

# The Journey



The Newsletter of the Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society

June 2005

## Pastoral Letter from the Rev. William G. Sinkford President, Unitarian Universalist Association

Memorial Day, 2005

Dear Friends,

As the death toll in Iraq continues to climb, many of us, as people of faith, are struggling to find a way to respond.

As a religious community, Unitarian Universalists do not say that war is never justified: we are not a “peace church.” But most of us view war as an absolute last resort, to be embarked upon only when all other avenues have failed, or when we have been attacked. Most of us do not believe this war met those tests. Many of us have written our legislators, some of us have stood vigil for peace, a few of us have protested. Almost all of us fear that this occupation will damage our credibility as a freedom-loving nation; almost all of us fear that we are, with our own hands, helping to birth the next generation of terrorists who will threaten our safety.

The questions involved here are not simple.

From my office at 25 Beacon Street, I look out on the memorial to the brave Black soldiers of the Massachusetts 54th and their White Unitarian Colonel. These men are buried in South Carolina, having given their lives to end slavery in the American South during the Civil War.

This year, we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps by American soldiers at the end of World War II.

As we approach Memorial Day, when we honor the memory of our young women and men who gave their lives fighting for our nation, we remember these proud moments, when American soldiers have freed captives and liberated hope.

But wars look different in the rearview mirror than they do through the windshield.

Historians would remind us that the Civil War was not begun to end slavery, and that stopping genocide figured not one whit in the American decision to enter World War II. We deal here, perhaps, with unintended consequences—consequences, nonetheless, that righted grave wrongs and redeemed great losses.

Perhaps our invasion and occupation of Iraq will have the beneficial consequences our national leadership claims they will. Perhaps democratic government will flourish in Iraq and encourage the spread of democracy throughout that region. Perhaps the lives of ordinary Iraqis will improve, after decades of suffering. Perhaps these developments will, in time, redeem the many lost lives and the heavy toll on our nation’s soul.

Like many of you, I find these outcomes unlikely. Before the invasion, we raised questions: did Saddam Hussein truly have weapons of mass destruction that threatened us? Would our troops be welcomed as liberators or reviled as occupiers? What role did the presence of Iraq’s oil resources play in our decision to invade, and who would control them once Saddam was gone? How could our nation embrace a policy of unilateral pre-emptive war? Our fears have proven well founded, our voices have gone unheard, and there is no end in sight to the bloodshed. Frustration and sadness fill our hearts; we feel powerless to alter the course of this war.



**The cairn at the UU Congregation  
of Fairfax, VA**

**Iraqi Civilian Dead: 24,106**

**US Military Dead: 1,580**

**\*As of April, 2005**

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# Pastoral Letter

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What can we do? At the very least, religious communities can bear witness to the human cost of the war. In Fairfax, VA, 350 members of the UU Congregation of Fairfax gathered on May 15 to construct and dedicate an Iraq War Memorial Cairn. The cairn is based on a Scottish tradition: every soldier headed for battle would add one stone to a pile near where they expected the fighting to take place. Afterward, each surviving soldier would collect his stone on the way home; the remaining pile served both to number and memorialize those who lost their lives. The Fairfax cairn bears witness to the loss of both Americans and Iraqis, soldiers and civilians.

The congregation has published a flyer that notes another meaning for the cairn: "In sparse locations, stone cairns are used to mark a path—to point people in the right direction."

We are frustrated, we are sad; there seems so little we can do. But we can bear witness. Congregation by congregation, we can pile stones, honoring those who have sacrificed everything. Memorial by memorial, we can bear witness to the unbearably high cost of war. Cairn by cairn, perhaps we can point our nation toward a better path.

