

Officers Elected, Fiscal Year Ends

June brings a close to our congregation's fiscal year. The Annual Meeting was held on May 21st and officers were elected, along with Nominating Committee members, who begin their terms on July 1st. We wish to thank our outgoing board for their service during a difficult and transitional year. This was the year of moving into a new form of governance -- from a "family" structured board, consisting of committee chairs and officers -- to one structured more as a "board of directors." Our board now consists of officers and trustees who focus on policy and oversight, allowing the committee chairs to center their attention on specific tasks and goals.

We thank both elected president **David Rulison**, and **Valerie Bouffard**, who filled the position when David resigned in November. Valerie took the helm mid-stream and set a good course. Thanks also to Jonnie, who completed her 1-year trustee term, setting the stage for term rotations. Her input and wisdom was valuable. Mark Vickers has done an outstanding job stepping into a vacated 2-year trustee position, and the board is looking forward to working in the coming year with Mark Yount, who has been appointed to fill the remainder of a second vacant 2-year term. Joyce Johnson will be stepping down as treasurer, but remaining on the board as our newest elected trustee. Bonnie McCullar, former Finance Committee cochair has been elected as our new Treasurer, Kris Kines to a second term as Secretary, and **Linda Mowers** as President. Linda served as appointed vice president late last term after Valerie stepped up to the President's position. The committee chairs still meet as a council, working together and communicating with each other about the programs and activities of the church. This month, we would like to introduce your incoming Board so that you can get to know those who serve you. (See pages 4-6.) The next issue of the Journey will feature the nominating committee members and will outline the various church committees and opportunities for involvement.

Wednesday Night Music/Open Mike for Teens: June 21st & 28th

BBUUS is offering a place for high school and college aged young people to share their musical abilities and love of music as well! Wednesdays, June 21 and June 28th have been set aside as "Open Mike" evenings for our teens and their friends to play and enjoy music in the hall of the Mandarin Community Club. Light refreshments will be provided and a great space for performing, jamming and/or listening. If you are interested in participating contact Joani Maskell or Brenda Patterson and let them know you plan to be there. Feel free to bring friends! On the 21st, Kenny Maskell and his band "Glass Tongues" will be there to perform. It's a great place and a great opportunity to gather, share music and meet friends!



"It is in our lives, and not from our words, that our religion must be read."

~ Thomas Jefferson

Combined July-August Journey to be issued next month!

Your newsletter editor is going to get a bit of a break from publishing the Journey this summer! During this, her busiest time at work, Linda will issue a combined July-August newsletter the first week in July. Please be sure to get your information and submissions to her by JUNE 26th!

FROM YOUR DRE

One of the pleasures of being your DRE is the contact with other UU churches and Unitarian Universalists. The latest in that part of my UU life was a symposium held at the Gainesville UU church a couple of weekends ago. Designed to highlight some RE issues—bullying, connections across the generations, rituals—what was most exciting to me was being there. And I mean that in both the physical and spiritual realms.

To walk into another UU church where our Purposes and Principles hang on the wall, where a bulletin board is crammed with notices of church events and social action opportunities, where a sanctuary clearly designed for UU services has symbols of world religions front and center, where RE classrooms look out onto a small garden or a playground, was exciting and renewing. And the people there who created that particular UU community are like UUs I've found all over—welcoming, kind, thinking folks. It wasn't the things we learned that day that will make the lasting impression, it was the reaffirmation that we are not just a small congregation on the south side of Jacksonville. We are a part of an old faith tradition, a denomination whose members have made a difference in the world and continue to do so. If we want to thrive as a viable religious option in Jacksonville, we must have that vision. We must see beyond our little group—wonderful though we are—to the larger UU world. It's imperative for our children to see this and it's imperative for us all to act within that vision.

In our BBUUS RE classes this summer, we'll be combining the Primary and Elementary classes and once again be using the "Lamp in Every Corner" curriculum. This curriculum teaches our children about UUs of the present and past who actively practice/d their faith. We want BBUUS kids to see the light that is within each human, and the potential that their own light has for the world. We want them to see the bigger UU picture and know that UU congregations from the past to the present have been instructive inspirers for the greater good.

See you in church, Brenda Patterson Director of Religious Education

Lunch Bunch: Greeting Good Friends and Meeting New

It was so wonderful to have Karen and George Roberts with us again! We surely hope that this will be the beginning of many more times. Ed Phillips was able to join us this month also. We had a friendly group of eight who chatted and ate their way through a lovely Wednesday midday. Won't you join us in June? We'll be meeting on the third Wednesday (as usual) June 21 at noon at the Ramada Inn. Let Jonnie (880-3511) or Grace (370-1387) know if you'll be joining us.

