



The Newsletter of the  
Buckman Bridge  
Unitarian Universalist Society

JUNE 2008



## St. Augustine Boat Tour and Picnic Lunch: Saturday, June 14

## Web Based Programs Used for BBUUS Adult, Kids Summer Curricula

One of the resources available to BBUUS from the Unitarian Universalist Association is curricula to use with all ages in BBUUS' Lifespan Religious Education program. In the past that has meant purchasing some great curricula from the UUA Bookstore, but the UUA has now begun to produce curricula that can be downloaded free from their web site. These new programs, some still in the testing phase, are part of the "Tapestry of Faith" program and will be used in all BBUUS Lifespan Religious Education classes this summer. "Tapestry of Faith" is described by the UUA as follows:

*Tapestry of Faith is a new series of programs and resources for all ages that nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love. These resources are being developed out of a broad series of conversations that articulated a future direction for Unitarian Universalist religious growth and learning and denomination-wide focus groups which helped shape a program that would offer a variety of resources—downloadable, printed, viewable, interactive, and more—a religious growth and learning program for the twenty-first century.*

The Primary Class will use the "Creating Home" curricula. "In these sessions, children explore the deep sense of sacredness, the beauty of hospitality, and the gift of loving relationships that a home can represent." (UUA) The Elementary Class will use the "Toolbox of Faith" curricula. "What tools does Unitarian Universalism offer for the challenges of life? Children discover what aspects of UU faith are helpful to them, developing a toolbox of faith." (UUA)

One important feature of both of these curricula is called "Taking It Home". It's a section of the daily lesson that's available for parents to read online to see what happened in class that day and then to be able to build upon the lesson at home.

This is how it works. Note the session # that's being taught that Sunday. It will be printed in the Sunday order of service and will be posted online to the BBUUS yahoogroups site. People looking for info on the  
*(continued on page 2)*

We are planning a day trip for Saturday, June 14 in St. Augustine including a boat tour and picnic lunch at the old fort. Fun for the children and adults!

The boat tour selected leaves at 11:00 a.m. so we suggest arriving at 10:30 to 10:45. Here is the web link with map, address and the ability to purchase tickets:

<http://www.trustedtours.com/store/Scenic-St-Augustine-Boat-Cruise-C233.aspx>

If you have any trouble accessing this web site or have questions please contact Peter Grogan at [petergrogan@mac.com](mailto:petergrogan@mac.com) or 904/287-8231. Please R.S.V.P. to Peter if you plan to attend with the group!

Pack a picnic lunch and after the tour we'll move to the old fort for food and play! Home by mid to late afternoon the same day.

See you there!!

### The Lunch Bunch

is looking forward to a return to the Ramada Inn on Wednesday June 18th at noon. Please let Jonnie (287-7150) know if you'll be joining the group. Everyone is welcome.

## Web Based Programs *(Continued from page 1)*

Primary Class, go to <http://uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestry-faith/creatinghome/index.shtml> and select the session # from the Table of Contents, then select “Taking it Home” from the “Session Plan”. For info on the Elementary Class, go to <http://uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/toolboxfaith/index.shtml> and follow the same procedure. It’s easy!

Sunday morning Enrichment classes from 9-10 will use the “Spirit in Practice” curriculum. This program was developed based on three ideas as noted by the UUA: first, that “the ‘free and responsible search for truth and meaning’ that we affirm in our Unitarian Universalist principles is a spiritual quest; second, that this search is more effectively and more evocatively carried out if we have some training and discipline – not to mention some practice, in both senses of the word – that helps us pay attention to the sacred; and third, that there is nothing in our lives that cannot serve as a tool for this work.” There will be a variety of facilitators over the summer and this class, like all Enrichment classes, is designed as stand-alone class sessions – there’s no “all summer-long” expectation, just an open door.

NOTE: EACH CLASS WAS SET UP FOR 16 LESSONS. WE ONLY HAVE 14 SUNDAYS TO COVER, SO EACH CLASS SKIPS TWO SESSION NUMBERS.

### Class: **Primary Class Lessons for summer 2008**

Curricula: **“Creating Home”**

Website where parents find “Taking It Home” activities each Sunday: <http://uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/creatinghome/index.shtml>

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June 29 .....	5
July 6.....	6
July 13.....	7
July 20.....	9
July 27.....	10
August 3 .....	11
August 10.....	12
August 17.....	13
August 24.....	14
August 31.....	16

### Class: **Elementary class Lessons for summer 2008**

Curricula: **“Toolbox of Faith”**

Website where parents find “Taking It Home” activities each Sunday: <http://uaa.org/religiouseducation/curricula/tapestryfaith/toolboxfaith/index.shtml>

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## June 22nd: Luncheon Meeting for Parents of Jr.-Sr. High Students (After the Service)

The Lifespan Religious Education staff and committee members, along with outgoing and incoming Presidents, Linda Mowers and Karen Allstadt, invite the parents of BBUUS teens (Jr./Sr. High ages) to join us for a light luncheon and a discussion about expectations for the teen program in the coming year.

