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Every Sunday:

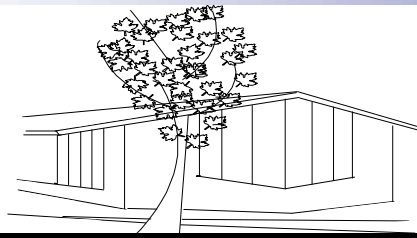
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice exc. 4/29
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE,
Preschool class, Rm C (2x/mon.)
Elementary classes (K - 2nd,
Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)
Middle/High School Youth
Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Apr. 1, Lex Coleman, "Middle East, Part 2"
- Apr. 8, TBA
- Apr. 15, TBA
- Apr. 22, TBA
- Apr. 29, TBA

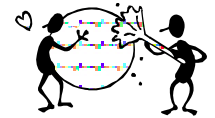
April Highlights:

- Finance/Church Council Meeting, Tues. 4/10, 7:00 PM
- Ministerial Candidating Week, Fri. 4/13-Sun. 4/22 (See schedule)
- Monthly Potluck 3rd Sun., 4/15, 12:30 PM (then Open Forum w/candidate)
- Congregational Voting Meeting, Sun. 4/22, 12:15 PM
- Woohoo Wed., 4/25, 6:30 PM



The Meridian

April Sundays (11:00 AM)



Apr. 1 | The Foolish Things We Do

When is foolishness useful and appropriate? Should we be judgmental of the foolishness of others? Ourselves? What can we learn from foolishness? The University Unitarian Universalists examine foolishness on this April Fools' Day **Campus Ministry Sunday**. (Also Shelter meal collection)

The University Unitarian Universalists

Apr. 8 | Easter Intergenerational Service

At this time of celebratory transformation and rebirth, come experience a rather different rendition of the beloved story, "The Velveteen Rabbit," with its message for all ages and stages in people's lives. Children – and some adults – will be staging a bit of a play on this theme that is fun, poignant and important for all. (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.) **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

Apr. 15 | What To My Wondering Eyes

When I saw watercolor students copying artwork from magazines, I thought their work inferior. Then I learned that when students copy the art masters they develop into better painters. I learned that nature loves symmetry, and then I really looked at the ragged daps and splashes that make our cat wonderfully unique, and I questioned that assertion. What can we learn from the patterns, chaotic and ordered, that comprise our lives?

Rev. Robin Gray, Our Settled Minister Candidate

Apr. 22 | By Turning We Come 'Round Right

A line from a Shaker hymn inspires thoughts of the turning earth, the tides that turn in our lives, and the wheel of life that brings joy and sorrow round and round again; and through it all we can ask, "Will it come 'round right?" (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.)

Rev. Robin Gray, Our Settled Minister Candidate

Apr. 29 | Deconstructing the Symbol We Know as God

Eleanor Bowman will "unpack," as they say, a few of the many symbolic meanings contained in God the symbol, especially those having a detrimental effect on our society. She writes about cultural issues from an eco-feminist perspective on her website, "Deconstructing God" (deconstructinggodd.com). Among other things, she has taught English at the secondary and college levels and worked as a marketing consultant for a computer company. She completed a Masters in Theological Studies in 2000 at Vanderbilt. She is an environmentalist, a feminist, and a pacifist and lives on a farm in Brooks Co., GA, with her dogs, cats, chickens, and horses.

Guest Speaker: Eleanor Bowman; Lay Leader: Ron Crowe



Rev. Lyn's Plumb Line

A colleague of mine once performed a wedding for friends where the whole wedding party were, by trade, professional actors and treated the ceremony as a professional performance. During the rehearsal especially, the bride and groom said such things as, "Places, places, please!" The bridesmaids uttered, "Quiet on the set!" And the ushers intoned, "Let's go, people, chop, chop!"

I can't help but think that there are similarities for you here at this church for the month of April. You have a ministerial candidate coming to meet you this month. You will be getting yourselves ready to receive this candidate,

make her welcome, get to know her. You will be voting on calling this candidate to be among you as your new settled minister. It is a time for "Places, places, please!" And, you all are called to BE THERE for this important time, to be heard, to be counted.

How do you get yourselves ready to receive her? You will be finalizing your canvas, getting your budget in place for the coming year, an important one for your future. You will be revamping some of your governing procedures and dealing with other changes that have been bubbling to the surface in recent years. You will be finding your new "places"

and be encouraged to "Let's go, people, chop, chop!" This is for real. This is for the future. The time of waiting, of rehearsing, so to speak, will be concluding. Time to say, "This is finally it." The "show," the future is here now.

