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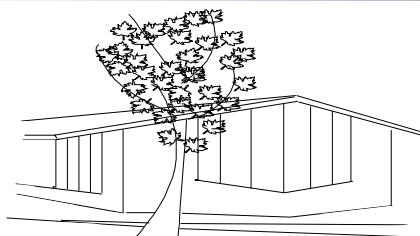
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice ,
exc. 4/25
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE for Pre-K -
Middle School

1st & 3rd Sundays:

- 6 PM Youth Group
for ages 12 - 20

Scheduled Adult Forum
Topics:

- Apr. 4 TBA
- Apr. 11 TBA
- Apr. 18 Kevin McGorty, Tall
Timbers Research Station -
"Red Hills Region: Historical
Preservation and Conservation
Easements"
- Apr. 25 TBA



The Meridian

April Sundays (11:00 AM)

REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time Begins 4/4



Apr. 4 | Campus Ministry Sunday: Mind The Gap!

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. The 18-35 age group is notably absent in UU congregations, even congregations such as ours that serve a university community with many thousands of young people. The UUA is concerned about this and is focusing on making Unitarian Universalism more attractive to our young adults. We'll talk about why this is important to our congregation and some steps we might take to achieve it.

Campus Ministry Coordinator Chelsea Fox and the University UUs

Apr. 11 | Rise Alive, Intergenerational Flower Communion



The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Easter Sunday is a beautiful day in our sanctuary, which we decorate with blooms from flowers and brighten with joy. Life bursts forth, with constant renewal its fruit. A few of us will talk about when we have been enlivened, and every one of us will take home a flower, a symbol of how lovely life is and how beautiful we are.

Bring one cut flower (with non-thorny stem) for each member of your family; you'll go home with different flowers. Youth are in the service the whole time and will assist with the Flower Communion. **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

Apr. 18 | What Your Neighbors See In You, Bring A Guest Sunday and New Member Recognition

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Each current member and friend was once a guest and visitor. Today's the day to ask your friend, coworker, family member or neighbor to join you for a worthwhile couple of hours in the Uncommon Denomination (tm UUA). Think of someone you have a feeling about—a gut sense that, like you, they value justice, equity and compassion in human relations. We will share Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Concern. **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

Apr. 25 | Earth Day Intergenerational Service: The Great Turtle Mother Myth and the Interdependent Web

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. According to Miskito Indian myth, The Turtle Mother was a benevolent spirit providing balance between turtles and humans. She could affect the luck of humans wanting to catch turtles by having the marine turtles swim and nest nearby or sending them far out to sea. This Miskito belief caused them to be responsible for preventing overkills because they knew greed would mean the Turtle Mother would remove the turtles. Is this myth viable today? **Guest Speaker: Jack Rudloe; Lay Leader: Steve Urse**

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Now I Can Die Content. That's what I thought as I sat in the front row of a concert by violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg and pianist Anne-Marie McDermott.

The soft notes deepened my sense of grace; this is what it means to open one's ears, as you lean into the sound. The high notes cut through thoughts and feelings to touch that resonating sense of joy. The artists' facial expressions and body movements as they rode the music increased my sense of connection.

I cherish these moments of completion. They carry me to the next moment: longing for completion and a vision of how to get there.

We can do something about homelessness. The interfaith social justice organization we helped start—TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry)—has launched the Change for Change program with the City of Tallahassee—the pamphlet was in your Tallahassee utility bill. In my household, we signed up for \$5 a month.

Change for Change funds will go to local agencies that:

offer emergency shelter;

help pay deposits so people can move into homes;

provide education and job training.

We can craft a liberal religious response to fundamentalist "political" maneuvers. Our congregation supported a liberal religious response to the proposed anti-gay marriage amendment that would limit the freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. constitution. The flowers, and notes, we sent to the First Unitarian Church in Orlando (FUCO) increased the beauty of their celebration of marriage.

FUCO had a lovely ceremony on a gorgeous day for Unitarian Universalist couples (gay, lesbian, also straight) to renew their vows and for one gay couple and two lesbian couples to exchange vows for the first time. The written blessings and support we sent are posted on our website. The minister, Rev. Marni Harmony, thought the notes were beautiful. She added that when they saw the flowers,

several dozen wedding planners at FUCO broke out in applause!