We will address topics of curricula, Transitions, participation, and other related subject matter—so that we can adequately plan and prepare for a teen program that meets the needs of our youth and is supported by their parents.

In addition to the Religious Education program on Sunday mornings, we will discuss the YRUU program at BBUUS. YRUU is undergoing a major transition on a national and state level, and we would like to discuss the Board’s thoughts about a brighter future for the youth program in our congregation. Our vision is for our youth to grow and learn together, building their skills for leadership of future generations.

Through both LRE and YRUU, we would like to nurture and empower opportunities for our youth to explore their spirituality and the meaning of their lives, build community, and live our their UU faith.

Please R.S.V.P. to Linda Mowers by June 15th if you plan to attend this important meeting. ([lkowers@bellsouth.net](mailto:lkowers@bellsouth.net) or 272-3862)

## FROM YOUR Director of Religious Education

BBUUS kids, parents, and members of the congregation join me in thanking this year's Religious Education teachers who have shown their commitment to our children all year and will continue through the summer. The Primary and Elementary classes each have a team of four wonderful teachers.

**Annabelle Gallois** chairs the Lifespan Religious Education committee and is in her second year teaching the Primary Class. She has led the social action activities for all of the classes which resulted in thousands of pounds of food donated in the food drive and hundreds of dollars raised for the UU Service Committee. Annabelle is also a fabulous photographer who chronicles the congregational life of BBUUS, especially the kids, through her pictures. **Joann Carolla** is one of those rare people who jumped right into teaching in LRE back in 2006-07, even though she was a new member at the time. When she teaches in the Primary Class, she often supplements the lesson with books and activities she knows the kids will like, and finds other ways to do the extras that are needed in throughout LRE. **Joani Maskell**, the third member of the Primary Class team, has been teaching for more years than I even know, and her expertise with the children shows. Can you imagine keeping 4-6 year-olds focused on the lesson when you have to teach outside because all the space inside is being used by the other class' giant project? **Ariel Patterson** is the newcomer to the group, but a life-long UU who remembers what her LRE classes were like

and brings that experience to her teaching. She not only taught the Primary Class, but also the Stage 1 Transitions Class, and even pinched with the teens.

**Marilyn Smart** was the chair of LRE when I began serving as your DRE six years ago, and she has continued to teach the Elementary Class ever since. In addition to teaching, Marilyn also shares her professional musical skills with us and helps with any of our musical needs, especially with the Kids' Choir. Since 2005, **Jen Glassman** has taught in either the Primary or Elementary Class where she is equally skilled. She brings her experience in working with Girl Scouts with her to the classroom and this year's Elementary Class curriculum benefitted from her medical knowledge as well. **David Murphy** began teaching the Elementary Class this year and has added the much-needed male perspective to the 10-girls, 3-boys Elementary Class. His ease with the children helped keep things on track in a curriculum that can be chaotic, and his skills came in very handy in the midst of creating a barnyard full of animals for the Christmas service. **Dani Atran Slader**, the fourth member of this team, is a product of this congregation, having attended throughout her teens and been an active member during her college years. She brings a grounding in Unitarian Universalism, vast experience in working with children through the YMCA, and training in education with her on Sunday mornings.

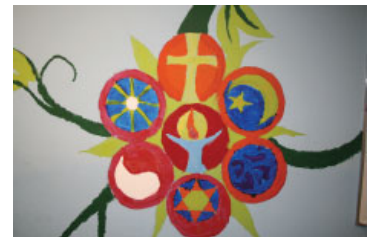
**Deborah Cillo** and I worked with the teens this year as we

focused on racism in classroom discussions. She has a solid base of social action involvement and a wonderfully direct way with teenagers – a group that many view as intimidating. Deborah came away from Sunday discussions so impressed with our teens, and they responded equally well to her.

One other person who we all want to thank is **Peter Grogan**, a new member who, as a member of the RE Committee, has helped us have fun together at BBUUS. From carving pumpkins to flying balsa airplanes, Peter has come up with the ideas and made things happen. He has added a wonderful dimension to our time together at BBUUS.

And, finally, I'd like to thank you, the members of this congregation for your ever-strong, ever-constant support of the Lifespan Religious Education program at this church, and my role in that program. Your kind words and helpfulness throughout the year, your presence at services conducted by our children, your participation in adult Enrichment classes, your making the effort to get your children to church, and your financial support of this program as part of the life of this congregation are actions that speak to the true commitment you feel. Thank you all!