May you all turn up for the show. May you remember to include a few quiet times to reflect and ponder. May you all be prepared to be in right relation to both your congregation and your hopeful new minister. May you future begin again with great expectations and wonderful realizations.

Love & blessings, *Rev. Lyn*



President's Message

By DeWayne Carver

At UUCT, we've had a busy couple of years making do without a Settled Minister. We've been blessed with some terrific and useful Interim Ministry and resourceful lay-leaders, but I sense that many of us are getting tired, wearing thin, maybe feeling a little beaten up. Don't forget to liberally sprinkle your work here with joy, appreciation for what you have done, and count your blessings. There have been many while we've waited and searched.

And now, perhaps, our wait is over. We have a Settled Minister candidate who believes we are right for her, and we hope she is right for us. This is not time for any of us to take our hands from the wheel and abandon the work we've done so well for so long. We must all apply our keenest insight and our most open heart to get to know this person and decide

if she is for us, and we are for her. If you have been distracted from church the past few months, now is the time to return, focus your thought and spirit on who we are and what we value, and decide if this is our match. I think we have a lot to offer a Settled Minister, and its okay to expect a lot in return.

I've compared our church before to a sailing ship hovering on the edge between stagnation and chaos. Calling a Settled Minister is not the Promised Land, and this ship will always sail uncertain seas. There will be no permanent dock in Paradise for us. A Settled Minister is, to me, not a destination, but a new companion on the journey; sometimes leading, sometimes just watching, and sometimes helping us make sense of it all. Think of her as a particularly skilled officer, or a guiding seabird, or sometimes a chart to help us find and stay on

a course. Only she can tell us what else she can be, and what she needs us to be in return. Find out.

There is the church – you and me; there is the minister; and there is our shared vision of what is right, good, meaningful, and powerful. Our focus must always be on the shared vision, not just on each other, and not just on the minister. People come and go, ministers come and go, but the shared vision remains and transcends all of us. I see the shared vision as the love we have for one another and all humankind; it may look different to you, and that's okay. As we proceed, and as you do your church work teaching, leading, serving – keep that vision in front of you. May it lift us, carry us, and give us the hope, joy, and wisdom we need in the coming months.

In faith, DeWayne



Canvass 2007-2008 Campaign Report

By Jim Dawson, VP for Finance

The good news is that pledges received March 11 on Pledge Sunday and over the past two weeks from approximately 54% of the congregation amount to \$164,778, or 74% of our Asking Budget pledge goal.

The bad news is that we have not heard from the other 46% of the congregation, and we still need

additional pledges of \$58,000 to meet the Asking Budget, and to fund a strengthened ministry and religious education program. Unfortunately, by the time you receive this report there will be less than ten days remaining before we must "put the budget to bed" and start discussing budget cuts, if they are needed.

If you have not done so already, please submit your gifts of money and self pledge forms no later than April 8 to make the budget cut-off date. If you have misplaced the pledge forms mailed to you earlier, please contact Kathie Mackie in the church office, and she will e-mail or mail new forms to you.

Canvass Testimonial

By Maria Mena

I have been a member of this church for approximately seven years. After moving to Tallahassee from San Francisco, I found here a liberal respite or as Anne Shirley, the heroine of *Anne of Green Gables*, would say, "kindred souls."

Over the years I have become increasingly involved in committees and events, and in doing so, I have made this church my own. The concept that I needed to have "sweat equity" in a church was a foreign one to me; no longer was it sufficient to go to Mass on Sunday and put money in the basket the altar boy passed around. (This is

how it was in El Salvador when I was growing up.) The first UUCT rummage sale I agreed to oversee was a pivotal point for me (talk about "sweat equity!"). Through that experience I got to know people more intimately, and I finally began to feel like I belonged here.

My most recent commitment has been as a once-a-month RE teacher for the preschool class. I volunteered for the job because it became clear to me that our Religious Education Program is crucial to the viability of our church. We need it to attract young, energetic families to our congregation. Our

current RE program is great thanks to the generous time commitment of not enough volunteers and the dedication of our RE Director. In order to have a superb and dynamic RE program, we need more volunteers and more staff time. Our proposed budget reflects an increase in the number of ours for our Director of Religious Education. That is a step in the right direction.

I increased my pledge this year as a way of supporting the future of this church. I hope you have joined me by doing the same.

UUCT Director of Religious Education

After six years of excellent service, Maggie Geraci has decided to step down as our Director of Religious Education. As many of you know, she started a second job in Dec. as education coordinator for Leon County Teen Court. It has been a challenging and fulfilling, full-time responsibility; and she has chosen to now make that the focus of her professional life.

