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Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zen/TAO/Buddhist Sangha (Meets at Lake Ella April 7)

9:45 AM Choir Practice & Adult Forum

10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM

11:00 AM Youth RE Program Classes for Pre-K-12 Grade High School meets off-site.

The Meridian

Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

April 7 **"Stewardship' Takes Courage"** REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.

Joyful giving sounds very placid. However, like the surface of a lake, there's a depth of life beneath it; joyful giving implies happiness, but also risk. Do we have the courage to let go of our resources, to share our religion, to give up old ways of thinking to make way for new? We'll consider the usefulness of stewardship and the guts it takes to practice it. **Rev. Amy**

April 14 "What Good is a UU Church, Anyway?"

If a Christian church aids in salvation, what sort of benefit comes from attending a Unitarian Universalist church? **Guest Speaker: Rev. Harold Hawkins. Lay Leader: Richard Dempsey**

April 21 "Spirituality and Sustainability"

Intergenerational Earth Day Celebration. Can sustainability renew our spirituality? Can spirituality influence us to accept sustainability? If the earth and the life it supports survives, it may depend on humanity's willingness to rein in consumption. Our sense of life's meaning changes when we revise our tendency to consume. **Rev. Amy and Ed Oaksford** (the chairperson of the Green Sanctuary Committee) will lead us in a celebration of the earth and our place on it. ildflower Prom For Ages 18-180, Saturday, April 6, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, A YRUU Fund Raiser, Details in Special Events.

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Canvass potlucks for all Members & Friends, Weekends of April 5-7 & 12-14, Details on p. 7

April 28 "Moral Responses Regarding the Use of Force"

We're not a religion that launches Crusades, but neither are we a religion like the Quakers that is pacifistic. That hasn't stopped Rev. Amy from tossing that word around – pacifism. Why? And what does it mean to her? Rod Oldenburg will address the word pragmatism and consider how it applies to our religion. How did Rod, a protester of past U.S. military actions come to accept pragmatism? This service is the first in a series of two; next week (May 5), we'll look to you for descriptions of other UU responses regarding the use of force. This week, we'll end with a continuum of possible responses. Place yourself on the continuum, and then come next week to hear more! **Rev. Amy with Rod Oldenburg**

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Stewardship has long been associated with humanity's relationship with the natural environment, and the UUA applies stewardship to the resources we each possess. Religious environmentalists now critique the concept of stewardship because it tends to separate human beings from our organic links with our planet and the whole of life: we might think of ourselves as outside and above the rest of the Universe. Stewardship could suggest that the most powerful dole out resources to the least powerful, or that everything is ours to use. That's if we're possessive and greedy. I think our Green Sanctuary movement shows that UUs respect, honor, and value our planet's resources, and we seek wisdom about our role as conscious, ethical animals who are firmly woven into the interdependent web. Regarding the richness of resources around us, we're not into the motto: use it or lose it.

In Unitarian Universalist circles. "stewardship" has become a guiding concept as we exercise our responsibility to invest ourselves and our resources. The motto may be LOSE it to USE it, or maybe LOOSE it to use it. This application of stewardship acknowledges that like the planet earth, humanity is endowed with resources: at UUCT they include our individual gifts, our shared principles, our congregational life. Rather than hoard this bounty, we share it. Rather than let these resources lie dormant and stagnate, we invest them. Our goal is not to use up the most resources as consumers, but to free up resources through generous actions. Stewardship is not irresponsible consumption, or at the other extreme selfish doling out of resources. Stewardship means releasing resources with joy.

On Sunday, April 4 we'll consider stewardship and on Sunday, April 18 we'll celebrate Earth Day. That's also the span of time for our annual canvass potlucks when we each pledge our resources for the work of the church. We possess time, talent and treasure. This congregation calls on each of us to share our resources--with our families, our civic community, and with our congregation. Investing in UUCT won't get you into heaven or keep you out of hell, but it just may preserve and expand a little heaven on earth.

Give, Live, and Thrive!

(Rev.) Amy

Sunday Service Participation

The Program Committee invites you to volunteer to lead: a Sunday Service, a portion of the Sunday Service (be "lay leader"), the Chalice Lighting / Words of Welcome. (See March Meridian for more details.) For all three opportunities give your name and contact information to the Program Committee, via the church office, or call Chairperson, Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

Nominating Committee

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role in our church? Want to have more of a say in how things operate around this place? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 19 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2002. All terms are for two years, except for Secretary (2nd year of vacated 2 year term) and President-Elect which continues as President

and Past President for a three-year term.

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Vice President for Worship
- Vice President for Operations
- VP for Church Community
- Vice President for Social Justice
- Nominating Committee (2 positions)

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of the open positions, viewing the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members by April 15: Bob Kenon, Chair (878-3647), Sally Andersen, Ron Crowe, Peggy Lentz and Bruce Brandt as the past president serving on the committee.