See you in church,  
Brenda Patterson  
Director of Religious Education





# OUR WHOLE LIVES: Sexuality Education

After much discussion, training, and planning, BBUUS is pleased to offer the renowned Our Whole Lives (OWL) sexuality class for UU children who will be in the 6th-9th grades as of the 2008-09 school year! The class will be led by two of our specially trained facilitators, Pat Ray and Karen Walsh, each of whom is certified to teach this class.

Although OWL has been developed for almost all ages, this age group is of particular focus because of the physical and emotional development that occur during this period. The OWL class requires strong commitment of time and energy from facilitators, parents, and children, and I can tell you as an educator, a parent, and a UU professional that it's worth making that commitment.

The proposed class schedule is to meet every other Wednesday evening at church from 6-8 PM for six months from the first week in August through the end of March. The commitment must be made by parents and children to attend all sessions with the understanding that after missing two sessions the child will no longer be a member of the class. It's also essential that both genders be well-represented in the class, so if a child drops out it could theoretically end the class for everyone since the size of our group is small to begin with. We are inviting children from UU-Church of Jacksonville to participate with our BBUUS kids and hopefully that will both strengthen our numbers and allow for some extended contact between the kids of both congregations.

The first step in holding the class is for ALL parents to attend an orientation session where you will learn the answers to your questions about the course. Many of our congregation (including our facilitators) will be attending General Assembly in late June, so we have tentatively scheduled the parent orientation for Wednesday, July 17 from 6-8 pm. Although I will not be facilitating the class, I will be making the arrangements and handling the scheduling. Once the class begins, any questions that arise from the class itself should go directly to Karen and Pat.

At this point, what is needed is for you to contact me if you want your child to participate. Many of you have spoken to me in the past in casual conversation, at the Parents' Group meeting, etc. Please do not assume that I know your child will participate from those conversations. Instead, please email me ([bthomaspatterson@yahoo.com](mailto:bthomaspatterson@yahoo.com)) to let me know that your child/ren will be participating (don't tell me at church - I'm often going in different directions and might forget). It would be very helpful if you could let me know ASAP.

Our denomination worked long and hard, along with the United Church of Christ, to produce OWL. It has a national reputation as being an outstanding program. In fact, a friend's local Episcopal church is planning to have members trained in Atlanta this summer to teach OWL classes to their children. We are very fortunate that BBUUS - years ago - paid for the training and materials to make this available to families in our congregation, and especially fortunate to have people in our congregation not only trained to lead the classes, but willing to commit the time and energy it requires. Thanks, Pat and Karen!

So, with everything in place except the kids, it's your turn :) I hope to hear from you soon.

— BRENDA PATTERSON, DRE



## BBUUS Has Record Turnout of Attendees for General Assembly!

This year's UUA General Assembly will be held June 25 - 29 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. With a location SO close to Jacksonville, it's no wonder that we have SIXTEEN members who are planning to attend the gathering! Two of those attendees, Joann Carollo and Jennifer Glassman, are delegates, representing our congregation in the Plenary sessions, voting and conducting business on our behalf. The others are simply enthusiastic UUs who look forward to the opportunity to be with thousands of other members of our faith, in worship, in learning, in discussion and for inspiration!

Most of our GA-bound members gathered together last month to break bread and to talk about the upcoming event, how to successfully maneuver through the sometimes daunting plethora of activities and workshops, and how we can get the most out of the experience. In addition to Joann and Jen, others attending are Jeff and Karen Allstadt, Tara Crisp, Joshua Dean, Pam Edwards-Roiné, Annabelle Gallois, Joyce Irene Johnson, Charlotte Jones, Debby Jones, Cat Mallard, Linda Mowers, Gina Norstedt, Pat Ray, and Liz Teal.

## June is a Month of Celebrations!



I have the great honor of  
announcing the

### Tenth Anniversary of Elizabeth Teal's Fortieth Birthday!

To celebrate this prestigious  
occasion, I am announcing a  
congregation-wide pot luck in  
Lizzie's honor to be held

### Saturday Night, June 7th

at our home in Orange Park,  
1047 Plainfield Avenue.

Guests may begin to arrive  
around 5:00 or so, and,  
if I know Lizzie, will go on until  
who knows when.

I want to make sure that we don't  
duplicate foods—we will have  
grills aflame—so it's very impor-  
tant that I hear from you as soon  
as possible if you plan to attend  
and we can juggle the pot luck  
foods. So please RSVP to me at  
dfdean97@aol.com or 278-5412  
—and I can be back in touch with  
you. Of course, you can bring  
your own beverages—the more of  
THOSE, the merrier . . .

