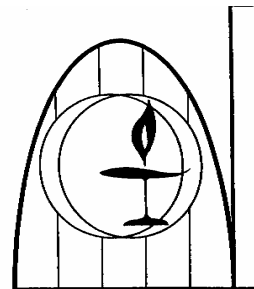


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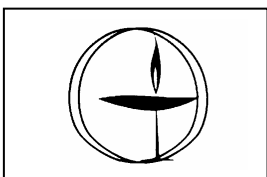
## WORSHIP SERVICES

June 3, 2007 “**Expanding Circles**”  
*Bridging Ceremony*  
The Rev. Sandra D. Fitz-Henry

June 10, 2007 “**Take It, Leave it**”  
The Rev. Sandra D. Fitz-Henry

June 17, 2007 “**Fathers and Flowers**”  
Sharing Service  
Flower Communion  
Religious Services Committee  
*Bring a flower to exchange*

June 24, 2007 “**Summer Solstice**”  
Jessica Brien/Claudia Cruz-Teixerra



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an active congregation who come together in fellowship to maintain an environment that promotes spiritual growth for individuals and families and affirms diversity of belief.

We reach out in a caring way within our church and beyond with a commitment to build a more loving community.

**The next Universalist deadline is**  
July 22nd. – Late articles will appear in the following newsletter.

## FROM THE MINISTER

*“One must accept the security of the winged life, of the ebb and flow, of intermittency.”*  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Sitting in the sanctuary for Youth Sunday was a joyous and profound experience. Listening and watching all those children and youth, many of whom I have known from birth, it was a time to celebrate all of them. And it was a time to feel gratitude for the Unitarian Universalist way of religious education. It is a way which trusts children, and trusts that in a religious community which encourages freedom of thought, respect and dignity, young people will grow as people of worth, dignity and fairness, who care about one another and the world. This trust is validated over and over again.

I am always in awe at the imaginative ways all of the groups tell about their year together. Recall the drawings and the words telling about them; remember the world religions quiz and the “EASY” button? Remember all of the wonderful musicians who shared their musical gifts with us? There was laughter, and profundity, and remembrance -- a candle lit by a grandson, in memory of Ray Hall, longtime Murray member who passionately believed in the importance of our religious education program. I was filled with gratitude for all the teachers who have loved and listened and shared and given their time Sunday after Sunday to be part of our children’s lives. Thank you to each and every one of you for the lasting gift you have given to your classes, to Murray and to the world. And thank you as well to our dedicated Religious Education Director, Nan Loggains, who, together with the support and assistance of the RE Committee, shapes and guides this excellent program.

In one sense, at Murray we are all teachers -- teacher-learners. The community itself is “teaching” all the time -in how we are with one another and what we choose to do together, as we share our lives with one another in deepening relationship.

This is the time of year when weddings are being planned. One of the readings couples sometimes choose for inclusion in their marriage service is a section from Anne Morrow Lindbergh’s Gift From the Sea. It reads:

*” When you love someone you do not love them all the time in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. It is an impossibility. It is even*

*a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity – in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern. . . . One must accept the security of the winged life, of ebb and flow, of intermittency.”*

Lindbergh’s quote reminds me that in so many parts of our lives “intermittency” prevails. Our thoughts change; our emotions change; our relationships change, our lives change. In our lives we are often “asked” (by life) to trust the ebb and the flow -- to go on holding on, through the ebb and the flow. That kind of trust is, I think, the meaning of having faith, or keeping faith. It is a fundamental trust that bridges the intermittency.

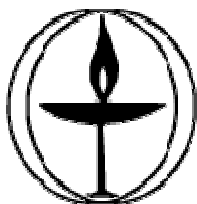
As a UU, when I think of the word *faith*, the flaming chalice comes immediately to mind. When we light that chalice each Sunday, we reconfirm that whatever may be happening in our personal lives, we light an affirming flame of freedom, truth, justice, compassion; of reverence for all life and the spirit of love and service. Though our own lights may flicker and sometimes go out there is that larger stream of our history and values and our present community which remain vital and life-bearing.

Religious community can hold one through the ebbs and flows of time. This community of people, with whom one has joined in covenant, can hold one through the *intermittencies*.

And now we come summer, when our services change for a few months. There is a wonderful roster of summer services that the Religious Services Committee has organized (see page 6). I will be attending the General Assembly in Portland Oregon which begins the week following our Father’s Day and Flower Sunday – June 17<sup>th</sup>. I will be taking my vacation time following the Assembly. Both Rosalie Gordon, in the office, and Janet Richardi, our Moderator, will know how to reach me at all times, and there will be a minister on call when I am away from Attleboro. I will be checking messages both at the home and church numbers each week.