Announcements

Auction Postponed

Apparently February and March turned out to be busy times for everyone this year, so we had to postpone the live and silent auction due to lack of "hard" items. We haven't given up yet, though, so if enough things are received in the next month, we will try and reschedule it for sometime in May. Please look through your closets and home hidey-holes for nice unused things that you can donate. Art work, collectibles, crystal, silver, pewter, jewelry, and furniture are particularly welcome and always sell well. If we don't get enough donations for the live auction, we will conduct a silent auction for the services and entertainment items that have already been received, so watch for a Sunday announcement.

Hospitality

Thanks to the efforts of Jim Dawson, some changes are being made for our Sunday after service hospitality. Mary Millard has agreed to coordinate and line up people to bring refreshments. Ed Baseheart will assist in coordinating clean up. There will be 2 sign up sheets in back of the church: one for refreshments and one for clean up. Mary and Ed will work from the "gift of self" list as needed. Please remember to sign up. Our thanks to Mary and Ed for volunteering to help and to Dick Leinberry for his years of service!

Surveys Due Now

All members and friends received a mailing in March with two surveys - a questionnaire on fund raising for next year and an assessment of the church and our minister. Both were due March 31. We need as broad a response as possible. If you have not yet returned your completed surveys to the church, please do so NOW!

Adult Enrichment Fair

Adult Enrichment will sponsor the coffee hour following the service on Sunday, May 5. We will host an "Adult Enrichment Fair" with information tables concerning the classes for adults that will be offered in the fall. There will also be several interesting curriculum options for your review that do not have leaders at this time. Take a look and see if there is something you might want to consider teaching in the fall. Become a leader! Contact: Adult Enrichment Chairperson Sheila Meehan (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075).

Alternative Gifts

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue for memorial, birthday, anniversary, holiday and any other occasion gifts! Chairs are \$26.50 without arms and \$31.50 with arms. Look for alternative gift forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Joan Patterson (309-1248, jpatters@mailer.fsu.edu) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Electronic Meridian

Please let Kathie Mackie know if you want to be on the e-*Meridian* list, (uuct@nettally.com).

Child Dedication

The Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth will be during the service on Sunday, May 19. Contact Rev. Amy or DRE Maggie Geraci.

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- The Sunshine: Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: www.cyberstreet. com/uuFLD/
- * **Mountain Information**: Program schedules and brochures.
- What's Happening at UUCT?: Be sure to check this bulletin board each week for information on upcoming events.

Mark Your Checks

Note the purpose of every check written to the church in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, shelter meals, etc.). Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).



Appreciation

To:

- Ed and Linda Oaksford, Barbara Sterling, Nancy and Dave Harvey, Jean Chulak, and Ken and Jean Wood for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 2/14 - 3/10.
- Everyone who provided hospitality during the coffee hour, and to all others who helped out in the kitchen, 2/14 -3/10.
- Lisa Jackson, Eric Primack, Melissa Forgey, Susan Snyder, Kathie Mackie, Toni Latino, Terry Martin, Mike Murphree, Walter Hoskins, Preston Turnage, and Devin Geraci for volunteering in the nursery.
- * **Steve Urse** for letting the High School class meet in his home during March.

* Arthur and Carolyn Fixel,

founders of the congregation, who participated in the groundbreaking ceremony and reassured us that we would not "founder" and to the readers of the Litany: Trudy Deyle and Elinor Elfner, Pauline Masterton and Jennifer Carver. Ed Oaksford, and Melissa Campbell, Nyssa Radel, Ethan Deyle, Emma Denny, Kellen Denny, Devin Geraci and Daniel Geraci (with apologies if you were left off the list!). Thanks to those who helped plan the service: Helen Falb, Pauline Masterton, Ed Oaksford, the Work Day folks who marked trees so we can hug them before they yield their space to the site work, and the OK Chorale for leading us from the sanctuary in song.

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting: April 7, 9:45 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Fran Bridges, Youth RE Committee Chair (894-2965); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (877-6301).

FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR CURRICULUM. See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure, pages 7-13, for general goals for each age grouping, specifics on the curriculum, and descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

APRIL LESSONS. Will focus on the UU Principles. Sunday, April 21, we'll attend the entire intergenerational Earth Day Service.

SUMMER TEACHERS NEEDED for one or more Sundays. Our summer curriculum begins the first Sunday in June and is filled with great stories and activities. We plan to offer two classes, lower and upper elementary, if we have enough teachers sign up. Our current teachers have earned the summer off. Stop by the RE table, sign up for a summer Sunday or two, and share a bit of yourself with our kids.

ATTACHMENT PARENTING

SUPPORT GROUP. The focus is now on positive discipline after infancy and toddlerhood and keeping the attached relationship with older children. The group plans to use materials and books focusing on positive parenting. Children are welcome. Open beyond UUCT. Third Tuesday, 6:00 PM. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com). All those who are working hard on this year's Annual Canvass. We'll thank you by name soon!