This will be great! Please let me  
know if you're coming and if you  
need any help in finding the place.  
Finding your way back is entirely  
your responsibility.

HOPE TO SEE YOU!

David The Husband

### IT'S MOJITO TIME IN THE CITY!



Come party with Pedro and Pam!

**Saturday, June 14th  
7:00 P.M.  
1744 Silver Street**

*Join us as we celebrate :*

**THE HOUSE:** 100th Birthday  
and 10 Years under Pedro and  
Pam's Stewardship

#### THE PEOPLE:

- Pedro's continued good health
- 20 years of marriage
- Pedro reaching 3/4 of a cen-  
tury
- Pam becoming "Medicare  
qualified"

Please respond so Pedro grows  
enough mint for those "Mojitos"  
and Pam bakes enough birthday  
cake for everyone.

**pamedro@yahoo.com  
358-9535**

One more thing, please no gifts.

Your presence is gift enough  
for us.

## Remember to Gather Your Water!

As you go out and about this sum-  
mer on vacations, outings, and as  
you celebrate special reunions and  
family moments, don't forget to  
collect water for our Ingathering  
and Water Sharing Ser-  
vice, traditionally held at  
BBUUS in 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.



### Mark your calendars for the Caring Committee's Sandwich Luncheon

**Sunday, July 6th  
following the service**

**The Caring Committee &  
Friends will provide delicious  
Sandwiches, Sides &  
Beverages**

*Donations for the meal will be  
accepted to benefit the  
Emergency Caring  
Fund*

All ages are welcomed for lunch.

There will be a  
**Volunteer Recognition  
Ceremony**

by our Past President  
over dessert & beverages

Child care will be provided  
during the ceremony

# Joys & Concerns

A big congratulations to our wonderful **graduates!** Graduating from High School in the Class of 2008 are **Holly Frost** (daughter of Cheryl and John Frost) from Fleming Island and **Greg Odenwald** (son of Jennifer Stokes) from Mandarin High. BBUUS is also very proud of our three college graduates: **Dani Slader** (Flagler College), **Kate Smart** (Mt. Holyoke), and **Emily Yount** (University of Florida).

Former member **Will Kennedy** passed away at age 80 last month in Spring, Texas. Some of you may remember that Will was the talented wood-chipper who made our sign that is on our podium. Cards can be sent to Dorothy Kennedy, 2006 Havenhouse Dr., Spring, TX 77386.

Our love and support go out to **Annabelle Gallois** on the death of her grandmother in May. She was 90 years old and lived in France. Cards can be sent to Annabelle at 1553 Azalea Ter., Jacksonville, FL 32205.

Our deepest condolences are extended to **Martha and Pete Morgan** on the passing of Pete's brother in April. Cards can be sent to the Morgans at 1817 Plainfield Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073.

We are also sad to report on the passing of our own **Rev. Jack Ford's** older brother **David** at age 59. The cause of death is unknown, but they suspect a heart attack. David lived next door to his mother, his brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Michelle, at the family property down in Switzerland. Jack and his family conducted a beautiful memorial service for David at our Mandarin Community Club in May. Cards can be sent to Rev. Jack Ford, 1631 River Road, #1, Jacksonville, FL 32207.

**Stephen McCullar's** mother **Ellen McCullar** is recovering and continuing to improve after breaking her hip. Get well soon cards can be sent to Ellen McCullar, 10376 Arrow Lakes Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32217.

**Leslie Sheffield's** mother, **Barbara Peterson**, suffered a recent heart attack and is on the mend at the Life Care Center in Orange Park. We wish her a successful recovery.

Farewell to the **Spades: Linda, Edward**, and young **Ed**, who are relocating this month to the New York area where Linda and Edward grew up, and where Ed plans to attend graduate school. Daughter **Lauren**, who is a student at UNF, will be remaining in Jacksonville and we hope to see her at church when her schedule permits! Good luck in your new home, Spade family... We'll miss you!

Finally, congratulations to **Cassidy Hopson** and **Sydney Crisp** on their participation in and completion of a 5K race with Girls on the Run! They trained all season with their running teams (for ages 8-12 - girls only!) and ran with their friends and families in the final 5K race May 10. All the girls were #1!

If you have a joy or concern that you would like to include in The Journey, please contact Tara Crisp, Caring Committee Chair, at 264-1545 with the details before the monthly Journey deadline!



Coach Candace Gerding and her Davis Park team, including Cassidy and Sydney, at the 5K "Girls on the Run" race.



Cassidy Hopson running at the finish line. She ran 3.1 miles in 33 minutes!



Runner Sydney Crisp (center) with sister Abby, parents Michael and Tara, with Grandfather Wayne Ezell.