May each and every one of you have a safe and relaxing summertime, filled with whatever you would most like it full of. Be sure to save a bit of water to bring “home” to Murray Church when we gather on September 9 to share the many stories of our travels, our non-travels – our lives.

Sandra



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

*“We only part to meet again.” ~John Gay*

It is time to say goodbye to two special Murray folks.

I have had the privilege of working with two wonderful people who have both given so much to Murray Church. Both will be moving on at the end of this church year. Lynne Narkiewicz has taught in our Sunday school program for ten years. She is the mother of two teens, the youngest of whom will be moving up to the Youth Group this fall. Lynne could be counted on to teach nearly every week, every year. In recent years, Lynne has built a special rapport with her group of middle schoolers. She led stimulating discussions and had a special way of working with young adolescents. Lynne was also a great contributor to the Murray Church Holiday Fair and may be best known in Murray circles for her very special painted chairs that have been sold for years during the fair. I will miss you.

Ron Bernier volunteered to co-lead the Youth Group during my first year as DRE five years ago. Ron arranged and chaperoned field trips, brought in guest speakers, and always had an enjoyable game for the teens to play. Ron helped guide our teens on their paths to young adulthood. His warmth and sense of humor helped make the Purple Chat Room a safe and enjoyable place. Ron is stepping down at the end of this church year in order to embark on a new adventure—he will be marrying in September. I will miss you.

Another Youth Sunday has come and gone. This year we had an enthusiastic group of first and second graders serve as greeters, third, third, fourth, and fifth graders ushered parishioners to their seats, and fifth and sixth graders rang the church bell. Most of the music during the service was performed by Murray children and teens. Kayle Hill exhibited her fine piano skills during the Music for Reflection, Ivy Krofta played the organ beautifully during the prelude, Ben Seagrave played the accordion wonderfully during the offertory, Young trumpeter Michael McCormack played a rousing 1812 Overture. Isabel Samuel on saxophone and Hannah Gadbois on piano provided a delightful musical finish to the Youth Sunday service. The preschool-kindergarten class conducted the chalice lighting. The first-second grade class shared what they had learned and also planted a weeping cherry tree in the RE Garden. The third-fourth grade class told the congregation about their favorite Bible stories. The fifth-sixth grade class shared different versions of the Golden Rule. In a game show format, the seventh-eighth grade class demonstrated how much they had learned about a variety of world religions. The Youth Group shared a poem about world religions. In addition, high school senior, Kristin Blackbird, who has been attending Murray Church since she was a toddler, delivered her

senior speech. It is always wonderful to participate in the Youth Sunday Service and enjoy the children and youth in all of their ages and stages. Thank you to all of the teachers, children, and teens who participated in this year's service.

The church year is winding down, but it is not over yet. The Youth Group will continue to meet each Sunday morning and the young people in middle school and below will enjoy group activities and Youth Worship during the remaining weeks of the church year.

Nan Loggains, DRE

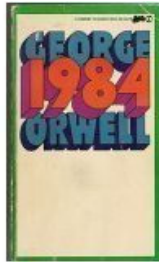
## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **Book and Lunch Bunch June 3 11:45 – 1:15 STONES FOR IBARRA**

A couple, in their forties, move to a small Mexican village. Their plan is to live out their lives there, connected to the place and to each other. They find themselves living among people who both respect and misunderstand them. Gradually the villagers – at first enigmas – come to teach the couple much about life and the relentless tide of fate. Please join us in the John Murray Room for discussion and a light lunch.

Sandra and Nan

- **Teen Book Group – Unity Room**
- **Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>**



### **JOYS AND CONCERNS**



It is joy to see the beautiful blooms in the Memorial Garden. Stop by and smell the flowers-relax a while.

Congratulations to all of our June graduates and their proud families. We wish you a bright and successful future as you pursue your dreams.

## **MURRAY CHURCH SPRING FAIR-JUNE 9TH**

We are planning to hold a Spring Fair on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. We will begin set-up Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after church. We need lots of people and muscles for this.

We will be emptying the storage unit in the parking lot and bringing stuff inside Fellowship Hall. Our goal would be to get everything in that day. We need help all week pricing and cleaning.

We need people to bake for Sat. Laurie Lawes has offered to chair that part. Volunteers can contact her by phone or email.

We need someone to take the reins as far as the grill ordering and buying rolls, chips, soda etc. Bill Freddo is will to advise on how to order. Several people offered today to man the grill and serve food.

