

The Prologue

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

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Green Sanctuary since 2007



Seeking the Spirit

Building Community

Changing the World

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to worship
October 7**

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Fundraiser
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**Samhain Celebration
October 27**

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 and Adrienne Summerlot

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

Sunday, October 7, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Do Not Let God Speak to Us, or We Will Die

Reverend Bill Breeden

Reverend Mary Ann Macklin

The first in a two-sermon series of biblical reflections. It has been years since we have gone to the Revised Common Lectionary to find sermon material. We thought it would fun to play with it again. The title of this sermon is from the response of the Hebrew people to the Ten Commandments. Come hear the responses of your ministers.

October 7 is WALBICUS to worship Sunday. See Page 5 for details.

Sunday, October 14, 2012 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Come, make gods for us

Reverend Bill Breeden

Another reflection on a biblical theme.

From the Ministers

Thanks to everyone who participated in the congregational assessment with Kay Crider from the Unitarian Universalist Association this past weekend. We learned a lot about our congregation, our dreams, and areas of focus for our future. We will continue to create new ways of hearing from all of you as we boldly go where no congregation has gone before, split infinitives included.



Reverend Macklin will be consulting with one of our sister congregations in Indianapolis, Oaklandon Unitarian Universalist Congregation, as they focus on their future as a liberal religious community. She will be in their pulpit, and so not in ours, once a month through May.

Reverend Breeden and Alan Backler of our Homelessness Task Force are looking for volunteers from our congregation to help with the Winter Shelter third Saturday overnight shift. Please contact Reverend Breeden breeden@uubloomington.org or Alan Backler abackler@aol.com for more information.

And from last week's sermon, a quote from Reverend Victoria Stafford, "Whose are you? When you walk out of your room, out of your home, into the sunlight of the day, to whom in this wide world do you belong? By whom are you called?"

Peace, Mary Ann and Bill
Reverend Mary Ann Macklin and Reverend Bill Breeden



Our Folks...

Elizabeth Lion was recently hospitalized and would appreciate cards from her friends in the congregation, sent to her home address (found in your congregational directory).

Congratulations to *Ann Robins* upon the birth of her grandson, Benjamin Tapping.

Sandy Hill's art quilts and *James Alexander Thom's* sculptures will be on display at the Ivy Tech John Waldron Arts Center, October 5-27.

Appreciating Our Community Recently Mary Ann mentioned that in times of crisis, the "community" is important. We have come to fully understand what this means. After our car accident in April, the UU community came to our aid in many wonderful ways. We had visits at the hospital, flowers, phone calls and lots and lots of cards. The Caring Committee and UU friends were super-organized and brought us food almost daily for two months while we were at Bell Trace rehab. Each of you in our UU community energized us and helped speed our recovery and you have continued to be thoughtful and caring as we continue work through our progress to a "new normal". We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your efforts, and for being part of our community. --*Harold and Denise Ogren*

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.



Photos by John Woodcock

Religious Education News



Frightful Friday Night Fun for Youth (7th grade and up) Friday, October 5th from 6-8pm

Room 210 will be full of ghoulish good fun as we plan games, create decorations and come up with artwork for the upcoming Spooktacular All-Congregational, Intergenerational Halloween Fundraiser Event (on October 20). Bring your creative minds, artistic talents and Halloween



spirit! Friends welcome. Please contact Adrienne Summerlot, dre@uubloomington.org for more information!

Holiday Gift-making Workshop Planning October 17

Do you like making useful, thoughtful gifts with children?

We could use your helping hands and creative ideas for our annual Gift Making Workshop.

We invite you to bring your ideas and a sample if possible to our meeting in Room 210 on Wednesday, October 17th from 7:15-8:30pm. Childcare provided! Contact Adrienne Summerlot dre@uubloomington.org for more information

A Spooktacular All-Congregational, Intergenerational Halloween Event October 20

A fundraiser to benefit First Book-Monroe County, supported by the UU Children's Task Force, our Religious Education program, and Bloomington Jazzercise: An Afternoon of Jazzercise, Storytelling, Games, Crafts and Healthful Snacks, Saturday, October 20th from 2:00-4:00 pm 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. Children may come in costumes, but should be comfortable to exercise and have athletic shoes. Volunteers are still needed, contact Adrienne Summerlot.



Vacation Religious Education enjoys a magic show on September 23.