# BBUUS Hymnals 101

Did you know that any BBUUS congregant can order a Hymnal? Our Hymnals have a commemorative plate in the front cover that can be personalized with a dedication and/or picture to mark any life event of celebration or the passing of a loved one including pets. The Caring Committee will then present your hymnal to you during a church service if desired. The Caring Committee orders and purchases a hymnal for presentation in the event of a death of an immediate family member for any church member. In addition anyone may purchase their own hymnal for \$28 at any time. Please contact Tara Crisp, Caring Committee Chair, at 264-1545 to order a hymnal or for more information. We will be placing an order for hymnals in June, and if you wish to participate in this order, the deadline is June 15th.

## Incredible Matching Funds Challenge!

BBUUS members & friends,

As announced at the annual meeting, one of our incredibly generous members (Thank you!) has made us an offer I don't think we can refuse, as follows:

**This offer is valid from through Sunday, Aug 3, 2008.**

A Building Fund matching grant, up to \$25,000 total, to be donated with the following match percentages:

1. Any "Fishbowl Sunday (3 year old promises, from Nov. 2005)" Building Fund or Legacy Brick pledge donations are 50% matched {ex: if you donate \$1000 of your remaining "Fishbowl" promise, the match will also donate \$500; total = \$1500}
2. Any "new" Building Fund or Legacy Brick donations are 100% matched {ex: if you donate \$1000 now, the match will also donate \$1000; total to Bldg fund = \$2000}.

This matching challenge is separate from any operating pledges we each may have made or be currently donating towards.

A great incentive for us to maximize our Building Fund contributions and a great time to ask family or friends to honor you by donating for a Legacy Brick or two—it doubles their donation!

Thanks, and let's together try to push this member's generosity to their limit!

Jeff Allstadt  
Your Finance Chair



06/04 Evan Bak  
06/04 Kimberly Kines  
06/04 Liz Teal  
06/10 Deborah Cillo  
06/11 Jennifer Stokes  
06/15 Joyce Johnson  
06/18 Leslie Sheffield  
06/20 Cassidy Hopson  
06/25 Anna Glassman  
06/26 Catherine Mallard  
06/30 Nicholas Glassman



06/12 Ernie Lightfoot &  
Nelson DeJesus  
06/20 Bill & Jonnie Long  
06/26 Rev. Jack & Kathy Ford

## New UU Classes: June 4-11-18

Our next "New UU" Class series will be held this month on Wednesday evenings, June 4, 11, and 18th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Mandarin Community Club. Snacks and child care are provided. See Gina Norstedt, Membership Chair, to sign up for the classes if you would like to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. [gina@configmd.com](mailto:gina@configmd.com) or 262-9007. These classes are held periodically throughout the year.

# Kids Corner



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY: May 18, 2008

Give a kid a microphone and you have a bit of magic. BBUUS Primary and Elementary classes spoke loud and clearly about this year of learning about friends, their church community, and the special times and places that “haunt” their memories.

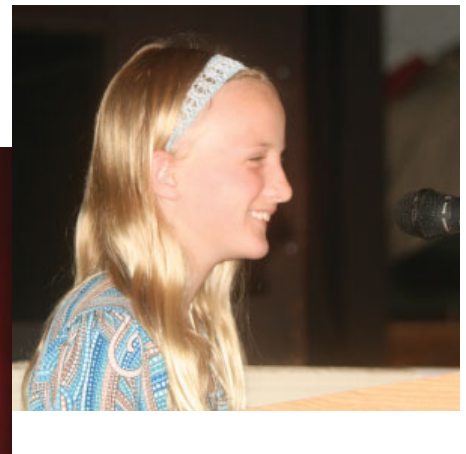




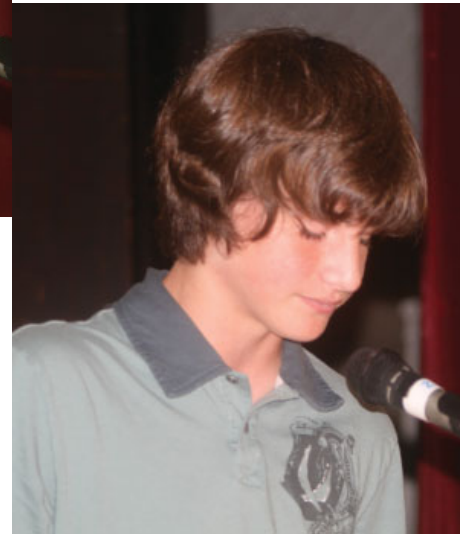


*“To have a child implies a dream, to support a child in community implies a vision.”*  
 — BRENDA PATTERSON

It was a day of celebration as five of our BBUUS kids completed the “Identity” part of our Transitions coming-of-age program by participating in a service and presenting their work to the congregation.