We need any plants people might want to donate. Many are splitting perennials now, so if we could get the word out to save them for us that would help. And we still could use some more donations of stuff. Any spring cleaning going on can benefit us.

While you are doing your spring cleaning please box any items you are getting rid of (clean & in good shape) and drop them off at church – your items will benefit us.

Two years ago our thrown together effort yielded \$1300, so I am sure we can make a good go of this if we get the help.

We are looking into cotton candy and popcorn machines. We would like to have an ice cream booth.

We could also book some crafters for outside but I am unsure of how to go about that. Anyone willing to take that on?

Can you work any or all of the actual day June 9<sup>th</sup>?  
In short:

- We need someone to chair the food part.
- We need bakers to bake. The bakers can call or email Laurie Lawes. (number above)
- We need workers for the actual day June 9<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 3p.m. and many workers on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to set up.

Please let us know ASAP via email or at church this Sunday with what you can do. If you are unsure of what any of this involves please talk with us Sunday or call or email us.

Co-Chair: Betsey Bullock  
Co-Chair: Donna Palmer

*Member contact information is in the Church Directory or call the Church Office 508-222-0505.*

## **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

The new labeled church directories are in back of the Sanctuary. Please take the one with your name on it We are hoping to save the mailing cost by distributing this way. Also, if you see someone you know please take theirs and give to them. Thank you.

## **HOLIDAY FAIR COMMITTEE –**

There will be a meeting of the 2007 Holiday Fair Committee at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend. This is a great way to become more involved in our church community and have some fun while raising much-needed funds for our church. In particular, we are looking for one or more individuals who would like to help chair the Gramma's Attic room. Kelley Gardner, who has been chairing this room for many years, is willing to do it again if someone is able to work with her. Responsibilities include sorting and storing items in the storage unit as they come in over the summer and fall, setting up the room the week prior to the fair, and pricing goods for sale. If you like hosting or shopping at yard sales, this may be just the spot you're looking for. If not, there are many other ways you can help. **For more information, please contact Shelly Freddo or Betsey Bullock . We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.**

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### **THANK YOU FROM THE CLARA BARTON GUILD**

We want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to all who donated clothing and household articles to last month's Rummage Sale. We enjoyed a very successful sale. This success enables us to help out our church and other charities. Again, thank you. See you again in fall.

**Clara Barton Guild**

## **ADVOCACY & SERVICE**

### **LIMITED OPPORTUNITY/LASTING IMPACT!**

Six years ago the first Murray Church team was created for this little event known as *The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life*. This was the perfect venue for Murray Church to get some positive community service exposure. I'm glad to say since then it has grown into so much more.

A variety of our members stepped forward to participate in this cancer event bringing with them some very personal reasons. Some stories were sad some were about victories. While trying to raise research dollars to prevent future cancer victims we unknowingly created an atmosphere to express our emotions and feelings towards this seemingly random disease.

Now that June is almost here, please consider joining the team. At coffee hour I will be recruiting members to participate in this 18 hour event. The event will be held on June 8 & 9 at the North Attleboro High School track. Witness for yourself the love and hope that fill the night. More details available on request.

Your help to have a successful team is greatly appreciated as this year's event hits too close to home as my own mother battles breast cancer.

*Diane Beauvais*

## **LEARN THE RICH HISTORY OF MURRAY CHURCH WITH BETTY CLARK**

Not until I was appointed to the Board of Deacon & Deaconesses did I become acquainted with the Murray Church Historical Room and the people who restore and maintain the files, documents and other items relating to the history of Murray Church.

Over the past year, I have had the pleasure to browse through numerous boxes, uncovering everything from old photographs and scrapbooks to ancient copies of the *Universalist* newsletter and assorted historical documents – marriage and baby dedication announcements, official membership books, BOG Clerks' Books, histories of various church groups, Treasurer Reports, and much more.

Five years ago, Mary Ann Powers, Betty Clark, and David Eaton began cataloging and organizing the contents of this room. They have carefully labeled each box and put together a list detailing the entire collection that now hangs on the wall inside the room where the documents are housed. Betty told me she joined the Historical Room Committee to ensure the Pilgrim Unitarian Church documents were properly preserved. Betty and her family were members of the Pilgrim Church before it officially merged with Murray Church in 1955.