Birthdays:

06/04 Kimberly Kines

06/04 Liz Teal

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 Catherine Mallard

06/30 Nicholas Glassman

Anniversaries:

06/11 Mark & Robin Yount

06/12 Ernie Lightfoot & Nelson

DeJesus

06/20 Bill & Jonnie Long

06/26 Rev. Jack & Kathy Ford

06/27 Dave & Donna Nagy



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 place you 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.

Joys & Concerns

Dr. Gandhi has successfully completed his second knee replacement and is in recovery at River Garden Rehabilitation Center. He's even hoping to return to India for a visit after he is healed from the surgery! We send Dr. Gandhi our thoughts and prayers for continued healing and happiness.

We send our love thoughts out to Lucienne Kirk, who we have missed for several weeks. Lucienne has moved to a new home in Westminister Woods, and her health has kept her from attending church. Lucienne's new address is:

> Lucienne Kirk 25 State Road 13, Apt. B2 Jacksonville, FL 32259 287-7226

Ron Ferster has moved to his new townhome! His new address is: 9948 Moorings Drive Jacksonville, FL 32257 880-2142





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Kudos to the fabulous team of women who put together a memorable evening of food, fun, and fellowship at last month's Latin Fiesta! Deborah Cillo, Betty Forbes, Annabelle Gallois, Candace Gerding, and Gina Norstedt all pooled their energy, creativity, talent and hard work to pull off quite a celebration and social for our congregation, family and friends. The food was delicious, and everyone enjoyed the entertainment, which included a Flamenco exhibition and Salsa lessons. The sangria was flowing, door prizes were won, and feet were flying! We had a great turnout, and we wish to thank our excellent planners and hostesses, along with everyone who lent a hand for the evening and joined in the fun!





















Statement from the Rev. William G. Sinkford on the Failed Federal Marriage Amendment

(June 6, 2006) UUA President William G. Sinkford issued the following statement today following a vote in the US Senate which rejected a proposed Federal Marriage Amendment:

"The latest effort to amend the United States constitution to deny loving couples the rights and responsibilities of marriage is a blatant attempt to write discrimination into our democracy's foundational document. This attack on American couples and families exposes the increasingly cynical efforts by the extreme right to divert the country's attention from far more vital issues. The resounding failure of this proposed amend-



ment is a testimony to the enduring power of the constitution, which has never been altered with the express intent to deny equal protection to an entire class of citizens. May it never be used as a weapon against any of "we the people," but instead be preserved in sacred trust as a guarantee of freedom and liberty for all Americans.

"This amendment was a shameful attempt to divide the American people. I am thankful to the thousands of Unitarian Universalists across the country who have borne witness to our liberal religious values and raised their voices to defeat this amendment and affirm that we are in fact one people."

See more information on the UUA's "Standing on the Side of Love 2006" at http://www.uua.org/news/freedomtomarry/060605_dc.html.

New BBUUS Website Coming This Month!

Our new Webmaster, Paul Marquardt, is developing a new website for bbuus.org which will be easy to navigate, able to be updated by committee chairs and board members, and will contain some new features such as a member log-in area for information, resources, discussion and other data. The basic site will go on line the middle of the month



without the member login area. Paul will conduct a workshop in August for members to attend that will offer hands-on classes in utilizing the website and it's special features. Watch the July-August Journey for more details about this opportunity to hone your internet skills and utilize a great resource at bbuus.org!

Meet Your 2006-07 Board!

Linda Mowers, President

Linda is a charter member of our congregation (along with her mother, Frances Kennicutt) and has served in many leadership capacities over the 16 years that the church has been operating. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, she is a fifth generation UU, with her maternal family members coming from the Universalist roots of our faith. She attended churches in Kinston, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia during her childhood and youth. As a young adult, she participated in the startup of a small fellowship in the Atlanta suburbs.

After moving to Jacksonville in 1979, she attended UUCJ periodically, for several years, and was delighted when they contacted her about participating in the formation of a new congregation in the Orange Park/Mandarin area of the city. Always an enthusiastic and active member, Linda was our first program chair, and has served through the years on almost every committee and arm of governance in our congregation. This will be her fourth term as President. Last year she served as Caring Committee Chair, and was appointed Vice President when the position became open late term. Linda attended Florida District UUA Leadership School in 1999, served on the district level as their newsletter editor, council member, and on the nominating committee. She has attended several General Assemblies and loves participating in the larger UU community.