Through poetry, music, and art, Taylor, Kirby, Gradon, Kim and Anna shared more about their personal identity.



# Thankful for these gifts...

## Gifts made during April 08:

### Honoraria

Building fund donations were given in honor of Pat & Jim's commitment ceremony by:

Pam Edwards-Roiné &  
Pedro Roiné  
Tracy Lyon  
Joani & Cliff Maskell

A legacy brick donation was given in honor of Pat & Jim's commitment ceremony by:

Karen Vaught

### Building Fund

(matching funds by anonymous donor applied)

Aluminum recycling -

\$10 collected by the Forbes

Bumper sticker donation

C. Mallard  
Martha & Harry Birch  
Jen Glassman  
(also see Honoraria above)

### Congregational Growth Fund

Earth Day contributions for lip balm were \$128

### Legacy Brick Donations

Shelby Havens donated a legacy brick for the UU Fellowship of Gainesville, FL

(also see Honoraria above)

### Pennies from Heaven

The congregation contributed \$50 in April for food for the needy

### Social Action

The collection of used cell phones resulted in \$96 that BBUUS donated to Hubbard House

*Many thanks to all members and friends who pledge and contribute to our operating Fund. Your support helps our Building Fund through the Virtual Mortgage!*

# UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

by Joan Lund,

The month of June is upon us, when we, the Florida District, are afforded the opportunity and responsibility of hosting our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) General Assembly (GA) in Ft. Lauderdale, June 25-29. I look forward to being with you this year, especially because I was not able to attend the District Annual Meeting in April. For those of you have been to a GA you know what an exhilarating and wonderful experience it is. For the first-timers you will find much to do and learn during our UU days together. This month I am writing about something I touched upon in the lengthy report which can be found on the District website, written after I returned from the April UUA Board of Trustees meeting: a new DVD, "Listening to Experience", produced by the District Services Staff Growth Team.

This recently-completed DVD captures the wisdom and experience of twelve ministers from some of the fastest growing UU congregations in our nation who gathered for three days in November 2007 to talk about how to increase the number of Unitarian Universalists in the world. Five thousand copies have been produced, and are being distributed, along with a letter from Rev. Bill Sinkford, UUA President, to UU ministers, seminarians, theological school professors and instructors, and hundreds of key lay and professional leaders throughout the Association. During the conversation among these ministers, they responded to questions posed by the Rev. Alice Mann of the Alban Institute which included:

- What is the saving message of your congregation?
- How does your congregation help people move inward and outward on their spiritual journey, and how does this relate to congregational growth?
- What institutional, organizational, and practical nuts and bolts need to exist in order for a congregation go grow and keep growing?
- What are the obstacles or roadblocks to growth?

This is an excellent DVD for ministers and lay leaders to watch together over several meetings and benefit from the wisdom of these ministers. A list of questions to discuss, the same ones that served as the basis for the conversation in November, is included in the packaging, as are the names of the participating ministers.

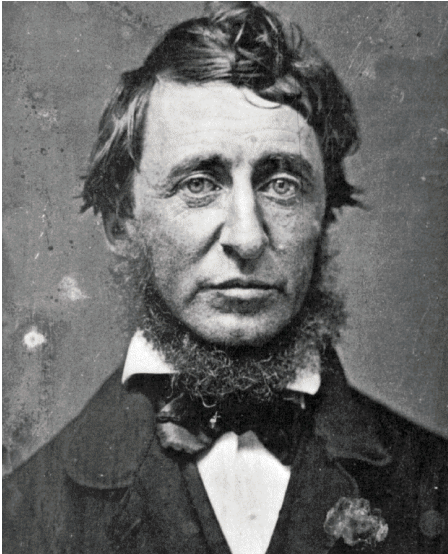
If you would like a copy of the "Listening to Experience" DVD contact Heather Bond, District Services Administrator, [hbond@uua.org](mailto:hbond@uua.org). Again, I look forward to being with you in June. In the meantime if you have questions, concerns, or just wish to talk about "something UU" call me at 813-931-9727 or email [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org).

*"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us.... And among those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects. On a daily basis, we affect the web of all existence, just as we are affected by it."*

— HERMAN MELVILLE



# Advice Column: Ask a(n) U-U



Jacksonville, Florida  
June 2008

Dear Henry David,

*You're not going to believe this! This is wild. In the midst of a war, the government is actually giving us money. Isn't that sort of backwards from your day? Wasn't government trying to get more money out of you to pay for the Mexican American War? And, isn't that when you chose to be civilly disobedient and to go to jail rather than support something you believed to be wrong? This is so confusing.*

*And, that brings up another question, what should I do with that money since it's not going to pay for a war that we're still fighting and it's still costing us a bundle?*

Sincerely,  
Mystified in Mandarin

Dear Mystified,

Wild? I gather you do not mean wildness such as the woods

around Walden Pond. So you must be using a 21st century expression meaning that it is out of your hands. If that is so, I can certainly understand your concern and confusion.