UUSC Thanks UUCT...

...for supporting the work of the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee** with Guest at Your Table gifts totaling \$825.66.

UUSC works to advance justice by combining human rights education and advocacy in the United States with direct support for grassroots initiatives.Your support helps [us] fulfill [our] role as a powerful voice for human rights and the values that we share. On behalf of UUSC's board of directors, staff, volunteers and project partners, thank you for this generous gift.

Sincerely, Valora Washington, Ph.D., Executive Director

YRUU

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds. Meetings: Every Sunday evening, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, UUCT Room 4. Members take turns planning and leading meetings.

CONferences - YRUU *members** can go to Florida District CONs (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONs. (*YRUU *members* come to meetings, but not necessarily every single meeting.)

Florida District CONs:

- April 12-14 Youth Caucus Orlando
- April 19-21 Vero Beach
- May 3-5 Tampa

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Other YRUU CONs/Gatherings:

- May 24-26 Mountain Weekend, 7th-9th Graders, a weekend of movement and body awareness. No movement experience required. \$85 fee.
- June 20-24 General Assembly, Quebec City

Wildflower Prom Fund

Raiser - See *April UUCT Events* for more details.

For more information about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment Contacts: Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075). Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREMaggie@aol.com; 877-6301).

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DESCRIPTIONS SEE THE LIFESPAN RE BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM DRE MAGGIE GERACI ON SUNDAYS OR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

- Evensong: A Series of Gatherings. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075).
- New UU. Weds, Apr. 24 and May 1, 7 - 9 PM. Led by Rev. Amy and Annette Pearce. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

DejaVu, UU. Single session about our congregation for UUs new to UUCT. Sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45

 -10:45 AM, Room 4.
 Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- *Women's Spirituality Group.* The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).
- Zen/Tao/Buddhist Sangha & Peace Walk. Every Sunday morning from 9 to 10:45 in room 2, except for first Sundays at Black Dog Cafe for check-in and kinhin (walking meditation) "Circle of Peace Walk" about Lake Ella. We practice various forms of za-zen meditation, enjoy interpersonal check-ins. and provide a reading and discussion from the vast literature on zen. Buddhism and the Tao, led by interested Sangha members. All are invited to attend and participate. A weekly e-mail newsletter, under the Botree, provides schedules, poetry and articles of interest. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071; wma@post.harvard.edu).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross Campus Ministry Coordinator

I have recently been reminded of the importance of our campus ministry by one of our group members, Katie Chamberlain. Katie has been representing the South-East on the National Campus Ministry Advisory Committee. She went to Chicago in late February to meet with them and discuss the mission and vision of Campus Ministry nationwide. The reports that came out of that meeting were both exciting and inspiring. They remind us of the reasons for campus ministry:

"The unique insights of college students enrich both our individual lives and our congregations. The support of campus ministry can enrich the congregations by adding the experiences of campus young adults to the existing congregation, making our intergenerational communities more authentic.

For those who are raised UU, providing a religious home during college and YA years makes sense from a denominational and congregational membership growth perspective (Larry Ladd said during his recent campaign for UUA Financial Advisor that most businesses know that it's easier to keep a customer than it is to find a new customer). If we have more of our youth staying as young adults, then the UUA and its member congregations would be an even greater force for positive change. Adult UU members who joined as

Nursery Volunteers Needed



converts would learn about another way of being UU from adults who were raised in UU children's RE and youth programs.

For those college students who were not raised as UUs, we need to remember the literally "lifesaving" message that our UU tradition can offer. For those who were raised in religious traditions that didn't allow for both spirit and intellect. we offer salvation. For those who were "spiritually abused" as children or youth by their religious upbringing that didn't respect the worth and dignity of the individual, we offer salvation. And for those who are even ostracized and condemned by both secular and religious groups (e.g. Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender college students), we offer salvation. We may or may not agree on whether religion can save souls in the hereafter, but we can save lives and heal suffering right here and right now.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

While liberal voices can be found on college campuses, liberal *religious* voices are scarce. UU campus ministry provides this liberal religious voice."

We must remember the main reason for UU Campus Ministry. "The primary reason for campus ministry is to meet the present spiritual needs of these young adults where they are today. The early young adult years are a time where both those raised UU and

those not raised UU continue the questioning of the spiritual and ethical ideas that they were raised with. During these critical years in individual faith development, there's a need for a UU faith community that can provide wisdom, guidance, and loving support for this journey."

We can be proud that we provide this faith community by reaching out to Florida State students and other young adults as well. Keep up the good work, UUCT! And thanks for supporting this mission.