A professional graphic designer in the printing, publishing and marketing industry for over 30 years. Linda has been with Sigma Marketing for 15 years as Art Director. She produces many

publications for BBUUS, including the Journey, the Sunday order of service, and other communications and printed materials. Other interests include gathering with family and friends, reading, travel, the arts and spirituality. Married to Barry Mowers for over 12 years (they met at BBUUS), Linda and Barry both view active participation in our congregation as an integral part of their spiritual path. They believe, as the affirmation goes, "Service is our prayer." She has a 21-year-old daughter, Sarah Ritzmann, who grew up at BBUUS.

Linda values the congregation as an extended family, and realizes the importance of a strong BBUUS community. "Staying on track with our congregation's mission and vision is a process which requires much attention and nurturing," says Linda. "Operating a lay-led congregation is no simple task, and involves tremendous synergy. We have a mix of family, organizational and spiritual dynamics at play in church polity. Mix that into our goal of building a permanent home for the congregation and you have some amazing possibilities along with challenges! We have made great achievements in acquiring property, and are well on our way toward building a home. I believe that our collective dream in building our own facility is to provide a base for expanding the programs and services we want to offer to our members, as well as those which provide outreach and benefit the greater community. The challenge is to maintain unity through the process, and to thrive along the way. I look forward to serving the church, lifting up our progressive religion."

Bonnie McCullar, Treasurer

Bonnie and her husband, Stephen, feel fortunate to have discovered BBUUS in September, 2003. At that time, they were still feeling the deep grief of the loss of their second child in 2001, and Bonnie says "Meeting such a wonderful group of kind, caring people has helped in the healing process for both of us."

Bonnie attended Ball State University, taking business and accounting courses for two years before she and Steve married. For the next four years, she was the breadwinner while Steve finished his architectural degree. They moved from Indiana to Florida and when Stephen began his own practice in 1978, she set up the business and took care of everything from typing contracts and specifications, setting up insurance, managing personnel, and doing bookkeeping and tax accounting. As the business grew and their two sons were born, clerical duties were handed over to a secretary and Bonnie continued doing tax reports, handling personnel issues, and the management of real estate investments on a parttime basis so she could concentrate on raising a family.

She returned to college one year after the devastating loss of their oldest son, Justin, to an automobile accident a week before his tenth birthday. Returning to college "was a way to look ahead, help deal with the grief, and to someday work in a helping profession." It took several years of being a parttime student at UNF before she received a B.A. in Psychology. For the next seven years, she worked three days a week for a child abuse prevention agency teaching parenting skills, budgeting, and household management to indigent mothers.

With this schedule, she was still able to keep up with the accounting and other responsibilities for Steve's architectural practice. The social work job was rewarding but sometimes emotionally draining, and when a new director changed the focus of the agency from quality of services to quantity of clients served, Bonnie decided to resign. By this time, she was Co-Chair of the Finance Committee at BBUUS and was involved in looking for property where the church could build a permanent home. Bonnie is responsible for discovering the property that BBUUS purchased. She and Steve have worked very hard to help us realize our goal of a building of our own.

Bonnie's interests include reading, writing, and keeping up with news and political issues. She enjoys the stimulating spiritual discussions at BBUUS, and says "I feel so strongly that this church and its mission needs to have a permanent presence in the community so that many others can find the inspiration and love I've found here. I'll do my very best to help the church succeed and am honored to serve on the Board as Treasurer."

Kris Kines, Secretary

Kris was elected for a second term as BBUUS Secretary. She 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. Kris married Bill in 1989 and is now the mother of Kory, Kirby, and Kimberly.

These days she 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 two years, last year served on their board as VP and this year as the PFA President. She has been an active member here at BBUUS since 2001. Kris loves to lay lead, and regularly attends the Membership, RE, Program, and Finance Committee meetings.

Joyce Johnson, Trustee

Joyce tells us, "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 33 years." After moving to Pittsfield, MA in 1976, Joyce was very active in that congregation, holding positions as (offertory) collector, RE teacher, About Your Sexuality facilitator, Membership Committee, RE Committee, Social Activities member and Board member.