First, keep in mind that not everything is out of your hands. Even if all actions are not in your control, your response always is. So, first decide what to do based on right action. Those wonderful principles that you and other members of your congregation and denomination use as your guiding light would seem to be a good start. Maybe there is one particular principle that speaks to you more than the others. If not, may I suggest that you consider principle number three: the acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. I spent much of my life in the company of such notables as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott and Bronson Alcott; they each supported me in my own spiritual growth. These wonderful Unitarian thinkers each encouraged me to do what I believed was right.

So, how does that apply to this money that government is sending on to you and your fellow and sister citizens? Well, besides the right action of meeting any debts that you have accumulated, maybe a contribution to that new building you and your congregation are planning would be an excellent start. It would provide a place, a special place in the woods, for everyone to foster that acceptance and encouragement to spiritual growth: your own "Walden Pond", if you will. And, right now, as I understand it, your special contribution would get extra "bang for the buck"\* since it would be matched dollar-for-dollar by

someone in your congregation who must truly believe in that community encouragement.

With firm belief in right action, I remain respectfully yours,

Henry David Thoreau

(\*I believe that is a valid 20th-21st century expression?)

*The "Ask a(n) U-U" advice column is a regular feature of the BBUUS "Journey." Please direct all letters and comments to: AskaUU@bbuus.org.*

**Henry David Thoreau** (July 12, 1817 - May 6, 1862), Henry David Thoreau was an American author, philosopher, and naturalist who was part of the Transcendentalist movement. He is best known for his "Civil Disobedience" essay, which he wrote after spending a night in jail for not paying the poll tax; and for his two-year retreat to Walden Pond, detailed in his second book, *Walden, or Life in the Woods*. Thoreau was a non-joiner, as were many who identified in his time as Unitarian in theology. But he identified with Transcendentalism, a movement that grew as a rebellious Unitarianism, and he considered himself Unitarian.

*"I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."*

from the "Conclusion"  
to *Walden*





## Swimming Lessons with a Building Fund Bonus for BBUUS Members

Joani Maskell, BBUUS member and owner of Swimming Safari Swim School, is offering the members of our congregation a special discount and will match it with a donation to the BBUUS Building Fund.

She will provide the set of lessons for 50% off the regular price . . . (registration fee not included in this offer)

**Parents will pay 25% off a set of lessons and Swimming Safari will donate the other 25% to the church building fund!**

For example:

1 set of 8 lessons: \$200, Parent pays: \$150

Joani donates to the church Building Fund: \$50

Swimming Safari Swim School teaches swim lessons all over Jacksonville including:

Club Continental- Orange Park (starting June 9th)

Mandarin – right down the road from the church, heated pool!

Antlers Rentals- Southside Blvd & Baymeadows

Beaches- JTB & San Pablo(starting June 9th)

Many Private locations

For more information please visit:

[www.swimmingsafari.com](http://www.swimmingsafari.com) or call Joani at 904-260-1836

P.S. Our very own Holly Frost will be one of the instructors this summer!

## BBUUS Elects New Officials

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. At our Annual Meeting, held in early May, the congregation elected the following officers who will begin their terms July 1st:

**Karen Allstadt:** President

**Carl Shrader:** Vice President

**Don Culpepper:** Treasurer

**Gina Norstedt:** Secretary

**Pam Edwards-Roiné:** Trustee

**Phyllis Higginbotham:** Trustee  
(**Mark Yount** will complete the second year of a 2-yr. Trustee term)

Your **Nominating Committee** was elected, as follows:

**Jen Glassman, Joyce Johnson, Linda Mowers.**

Your Board has also appointed a Bylaws Task Force, under the leadership of Carl Shrader, to review the suggested bylaw amendments that failed to pass at the annual meeting. The group will meet over the coming weeks to study and discuss the current Bylaws. They will call an informational meeting for the general membership who wish to discuss their recommendations, and then they will take those final recommendations to the Board, who will call a congregational meeting to vote on the amendments that are proposed to members. Watch for more announcements on this topic!