We must begin the important work of searching for the congregation's new DRE. A brief job description follows; a more detailed one is available in early April.

Wanted: Our Next Director of Religious Education!

We're looking for someone with a love of kids and ability to relate to children of all ages; someone who can work collegially with a diverse group of people, organize and manage a volunteer staff, and speak comfortably in front of large groups. Our new DRE will have excellent organizational skills, great ideas and the initiative and energy to see them through.

A degree in childhood education and/or experience working with

children in group settings is strongly preferred. A bachelor's degree or equivalent life experience is required. An understanding of and respect for UU beliefs is also required. This is a part-time position (20-25 hours per week). Benefits include retirement, a health reimbursement arrangement, and vacation leave.

If interested, please contact Search Committee Chair Eliza Coyne at krelcoyne@gmail.com or 877-5415. Applicants will be asked to submit a resume and cover letter.



Announcements



- **Picture Directory Update.** Picture day for newcomers and others needing directory pictures is Sun., Apr. 15 at church. Contact: Mary VanSciver (893-0353).
- **Child Dedication & Naming.** A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be led by Rev. Lyn at a Sunday service in May. Please speak with her (671-2634) and see Youth Religious Education for more info.
- **Music Committee Re-forming** Calling all those interested in music at UUCT! We need a Music Committee! **Come Tues. 4/24, 7:00 PM, Rm. K.** UUCTers of all musical persuasions, tastes, and abilities welcome! Contact: Charlotte Dudley, VP for Worship and acting Music Committee chair (668-7126, lcdudley@yahoo.com).
- **Fragrance Sensitivity.** Please be mindful when getting ready for church Sunday mornings that some of us are very sensitive to strong fragrances. Many thanks in advance for your mindfulness!

Social Justice



Harmony Camp 2007 (July 16-20)

If you attended church on March 18, you already know that Harmony Camp is a week-long UUCT camp about diversity and harmony (with self, friends, acquaintances, nature, and the universe). This year 48 campers will range in age from entering first to entering fifth grade. The camp will be led by Sally Andersen and Terri Martin and staffed mostly by volunteers from UUCT and the community. Cost is \$95, with scholarships available. (And thanks to **all who donated** to the scholarship fund on March 18. \$991 was collected!)

- **Sat. 4/14 Workday.** Let's have a real spring cleaning party, 9:00 - 11:00 AM! Much work to be done. Grounds need a spring cleaning of leaves from parking lots and roofs. Plants need pruning, weeds pulling or cutting, grass mowing. Buildings need spring cleaning of windows and doors.
- **Kitchen Kontrollers needed.** For May & beyond. Kontrollers are volunteers who oversee the kitchen and volunteers on Sundays for a month. Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Memorial Garden orders.** Cast-bronze plaque in memory of deceased member or engraved brick can be ordered any time. Forms/directions back of sanctuary. Put forms with payment in sealed envelope; drop in plastic box on sanctuary back wall or in Sunday collection basket.
- **April Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted in sanctuary north entry. Subject: UUA General Assembly 2007 and how Open

- Would your child or grandchild like to attend Harmony Camp?
- Can you invite friends outside UUCT, especially those from a racially and /or culturally diverse background?
- Would you like to volunteer your time and talents for camp?
- Would you like to donate to our scholarship program?

All interested in volunteering: Come **Sun., April 1, 12:15 PM**, Rm. C.

We have sent out registration forms to last year's campers and have already received registrations with payment for several children!

Paid Camp Position

Wanted: Child-care paid staff person for Harmony Camp 2007
Who: Campers arriving between 7:30 and 9:00 AM and young children of camp volunteers (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, with a lunch break)
When: July 16-20
How: Contact Terri Martin (385-5106, tmartin823@comcast.net) or Sally Andersen (385-4639, salbert56@earthlink.net).
Why: Because you like children and want to have fun (and make some money) making a difference.

Space Technology will be used to work on creating a UUA mission and outcomes for the future.

- **FL District News.** Check out the Denominational Affairs bulletin board in the sanctuary north entry for excellent, thought-provoking, monthly messages and news from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Messages can also be read on-line in FL District monthly packet (floridadistrict.org).

Places will be filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

For questions and registration forms: Sally Andersen (385-4639, salbert56@earthlink.net) or Terri Martin (385-5106, tmartin823@comcast.net).

Legislative Alert: Voting

To promote the democratic process, the UU Legislative Ministry, FL asks all concerned voters to contact their state legislators before 5/4 to demand voter verified paper ballots and mandatory audits. See mid-March congregational email or email Abbe Justus (ajustus212@comcast.net).