University UUs meet Monday evenings from 7-9 at the International Student Center (107 S. Wildwood). Coffee hours are Fridays at 6 PM at the Black Dog Café and are a time to relax, find support and get to know each other. We welcome any students, young adults or other church

Notes From The Mountain

By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

New Mountain Program Calendars for the Spring and Fall have arrived. You'll find detailed information on the bulletin board and in the blue notebook on the back counter, but here are some highlights to whet your appetites:

May 3-5 (Fri-Sun), Mother/Daughter Spring Retreat

May 24-26 (Fri-Sun), Body, Mind, and Spirit (7th-9th Graders)

May 24-27 (Fri-Mon) Members/Donors (Memorial Day) Weekend

Jun 14-16 (Fri-Sun), MountainScape Flyfishing Weekend

Jun-Jul (various), MountainCamp (see Program Calendar, p. 6)

Jun 23-28 (Sun-Fri)

Grandparent/Grandchild Week Jun 30-Jul 5 (Sun-Fri), Family

MountainCamp

Jul 7-13 (Sun-Sat), Leadership School for Religious Educators

Jul 14-19 (Sun-Fri), MountainScape Paddling & Hiking Adventure Jul 21-27 (Sun-Sat), Mountain School

for Congregational Leadership Jul 27-Aug 2 (Sat-Fri), Leadership School for Social Justice (Rising 10th-2002 HS graduates) Aug 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Building a Storytelling Tradition in Your Family Aug 30-Sep 1 (Fri-Sun), Yoga - A Journey Within

Aug 30-Sep 2 (Fri-Mon), UUCT Retreat

Aug 30-Sep 2 (Fri-Mon), Mountain "Regatta" Style! (intergenerational) Apr-Oct (various), Elderhostel (see Program Calendar, p. 8)

FOR MORE INFORMATION about these programs or The Mountain itself, contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838 or www.mountaincenters.org.

UUCT Mountain Retreat

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2002

We have already sent a deposit. If you would like to be included, this is your last chance to reserve a spot. See Rod Oldenburg or Rosa Morgan and submit \$20 for each adult, checks only, payable to UUCT (with "Labor Day

Mountain Retreat" on the memo line).

Programming decisions have not been finalized, so we welcome your suggestions; send them to Byron Spice. See the November *Meridian* article for more details on the retreat, including costs. Sunday, 4/7, after church there will be a potluck off-site to discuss logistics, etc.

Contacts:

Overall Coordinator, Rosa Morgan (668-0885) Finances/Contract, Rod Oldenburg (297-0391) Program, Byron Spice (668-6109) and Tim Campbell (386-7085).

Building a Home For Liberal Faith

2002 - 2003 Annual Operating Budget Canvass

By Bruce Brandt, Canvass Chairperson & Margaret Mooney, Canvass Vice Chair

When this goes to print the 2002 -2003 canvass will be in full swing. Every member and friend of UUCT has been invited to a small-group pot-luck meal. If somehow you weren't, call Annette Pearce (891-8660) right away. People who are unable to attend a potluck will still have the opportunity to pledge to give money and time and will be contacted soon by a member of the canvass team.

Everyone has also received a mailing from the canvass and finance committees with:

- 1. Annual reports on committee activities, highlighting recent accomplishments.
- 2. The final asking budget as approved by the congregation 3/10.
- 3. A Suggested Giving Guide

Please review the mailing and think about the gifts of self and money you can pledge to your church. Have fun and make at least one new friend at your pot-luck.

Shared Ministry -- Have You Identified Your Personal Ministry at UUCT?

By Bruce Brandt, Board Past President & Canvass Chairperson

What would you like to accomplish at UUCT? What's your personal sense of mission within the framework of social justice? Do you want to keep our building in good repair? Is it important to you that UUCT be a Green Sanctuary church? Do you want to help members and visitors feel welcome? Do you want to keep us fiscally sound? What would <u>you</u> like to do?

During the canvass presentation at a canvass potluck, you will be asked to fill out a form listing lots of

opportunities at UUCT. In the first section, all the committees of the church are listed. Check off the ones that would help you implement your personal ministry. The chair of that group will be in touch with you over the summer.

If you want to help but don't want to make a long-term commitment to committee membership, look at the second section of the sheet. There is a list of specific tasks that we do around the church each year. The leadership of the church will consult this information when people are needed to work on these projects over the next year. Again - match the vision of your personal ministry with the work to be done and check off those things that will help you further your goals.

Bruce Brandt, as Past President of the Board, has oversight of shared ministry. Call him at 893-5511 to talk about matching your vision and skills to available opportunities.

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, CIC Chairperson

The UUCT ground-breaking ceremony was led by Rev. Amy on Sunday, March 17. Site work will begin soon. We're working out the final details of the drainage easement we are getting from our neighbor to the north and then should be clear for receiving the environmental permit we need to start site work. Stakes are marking the boundaries of the areas that will be disturbed during the site work and building construction. Large trees that need special protection while work is going on have pink tape tied around them. The small number of trees that will have to be taken down are marked with orange spray paint. We have had a favorable response from Tallahassee State Bank regarding a long-term mortgage and a construction loan for the remainder of the three-year Capital Campaign pledge period. We'll be working out details with the bank. Stay tuned and keep an eye out on Sundays for signs of work having started!