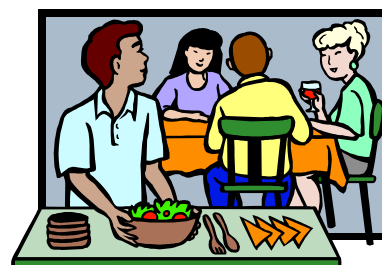
In faith,  
The Rev. William G. Sinkford  
President  
Unitarian Universalist Association



*Our own Joyce Johnson was pictured in a Times-Union article on Memorial Day walking among the Silent March exhibit, organized by Wage Peace at Memorial Park. The quarter-mile exhibit listed 1,656 soldiers and sailors who have perished during the war in Iraq. It showed the fallen soldiers faces and briefly described how they died. It also honored the 13,348 troops injured during the war, as well as the Iraqi civilian casualties. Wage Peace is a Jacksonville non-profit group that promotes peace and non-violence. The members at Memorial Park all said they supported the troops but disapproved of the war in Iraq. "It's Memorial Day, and we've lost too many people in this war," group member Joyce Johnson said. "I wanted to think of them, and what they've done for our country."*

There's still time to register for Fort Worth General Assembly, June 23-27!

Enjoy all the programs and activities of GA, including music from Pete Seeger, the Ware Lecture with Elaine Pagels, commentary from George Lakoff, Robert McChesney, and Jim Hightower, the introduction of new UU music for congregational singing, and much more. Can't come to GA? The UUA will be streaming more than twenty hours of GA live to you on [uua.org](http://uua.org)!



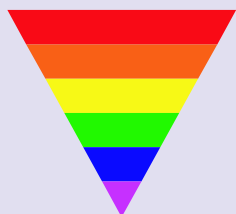
## Summer Circle Suppers

### Hosts Choose the Date!

If you would like to host a Circle Supper sometime in June, July, or August you may choose the date that fits into your summer calendar. This may be a fun time to have a cookout, picnic, be creative or stick to the traditional. Give Jonnie the date that you have chosen and she'll take care of the sign up sheets for guests. Jonnie will also answer any questions that you might have.

880-3511 or

[bamdjlong@comcast.net](mailto:bamdjlong@comcast.net)



### FIRST COAST PRIDE FESTIVAL • Sunday August 7th 12n-8pm Jacksonville Beach Sea Walk Pavilion

BBUUS has committee to sharing a table with UUCJ for this event. The PRIDE festival is always great fun with tables and displays, music, food, the beach, a children's play area, and folks of all persuasions coming out to show support for the GLBT community.



# Milestones

Congratulations to three of our Teens who graduated from High School this year, and were honored at church on Religious Education Sunday. **Dani Atran, Kenny Maskell and Lauren Spade** were presented with chalices during a recognition ceremony.

**Dani Atran** graduated from Allen D. Nease High School in St. John's County. She is planning to attend Flagler College in St. Augustine in the fall, and has become a member of our congregation as well. We hope to provide Dani with lots of support and encouragement next year as she continues her education, and integrates into the congregation in her new role as an active member. We are pleased to have her as an "official" part of our congregation!



**Dani**

**Kenny Maskell** graduated from Stanton College Prep with honors and over a 4.1 GPA. He is an AP Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society, and is National Merit Commended. He received an award for Outstanding Achievement in AP Government, Physics Honors I and English Honors II. Kenny will be attending the



**Kenny**

University of Florida's Honors Program in the fall, and will be working as a camp counselor this summer at the JCA.



**Lauren**

**Lauren Spade** graduated from Douglas Anderson Schools of the Arts with a concentration in Music. She was awarded an Arts Area Seal from the school and was instrumental in forming a campus GLBT group to promote support and social justice within the school and the community at large. Lauren will be attending the University of North Florida with her major in Business. We hope to continue to see Lauren at BBUUS when she's not busy with school and/or work!



**Katie**

Another familiar face at BBUUS is **Katie Kloss**, daughter of Bob and Debbie Spratley. Katie will graduate Summa Cum Laude from St. Johns Country Day School on June 2nd. Katie has attended St. Johns since first grade. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society, St. Johns Singers, the Service Club, the Spanish Club and is President of the French Club. Katie has taken the National French Exam for three years and was nationally ranked all three years. She also took the National Spanish Exam for level 4 Spanish and was also nationally ranked for this exam. Katie was also a member of the JV and Varsity Softball teams at St. Johns.

She has won numerous awards for her foreign language skills in French and Spanish. Katie spent her Junior year as an exchange student in La Ciotat, France. She has been awarded an academic Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and will attend the University of Florida. Katie plans to have a double major of French and International Relations.

