

----- AUUF Services · 10 a.m. -----

**June 1 Turn, Turn, Turn**  
Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

It happens every year. New ones are born; old ones die. People graduate, get engaged, get married, turn 40, retire. Some start a business. Others gain licenses or advanced degrees. Some sally forth and some raise a toast to 25 years of staying put in a marriage. This Sunday we will honor the milestones and transitions of the AUUF community this past year and (around 10:45) we will move into a Ceremony of Marriage for Jim Allen and Judy Collins. O, Happy Day!

**June 8 A 24-Hour Journal**  
Rev. Diana Jordan Allende  
*Potluck & Giving Away the Plate*

The Rev. Dr. William Schulz, past president of the UUA and past Exec. Director of Amnesty Intl., is a very fine preacher. When “teaching preaching” he has his students keep a 24-hour journal of “random incidents, chance encounters, dreams, insightful observations, humorous stories...or simply the dull everydayness of existence which in and of itself may provide insight into the plight of humanity.” You can pick any day you want, but not combine days—i.e. you can’t take the best incidents from the past six months. You just decide at the start of any 24-hour period to be especially attentive to your daily life. So I’m thinking I’ll try this and hoping some of you will, too. And then let’s compare notes.

**June 15 Universal Human Needs**  
Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

Six months ago, a dozen AUUFers undertook the study and practice of NVC, or nonviolent communication, developed by Marshall Rosenberg. Key to relating to others compassionately is being able to ground ourselves in our own feelings and needs and to sense the needs of others, especially those with whom communication is strained or difficult. Simply learning to name the needs that are central to our own well-being and that of others is eye-opening. We are not schooled in this, and it shows—in anger, in depression, in conflict. No wonder the world is as it is! We’ll take a serious look at the list of Universal Human Needs.

**June 22 Revisiting Life 'Behind the Veil': Poverty, Race, & the Mirage of Economic Opportunity**  
Dr. David Carter

Dr. Carter of the Auburn University History Department will speak to us about economic inequality, with a special focus on racial aspects. He will also offer possible solutions and inform us of grassroots initiatives. Please see page 4 for a full introduction by Dr. Carter.

**June 29 Summer Reflections**  
AUUF Members

UU's often travel in the summer. We will hear about some notable transformative experiences. And then, of course, there are those that are simply and compellingly interesting.



**June  
2008**

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**Conversation Café**  
June 1, 2:00-3:30  
“Letting Go”  
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**Theology Café**  
June 15, 2:00-3:30  
“God, Our Father???”  
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*All are welcome*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Weekly Events ↓	Diana 1:30-6:30 Yoga @ 5 ↓		Diana 1:30-6:30 ↓		Meditation @ 10 ↓
1 Singers @9 Jim & Judy wed @10:45 Conv'n Café @ 2 NVC 4-6, Ch.11	2	3 Com. Lunch @ 12	4 NVC 5:30-7:30 pm	5	6 Sundilla @ 7:30 Macho Men @7	7
8 Singers @9 Potluck NVC 4-6, Ch.12	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Singers @9 Theology Café @2 NVC 4-6, Ch.13 Humanists @ 6	16	17	18 NVC 5:30-7:30 pm	19 Sundilla @ 8	20 News Deadline Feminista @ 6:30	21
22	23	24	25 General Assembly, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	26 -----→	27 -----→	28 -----→
29 GA in FL ends	30					*(Please see inside pages for more details about events.)*



## Diana's Column

### Office Hours—

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Time off: Mondays

Diana's office is in the lower level of the Busch Center, most easily reached by walking down the sidewalk and entering through the back door.

Do stop by!