February Board Actions

By DeWayne Carver, President

The Board met 2/24/07 and took the following actions:

- Approved 2/7/07 Executive Board meeting minutes.
- Accepted Jan. Treasurer Report.
- Accepted Interim Ministry Evaluation Report.
- Authorized president to sign contract for Memorial Day retreat at The Mountain.
- Approved proposing to congregation 2/25/07 a COLA raise for Music Director totaling \$536, as amendment to Asking Budget. (Note: COLA raises had already been included for all other non-ministerial staff.)
- Referred Membership Committee recommendation for membership-related changes to Bylaws back for additional revision and clarification.
- Approved creation of Energy Efficiency Task Force, as recommended by Green Sanctuary Committee.
- Approved recommendation from Committee on the Ministry (COTM) to propose to congregation that Bylaws be amended to increase COTM to at least 4 members.
- Approved recommendation from COTM to amend Manual of Policies and Procedures to allow Board to appoint COTM Chair from two most senior members.
- Approved COTM's recommendations for filling upcoming COTM vacancies.

Green Corner

By Elinor Elfner

UUCTers Working to Go Green

Through the Green Sanctuary Committee, UUCTers are helping protect the Earth by going "green." You can join any of their activities. Here's what's happening:

Committee members helped with registration and/or the Big Bend Climate Action Team display, joining 550+ people at the first-ever Big Bend Green Living and Energy Expo held in Wakulla Co. 3/17.

Sufficient subscribers have been acquired to purchase one grass-fed cow, to be butchered and shared as we seek to reduce the impact of the mainstream agri-business industry and still eat meat.

Buildings and Grounds Committee is checking on the electric consumption of appliances and computers at UUCT so we can seek to make our operations more energy efficient.

On March 18 Pam McVety presented the concept of a church going carbon-neutral by first reducing energy usage and then off-setting the remaining usage.

Don't understand? Come to next meeting, or call Sara Reece (309-1933), Elinor Elfner (524-1026).

And visit the Green Sanctuary table the 1st and 4th Sundays each month for light bulb sales and recycling of batteries, printer cartridges and old florescent bulbs.

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Our Campus Ministry Sunday service, themed "The Foolish Things We Do" will be, appropriately, on April 1. You will not want to miss this service. The Campus Ministry group has been working very hard on it, and every active member in the UUUs has an important part to play. Many thanks to the **UUUs** for putting together this outstanding service!

Thanks also to **Nancy Bass**, who has generously offered to let the

UUUs use her Cape San Blas property for our upcoming (April 20 - 22) Beach Retreat! This retreat will be the weekend immediately preceding final exams for the students, and we think it will be a great way to get rested up and re-energized for finals.

Coffee Hour will continue at **6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café, 903 Railroad Ave., one block south of Gaines St. After coffee on Friday, April 6 we will be checking out the

First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (brianlee@hcsmail.com, 877-1972). To sign up for our email list, send an email to UUUTally-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.