**Lori McMullen**, granddaughter of Phyllis Higginbotham, received her degree from Florida State and she is moving back to Jacksonville to pursue a career in Public Relations.



**Madison Mallard** (aka Quackers the clown) age 11, is a proud member of the 2005 graduating class of Gator Clowns of Jacksonville. Graduation was held May 3rd, after 8 weeks of classes on topics such as face painting, balloon animals, and acting.

The Gator Clowns are the oldest and largest volunteer Clown club in the US, they participate in many parades and charity events.

Quackers is very excited to start her clowning career and hopes to bring smiles to everyone she meets.



## Remember Water!

As you go out and about this summer on vacations, outings, and as you celebrate special reunions and family moments, don't forget to collect water for our Ingathering and Water Sharing Service, traditionally held at BBUUS in August or September. The waters can be from a special space your visit far away, or even from right at home, or nearby – representing something meaningful that you are doing this summer, or any time throughout the year. TIP: A plastic film container makes a great "water collector" for this purpose.



## Caring Committee Meeting

There will be a Caring Committee meeting on June 9th at the home of Linda Spade at 7pm. They will be discussing the Caring Committee for next year and current business. Please give Linda a call (880-0537) for any members of BBUUS who are interested in finding out more about the Caring Committee and possibly participating for next year.

## Lunch Bunch is Thriving

We had another outstanding turnout of nine members at Sweet Tomatoes in May. Frances was there and was delighted to entertain little Abby while Tara got their lunches. Ed was back with us and is going to start coming to Sunday meetings again. Lorie and Grace kept the rest of us giggling and it was all so much fun that they practically had to throw us out. We're looking forward to June, come join us!

**We will meet at the Ramada Inn on Wednesday, June 15 at Noon**

Please tell Jonnie (880-3511) or Grace (370-1387) if your coming.



## June Birthdays:

06/04 ..... Kimberly Kines  
 06/10 ..... Deborah Cillo  
 06/11 ..... Jennifer Stokes  
 06/15 ..... Joyce Johnson  
 06/18 ..... Leslie Sheffield  
 06/19 ..... Carole Sandman  
 06/24 ..... John Ruskuski  
 06/25 ..... Anna Glassman  
 06/26 ..... Catharine Mallard  
 06/27 ..... Bill Smith  
 06/27 ..... Lee Smith  
 06/27 ..... Becky Welty  
 06/30 ..... Nicholas Glassman

## Anniversaries:

06/11 ..... Mark & Robin Yount  
 06/12 ..... Ernie Lightfoot & Nelson DeJesus  
 06/20 ..... Bill & Jonnie Long  
 06/26 ..... Reverend Jack & Kathy Ford  
 06/27 ..... Dave & Donna Nagy

## Social Action

I have really enjoyed being your Social Action chair for the last 2 years. Now it is time for someone else to take over the reins. If you have a desire to head up this great chair this is your chance. Please let me, or anyone on the board, know and I will be glad to get all the information to you. This can be a fun and very rewarding position. Come get involved, you'll be glad you did!

*Peace, Deborah Cillo*

# BBUUS Annual Meeting 5/22/05:

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am by the president Jim Krause and a quorum was established. The year in review was presented in writing and then Jim touched on several of the high points. The highlight of this years accomplishments of course was the purchase of the Collins Road property. However we had several other capital improvements of note including the podium and the recording equipment cart. There is also a backdrop that is still under final construction. There have been flood repairs both upstairs and downstairs, furniture donated, and another doorway added to the ladies room. There was a major bylaws change approved by the congregation establishing a trustee form of organization for the board. The committee's were all congratulated for doing a great job this year (and on a shoestring budget was the commentary). Pam Edwards-Roine and Steve McCullar will continue to serve on the building task force.

Linda Mowers presented the slate of nominations from the nominating committee:

President: David Rulison  
Vice President: Valerie Bouffard  
Secretary: Kris Kines  
Treasurer: Joyce Johnson

2-yr. Trustee: Tom Kolls  
2-yr. Trustee: Glynda McNew  
1-yr. Trustee: Jonnie Long

Nominating Committee: Judy Culpepper, Barry Heath, Pat Ray

Any other nominations were called for from the floor; none were made. It was decided to on vote the entire

slate at one time. Barry Mowers made the motion to approve the slate by acclamation. Jennifer Stokes seconded. The congregation unanimously approved. the slate.