Although I haven't yet received the current issue of the *UU World* in the mail, I read several of its articles online, where I learned that the Revs. Jason Shelton and Kendyl Gibbons have collaborated to create a cantata based on the six sources of Unitarian Universalism. Not so long ago, I delivered a sermon on why we have six sources, and so I was pleased to read that Jason Shelton shares my conviction that, by and large, we don't pay enough attention to the sources that *resource* Unitarian Universalism. If we did, then we'd probably see some of our old debates around humanist-theist, rational-spiritual, social group or faith community in a different light. Rather than seeing "either/or dichotomies," we might recognize the wholeness found in cultivating a "both/and" perspective. We might relax a little and celebrate a religion that is shaped by heretics—which means those who are "able to choose." We might better appreciate Rev. Mary Louise DeWolfe-Hurt's contention that we're Unitarian Universalists not because we believe so little, but because we believe so much. Revelation, or truth with a capital "T", is not sealed; it flows into our lives daily from many sources so long as we are open and attentive to it. Yet, understanding and meaning are deepened and strengthened when we are fortunate enough to have good dialogue partners, faithful companions, and soul friends to ponder with us questions about what constitutes wisdom, virtue, the eternal verities—or even practical good sense. To see Unitarian Universalism through the lens of the six sources, in addition to the seven principles, is to catch sight of its potential richness, both in breadth and depth. It is to recognize the concerted effort of generations of Unitarians and Universalists and Unitarian Universalists to make room for a variety of life experiences, faith positions, approaches to meaning-making. It is to be humbled by those who have taken religious freedom seriously enough to keep trying to get it right.

So I commend this issue of the *UU World* to you, and I commend Jason and Kendyl for setting the six sources to music, and I enthusiastically support the proposed Summer Service Series on the Six Sources of Unitarian Universalism, brainchild of Terry Rodriguez (see page 4). This is your opportunity to choose one of the sources that is particularly meaningful to you and talk about it, or sing about it, or present it in some other creative way. Many people are attracted to UUism because they understand it to be an open-minded tradition where every person is encouraged to search out and explore his or her understanding of truth and meaning among other likewise thoughtful and supportive people. May we collectively embody this promise. May we seek the truth together in love. May we learn the difference between being *nice* (a kind of "don't ask, don't tell" policy about the things that matter most) and being *kind*, which involves speaking without fear (or rancor) and listening with open hearts.

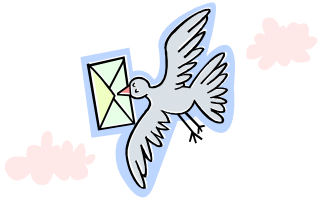
It promises to be a meaning-full summer.

Love,

*Diana*

### Diana's Summer Schedule

After June 12, regular office hours are suspended until August 18. During this time Diana will attend Ministry Days and General Assembly (June 23-June 29) in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, as well as taking vacation time and study leave. She will check email and be available by phone.



## In the Loop



The idea of this column is to keep you informed about Fellowship activities and Board actions. But much of that will be covered during the Business meeting. So, let me thank the Nominating Committee for all of their hard work filling so many openings this year. Our Canvass theme this year was "Investing in Leadership" and the congregation generously supported this theme financially with pledges that exceeded our goal. But I want to ask you one more time to invest in leadership this coming year. Not with your financial support but by giving of your time and talents. We have many new committee chairs, and I hope each and every one of our members will consider investing in the AUUF by signing up for a committee and working with that committee chair to help the AUUF accomplish great things in the coming year. Come get involved in music, in RE, in art, in building Habitat for Humanity homes, in lay-led services, and in sustaining a vibrant, effective faith community.

Have a wonderful summer, whether you visit far-flung places or stay here at home.

Yours,  
Sharon Roberts  
President, AUUF Board of Trustees

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## ***UU Connections***



**Come to the UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY!**

**June 25-29, 2008 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

GA is a gathering of UU congregations and a feast of Unitarian Universalism worth at least one pilgrimage for any Unitarian Universalist! You can find more information about this rich annual event and register to attend at: <http://uaa.org/events/generalassembly>

Right before GA begins there is a two-day educational event called **UU University**. Congregation leaders – current or upcoming – will find this time well spent! More information about UU University is at [www.uaa.org/events/uuuniversity](http://www.uaa.org/events/uuuniversity).