Appreciation



- To:**
- **Barbara Sterling, Joan Patterson, Rod Oldenburg, Carolyn DuBard, Tom & Dorothy Baldwin, Susan Snyder & Frank Deasy, Joanne Taylor, Peggy Lentz, Trudy Deyle, and Mary & Steve VanSciver** for greeting Sun. 2/25-3/25.
 - **Ken Wood, Jerri Lee Wagner,** and kitchen kontrollers **Jean Wood and Barbara Gearhart** for Feb. Sun. coffee / clean-up.
 - **Dan Damerville, Ruth Pestle, Mimi Jones, Gretchen Shankweiler, Ed Oaksford, Randall Gann, Frank Deasy** and University UUs **Brian Lee, Frank Green, Charles Starr, and C.B. Smith** for doing the Mar. Shelter meal.
 - **All who set up** the sanctuary on March 18.
 - **Isabel Sheridan** for volunteering a total of 40 hours in the church office this year during Office Administrator Kathie Mackie's vacations. (Money had been budgeted for temporary help; when final cuts were needed, Isabel volunteered her time!)
 - **George Knight, Michele Hope, and Isabel Sheridan** for stuffing and labeling the canvass packets.
 - **Tom Chase** for preparing two special bulk mailings.
 - **Eleanore and Earl Enge** for helping in the office with various tasks.
 - **Jennifer & DeWayne Carver, DeLos & Karla DeTar, Nancy & Dave Harvey, Peggy Lentz & Ray Tucker, and Mary & Steve VanSciver** for hosting winter Dinners for 8.
 - **Jennifer Carver and Isabel Sheridan** for developing and facilitating the Right Relations class.
 - **The FSU Muslim Student Tolerance and Dialog Group** for the Noah's Pudding shared with us on Sunday, 2/25. Yum!
 - **Richard Dempsey** for helping with Campus Ministry Sunday rehearsal at the last minute.
 - **All those who** participated in the UUCT Workday, Sat. 3/10.
 - **Those who worked** to beautify and maintain the UUCT grounds and facilities throughout March.
- Rummage Sale Thanks**
- Thank You, Thank You! Once again, our annual rummage sale was a resounding success. This year we raised \$1,864, an incredible amount considering that all we start with is an empty room. This success would not be possible without the help of many, many volunteers and the generosity of **all who donated items to sell**. Each year I am humbled by the incredible generosity of time and goods. I want to give thanks to all the volunteers who helped starting early Friday morning to mid-afternoon Saturday, setting up tables, sorting and pricing items, selling and finally, cleaning.
- Thanks to: **Bruce Brandt, Rod Oldenburg, Dave and Nancy Harvey, Karen Share, Pam Hoskins, Michele Hope, Ken and Jean Wood, Ruth Pestle, Susan Snyder, Jan Miller, Charlotte Dudley, Isabel Sheridan, Jane Villa, Mary VanSciver, Dorothy Mann, Randall Gann, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Joan Patterson, Mimi Stangel, DeLos DeTar, Eliza Coyne, Ellen Dempsey, Mitch McDermott, Joe Lama, Sally Andersen, Pauline Masterton, Barbara Lineberry, Dick Leinberry, and Dexter Easton.** Special thanks to: our energetic youth, **Preston Turnage** and **Ander Alrutz-Stierna**, who did everything I asked for without hesitation; **Ed Oaksford**, who did many, many trips to pick-up and deliver items to the church; and **Kathie Mackie** for filling in whenever we needed her. Last but not least, a very special THANK YOU to **Peggy Lentz** who was by my side from beginning to end; her help made my job so much easier. And I apologize in advance if I have unintentionally omitted anyone!
- The rummage sale is truly a group effort, one we should all be proud of. Thank you for your support and encouragement.
- Sincerely, **Maria Mena**
- Editor's note: And a huge thank you to Maria for once again heading up this important church fund-raiser!



Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Our hearts and minds are with:

Barbara Gearhart as she copes with the loss of her husband, Dick, whose memorial service was 3/25.

Tony Lloyd, who had a mild heart attack in late Feb., a follow-up to insert two stints in mid-March, and is now fully recovered without any heart damage.

Harold Hawkins, Margaret Hawkins, and Joe Hawkins, as Margaret recovers at Consulate Rehab. from a recent hospitalization. The family thanks all who have visited Margaret and welcomes visitors, especially around noon or 5:00 PM to help her with meals. Margaret has suffered with Alzheimer's for a long time.

Tom Taylor whose mother, Bertha Taylor, has a serious heart condition and will likely be moving to Tallahassee from Iowa soon.

Pauline Masterton as she rejoices that her mother, **Helen Merbitz**, is out of rehab in south Florida and back home with Pauline's sister.

Welcome to UUCT!

- *Daniel Apatiga as member*
- *Dean Falk as supporting friend*
- *Tony Flagg as member*

New UU Sessions

Next sessions: May or June. Sign up at visitor table, or contact church office (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057). Childcare if requested.

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights, but occasionally in one 3-hour Sunday afternoon session. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual

journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater UU movement. Some discussion time. Rev. Lyn co-facilitates.

Dinners for 8

Dinners for 8 will resume in late Spring. There are two dinner categories – Adults only and Intergenerational. Adults without children are welcome to sign up for intergenerational and adults with children can find a sitter and enjoy an adult evening. Hosts welcome guests to their homes, provide the main dish and contact the guests to complete the potluck menu. If you'd like to host, contact Junelle Brandt (junellebrandt@earthlink.net, 893-5511).

On-going Opportunities

- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@earthlink.net).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Frank Deasy (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** Contact April kitchen controller Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, holt0119@earthlink.net).