Since joining BBUUS in 1995, Joyce has been an active leader of the congregation. Joyce just completed her second year of her second two-year term as Treasurer. She served as Treasurer in 2000-2002 and again in 2004-2006. She has attended Florida UUA Leadership School, General Assembly, and many district events and workshops. Joyce enjoys her service on the board, and is eager to continue in the Trustee position. Joyce works as an oncology nurse, and is also the proud grandmother of Sarah Sophia, now 17 months old. Joyce is tearing up the skies between Sarah in Boston and here in Florida. Since Sarah's uncle (Joyce's other son) is in St. Petersburg, Russia, Joyce and David hope to visit them and meet their new daughter in law. In addition to activities at our congregation, Joyce and David are also locally active in the City of Jacksonville programs regarding racial issues.

Mark Vickers, Trustee

Mark will serve the second of a two-year term as Trustee. He accepted the appointment of Trustee early in the term last year when the position became vacant. Mark is a caring and compassionate Life Coach who brings forth knowledge and wisdom to help others become more successful and fulfilled in their lives.

Originally from Canada, Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a minor in Business Administration.

For over twenty years, Mark has been involved in the business application of technology while working for various companies ranging in size and complexity (including both small, privately-held firms and Fortune 50 multi-nationals). These firms provided an incredible range of experiences covering the full spectrum (company startups, staff management/mentoring, senior management roles, company wind-downs, and sole-proprietor business management). With over fifteen years of staff management experience, Mark realized that supporting the people around him and helping lead them to their own successes was the most rewarding part of his career.

While gathering a wealth of professional experiences, Mark also evolved through many personal life transitions including marriage, children, job changes, career changes, international relocation, divorce, as well as the recent creation of a step-family through a wonderful new marriage.

Through these life changes, Mark continued to enhance his spiritual base and built a solid foundation for his life and future endeavors. In 2005, Mark committed to combining all of the knowledge he had acquired, his understanding

of spirituality, and a deep desire to help others to excel in their lives, and became a Life Coach.

Mark is a regular speaker and teacher on personal and spiritual development topics and is an active life coach who continually helps his clients determine, work towards, and achieve their greatest desires. Mark's dedication to his wife and three children is truly indicative of the dedication he shows to his clients. This commitment is demonstrated in Mark's C3 Coaching model that promotes Connection, Communication, and Commitment as the Core to Personal Development.

Mark lives in Jacksonville, Florida and is a graduating student of the International Coach Academy. Mark is currently working towards a Ph.D. in Holistic Life Coaching.

Mark Yount, Trustee

Mark grew up Methodist, was married in a Unitarian church, and never attended UU services until he and Robin discovered Buckman Bridge 10 years ago. Mark holds a B.A. in Philosophy from the College of William and Mary, an M.A. in Philosophy from Villanova University and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He taught philosophy full-time for twelve years at Trinity College (Hartford), Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia), and Jacksonville University. He is currently Quality Improvement Director for Gateway Community Services, an addictions rehabilitation facility. Since leaving his academic career, Mark has been a regular pulpit presence at BBUUS and has presented over 40 sermons. He served as the inaugural Vice President of BBUUS, chaired the Program and R.E. Committees, served on a Ministerial Search Committee and a Shared Ministry Committee, and taught youth and adult R.E. In addition to his sermons, Mark's other ongoing passion at BBUUS is YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists), an affinity group for youth aged 12-20. He has been lead advisor to our BBUUS youth for five years and recently completed two years as Florida District YRUU Adult Co-Chair.

Save Your Yard Sale Items!

Jennifer Glassman has signed up for a stall at the Annual Deer Creek Yard Sale in October. She is looking for items to sell and perhaps people to help with the sale. This yard sale will benefit the BBUUS Building Fund, so hang on to those items, and let Jen know if you can assist!

Attention: DREs, Ministers, Committee & Council Chairs, Congregational Leaders and other interested Members!

July 21st - 23rd

ADMINISTRATION Renaissance Module

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach 1590 27th Avenue Vero Beach, Florida 32960 (772) 778-5880, office@uufvb.org Registration Deadline Thursday June 22, 2006 (See Linda Mowers for details and registration forms)

Administration of Religious Education Programs Goals for leaders and participants:

- To recognize the scope of administrative duties in each participant's own situation.
- To become more aware of the components of the administration of RE programs.
- To recognize that in a congregational setting these are often shared responsibilities.
- To recognize and acknowledge the various individuals and entities who share these
 duties and responsibilities and to build skills in developing relationships and alliances
- To become aware of new skills and techniques for information storage and retrieval and for decision-making.