What is SUUSI? (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute)

SUUSI is an intentional community celebrating its 52nd year in 2002. We are UUs and others who gather for a week in July to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing. And SUUSI is an experience with many levels: fun times, great scenery, sparkles of insight during workshop discussions, high-energy dancing, moments of reflection and awareness, connections with new friends, liberating worship services, even good grits (what, you've never had grits?). When about 1000 people assemble for a week with a common objective—to establish an intentional community with harmony, spirit, and spice—magic happens. Be there, this year. Bring your friends and family, and develop new friends and a new sense of family.

Watch for more information on the back counter of the sanctuary or visit info@suusi.org.

Green Corner

By Bob Deyle



"With the summer sun streaming through the windows, you may have noticed that your home could use a little freshening up. Yet a thorough cleaning might do more harm than good."

Here are some tips on <u>cleaning house</u> taken from the July 2001 issue of the Union of Concerned Scientists *Greentips* newsletter

(ucsusa.org/guides/greentips.html).

[DISCLAIMER: Any mention of brand names is only for your convenience and does not constitute endorsement by the Union of Concerned Scientists.]

Though commercial cleansers are effective at cleaning dirt and stains, many are downright dangerous. You know this already if you've ever read the labels:

"Harmful or fatal if swallowed." "Use only in a well-ventilated areas." "Causes severe burns on contact."

Warnings like these are so ubiquitous, you may not take them seriously. But you should. The threat is real -- both to your health and to the environment -when the cleansers are produced, used, flushed down the drain, and disposed of.

The interesting thing is how unnecessary they seem to be. It is remarkably easy to do light cleaning jobs with old-fashioned, natural cleansers -- and awfully hard to do tough cleaning jobs with even the strongest commercial brands.

If you recognize the truth of this from personal experience, and are sick (perhaps literally) of the fumes, it may be time to explore the alternatives. Following are some homemade mixes, based mostly on baking soda and white distilled vinegar. Don't be afraid to play with the proportions.

ALL-PURPOSE CLEANER - All you need for most cleaning jobs is a few tablespoons of baking soda in a quart of warm water. Or mix some vinegar and salt with warm water.

SCOURING CLEANER - Many brands are made with chlorine bleach, which releases hazardous gases when mixed with ammonia (found in glass cleaners). Try plain salt or baking soda instead. For a disinfectant version, mix equal amounts of baking soda and borax with a little hot water. You can also try a non-chlorine scourer such as Bon Ami.

DRAIN CLEANER - Instead of chemical drain cleaners, which can damage your skin and eyes, pour 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain, followed by 1/2 cup of vinegar. Wait 15-20 minutes. Then, pour in 1/2 gallon of boiling water. For clogged drains, use a plunger or snake.

TOILET BOWL CLEANER - Like drain cleaners, these can burn your skin and eyes. As an alternative, pour 1/2 cup vinegar and baking soda in the toilet bowl and scrub with a brush. Or scrub with 2/3 cup borax and 1/3 cup lemon juice.

GLASS CLEANER - While commercial glass cleaners are less toxic than many other cleansers, they can still irritate eyes and lungs and cause headaches. You'll find that club soda works just as well, or warm water with a little vinegar.

FURNITURE POLISH - Most commercial brands are made with petroleum distillates, which are flammable. Try olive oil mixed with a little lemon juice. (Experiment on a hidden section of the furniture first.)

FLOOR CLEANER - A mix of equal parts vinegar and warm water is enough for light jobs. Try a vegetablebased liquid soap, like Murphy's Oil Soap, for tougher jobs.

AIR FRESHENER - Get rid of cooking odors by putting out bowls with a little vinegar in them. Scent the air by boiling cinnamon and cloves. Open your windows.

Social Justice Opportunities

Are you interested in social justice issues? UUCT now has four committees in one social justice cluster. Here are committees, what they do, and who to contact. And if you have an idea or would like UUCT to sponsor or support a social justice event or activity, please start by contacting the appropriate committee chairperson.

Green Sanctuary links our Seventh Principle and our environmental concerns with personal and congregational decision-making. Contact Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) fosters appreciation for all races and cultures by study and church- and communitybased projects. Contact Nancy Bass (893-1806).

Social Justice Committee is an umbrella committee for all the other (over 15!) social justice activities UUCT does. It includes study of issues such as Alternative Drug Policy and Moratorium on the Death Penalty. Projects include Shelter meals, Cropwalk, ECHO, Habitat for Humanity, mentoring middle and high school students, Alternative Gifts, and the Caring Connection. UUSC and UU-UNO are also under this wide umbrella. Contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067) or Bonnie Foster (539-5563)

Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Welcoming Congregation

Committee works to welcome people of all sexual orientations. Anyone interested in reactivating this committee contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

Isabel Sheridan works with all these groups in her role as VP for Services.