I had leafed through many of the scrapbooks and photographs on my own, but I learned so much more when I spent time going through the collection with Betty. For example, I was looking through a scrapbook that included faded black-and-white pictures of the construction of our church. The photos were interesting, but it was Betty who explained that the magnificent arches that now adorn our sanctuary were reordered after the original arches were destroyed in a fire while in transport to our church site. She also told me a wonderful story she uncovered from an old Annual Report. According to Betty, there was a big controversy during an Annual Meeting in the 1950's that involved a much heated discussion about whether the church should serve wine or water during communions. Apparently, the water won the vote.

Betty also introduced me to a publication – "*Give them not Hell... but Hope and Courage*" – a well-written history of the church through the 1960's. If you are new to Murray or interested in our rich history, please contact Betty (508-222-3041) for a copy of this booklet.

Also, you may want to stop by the Historical Room after church. The Historical Room shares its space with the Food Pantry and is located just outside the front of the

sanctuary next to Dennis Ferguson's office. It is open every Sunday during church hours, but for a real treat, sit with Betty Clark and you'll learn the unedited history of the church. Mary Basilone  
Board of Deacons & Deaconesses

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## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES/CAMPS POSTED

Check the Camp/Conference/Travel & Learning church bulletin board (near Minister's office) for many wonderful and interesting summer opportunities for UU's.

**FERRY BEACH, STAR ISLAND** –Rel. Ed. Conference July 14-21, **UU NIAGRA EXPERIENCE** July 15 –18, **UU BED AND BREAKFAST OPPORTUNITES**, **ROWE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**, **CA WINE COUNTRY EXCURSIONS**, **AND MANY OTHERS!**



## THE LADY OF THE ATLANTIC" LUNCHEON & CRUISE

**Sat., July 28<sup>th</sup> - \$59.00 per person**

Motorcoach departs from Murray at 10:30 AM.

**2 Hr. Cruise** Aboard this beautiful new 140 passenger luxury cruise boat. Cash bar, fireplace & lounge.

**The Pilgrim Harvest buffet** & Plymouth Colony Winery

After the luncheon cruise, we're off to Plymouth Colony Winery for wine tasting in a renovated cranberry-screening house, surrounded by cranberry bogs.

Reservation sign up sheets & information in front hall of church Questions? Please contact Murray Church member, Brett Capone Reserve early.

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## FATHERS DAY/FLOWER SUNDAY –JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>

We will have two parts to this Service-honoring fathers and contributing to a flower bouquet that is unique to this year. You are encouraged to bring a flower, melding it with others to display nature's beauty. After the service you may take a flower home with you. Fathers will be honored throughout this service. There are sharing parts which you might like to contribute to. (something about Dad, a poem, short reading, or talent (musical/dance). This is our last regular church service until the fall. Check page 7 for a list of Summer Services.

## SERMON TOPIC FOR MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>

On Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, our sermon is "Childhood Lost." Our nation today pays lip service to the needs of children and parents, while increasingly it fails both. We start with the child rearing practices of Colonial times, when early preachers insisted that parenting be based on religious ideology, (and practices which endure to this day in many denominations). In contrast, Unitarian Universalist values and ideals provide a grounding in Faith which truly nurtures and supports children and families.  
Gretchen Robinson

## HONORING GIFTS

**IF YOU WISH TO HONOR SOMEONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION – YOU MAY NOW MAKE A SPECIAL DONATION TO MURRAY CHURCH.**

If you'd like a unique way to publicly mark an anniversary, a special event, memorial date, birthday, with a donation to our church, you'd fill out an Honoring Gift Form (available in the office) and turn it into the office with your check attached. Later, the honoree and reason for your tribute will be listed in the newsletter. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Is there someone you'd like to honor in this unique way? Please let us know.

**Special Honoring Gift Forms are always available in the Church office and online at:**

<http://www.murrayuuchurch.org>. You may request one at any time.

## MISS A SERVICE??

All of our services are taped. If you have missed service or would like a copy of one, leave a 90 minute tape in Rosalie's box with your name and the date of the service you are requesting. Rosalie will duplicate the tape for you & you'll be notified when it is ready.

## UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – PORTLAND, OR

For information go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/>

## NEW BCD WEBSITE ADDRESS:

WWW.BCDUUA.ORG

## LOST AND FOUND

We have a silver Cross pen in our Lost and Found Box in the church office. Stop buy & claim it if it's yours.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO COVERED FOR ME WHILE I WAS ON VACATION.** Thanks for keeping things running smoothly in the office. Much appreciated.