Jeff Alstadt presented the budget. Touching on Building development and what that means in the budget set off discussions on a building timetable. However, the discussion was tabled in favor of a better forum. Mark Yount moved to approve the budget as presented, Barry Mowers seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm

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## Refreshments and Fellowship

As many of you know, there was some lively discussion last month on BBUUS YahooGroups about the importance of refreshments and the practicality of finding hosts for them on Sunday mornings. We appreciate everyone's input on the topic through the on-line group and in person. The comments were taken to the Membership Committee meeting last month and a consensus was arrived to continue the tradition of refreshments. Most feel that it is important to the creation of fellowship following the service. However, several good points were brought up that should be shared with the members and friends who wish to volunteer. Each person has varying interests and abilities and available time when it comes to food preparation for hospitality. Refreshments can be kept very simple by the volunteers. If someone loves to bake and wants to go "all out" to create delicacies to share, you know our folks will love and appreciate it.

Otherwise, they will also love and appreciate the simplicity of coffee, tea and a cookie. Don't be intimidated by those gourmets among us!

Also, the committee wants to encourage volunteers to sign up in pairs or groups. What a great way to get to know your fellow congregants! Ask them to go in with you to provide the refreshments. Many hands make light work, and many wallets make light expenses! This is a great way to work together and help each other!

When there is no volunteer signed up for a particular Sunday, coffee, tea and juice will be provided for all after the service. There will be no effort to recruit a volunteer at the last minute, or to have someone from the committee run out for doughnuts after the service.

Last year, we began a new tradition of having our teenagers provide the refreshments on the last Sunday of the month. This will continue. On this Sunday, a basket is placed at the refreshment table for donations to be given in exchange for the goodies. The monies raised go into the youth's fund for their Boston trip. We hope everyone will continue to be generous. We will also be placing a donation box at the coffee service next month so that you can deposit some change, if you are able, to supplement the "Fair Trade" coffee that we are serving.

Take a turn signing up for this important "ministry." We also continue to need folks to volunteer as greeters, distributing the orders of service at the door on Sundays, and greeting each person with a smile and a "welcome" as they enter our church. The signup sheets are located at the door to the left of the entrance as you walk in.

Frances Kennicutt,  
Membership Chair



# From Your DRE

On May 11, a group of BBUUS members and friends met to begin a formal discussion relating to creating a covenant for handling disagreements if/when they arise and, as part of this, to discuss issues of tolerance. It was a productive, thoughtful meeting which began a process which everyone wants to continue, so the two sessions of Adult Enrichment in June will focus on more of the same. The dates are June 8 and 22 from 7-8 PM at the Mandarin Community Club. If you were unable to make the first meeting, please know that you are very welcome to attend the meetings in June. A big part of what we see as important in this process is involvement of as many people in the BBUUS community as possible. I'll be posting information on our discussion website that references that first meeting along with the other meetings as they occur. If you want more information, please feel free to give me a call or send an email.

Our summer programming for Enrichment will scale down a little, as so many of us will be on vacations. Watch "The Journey", the Sunday orders of service, and the discussion site on the web for more information throughout the summer.

May was an exciting month for our children's RE program, with a trip to Fort Clinch where there was a reenactment taking place ("Have we really gone back in time? I've seen some things that I think are from today!" from a couple of our elementary kids), then on to pizza, putt-putt golf under a waterfall, and a campout in my front yard complete with tents, a fire, smores, and songs. Special thanks to Joani Maskell, Christine Rathberg, and Dani Atran for all their help in making it a memorable event!

Thanks, also, to all of you who supported our RE Sunday by your attendance and your interaction with the children and youth. It was particularly wonderful to be able to wish our graduating seniors well. We are very blessed in this church by our young people, and I think they are blessed to have such a loving church home.