As usual we will host a **Mid-South District Ingathering** at the very beginning of GA, on the Wednesday afternoon before the Opening Session and Banner Parade – so we hope to see many folks who are attending at this event!

The General Assembly is where the democratic governance of our Unitarian Universalist tradition is lived out. It is the place where the voices of individual Unitarian Universalist congregation are heard. Your congregation can elect delegates to General Assembly, to represent you in the votes taken during the plenary sessions.

With the 2008 GA happening as close by as Ft. Lauderdale, folks from our region can imagine attending – so give serious consideration to this opportunity this year!

See you in Ft. Lauderdale!  
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# Sunday Services News

## June 22nd Service with Dr. David Carter

*"Revisiting Life 'Behind the Veil': Poverty, Race, & the Mirage of Economic Opportunity in Alabama & Beyond"*

Richard Wright, W.E.B. Du Bois, and other African American writers used the concept of the "veil" to describe the ways in which whites in the first half of the 20th century failed to perceive realistically the challenges of African American life in the de jure segregated South and the de facto segregated North during the era of Jim Crow. I'd like to spend a little bit of time on the 22nd thinking about how a similar "veil"-like phenomenon may often prevent us from grappling fully with the reality of persistent economic inequality in our midst, both here in Lee County and on a broader state, regional, and national canvass. But I'll be broadening the lens to talk about how income inequality cuts across the color line, hoping to talk about how poverty affects whites, African Americans, Latinos/Latinas, and others in ways that are sometimes color-coded and other times color-blind. Even as I do think class is tremendously important, as a historian and contemporary observer of American race relations, I think that the issues of economic justice and the ongoing importance of race and ethnicity in our country make discussing these issues in tandem important (witness all the ongoing discussions of race and class in the Democratic presidential primary process). I imagine many in the AUUF community already have a very good sense of these issues, so I hope we can all be part of a conversation that morning about "who the poor are," and why it is that there seems so little urgency in our local-, state-, and national-level debates to address the persistence of income inequality and those whom one scholar has described as "the truly disadvantaged" and others have described as "the underclass." Why no new call from our national and state leaders for a "war on poverty"? Why is our discussion of health insurance and taxation always refracted through the lens of the presumably beleaguered "middle class" and not through the even more urgent crisis affecting America's poorest residents, citizens and non-citizens alike? Again, I think many of us would offer similar answers, some of them steeped in the kind of cynicism that is hard to avoid: the poor don't tend to vote as much, they don't have clout as an "interest group," etc.

I hope to offer some statistics about the dimensions of the problems we face without getting too bogged down in decimal points and percentages. To prevent the morning message from becoming too unremittingly bleak, I'd also like to offer something of a "silver lining" with a cataloguing of some possible solutions and a run-down on some of the grassroots initiatives that are acting to confront these challenges when, in my opinion, our government too often is falling down on the job.



## "UU's Six Sources" Summer Series



We have a long-running AUUF tradition in the summer months for lay-led services. These lay-led services are written, organized, and presented by willing members and friends of the AUUF. If you (or a group) have a passion or interest you would like to share with the AUUF community during a Sunday Service, this is your chance to step up to the podium.

Given the lively discussion after Diana's "Every Life a Spiritual Life" sermon last month, it is obvious we have a diverse community. We have six UU sources. How about you choose a source and take a summer Sunday to explore it in whatever way suits you? Because it is summer, the exploration should be simple — a story, a personal experience, a current event. A longer-than-usual congregational response would be appropriate.

This idea is Terry Rodriguez's. She is signed up for July 20th with her exploration of the life of St. Teresa of Avila, who, according to Terry, was "way cool." Her source is words and deeds of prophetic women (and men).

