wednesday, October 17th.

The Prologue

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