Rosalie

**Clip & Post on Refrigerator**



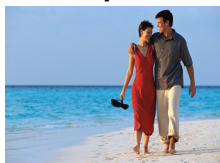
**MURRAY UU CHURCH  
SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

(All services will be held in the Unity Room at 10:00 AM)

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>June 24</b>  | <b>“Summer Solstice”</b><br>Jessica Brien & Claudia Cruz-Teixerra      |
| <b>July 1</b>   | <b>“Patriotic Songs”</b><br>Jim Loggains & Mary Whelan                 |
| <b>July 8</b>   | <b>“Accepting Praise”</b><br>Liz Lamoureux                             |
| <b>July 15</b>  | <b>“The Whole Earth Ethic: 39 Years and Counting”</b><br>Charlie Adler |
| <b>July 22</b>  | <b>“Pipe Dreams in Holland”</b><br>Mary Whelan                         |
| <b>July 29</b>  | <b>“Mindful Living”</b><br>Ethel Fraga                                 |
| <b>Aug. 5</b>   | <b>“Serenity”</b><br>Sheila Jacobs                                     |
| <b>Aug. 12</b>  | <b>“Who Needs God”</b><br>Cassandra Hill                               |
| <b>Aug. 19</b>  | <b>“Spirals &amp; Spirits”</b><br>Len Yutkins                          |
| <b>Aug. 26</b>  | <b>“Music, Spirit and Emotion”</b><br>Allison MacDonald                |
| <b>Sept. 02</b> | <b>“Loves Reflection”</b><br>Roger Boucher                             |

*The Religious Services Committee extends a warm invitation to all to attend these summer services. Everyone is welcome.*

***Have a safe and peaceful summer!***



Please scroll down to next page to view the Monthly Calendar!

# JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	*			.	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 10:00 AM Music Com. JM
June 3 9:00 AM Choir Practice-Sanc.  10 AM Worship & Church School  <b>11:30 AM Set up for Spring Fair – FH</b>  11:45 AM <b>Book &amp; Lunch Bunch</b> – JM <i>Stones for Ibarra</i>  7:30 PM AIAnon-FH*	4 12:00 PM Clara Barton Guild Mtg. – JM  1:30 PM Gold Dusters FH*  7:30 PM Meditation - JM	5 7:00 PM Teen Bk. Group UR <i>George Orwell's 1984</i>  7:00 PM Membership Com. - JM	6  -----	7 7:00 PM Philosopher's Café – YGR  7:30 PM Com. Of Ministry – Min.'s study  7:30 PM Choir Practice-Sanc.	8 <b>Relay for Life</b> N. Attleboro HS Track	9 <b>Relay for Life</b> N. Attleboro HS Track  <b>MURRAYSpring Fair</b> <b>9:00 AM – 3:00 PM FH</b> <b>Food, flea market, plant sale, fun for all!</b>
10 <b>Universalist Deadline</b>  9:00 AM Choir Practice-Sanc.  10 AM Worship & Church School  7:30 PM AIAnon-FH	11 7:00 PM Knitting Group – YGR  7:30 PM Meditation – JM  <b>7:00 PM Parents of Teens UR</b>	12 6:00 PM BOG Orientation JM  7:15 PM BOG - JM	13  10 AM Small Group JM	14  .	15  5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Sanc.	16  11:00 AM Wedding and (reception in UR following ceremony till 4:00 PM)
17 8:45 am Holiday Fair Com. - FH  9:00 AM Choir Practice-Sanc.  <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY – Flower Sunday</b>  10 AM Worship & Church School (last regular church service –summer svcs. begin next week)  7:30 PM AIAnon –FH*	18  7:30 PM Meditation - JM	19  7:15 PM D&D's - JM	20  1:00 PM Gold Dusters Dinner Mtg. –FH*	21 7:30 PM Choir Practice Sanc   <b>Summer begins.</b>	22  Wedding Rehearsal –Sanc.  7:00 PM Circle of Spirits – YGR	23  Food'n Friends Soup Kitchen  5:30 PM Wedding/ Sanctuary
24 10:00 AM Summer Worship Services begin – UR  9:00 AM Choir Practice-Sanc.  7:30 PM AIAnon –FH	25  7:00 PM Knitting Group- YGR	26  7:00 PM Rel. Svcs. Com. JM	27 10 AM Small Group –JM  7:30 PM Property Mtg.-JM	28	29	30

### Abbreviation Codes

\* = non-church activity – renter; RE = Religious Education; BCD = Ballou Channing District; UUA = Unitarian Universalist Association; JM = John Murray Room; FH = Fellowship Hall; UR = Unity Room; YGR = Youth Group Room; N = Nursery; HR = Historical Room; Office = Church Office; Study = Minister's Office; Sanc = Sanctuary