### Refreshments

June 1 Sara Heath

June 8 Kris Kines

June 15 Jen Glassman

June 22 Open: Volunteer Needed

June 29 The Lynches



### Greeters & Ushers

June 1 Linda Mowers

June 8 Amber Canipe

June 15 Laura Frazier

June 22 Debby Jones

June 29 The Lynches



# June Schedule of Services

Services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 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  
Enrichment programs are held on Sunday mornings from 9 - 10:00, and on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

- June 1 9:00 a.m.: Adult Enrichment: Spirit in Practice - *“Toward a Rich and Meaningful Unitarian Universalist Spirituality”*  
10:30 a.m.: **Rev. Billy Thomas** presents *“The Places That Scare You”*  
Rev. Billy Thomas will speak on Pema Chodron’s book *“The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times.”* Ms. Chodron is one of Chogyam Trungpa’s foremost students and is a world renowned meditation master. In this inspiring work, she teaches that *“We can let the circumstances of our lives harden us and make us increasingly resentful and afraid, or we can let them soften us and make us kinder.”*  
Lay Leader: Karen Allstadt, Accompanist: Paul Marquardt
- June 8 9:00 a.m.: Adult Enrichment: Spirit in Practice - *“Personal Spiritual Practices”*  
10:30 a.m.: **Dr. Mark Yount** presents *“Life As Art”*  
Lay Leader: Annabelle Gallois, Accompanist: Ellen Miceli
- June 15 9:00 a.m.: Adult Enrichment: Spirit in Practice - *“Communal Worship Practices”*  
10:30 a.m.: **Rev. Jack Ford** presents *“The Gods In Everyman”*  
It isn’t easy being a father. It isn’t even easy to be a man in today’s society. Jungian analyst Jean Shinoda Bolen reminds us how our values and beliefs are shaped by culture. There are gods and goddesses in every person. Understanding this can help us learn to really be ourselves and lead a deeper, more meaningful life, whether we are a father or trying to relate to one.  
Lay Leader: Ron Rothberg, Accompanist: Marilyn Smart
- June 22 9:00 a.m.: Adult Enrichment: Spirit in Practice - *“Spiritual Partnerships”*  
10:30 a.m.: **Rev. Tim Simpson** presents *“Biblical Resources for Going Green”*  
Rev. Simpson will deliver a sermon that deals with the texts from the Christian Bible which can inform a healthy and productive perspective on the environment.  
Lay Leader: Linda Mowers, Accompanist: David Murphy
- June 29 9:00 a.m.: Adult Enrichment: Spirit in Practice - *“Mind Practices”*  
10:30 a.m.: **David Dean** presents *“Are You Stupid or Just Unsure Which Jeans You Want?”*  
David Dean will deliver a sermon written by Rev. Scott Tayler, First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY (*“A Community of Hope, Healing and Occasional Heresy”*)  
Lay Leader: Kris Kines, Accompanist: Ellen Miceli

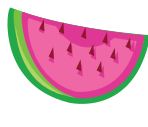




## Coming to the BBUUS Pulpit This Summer:

Dr. Mark Yount (BBUUS Member and Philosopher), Rev. Dr. Bill Ringgold, Elizabeth Teal (BBUUS Member), BBUUS Delegates Report on General Assembly 2008....and more!

*“The things that are holy and sacred in this life are neither stored away on mountaintops nor locked away in arcane secrets of the saints. I doubt that any church has a monopoly on them either. What holiness there is in this world resides in the ordinary bonds between us and in whatever bonds we manage to create between ourselves and the divine.”*

—PATRICK O’NEILL, “UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST VIEWS OF THE SACRED”

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> 9:00am: Enrichment 10:30am: <b>Billy Thomas</b> Parent Group Meeting after the Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7-9pm New UU Class, #1	<b>5</b> Worship Committee 7pm @ Mowers'	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  5pm Dean/Teal Party Lizzie's 50th!
<b>8</b>  9:00am: Enrichment 10:30am: <b>Dr. Mark Yount</b> P.R. Committee Meeting	<b>9</b> <i>Shavuot</i>	<b>10</b> 7pm Council Meeting @ Allstadt's	<b>11</b>  7-9pm New UU Class, #2	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:30am St. Augustine Boat Tour/Picnic 7pm Pam & Pedro's Party
<b>15</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00am: Enrichment 10:30am: <b>Rev. Jack Ford</b> New Member Recognition to be held during the service	<b>16</b>  July Journey Deadline!*	<b>17</b> 7pm Caring Mtg. @ Crisp's Board Mtg. @ Mowers'	<b>18</b> Noon: Lunch Bunch @ Ramada Inn  7-9pm New UU Class, #3	<b>19</b> Caring Committee Social at Carraba's	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Summer Begins</i>
<b>22</b> 9:00am: Enrichment 10:30am: <b>Rev. Tim Simpson</b> LRE luncheon meeting with Parents of Jr./Sr. High Youth	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>No Enrichment tonite!</i> General Assembly Begins in Ft. Lauderdale	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>General Assembly Ends</b>  9:00am: Enrichment 10:30am: <b>David Dean</b>	<b>30</b>					

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