Age of Reason October 21

Our Age of Reason ceremony for first graders will be happening this year on Sunday, October 21. All parents of first graders should receive a letter with details this week. If you don't, please contact the Religious Education staff on Sunday or next week to register your first grader!

Spirit Play for Worship and Religious Education

Spirit Play (using the Montessori method in worship and Sunday School) will be starting up soon here in our congregation. Our planning group will have its first meeting on Thursday, October 18 from 6-7PM with pizza and child care. Please let Reverend Emily Manvel Leite know if you might be interested in joining the group.

mre@uubloomington.org



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

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

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

UU Coffee House Friday October 19th

- Fellowship Hall Friday, October 19th 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



Young Adult Social Events

All young adults (18-35 years) are welcome to participate in several upcoming social events. Our fall camping trip will be Sat., Oct. 13 at Paynetown, Lake Monroe. Come hike, eat yummy food, and relax with friends old or new. For questions or to RSVP, please email Melinda Elston, Campus Ministry Assistant, at meelston@umail.iu.edu. You can also RSVP via the link provided on our email list or Facebook group. Young Adult Lunches are normally held on 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. In light of the camping trip, there may not be a group going to lunch on Oct. 14. There will definitely be a Young Adult lunch on Oct. 28.

Women's Alliance Meeting October 4

The Women's Alliance will meet for brown bag lunch and a program on Thursday, October 4 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. UU member Nancy Richman is the guest speaker from Volunteers in Medicine.



UUKNITarians meeting Wednesday, October 10th

- 2nd Wednesday every month at 7:30pm
- In Room 207b
- Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome
- Contact: Judy Bennett, memcoord@uubloomington.org

Unitarian Universalists Changing the World

WALBICUS to Worship is Sunday, October 7th!

WALBICUS to Worship is this 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. Let's each do what we can to get to church by walking, biking or carpooling. Many of you had the opportunity to meet neighbors at last Sunday's "Meet your UU neighbor" event after each service. If you would like to be connected with other UUs who live in your area so that you can arrange a carpool to church, please e-mail Rosalind May at rmay615@yahoo.com.



Solar Panels on the UU and You

On Sunday, September 30, the Green Sanctuary Task Force announced that it is seeking a grant in coordination with Hoosier - Interfaith Power and Light to fund solar panels for our building. The grant does not require a match, but previous successful applicants demonstrated that the grant funding would be used to leverage further action within their organization. There are two things you can do to help secure this grant; pledge to reduce your energy use and/or purchase a solar panel for the church. Commitment to these pledges is only expected if the grant is received.

Pledge to Reduce Your Energy Use - In order to apply we need one third of the congregation to pledge to aim to reduce their household energy use by 14% or, acknowledging that many of you have been working at this for a long time, below 27,500 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions for a three person household. A simple tool for calculating your household's carbon footprint can be found at: www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator. For more information on this pledge and the grant application in general, there will be information on our website this week, on the Green Sanctuary page: <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/greenSanctuaryTF.php> Email marciaveldman@gmail.com to make your energy reduction pledge today.

Donate a Solar Panel - Each panel costs about \$1,200 and if you commit to purchase one or more panels, it will help demonstrate that this congregation cares deeply about renewable energy. The response to this aspect of the grant application has been absolutely amazing with over \$37,000 committed to date. For more information on donating a panel and the grant application in general visit <http://www.uubloomington.org/invl/justice/greenSanctuaryTF.php> where info will be posted soon. Email marciaveldman@gmail.com if you're interested in donating a panel.



Rally to Stop Illegal Logging of Bat Habitat October 25 -- Green Sanctuary Task Force

Endangered Indiana bats raise their young at the top of the big hardwoods in state forests. When Indiana DNR asked for permission to log this critical habitat, they were denied permission, yet they continue, increasing logging 500%. Sparse Indiana forests may seem like a gift to be treasured and preserved, consisting of only 1% of land in the Hoosier state, nevertheless they are currently treated as a resource to be extracted. Please join the Indiana Forest Alliance Rally to Stop Illegal Logging on Thursday, October 25 from 3-5pm at the Indiana Statehouse Lawn, 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis. Want more info? middendo@gmail.com or <http://www.indianaforestalliance.org>

Clothing Swap on Saturday, October 27 10am – 12 noon in Fellowship Hall

The Green Sanctuary Task Force is hosting their spring clothing swap on Saturday, October 27th from 10 am – noon in Fellowship Hall. Keep it local, keep it green and refresh your wardrobe for free in the most earth-friendly way possible! Clean out your closets and bring your unneeded clothing (clean and in wearable condition) on Saturday, October 27th 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! To volunteer or for more info contact Stephanie at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com or (812) 333-9324.