And see Events After April for information on an upcoming Teach-In on Nicaragua and the International Monetary Fund.

Congregational Actions, March 10, 2002

As Reported by Allen Turnage, Board Secretary

1. Capital Improvement Financing: To authorize the Board to make financial arrangements, using a combination of endowment funds and mortgage indebtedness, to ensure construction of the building option approved by the congregation in September of 2001. The Board may not authorize more than a total of \$450,000 in addition to the capital campaign funds. Arrangements may include taking up to \$350,000 from endowment funds (if and when these funds are available) and /or obligating the church to up to \$200,000 in mortgage indebtedness. [62 in favor, 9 opposed, 5 abstaining]

2. Asking Budget: To approve the Asking Budget for FY 2002-2003 as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board and as amended to add \$750 to restore full funding for UUA General Assembly attendance by the minister. [61 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstaining]

3. Resolution for a Moratorium on the Death Penalty: To refer the resolution back to committee for editing so that it can be supported by the greatest 2001 were approved. number of church members, both those who support and those who are opposed to the death penalty itself. and to reconsider the resolution at the

Annual Meeting in May. [43 in favor, 18 opposed, 7 abstaining]

4. Bylaw Changes for Board Reorganization: To adopt changes in the bylaws to formalize reorganization of the UUCT Executive Board and update fiscal terminology, as recommended.

[44 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstaining]

In addition, the minutes of the previous congregational meeting in September

About Our New Members

Don Weed. Don is a retired public educator. He spent his early years in Punxsutawney, PA prior to entering military service and spending three years in infantry combat in Germany. He married after graduation from Miami University in 1949 and has two daughters. He attended the Methodist church while growing up and has many

church ties: Presbyterian, Congregational, and Episcopalian. His friends are UUs, and he has attended our church when he can. He always enjoys the atmosphere and our "welcome" mat. Past church structures he encountered were pretty tight, and he enjoys the diversity and freedom of thought and ideas in Unitarian

Universalism. For Don, our church offers a wealth of ideas, a place to learn and grow, and a commonality in our reason for being here. His interests are politics, travel, tennis, music, reading, and nature in all its facets. Don lives in Greensboro, FL.

Membership

If you wish to explore being a member or friend of our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

UUCT Name Tags

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members will be given nametags. Others may order them (\$3.50 each); contact the office.

New Member Recognition

Sunday, May 12.

UUCT Classifieds

For \$2 per month (3 month minimum), *members and supporting friends* may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board near the north sanctuary doors. *Available to others* for \$5 per month. Submit ad with check to church office.

Dinners

Dinners for 8 (for adults) and Dinners for Families with Children will resume in September. The membership Committee apologizes that we have not gotten them organized for this year. We'll do better next year!

A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of the congregation. Contacts: Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Megan Bakan (216-0510, Dixon@psy.fsu.edu). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families during the first days of parenthood, please contact Megan.

UUCT Directories

Members and Friends, see Membership Chair Trudy Deyle on Sunday, April 7 or stop by the office for your copy of the current UUCT Directory. If corrections are needed or there are any changes in your listing, let the office know. There will be bi-monthly updates.

Former Member Updates

Since her move to Athens, GA Tina Hughes has been very busy learning about her new computer (a gift from her son and daughter-inlaw) and taking trips with her daughter. She continues to be an active UU, hosting the Sunday morning hospitality (food for thought after the sermon) and involved with the UU Start Players, Buddhist retreats, RE activities, Women's Spiritual Journeys and the Pastoral Care Committee. After surgery in February 2002 to repair a pelvis fracture, Tina is home on the mend. Her address is 200 Crane Dr.. Apt. 17, Bogart, GA 30622-1810; 706-543-4555; or bettinarose16@hotmail.com. She welcomes notes from friends!

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts... Barbara Lineberry who may be facing hip replacement of the same hip she has had replaced previously; Pauline Masterton's mother, Helen Merbitz, who is recovering from an exploratory procedure.

On-going Opportunities

- Music Committee: A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- Shelter Meal: Monday, April 8, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- Sunday Service Setup: 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to setup chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- Social Justice Opportunity: TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- Sunday Service Greeter: Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Annette Pearce (386-4053) Richard Dempsey (671-2748) Christine Boczarska (893-7079) Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Lost and Found

We have many items in the lost and found. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library near the kitchen. Items not claimed for at least two months will be sent to ECHO.

Current UUCT Stats

- Certified
 Membership (as of 1/02) -172
- Current
 Membership 176
- Current Youth
 Membership 2
- Current Number of Friends - 40
- Average Sunday
 Church Attendance
 for month of
 February: 102.3
- Average Sunday
 Attendance 7/1 2/28 102.6
- * RE Enrollment 84

April UUCT Events

RCDC (RACIAL / CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE) BOOK **DISCUSSION GROUP,** MONDAY, APRIL 1, 7:30 **PM.** Held in Room 2, the new book selection is Eldridge Danticat's Krik Krak. This is a collection of beautiful and sensitive Haitian stories by the young author. Contact Marcia Murray (539-3981).