Among the subjects the module will explore are:

- Definition of the vision, mission, and goals of the RE committee and of clear responsibilities for the DRE
- Lines of authority, responsibility and communication within the congregation
- Communication with the Board, committees, and other staff members as well as with the congregation.
- Preparation of appropriate, accurate, persuasive, and effective reports and budgets.
- How to create win-win situations.
- Use of time and how to get help with duties that are necessary to the success of the program but are beyond what you can do in the time for which you have contracted.
- Personality and leadership style.
- Feedback and support.

New Florida District UUA Executive Announced

May 30, 2006

We are delighted to announce that the Reverend Kenneth Hurto has accepted our offer to serve as District Executive for the Florida district, beginning this fall.

Kenn currently serves as the senior minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers, Florida. Prior to receiving his call to SW Florida, Kenn has served the Unitarian Universalist faith



in a wide array of parish ministries for over 30 years. Additionally, Kenn has served on two District Boards (including the Florida District), as the Chair of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association Continuing Education team (CENTER), and as the Vice-President of the UUMA.

Rev. Hurto, who was privileged to study directly for 12 years with Rabbi Dr. Edwin H. Friedman, has been in frequent demand by his colleagues for consultation in applying systems theory to congregational life. Among his many writings, Kenn recently authored two chapters for the UUA Congregational Handbook on family systems theory, church leadership, and conflict management.

A native of Chicago, Kenn is a graduate of Augustana College (Rock Island, Illinois) and the Divinity School at Harvard University. Kenn is married to Sharon Kelly of Melbourne, Florida. "I welcome this opportunity to serve our broader movement, helping us all fulfill our promise by creating a culture of radical hospitality in our congregations."

Kenn's selection is the culmination of a three month, 14 step process that has been jointly executed by the UUA District Services Office, The Florida District UUA Board and a Board appointed DE Selection Committee. The process went very smoothly. The Board expresses a special thanks to the Selection Committee for their significant effort in selecting and recommending to the district board the person they believe can best serve the needs of the district and our larger Unitarian Universalist faith. Members include Kathy Converse, Margaret Sanders, Vicki Weeks, the Rev. Susanne Nazian, the Rev. Marni Harmony, and the Rev. Harlan Limpert as the UUA representative.

Kenn has served a Director on the District Board for the past year. To avoid any conflict of interest, Kenn recused himself from all Board related DE selection activities once he decided to apply for the DE position. He resigned his Board position immediately upon accepting the DE position.

Please join us in welcoming Kenn to this new role.

For those of you who wish to send a note to your new colleague, his email address is kennzeagle@comcast.net.

Steve Helle, President, Florida District UUA Board

Electronic Journey!

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Circle of the 7th Principle

The Circle of the 7th Principle is an inclusive, open-minded group of women members and friends of the Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Society. Our name implies that we are looking at spiritual issues from the perspective of the seventh principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

The group meets in alternating home settings on alternating weeks; Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like to find out more about us, or attend a meeting, contact admin@bbuus.org and ask about the Circle of the 7th Principle!

Summer Travel & Adventure with a UU Flair!

Wine Country Excursions

"Far exceeded our expectations...We would love to do it again!"

Valerie & Larry Foley, Wellesley, MA

UU's of Napa, California, announce the second season of our UU Wine Country Excursions, a delightful way to tour the scenic Napa and Sonoma Valleys.

These small tours are customized to your interests, e.g. wine tasting, art, history, gourmet dining, or exploring the beauty of our hills and valleys. The tour includes private room/bath and breakfast in the homes of congregation members.

Special places include COPIA (the American Center for Food, Wine and the Arts), Jack London's home, the Francis Ford Coppola winery and movie museum, fine restaurants, many museums and galleries, miles of bicycling and hiking trails, etc.

We offer Excursions from April through October. Plan for two days of touring and two or three overnight stays. Home hospitality without tours is available. All proceeds benefit our small fellowship. We have limited openings, so contact us now for details. Tom Wilson (707) 254-7443 twilson9@sbcglobal.net

UU Niagara Experience

July 16-19, 2006

If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls or if it is already one of your favorite places, this is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls including some great educational opportunities while in the company of UUs from around the country. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four day UU Niagara Experience which is a lifetime opportunity to encounter the Falls up close from every perspective, even safely riding beneath a tethered balloon. Spend four days with us exploring the rich history and natural wonders around the Falls. For information visit our web site:

http://www.uunex.net/ Email: info@uunex.net Telephone: (716) 791-4453



A Bed & Breakfast Directory

UU're Home is a membership organization for Unitarian Universalists and other religious liberals that provides information about bedand-breakfast accommodations in members' homes throughout North America, and a few abroad.