Thought for Food - Dinner and a Movie October 28

On Sunday, October 28 from 6 - 9 pm the Green Sanctuary, as part of the year of exploration on food, Thought for Food, is hosting a potluck and movie. During the potluck, we'll explore food choices and share stories.

The movie is *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*, the story of one man, his farm and his family. But Farmer John is not your stereotypical Midwestern farmer. He's equal parts performance artist, writer and farmer, who has been known to switch out of his overalls into leopard latex or a purple feathered boa. Learn about the challenges of farming through Farmer John's entertaining story. Childcare will be provided, but advance notice is required—email Adrienne Summerlot at dre@uubloomington.org by October 15. For more information contact Stephanie Kimball at kimball.stephanie@gmail.com or (812) 333-9324.



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



Fellowship Potluck Dinners For October

Is the coffee hour too brief for that conversation? Would you like to become better

acquainted with the folks you meet there? Consider taking part in this series of potlucks held in the homes of friends and members. Contact Sandy Churchill at fwpdinners@uubloomington.org if you'd like to take part in the dinner to be held in November.

Here is the October list of dinners:

HOST: Bill Baus

Barbara Edmonds
Abby Gitlitz & Matt Stonecipher
Jackie Hall & Lloyd Orr
Diann & Ted Lock
Hwa-Mei & Bruce Shei

HOST: Dick & Cathy Hiatt

Bob & Libby DeVoe
Melinda Elston & Jonathan Kidwell

Molly Gleeson
Kathleen Houppert

HOST: Chuck Horowitz & Cecelia Murphy

Pat Aungst
Ruth Aydt & Von Welch
Carolyn & David Emmert
Deborah Hill & Dave Parkhurst
Barb Lund
Beverly McGahey

HOST: Raymond & Rita Rust

Sandy & Fred Churchill
Steven & Kathy Gilbert
Harriet & Jim Kulis

HOST: Peter Schwandt & Dixie Welch

Tom Albright & Patsy Flint
Mary Bent
Ann LeDuc
Denise & Harold Ogren
Linda & Charlie Pickle



UU History For You – Michael Servetus

Michael Servetus, the Reformation, and the role of heresy in shaping Unitarianism

Michael Servetus was born in Spain in 1511 and perished in Geneva at the stake as a heretic in 1553. His father was Catholic and his mother's ancestry was from converted Jews (Conversos). One of his brothers was a Catholic priest. Servetus had a talent for scholarship and in 1531 published his first book *Errors of the Trinity*. This led to accusations of heresy and to avoid arrest, Servetus used a pseudonym, Michel de Villeneuve, and moved often, frequently switching fields. He wrote about cartography, Ptolemaic astronomy, astrology, and medicine. He is best known for his working out the pulmonary circulation. He argued that blood is pumped by the heart to the lungs so that it could be transformed by fresh air and stale air exhaled from the lungs. While he was a student he made the acquaintance of John Calvin and they corresponded for many years, with Servetus sending critiques of Calvin's work and Calvin critiquing the work of Servetus. Servetus began arguing forcefully

that Christianity should purge itself of the doctrine of original sin, that baptism of infants was unnecessary, and that predestination was uncalled for, God instead condemning those who condemned themselves. His most flagrant claim, for Calvin, was the argument that Jesus was God in disguise to preach to humanity and, after the Crucifixion, Jesus played no further role in Heaven, God being the only deity.

Elof Axel Carlson, Congregational Historian



Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar November 30 & December 1st

The Bazaar Book Sale Is Coming! How To Prepare...

Now that the weather has a welcome chill in the air, curl up and read those books stacked by your easy chair. Then set them aside for the Holiday Bazaar Book Sale. Or, better yet, cull through your shelves for the books previously read and make room for your new adventures in reading. Bring both sets of books to the church the week before the Bazaar, beginning November 25. We will take everything that is not moldy or musty.

Questions? Contact Abby Downey at abbyjim.downey@comcast.net or 812-824-7755

UU Groups Bazaar Space Application Deadline: November 1

The 54nd annual Holiday Art Fair and Bazaar will take place on November 30th and December 1st. UU task forces and other non-profit groups who want booth space must apply to the Bazaar Committee by November 1st. Space is limited as you know, so we appreciate your cooperation. Contact Julie Lawson 335-1856 or juliakarin.j8@gmail.com or Joanne Henriot 855-6571 or jhenriot@indiana.edu for application forms or if you have questions.