Here's the quote from that service that some of you asked about. "In a house which becomes a home, one hands down and another takes up the heritage of mind and heart, laughter and tears, musings and deeds. Love, like a carefully loaded ship, crosses the gulf between the generations." (by Saint Exupery)

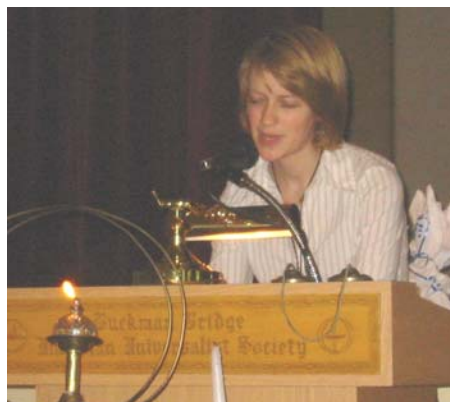
See you in church,

Brenda



## R.E. Sunday

May 22, 2005

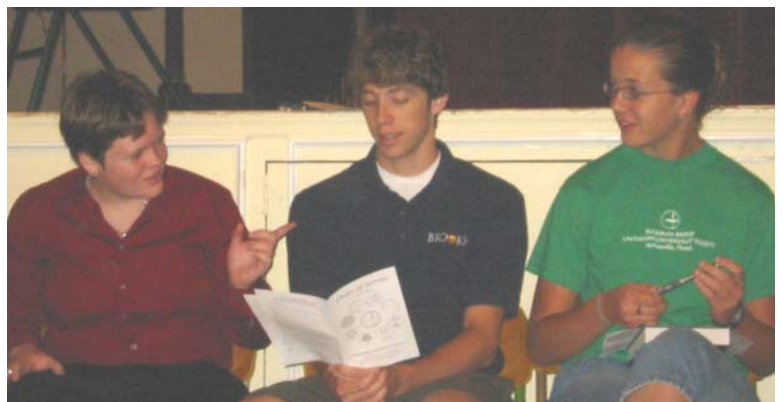
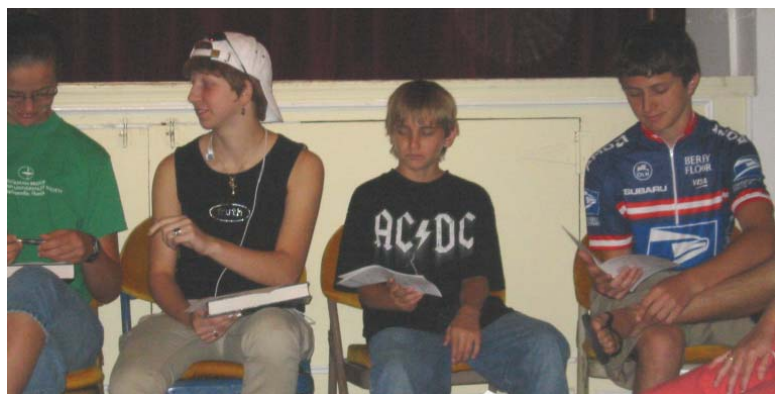




# Religious Education Sunday

May 22, 2005

*Many thanks to our wonderful  
Religious Education Leaders and Teachers!  
We value our children and youth at  
BBUUS...They are the greatest!*



# FINANCE

## Annual Report for 2004-2005

It has been a busy and rewarding year for your Finance Committee. We have carefully monitored BBUUS's present needs and planned for future growth, setting guidelines to keep our church solvent and prepared to get mortgage financing in the future for our own building.

### Accomplishments:

- New non-profit QuickBooks software installed on laptop and old data converted to new program for use by Treasurer
- Began laddering CDs to increase investment potential of Building Fund money
- Donation Form produced for congregation to use for Sunday refreshments and other product gifts to church
- Fundraisers – Thrifting, bake-sale, pancake breakfast, garage sale raised funds for a future church building
- Annual Canvass - Written pledges, estimated pledges, and other contributions are expected to cover church expenses for 2005-2006, including an increase of \$1,000 each month to our "virtual" mortgage payment