The Benefits of Membership:

- Travelers meet hosts who share many of their interests, concerns, and values.
- Hosts gain new friends from other places.
- Travelers enjoy comfortable quarters at affordable prices and have the opportunity to obtain answers to their questions about the area they are visiting.
- Hosts supplement their income or raise money to help support their congregation. UU churches and fellowships use the directory listings as a way to raise money.

Members receive an annual directory of listings by mail. An online listing is also available. Members may choose from three different options: directory only, \$18/year; web site only, \$10/year; or both, \$23/year.

For more information: 828-281-3253 info@uurehome.com http://www.uurehome.com/

June Greeters

June 4...... Linda Mowers

June 11 David Rulison

June 18..... Ron Ferster June 25..... Ernie Lightfoot



June Refreshments

June 4...... Linda Mowers

June 11 Karen Roberts/Kris Kines

June 18..... Open

June 25 Pam Edwards-Roiné



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 7:00 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 4 The Reverend Diane Davis, "Is It In The Refrigerator?"

Diane has been a medium/intuitive counselor, teacher, and minister for over 28 years. She is a certified medium at the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp in central Florida, where she also resides. Pat Ray, Lay Leader

Following the service, a workshop will be held for registered participants:

A Two Hour Event—One Hour of "Discovery of Intuitive Awareness." Exercises and insight to experience your own psychic thought, gut feelings and intuitive hunches. One hour of Messages. If people stay for the workshop then they will have opportunity to experience messages in another hour event. Diane will try to reach as many as possible during that hour but there will be no guarantee because of the specific time period.

June 11 Rahmin Mahmoodi, "The Oneness of Religion"

Why would God, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise, send competing systems of belief to different populations? Was religion meant to be a source of conflict? Could this division be man-made? What if God said: "These religions have all proceeded from one Source, and are rays of one Light." What would that mean? What is the purpose of religion? How can they be *reconciled*? Ron Rothberg, Lay Leader

June 18 **Rev. Mark Vickers,** A Father's Day Sermon

Father's day, a time to thank and remember our fathers for all that they do, and to appreciate the importance of family.

June 25 **Dr. Mark Yount**, "When Faiths Collide"

We're well accustomed to seeing the many violences of the Middle East in terms of the clash between religious faiths. Closer to home, some of us have experienced a clash of faiths with neighbors who are religious conservatives. Near or far, why is faith so contentious? When so many individuals flock to faiths that looks to us like "crowd" religions, how can we affirm those individuals' search for truth and meaning? As a person of liberal faith in an illiberal world, of pluralistic faith among orthodoxies, how can I be true to my faith when others confront me with theirs?

July 2 **Liz Teal,** "My Unitarian Universalist Faith"

I'm UU, RU UU Too? A look at our faith in modern history both the recent past and the immediate future. This is the week we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence - many of our founding fathers were U's—that is actually more than a piece of interesting trivia when we look at what it means to live our faith. Part cheerleading session, part perhaps unacknowledged history—part future hope and future shock A rousing sermon to help us cope with today and galvanize us toward tomorrow. The flame ban, however, will prohibit the use of fireworks during the service.

Linda Mowers, Lay Leader

JUNE 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Shavuot	3
4 10 am: Rev. Diane Davis "What's in the Refrigerator?" Workshop with Diane Davis	7:00 pm Circle of the 7th Principle	7 pm Board Meeting at the Mowers'	7 7:30-9:30pm Building Your Own Metaphysics Class FINAL CLASS (Registered Students Only)	7 pm Membership Committee Meeting at Frances'	9	10
10 am: Rahmin Mahmoodi "The Oneness of Religion"	12	13	7 pm Committee Council Meeting at the Mandarin Community Club	7 pm Program Meeting at the Mowers'	16	17
18 Father's Day 10 am: Rev. Mark Vickers "A Father's Day Sermon"	19	20	21 Summer Begins Noon: Lunch Bunch Ramada Inn Mandarin	7:00 pm Circle of the 7th Principle	23	24
10 am: Dr. Mark Yount "When Faiths Collide"	26 July-August Journey Deadline!	27	28	7 pm Caring Committee Meeting at the Crisp's	30	

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