Yay! It's Been Raining! We on the Grounds Committee have wished for rain all summer. Now we've had a lot, and lo and behold, the trees are breathing a sigh of relief and the grass is growing again--and needs cutting again. It's time to resurrect the "Mowers and Shakers" subcommittee. Anyone interested in taking a turn or two with the lawn mower between now and frost should contact John Lawson 335-1856 or lawsonjr1@sbcglobal.net. Lawnmower and getting started instructions provided.

Community Connections: Our Faith in Action

Further your UU Education with Cambridge Forum

There are several interesting programs on the agenda for the Cambridge Forum, created by First Parish in Cambridge. You can find them on www.Youtube.com, where they air at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct 3, Oct 10, and Nov 7. Topics include: "May Doctors Help You Die?" "What's the Economy For, Anyway?" and MIT's Noam Chomsky on "Censoring Children." More info here: www.cambridgeforum.org



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 October 1: "Competition and Cooperation" with discussion led by Margareth Gohn.*



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.

Attendance and Offering

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

Sun, September 23, 9:15: 102; 11:15: 184; RE: 82 Total: 368

Sun, September 30, 9:15: 118; 11:15: 205; RE: 184 Total: 507

9/23 non-pledge offering: \$438; 9/30 non-pledge offering: \$376

Total to be donated to VIPS: \$204

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>

Grocery Card Sales: September 23 \$3025, income to UUCB: \$151.25;

September 30 \$1750, income to UUCB: \$87.50.

Next Issue of this newsletter: Monday, October 15; deadline for articles **10:00 a.m.** Articles received after 10:00 a.m. on the date of publication will be used in the next issue. 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 15, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, Dec 17. On federal Monday holidays, The Prologue is not published and our offices are closed.



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A Selection of UU Events in the Coming Two Weeks:					
Wednesday, October 3, 2012			Wednesday, October 10, 2012		
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Family Dinner and Worship		12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Hope for Prisoners Task Force	
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Holiday Bazaar Committee		6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Intuitive Exploration	
Thursday, October 4, 2012			Thursday, October 11, 2012		
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Women's Alliance		1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	First Book Fundraiser	
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	Elder Focus Task Force		6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	The Bible Back Down to Earth	
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	UU Choir Rehearsal		7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Chalice Circle - J. Miller	
Friday, October 5, 2012			Friday, October 12, 2012		
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Life Stories Writing Group		10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Life Stories Writing Group	
Saturday, October 6, 2012			Saturday, October 13, 2012		
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	UU Board of Directors Fall Retreat		6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Drum Circle - Earth Kin	
Sunday, October 7, 2012			Sunday, October 14, 2012		
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Habitat Task Force		9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Safe Talk - Suicide Prevention	
12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Green Sanctuary Task Force		Sunday, October 14, 2012		
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Humanist Forum		10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	RE Teacher Breakfast	
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Chalice Circle - Cauble & Taylor		12:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Parent Talk	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Exploring Unitarian Universalism		12:45 PM - 2:15 PM	Intro to the Urantia Book	
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	A Year of Living Class		5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	YRUU High School Youth Group	
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	YRUU High School Youth Group		Monday, October 15, 2012		
Monday, October 8, 2012			10:00 AM		Deadline for articles, The Prologue
10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Technology Grant Cmte		10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Technology Grant Cmte	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Adult Religious Ed Cmte		5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Caring Committee Meeting	
6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	The Creative Soul of Richard Wagner		6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Chalice Circle Facilitators	
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir		7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Citizens Concerned about I-69 Project	
Tuesday, October 9, 2012			7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Voces Novae Chamber Choir	
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chalice Circle - Ayt & Haynes				

For additional event information, go to our online calendar: <http://dft.ba/-1VUj>

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STAGED READING OCTOBER 17 Don't Miss THE CATS THAT CAN – A Musical Staged Reading - October 17th, 7:00pm., Fellowship Hall, featuring UU friends and members Cindy Beaulé, Jeffrey Huntsman, Steve Pollitt, Robin Lea Pyle & Jennifer Whitaker; benefiting Feral Cat Friends of B-ton; free admission! Info: Robin Pyle sveltigra@gmail.com

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