### Capital Improvement Projects and Building Task Force Accomplishments

- Procured new lectern/altar table and sound/light control console cabinet for use during Sunday services
- Installation of another door into ladies' restroom at Mandarin Community Club where Sunday services are presently held
- Researched various properties for sale. The Hindu Center property was reappraised at \$830,000, making it unaffordable
- In November, 2004, found 2.10 acre parcel of land located at Collins Rd./Manresa Ave. to consider for future church building
- Made property contract offer of \$75,000 in December, 2004 with contingencies that property must be found suitable for church's intended use and congregation must approve; seller accepted
- Town Hall Meeting on March 6 to discuss property with congregation
- Congregational Meeting to vote on property acquisition held March 20; result was unanimous "yes"
- Duval Zoning Commission approved Exception for use of property for a church for one year beginning 3/24/05 – one year extension may be possible
- Closed on property on April 6, 2005
- Deed for property recorded 4/25/05; filing for real estate tax exemption for 2006 in process

We are grateful for the guidance of the Board and help from all our committee members in making this year productive and successful. Insuring the church's financial health is dependent on all our members and we thank each of you for supporting our goals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Allstadt and Bonnie McCullar (Finance Co-Chairs)



## Lessons

Joani Maskell is offering swimming lessons over the summer to BBUUS children on Sundays after church from 11:30 to 12:30. With the exception of June 16-27, and the 4th of July weekend, Joani is available to teach in her pool at 11775 Sparkleberry Lane, just down the road from the church.

Joani asks that, in exchange for the lessons, the parents make a **donation to the church** in whatever amount they are comfortable with.

Joani has over 20 years of swim teaching experience, and is current in American Red Cross Training, Life Guard, Water Safety Instructor, and CPR. To make a date for classes, get more information, or directions -- contact Joani Maskell at 535-5517.

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It will be a great thing for the human soul when it finally stops worshipping backwards.

— Charlotte Perkins Gilman

I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.



# Get to Know Your New Board Members

This month we will feature info on the new officers of the board who will begin their terms on July 1st. Next month, we will introduce you to the Trustees and the Nominating Committee.

## DAVID RULISON, President

David Rulison's life journey has taken him many places around the world, and his spiritual journey has been equally exciting. David has a BS in



Chemistry from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Oklahoma State

University. He enjoyed a long and successful professional career, primarily as an expert in environmental control technology for The Standard Oil Company (Ohio) and British Petroleum. During his time with BP, he lived in England for several years and worked extensively with BP's European operations in addressing environmental control issues. Upon returning to the US, David took a job with McDermott Technology, Inc. and successfully managed the cleanup of a radioactively contaminated site in Ohio. Currently David works as a sales associate in hardware at a Home Depot in Jacksonville. He says, "I have been very fortunate in my professional career. I have done so much more than I ever imagined I would as a young man. Now I am content doing less stressful work that allows me to interact with people in a positive way."

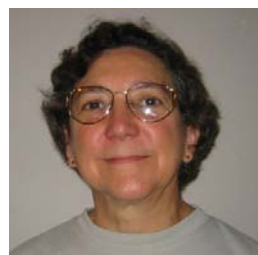
On the spiritual side, David has been a seeker for most of his life. He says, "I have learned that I cannot separate my spiritual life from the other parts of my life. They are all joined together into a single journey. My journey has

taken me to some very high highs and some very low lows. Along the way I found the answers to some very important questions and have arrived at a place where I have compassion and tolerance for everyone. It is a very good place to be. I am very much at home as a Unitarian Universalist and am very happy to have found BBUUS."

David has two daughters. Suzanne Messina and her family live in Dallas, TX, and Heidi Rulison Karl and her family live in Jacksonville. David has five loving grandchildren. Currently single, David lives with his wonderful big dog Oscar. He is currently exploring the many creeks and marshes around Jacksonville in his kayak.

## VALERIE BOUFFARD, Vice Pres.

A UU since 1982, Valerie moved to Florida a year ago from her long-time home in Connecticut to be closer to



her son and three grandchildren. She was very active at her church in Manchester, worked on a number of

committees, and took part in many discussions regarding church focus, policy, etc. She was co-chair for the church Craft Fair and Toy Fair, which were very large fundraisers for the congregation, and co-edited the church newsletter. Valerie was also on the liaison committee for their student minister, and she taught religious education classes as well as assisted with children's programs. She attended the Northeast Leadership School, so is well trained in UU polity, culture, and leadership skills.