DRUG POLICY REFORM STUDY/ACTION GROUP, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 7:00 PM. In Room 5. The group will be showing two short videos: one regarding medical marijuana for an eight-year-old and the other a Sheriff against the Drug War. Discussion afterwards. Contacts: Toni Latino (402-2900) and Allen Turnage (553-9416).

CANVASS POTLUCKS. FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 7 & SATURDAY, APRIL 13. See p. 7 for details. Held at UUCT or off-site. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053).

WILDFLOWER PROM, AGES 18 - 180, SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 7 -

10:00 PM. Stop being a wallflower and start being a WILDFLOWER. Come to the Sandy Niedert (656-7894). Wildflower Prom to benefit YRUU at UUCT. Tickets will be sold before and after the service on March 31. (\$10; \$12 at the door). Dress for the prom of your decade. Contact Katie McAuley (839-8767) or Ethan Deyle (422-1057) for more information.

SECOND SUNDAY **POTLUCK & SPECIAL VISITOR, APRIL 14, 12:30** PM. Elvy Musikka, one of seven people in the U.S. approved to receive prescriptive marijuana from the federal government to treat her glaucoma, will be visiting from California. She will be happy to answer any questions you have.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY. SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 9:00 (878-7895). AM - 1:00 PM. Eniov fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422 - 1985)

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP. SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 12:30

PM. A "Welcome to Spring" picnic off-site. Contact:

RACISM VIDEO, MONDAY. APRIL 22, 7:00 PM.

Sponsored by the Racial and **Cultural Diversity Committee** and open to the congregation and community, a showing of the video produced by the **UU United Nations Office** before the Durban, South Africa World Racism Conference. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806).

CHURCH COUNCIL & FINANCE MEETING. TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 7:00 **PM.** An opportunity for committee chairs to review the draft final budget for next year with the Finance Committee before it is considered by the Board 4/25. Contact: Del DeTar

CHURCH COUNCIL **MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL** 28, 12:30 PM. The quarterly meeting of committee chairs. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

All Souls UU Springfest Coffeehouse Friday, April 12, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

For Poets, Writers & **Musicians of All** Ages.

Theme: "Spring Is Sprung!" April is America's "National Poetry Month," Shakespeare's birth month and the month of Earth Day. In this spirit, we encourage everyone to take up pen and paper, musical voice or instrument, and "sing" to new life, nature, whatever! Or come listen and enjoy!

> 6:30 Hobnob & Schedule performances.

7:00 Stage I for children & younger artists, then Stage II for adults, Intermission, then Stage III for Mature **Audiences Only** (with game, hangout room for children in classroom).

Contact Will Adkins (385-5071; wmadkins@infi.net)

Free will fund raiser.

UUCT Events After April

ADULT ENRICHMENT FAIR, SUNDAY, MAY 5, NOON. See Announcements for more details.

TEACH-IN, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. On Nicaragua and the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Public invited. By Bud Combs, who recently visited Nicaragua with

Witness for Peace. Bud did a SIXTH ANNUAL "PIG" teach-in on Cuba about two years ago at UUCT and a Sunday service on Cuba last year based on the book, Cuba, Neither Heaven nor Hell. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985).

ROAST, SATURDAY, MAY 11, MID-AFTERNOON. Not just for carnivores anymore! Vegetarian dishes provided.

At Ken and Jean Wood's home in south Georgia. Tickets: \$7 per person. Watch for Ed Oaksford and Steve Urse on Sunday to purchase tickets or purchase them at the pig roast.

District, National Events, UUCT Social Activities

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM. SUNDAY. MAY 12. 1:00 PM. An opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the items to be voted Fellowship of St. Augustine. on the following Sunday at the Annual Meeting. Background material on the items will be mailed to all members and friends in early May. Contact: Board President Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY **19, 12:15 PM.** Our meeting to elect Board and Nominating Committee members, adopt a final budget for the next year, and transact any other important business. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

District Events

FL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY, **APRIL 12 - SATURDAY.** APRIL 13. Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL near Orlando. This annual gathering of FL District UUs is open to all interested. Theme: "When the Ground Gives Way, Will Unitarian Universalism Harbor Me?" Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President of the Starr King School for the Ministry. We'll gather in large and small groups facilitated by the ministers from our District (including Rev. Amy) to talk about our deepest hopes and dreams for our faith community. Also shared meals, worship, the District annual meeting, and plenty of time to relax and get to know others. Brochures on the back counter of the sanctuary. Registration: \$30.