Connecting with Visitors

The "Greet & Meet Group" is a special team of UUCTers who take the initiative to really connect with visitors during Sunday social time. To volunteer for group or making phone calls to visitors, contact Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 173**
- **Current No. Friends - 54**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **February 2007: 102.8**
 - **7/06 - 2/07: 99.4**
 - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **06-07: 44 (incomplete)**
 - **05-06: 52**
 - **04-05: 61**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **3/07: 20**
 - **9/06 - 3/07: 27**
 - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**

News of Former Members

For news about former long-time member Rick Boling and his revitalized artistic identity, take a look at his gorgeous new website <http://www.rlebeaux.com>. Rick is still a UU, in the Tampa area. (Submitted by Pauline Masterton, who keeps in touch with a number of former members)



Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Committee Meeting, Sun. 4/1, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair**
(krelcoyne@gmail.com;
877-5415)
- **Vacant, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE),**
(dremaggie@earthlink.net;
wkdays, 443-2586; eves &
wkends, 877-6301)

April Religious Education Classes

All classes

- 4/8 Intergenerational Easter Service
4/22 Earth Day Fun Day

Explorers (ages 3 to 5 / pre-K)

- 4/1 No class. Nursery or attend service w/parents.
4/15 We Must Care for our Earth...
4/29 Differences Are Interesting

Artists (grades K, 1, 2)

- 4/1 A Time for Rebirth
4/15 A Time to Be Free
4/29 A Time to Return Home

The Bridgers (grades 3-5)

- 4/1 The Crucifixion of Jesus
4/15 The Religion of Ruth
4/29 Fiery Furnaces

Youth Group (grades 6 – 12)

Sundays 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, includes business meeting, discussion topics, and activities. Contact a Youth Group advisor for more details. This month: Lock-in Fri. night 4/13 & Sat. morning 4/14.

Spring Egg Hunt – Sun. 4/ 8

After the service, we'll have egg hunts by age category and Spring activities. Adults, to donate eggs, bring plastic eggs with goodies. For preschoolers and under, have the goody be a non-candy item. (Stickers are great!) **Please bring the eggs on or before Sun., April 8 (earlier is better)**, so we have them to hide that morning. Children participating in the hunt should bring their own basket, if possible. Questions? Contact DRE Maggie.

April Woohoo Wednesday!

All ages are invited to participate on **April 25**. Starting at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, we'll have our community potluck. Then, in honor of Earth Day, we'll learn about ways to help the Earth, such as recycling, gardening, and sustainable living. Bring your favorite tip to share! For more info., contact DRE Maggie.

Child Dedications & Namings

A Child or Youth Dedication Ceremony is a traditional UU ritual of accepting the parents' and congregation's responsibilities in the religious development of the child or youth and welcoming her or him into participation in the beloved community. Verbal commitments are made to nurture and support. Participants are then dedicated to a life of love and service to the world and to one of creative possibility and meaning.

Any age child or youth may participate, both those new to our church community and those who have been here awhile. We have a group ceremony once a year during a Sunday service; members may also arrange individual ceremonies. A Child Naming Ceremony is a similar UU ritual done for infants.

Tour Guides Needed!

By popular demand, the Youth RE Program is again offering "UU World Travelers," a summer program for elementary-age children, designed to explore different countries and cultures. The intention is for the kids to have some relaxed, fun times with learning cleverly woven in and for congregation members to be able to bring unique learning opportunities to the kids on a one-time or short-term basis.

If you have visited a foreign country or have special knowledge of a country, consider becoming a tour guide. Guides will lead the kids on a "tour" of a country. Kids will have their "passports" stamped as they visit and explore countries through song, dance, food, costumes, games and activities. Visit our "UU World Travelers" display on Sundays after the service to learn more and to match you up with the special skills and contributions we'll need to help enrich summer classes. Or contact DRE Maggie.

What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid you wouldn't be an effective teacher? How much time does it take? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Find out the answers by talking to Eliza Coyne, Maria Mena, Kim Ross, Hollie Lloyd, Pam Hoskins, Terri Martin, Stowe Alrutz, and Rosa Morgan. Learn how these busy, involved people did it! Teaching RE isn't just for parents; we need help from all UUCT members and friends. For more info., contact DRE Maggie.



Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

FL District CONS

Youth Group and advisors decide which FL District CONS to attend. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district CONS. Schedule:
4/27-28 Youth Caucus, Clearwater
5/4-6 All Age Con, Tampa

Adult Religious Education (RE)

ADULT RE CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult RE Coordinator (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (dremaggie@earthlink.net; wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)**

Intergenerational Coding

In an effort to address the needs of all our congregants, find the following codes at the ends of some classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers welcome to come w/ parents, who assume responsibility for them.

Childcare provided – Childcare has already been lined up for this.

Childcare available upon request – Let contact know childcare needed; s/he will arrange for it at or near gathering.