*Pick your Source NOW!!*

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder
2. Words and deeds of prophetic women and men - Terry Rodriguez on July 20
3. Wisdom from the world's religions
4. Jewish and Christian teachings
5. Humanist teachings
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions

*Open dates are:*

July 6  
July 20—Terry Rodriguez  
July 27

August 3  
August 10  
August 17  
August 31

Contact new Sunday Service Co-Chairs Karen St. Clair (karen.stclair@gmail.com) or Darrell Crutchley (dcrutchley@mac.com) to reserve a date and topic. Karen and Darrell will be more than happy to assist with your program with Orders of Service and/or media requirements.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## *Come Celebrate Jim & Judy!*

Jim Allen & Judy Collins (ex-Cumbee) invite you to celebrate with them their wedding, to take place immediately following the AUUF Sunday service on June 1 (around 10:45). An informal, simple reception will follow. Presence, not presents, please.

## **Former Member to Visit June 8th**

Mike Mann and Robin Foster are two former members of the AUUF (along with their two children Nick and Jamie) who moved from Auburn to upstate New York (Corning) in 1997. Mike will be visiting Auburn the weekend of June 7 & 8, and he will be attending AUUF that Sunday, June 8th. He'd love to re-connect with friends from the church. Mike's e-mail is: manmic69@hotmail.com.

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## **ESCAPE TO VERMONT**

September 26 – 28, 2008

Come to the fourteenth Annual B&B Weekend offered by the UU Church of Rutland, VT! Enjoy the beauty of Vermont, UU hospitality, and a choice of guided activities: hiking, kayaking, bicycling, antiques/arts, cider making history tour, soaring tour, touring historic sites and quaint towns, and much more. Registration by August 1, \$250 (single) and \$450 (double). After August 1, \$300 (single) and \$500 (double). For more information, contact: uufoliagevermont@yahoo.com or (802) 353-7969 or www.rutlanduu.org

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## **Sundilla Concerts**

June 6, 7:30

Claude Bourbon

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June 19, 8:00

James Durst & Jim Scott\*

More information available at [www.sundilla.org](http://www.sundilla.org)

\*Judy Collins reports:

An absolutely FAVORITE folk singer

*James Durst*, and also *Jim Scott* of

UU renown, on their way to UUA General Assembly, will Sundilla Sing THURSDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.

A joyous song by Durst, "Celebrate," captures what I see as a promised evening to celebrate LIFE through song with many friends—and hopefully a few of our family from afar... Invite yours, too!

Members of AUUF choir will join Durst and Scott on a couple of songs. (If you want to rehearse and sing with us on the 19th, come to AUUF Sundays at 9:00 a.m.)

Join Durst in his signing/singing:

**"Think globally; act VOCALLY!"**

## **Traveling this summer?**

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can help you stay in interesting destinations and save money. For 28 years, UU're Home has provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

Check out the UU're Home website at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com). Host listings are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. A paper copy (printed each April) and a year's website access is \$25.



... .. **Corner Quote** ... ..

**"A mind that is stretched by a new experience  
can never go back to its old dimensions."**

**--Anonymous**

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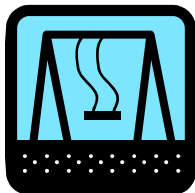
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**Reminder:** The deadline for newsletter items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Schedules

### Playground Volunteers

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June playground volunteers are needed!

Please contact Ben Rudgers on a Sunday or email him at:  
teamsteam@bellsouth.net.

### Storytellers for June

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June 1	Jenny Brooks
June 8	Conar Rochford
June 15	To Be Announced
June 22	Susan McAllister
June 29	To Be Announced

### Spoon Moon June Greeters

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June 1	Lindsay Amsberry, Carl Hudson
June 8	Terry Rodriguez, Ken Walters
June 15	Ann & Joy Huyler
June 22	Jennie Raymond, Sharon Roberts
June 29	Angela Weyler, Emily Livant

### Angels for June

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June 1	To Be Announced
June 8	To Be Announced
June 15	To Be Announced
June 22	To Be Announced
June 29	To Be Announced

This Lucifer needs replacing. Someone step up! –Chip B.