In addition to her activities and jobs at church, Valerie has also been involved in her condo board in Connecticut, the Manchester Community College Alumni Association, and is currently on her homeowner's association board here in Florida. She is currently single, and loves her job at Mayo Clinic as secretary to the Clinical Education Department. Valerie is an enthusiastic participant at BBUUS, and also enjoys the theatre, as well as physical activities.

## KRIS KINES, Secretary

Kris Kines grew up in Duval County, graduating from Fletcher High School and then from FJC (now FCCJ) with an AA and an AS in Dental Hygiene.



She passed the State Boards and practiced in her field for 15 years. Married to Bill in 1989, she is the

dedicated mother of Kory, Kirby, and Kimberly Kines.

These days Kris is a full time parent who volunteers at least one day a week at each of her children's schools. She served as the Parliamentarian of Montclair Elementary's PFA for the past two years and, next year will serve on their board as Vice President. She has been an active member at BBUUS since 2001. Kris loves to lay lead, and regularly attends the Membership, RE, Program, and Finance Committee meetings. She also delivers the occasional pulpit presentation and has facilitated New UU classes and lay leader training. When Kris is not busy with her family, home, school or church, she enjoys letting her hair down at outdoor music festivals and concerts. She enjoys philosophical discussions, and prides in giving her children strong roots and wings.

## JOYCE JOHNSON, Treasurer

"It was our children that brought us to the UU church. I needed help taking them to Sunday School and the only church my husband David was



willing to attend was the local UU church in Milford, NH, in 1973. So I have been a UU for over

32 years," says Joyce Johnson, our Treasurer who has been nominated for a second term.

Joyce tells us that she first became a treasurer in eighth grade. Her best friend and other girls wanted to be sec-

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# UUA Trustee Tidbits

Joan Lund

The warm weather has arrived and soon it will be time to journey to Ft. Worth for the 2005 General Assembly where I hope to see and talk with many Florida UUs. It is not too late to register and become part of this exciting, learning-filled, and fun event. I especially encourage the presidents of our Florida congregations to be in attendance. Your registration will be paid for, and there will be many leadership workshops and a special time scheduled with the Moderator, President, and Trustees.

This month I want to talk briefly about the UU Partner Church Council (PCC) and why our international engagement and partnership is so important. At the UUA Trustees October, 2004 meeting the Board declared: "The work of the UUA is to serve member congregations and support UU institutions bearing witness to our liberal religious faith and bringing our principles to life. Mindful of both the brokenness and the potential for reconciliation in the world, the Board of the UUA commits to strengthen and energize UUA member congregations by facilitating their connection to the transforming power of international engagement and partnership."

The UU PCC was founded in 1993 to focus/coordinate grassroots energy of many UU churches which had formed partnerships with Unitarian churches in Europe following the collapse of Communism in December, 1989. Today the PCC supports the partnerships of almost 200 North American UU churches partnered with Unitarian and Universalists in many parts of the world. The PCC is an affiliate organization of the UUA which can be reached at [www.uupcc.org](http://www.uupcc.org).

The PCC has stated the international commitment of North American UUs has often been weak and lacked staying power. Sometimes resources have been lacking to see global commitments through or our self-interest/centeredness has caused UUs to shrink from global calling. The need for international understanding and encouragement of global citizenship has never been more important. We are in an era of instantaneous communication, with increasing awareness of the interdependency of people and their struggles for social justice. The PCC and the PC movement intend to establish global citizenship as a common commitment of liberal religion and integral to the core identity of all UUs and every UU congregation. A number of steps will be taken to accomplish these goals.

Two interesting programs will be offered at GA by the PCC: (1) Strengthening Congregations through International Partnership, and (2) Goal: World Community—A Broader Vision of Partnership. Hopefully they will be well attended. Contact me at [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or (813) 931-9727 for further information, concerns, and questions.

# Twelve Rules of Spiritual Wisdom

(Author Unknown )

submitted by Dr. Gandhi

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open.
3. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
4. Dear God, I have a problem, it's me.
5. Laugh every day, it is like inner jogging.
6. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
7. The most important things in your home are the people.
8. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
9. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
10. It is all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
11. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk taking. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
12. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.