In addition, transportation can be arranged upon request for those who cannot or prefer not to drive. Please contact the Adult RE coordinator.

Events: National & The Mountain

National Events & Programs

More info.: Denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

UU University. Tues. & Wed. 6/19-20. Portland, before GA. Featuring Gil Rendle, author of *Leading Change in Congregations* and *Holy Conversations*. Registration (\$125) uua.org/DIST/uuuniversity.

Current Classes & Opportunities

Exploring Spiritual Practices.

Group decides this month whether to continue meeting without Rev. Lyn facilitating. For update, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Future Classes and Opportunities

The following classes will be offered in the future.

Evensong. This 8-session course is designed by UUA to promote a deeper sense of community in a small group setting that allows deep listening and knowing of each other. To sign up for next course, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Right Relations. In six sessions, stand in a place of curiosity as you reflect upon, experience, and build skills that make relationships lively and life-giving. Learn about right relations and how practicing them strengthens our church community. To sign up for next course, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

UU Committed Couples Enrichment Program. A UU principles- and values based enrichment program designed for married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional

fulfillment. Topics include: covenant, humility, trust, dignity, generosity, connection, playfulness, collaboration, commitment, love, and celebration. To be offered as a series of short workshops or as a more intensive retreat-type program. **Will begin in May or June.** Contact Kim Ross NOW to sign up (877-1972, kim@associatedadvocates.com).

On-Going Opportunities

Adult Forum. Meets **Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM**, Rm. L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian* for the month's topics. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, nochase@earthlink.net).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion, including the contributions to civilization of freethinkers across the ages, the history and evolution of religious mythology, and the effects of organized religion on our democracy and the world's civilizations. Meets **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**, Rm. L. For current topics, contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com).

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Will resume when Anne Rudloe is again able to lead the group. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, rudloe@bio.fsu.edu).

Mountain School for Congregational Leadership, 7/22-7/28.

For more info., contact The Mountain (info@mountaincenters.org, 828-526-5838) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net) or visit www.mountaincenters.org.



UUA General Assembly. Wed. - Sun. 6/20-24, Portland. Open to all! Registration at uua.org/ga.

Programs at The Mountain

Elderhostels throughout the year. Spring Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, Mark Twain, nature.

Mountaincamp registration open. Visit www.mountaincenters.org.

Events: UUCT & District

Upcoming UUCT Events

Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM. In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@earthlink.net).

Peace Dances, Saturday, April 7, 7:30 PM. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

Joint Finance Committee & Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM. To review the proposed 2007-2008 budget following the annual canvass and, if needed, develop together a list of possible committee expenditure reductions. Contacts: Jim Dawson (383-1213), Steve Urse (385-2864).

UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM. Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

- 4/10: *Broken for You*, Stephanie Kallos
- 5/8: *The Inheritance of Loss*, Kiran Desai

All-Church Workday, Saturday, April 14, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).

3rd Sunday Potluck, April 15. Bring your favorite dish to share! *Note the Sun. change this month.*

Open Forum with Rev. Robin Gray, Sunday, April 15, 1:00 PM. After potluck, an opportunity for all interested to interact with our settled minister candidate.

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, April 15, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Opportunities with Rev. Robin Gray, Week of April 16. Open to all **by sign-up**: contact Mimi Jones (mgjones111@earthlink.net, 510-3961) or use sign-up sheets, sanctuary back counter.

- Mon. 4/16, 9:00 AM: coffee, place TBA
- Tues. 4/17, Noon: brown bag lunch, UUCT
- Wed. 4/18, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM: office hours (arrange via Mimi)
- Thurs. 4/19, Noon: brown bag lunch, UUCT
- Thurs. 4/19, 4:00 PM: tea, place TBA
- Fri. 4/20, 7:30 PM: dinner for 8, off-site
- Sat. 4/21, 9:00 AM: forum at UUCT
- Sat. 4/21, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Office hours (arrange via Mimi)

Ministerial Call Congregational Meeting, Sunday, April 22, 12:15 PM. To vote on the Search Committee's recommendation to call Rev. Robin Gray as our settled minister. 60% quorum of qualified members (at least 104 people) and 90% concurrence of those present required. **BE THERE!** Childcare provided. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Woohoo Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 PM. Potluck in sanctuary, then time together in Rm. L. See *Youth RE*. All welcome! Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@earthlink.net).