FL DISTRICT SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE. SATURDAY. APRIL 27. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. UU Focus: Grassroots Organizing. Keynote speaker: Linda Stout, Project Director of Spirit in Action in Amherst, MA. "Stout will challenge us to act ludy8@juno.com, or write her from a place of positive vision in our community and work. She will suggest new possibilities for connecting across cultural, spiritual and organizational boundaries to build an inclusive movement for social transformation that emerges from the margins into the mainstream." Registration forms available. \$30 adults, \$12 youth 20 & under. After 4/17 postmark, \$40 adults, \$15 youth 20 & under. District Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806, NRBass@aol.com).

National

UUSC WORKCAMPS, JULY 15 - 21 AND 22-28. UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) North Carolina summer farm worker camp in Greenville. Contact: uusc.org/involved/ summerworkcamp061501 uusc.org/involved/ncworkca mp011502

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - MONDAY, JUNE

24. Quebec City. All are welcome to attend the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists. Watch for more information here and at the back of the sanctuary.

UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Do you want to draw attention to a special social activity for which you wish to recruit or invite other folks from our UUCT community? If so, please contact Ludy Goodson, 531-9819, a note and give it to her when you see her on a Sunday.

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month,

Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

"LET'S MAKE MUSIC", FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00 PM. Bring snacks, desserts, beverages, instruments, spoons, voices, ears for listening, feet for tapping, arms for hugging, lips for smiling, cushions for sitting. Come on over to Ludy's at 2113 Charter Oak Drive (near the Albertson's on North Monroe). For all ages and faces -- fun, friendly, and casual. Contact Ludy (531-9819/ ludy8@juno.com) for more information.

Schedule of Non-UUCT **Events**

- Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Intro. to Zen; 7:15 PM Zen Meditation
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepard Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Apr. 13, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)
- Monday, Apr. 15, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Apr. 23, 7:00 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)

April 2002		"Every Sunda activities, see front page.	the	Note: Many activities described in other sections.				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu		Fri	Sat	
	1 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off- site) 7:30 PM Buildings & Ground, Rm 4	2 7-9 PM Weaving the Fabric of Diversity, sanctuary	3 11:30 AM Dowtown Chow- down 7 PM How to Talk 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 7 PM Board, Rm 4 7 PM Drug Policy Study/ Action Group, Rm 5		5 Varied Times & Locations: Canvass Potluck 6 PM University UUs, off-site	6 Varied Times & Locations: Canvass Potlucks 7 PM YRUU Wildflower Prom	
7 9:45 AM Youth RE Varied Times & Locations: Canvass Potlucks Mtn Retreat Planning Potluck 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	8 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM Finance, Rm 4 7:15 PM Evensong 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off- site 7:45 PM Shelter Meal	9 11:45 AM Membership (off-site) 7 PM RCDC, Rm 4	10 7 PM How to Talk 7:30 PM Choir Practice Rev. Amy Away	11 6:30 PM Rise Up, Rm 5 7:15 PM CIC, Rm 4		12 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7-9 PM Coffeehouse (Scheduling 6:30		
14 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	15 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM Finance Committee Meeting, Rm 5 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off- site Rev. A	16 6 PM Parenting Support Group, Rm 2 7:15 PM Social Justice, Rm 4 7-9 PM Weaving, sanctuary my Away	17 7:30 PM Choir Practice	18 No Board Meeting		19 6 PM University UUs, off-site	20 9 AM - 1 PM Workday	
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YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 4).

* **YRUU** Meets Sundays, 6-8 PM.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 4-5)

- Attachment Parenting Support Group, Tues. 4/16, 6:00 PM
- Evensong Gatherings, Mon. 4/8 & Thurs. 4/25, 7:15 PM
- * How to Talk, Wed. 4/3 & 10, 7 PM
- * New UU, Wed. 4/24, 7 PM
- * **Rise Up**, Thurs. 4/11 & 25, 6:30 PM
- * Weaving the Fabric of Diversity, Tues 4/2, 16, & 30, 7 PM
- * Women's Spirituality, Every Mon. 7:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

 Thurs. 4/4 & 25, 7 PM.
 Pres. Pauline Masterton (385-2879)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Open to All Interested

- * Capital Improvement, Thurs. 4/11 & 25, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Committee on
 Ministry, Tues. 4/23,
 7:15 PM
- Drug Policy Study/Action Group, Thur. 4/4, 7 PM. Contacts: Toni Latino (402-2900)
- Finance, Mon. 4/15 & 22, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- Finance & Church
 Council, Tues. 4/23,
 7 PM
- Green Sanctuary (&

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- **Social Justice)**, Sun. 4/21, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- Membership, Mon. 4/9, 11:45 AM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Personnel, Tues 4/23, 1:30 PM. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879)
- Program, Mon. 4/22, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- Racial & Cultural Diversity, Tues. 4/9, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary), Sun.
 4/24, 12:30 PM. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563) or Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- Youth RE, Sun. 4/7, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)