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## Joyce Johnson (continued from previous page)

retary, so she ran for treasurer, and won by default as no one else wanted that job. She was also treasurer for a club in high school. Eventually she moved to Pittsfield, MA (from 1976 to 1993). There she was an outpatient (office) Obstetrical nurse, where she spent several of the years also doing the accounts receivable, payroll, and IRS payments for the doctor. In Pittsfield, she was also Collector in the UU church there for two years, as well as RE teacher, About Your Sexuality facilitator, Membership committee, RE committee, Social Activities committee and member of the Board.

Here at BBUUS Joyce was treasurer from July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2002 - following several treasurers who held the position for less than a year. She was also elected to the position last year and is looking forward to continuing this year. "As a nurse," says Joyce, "I deal with lots of human emotion - joy, sadness, worry and concern. I like being treasurer as it is unemotional and there is always a right answer - a nice contrast to nursing. Five months ago I learned that being a grandmother is a nice contrast to both."



# June Schedule of Services

Worship Services are held Sunday Mornings at 10:00,  
Adult Enrichment Programs and other activities are held on Wednesday evenings at  
The Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Rd. (corner of Brady Rd.),  
Jacksonville, Florida, unless otherwise noted  
Church Phone: 904-276-3739 • Community Club Phone (Sunday a.m. only): 904-268-1622

June 5 Rev. Diane Davis, *"Cell Phones and Other Distracting Stuff"*  
Pat Ray, Lay Leader  
Rev. Davis is a minister with the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

## 12:30 p.m. Workshop: "Being a Visionary In Today's World" with Rev. Diane R. Davis

Do you have keen foresight for your future? Do you want more focus and clarity for your life & your future? Would you like to spend an afternoon joyfully exploring those possibilities?

Diane will facilitate a workshop of intuitive/visionary meditations as well as discuss Natural Law - a timeless awareness of our existence. As a teacher, medium and minister for over 27 years she will weave delightful humor with wisdom and insights to assist you into your tomorrow.

Registration: \$15 (pay at the workshop)

R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend: [admin@bbuus.org](mailto:admin@bbuus.org) or place your name on the signup sheet at church.

June 12 **Dr. Mark Yount**, *"You Can't Flee the Battle Until You Have Nothing to Protect"*  
Some of us follow spiritual paths where we try to practice non-attachment. But sometimes, by choice or by circumstance, we find ourselves in roles where we have to fight for something. The dilemma: Can I be engaged, protecting what's important to me, without being consumed in the conflict?  
Kris Kines, Lay Leader

June 19 **The Rev. Jack Ford**, *"Mark My Words: (a 'Linguistic Theology')"*  
Language is a valuable tool for almost any occupation or relationship. Words are an alembic; filtering emotions and refining thoughts. Jack will compose a spiritual contrivance of his favorite words, and invite you to bring your own personal lexicon, as we go in search of mot juste.  
Karen Allstadt, Lay Leader

June 26 **Billie Lombardo**, Executive Director of Clay County Habitat for Humanity  
Deborah Cillo, Lay Leader

July 3 **The Rev. Ann Marie Alderman**  
Pat Ray, Lay Leader

## June Greeters

June 5..... Bonnie McCullar  
June 12 .... Frances Kennicutt  
June 19 .... Open  
June 26 .... Open



## June Refreshment Hosts

June 5..... Cat Mallard  
June 12 .... Betty Forbes  
June 19 .... Leslie Sheffield  
June 26 .... BBUUS Teens



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5  10 am Rev. Diane Davis	6	7	8 7 pm Adult Enrichment "Behavioral Covenanting: Handling Disagreements and Issues of Tolerance"	9  7pm Caring Committee Meeting at the Spade Home	10	11
12  10 am Dr. Mark Yount	13	14	15  Noon: Lunch Bunch at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin	16	17	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i>  10 am Rev. Jack Ford	20	21	22  7pm Board Meeting: Transition of Outgoing/Incoming Boards	23  UUA General Assembly Begins! Fort Worth, TX	24	25
26  10 am Billie Lombardo	27  UUA General Assembly Ends! Fort Worth, TX	28  July Journey Deadline	29 7 pm Adult Enrichment "Behavioral Covenanting: Handling Disagreements and Issues of Tolerance"	30	Host a Circle Supper this Summer! <i>See page 2</i>	

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