Congregational Discussion Meetings, Sundays, May 6 & 13, 12:15 PM. Opportunities to ask questions about and discuss Annual Meeting items: Covenant of Right Relations 5/6, other items

5/13. Background material distributed in advance. Childcare provided. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 20, 12:15 PM. Elect Board and Nominating Committee members, adopt final budget and approve fundraisers for coming year, adopt Covenant of Right Relations, and transact any other important business. Childcare provided. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Sat. 4/21, 12:00 PM, Funeral & Memorial Society (Sanctuary)

FL District Events

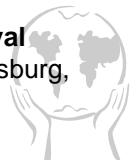
More info.: Church office, Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or www.floridadistrict.org.

District Annual Assembly, Fri. - Sun. 4/27-28, Clearwater. "Congregational Cornerstones & Cupolas." Jazz UU revival dinner Fri.; key-note sermon by Rev. Kenn Hurto and workshops Sat. (worship, education, caring, social outreach, administration & leadership); annual awards dinner Sat.; and Sun. worship with Rev. Abhi Janamanchi.

FL UU Women & Religion

Conference, Fri. 5/18 – Sun. 5/20, Clearwater. Theme: Healing and Changing Our World. Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." We'll look at ways to do that & have a good time, too. Music by Amy Carol Webb. Contact Michele Hope (894-0976) for more info. & possible carpooling. May be some "home hospitality" if apply soon. Visit: floridawomenandreligion.org.

4th Annual All-Cluster Revival Service, Wed. 5/23, St. Petersburg, Rev. Kendyl Gibbons.



April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Youth RE Committee, Rm K 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:15pm Harmony Camp Volunteer Meeting, Rm C 12:30pm Program Comm., Rm L 7:00pm Evensong, Rms	2 7:00pm Bldgs. & Grnds. Comm., Rm C	3	4 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	5 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:15pm Membership Comm., Rm C	6 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	7 7:30pm Universal Dances of Peace, Sanctuary
8 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:00pm Spring Egg Hunt 7:00pm Evensong, Rms 3/6	9 5:00pm University UUs, Off-site 7:15pm The Shelter Meal, Off-site	10 6:30pm Committee on the Ministry, Rm K 7:00pm Joint Finance/Church Council, Rm L 7:00pm UUCT Book Club, Rm C	11 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	12 12:00pm Personnel Committee, off-site 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	13 6:30pm Youth Group Lock-in Begins, Sanctuary 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	14 9:00am All Church Workday 11:00am Lock-in ends
15 Candidating Week Afternoon Movie Grp, Off-site 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:30pm Meridian Deadline 12:30pm Potluck, Sanctuary 1:00pm Open Forum w/Robin, Sanc.	16 Candidating Week (must sign-up: *) 9:00am Coffee w/Robin, off-site* 3:00pm Finance Committee, Rm C	17 Candidating Week 12:00pm Brown Bag w/ Robin, UUCT*	18 Candidating Week 8:00am Robin office hrs. by appt. til 12:00 pm (also 1:30-5:00 pm), UUCT* 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	19 Candidating Week 12:00pm Brown Bag w/Robin, UUCT* 4:00pm Tea w/Robin, off-site* 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	20 Meridian Workday Candidating Week 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site 7:30pm Dinner w/Robin, off-site*	21 Candidating Week 9:00am Open Forum with Robin, UUCT* 10:30am Robin office hours by appt til 12:00 pm, UUCT*
22 Candidating Week 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:15pm Congregational Voting Meeting, Sanctuary 5:00pm Executive Board, Rm L	23 Meridian Workday	24 Meridian Workday 7:00pm Music Committee, Rm K 7:30pm Publicity Committee, Rm C	25 Meridian Workday 6:30pm Woohoo Wednesday, Sanctuary (Rm L, 7:30 PM) 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	26 Meridian Workday 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	27 FL District Assembly, Clearwater 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	28 FL District Assembly, Clearwater
29 FL District Assembly, Clearwater No Choir Practice 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L	30					

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Our Mission:

“The mission of UUCT is to be a liberal religious presence that supports individual spiritual quests and service to others in a community of open hearts, minds, and doors.”

<p>Our Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* DeWayne Carver, President* Christine Boczarska, Past President* Steve Urse, President Elect* Barbara Sterling, Secretary* Dave Harvey, VP for Management* Charlotte Dudley, VP for Worship* Abbe Justus, VP for Social Justice* Jim Dawson, VP for Finance* Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer <p>The Committee on the Ministry</p> <p>Bob Deyle, chair Maria Mena Tony Lloyd</p> <p>Directory Changes</p> <p>If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates.</p>	<p>Membership Notes</p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Lyn Plumb, Membership chair Trudy Deyle or president DeWayne Carver.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition: Sun. 6/3</p> <p>Mark Your Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.
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