We can forge a new covenant together after we share what we learned during sabbatical. We'll bring strengths and information to the table:

your *Raising the Roof* seminar, my *New Visions of the Long Pastorate* seminar (coincidentally, they were at the same place, different months);

your lay-led services of plenty, my preaching seminar;

your nervous excitement about growing and my nervous excitement about growing.

We're in this together: life, ministry, liberal religion in Tallahassee. I'm glad when we set out on the path with the same foot forward.

Now I Can Live Content. Moments of completion, then moments longing for completion, and at last a vision, which moves me to action. A delicate, powerful balance.

With delight in Spring,

(Rev.) Amy

President's Message

By Neil Mooney

Leadership School is a Wrap

UUCT completed its first Leadership School on March 16. By all accounts it was a roaring success: four weeks of intensive training on the origins, operations, and purpose of the UUCT and its organs. This project, almost two years in the making, owes its success to the quality and diversity of attendees, and the output of the instructors.

While more formal recognition will be forthcoming, I would like to present the

attendees to you: Bill Reidell, Steve Urse, Will Adkins, Joanne Taylor, Molly Schmid, Amy Mann, Linda McConnell, Chelsea Fox, Del DeTar, Eric Draper, Kristin King and Carolyn DuBard. As you can see, this group includes "old-timers" and new, and even one "friend". We were thrilled with the composition and their input. As to instructors, we were very ably served by Jennifer Carver, Joan Patterson, Richard Dempsey, Pauline Masterton, Ludy Goodson, Bruce Brandt, and Annette Pearce.

We anticipate offering the program again in the Fall. If you are interested in being included among the participants then, please let me know. Meanwhile, hats off to all those whose initiative and gifts of self allowed us to plant more seeds for this growing church.

In Community,

Neil

(UUCT Leadership School Dean)

Canvass 2004-2005: Building A Home For Liberal Faith

By Isabel Sheridan, Canvass Committee Chairperson

Thanks to all who have done so much for this year's Canvass.

By now you have probably pledged gifts of money and self. If you missed one of the March potlucks, you should have received both the Gift of Money

and Gift of Self forms in the mail. If you need either form, please contact me to get them.

We need to have everyone's gifts of money to make the Asking Budget, and we need to raise the total by 10%

over last year. Please consider being even more generous than you were last year. Our programs and staffing depend on you.

Contact: Isabel Sheridan
(668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com)

Announcements

R.E. Bake Sale - Bakers Are Requested!



On April 25, delicious goodies will be on sale at this fundraiser for the Youth Religious Education program. Money raised will go towards traveling expenses for a consultant to lead our RE Covenanting process in September. Come buy a treat and help the Youth RE Program. To donate food items to sell, or to otherwise help out, contact Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@direcway.com) or call Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

and cups, housecleaning services, transportation to the airport, and much, much more.

There is still plenty of time to donate something for the auction, so look for the forms in the back of the sanctuary, or call Joan Patterson (309-1248). Since bid sheets have to be made for each item, we can accept donations to the auction anytime through Saturday, April 10, but please do not bring donations to the church on the days of the auction. Thanks. If you questions, call or e-mail Joan (patterson090@comcast.net).

Photos Needed for Directory

Ken Wood is creating a UUCT Photo Directory and needs pictures of all members, friends and families. Place a high-resolution photo in the in-box on the sanctuary back counter or see Ken after the service on a Sunday to have a digital photo taken. See *January Meridian* article. Contact: Ken Wood (229-377-8739, caldy23@yahoo.com).

Missing Hymnals

If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home to make sure it was returned. We are missing some of the 94 hymnals UUCT owns.

If you'd like your own, order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, www.uua.org/bookstore, or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). Current cost is \$28 plus shipping and handling. Hymnals can also be purchased and given to the church in memory or honor of a loved one or a fellow UUCTer.

Mark Your Checks

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

Silent Auction April 11 and 18



The UUCT Annual Silent Auction will be held on two consecutive Sundays this year in the large Room L of the new building. Bid sheets will be spread out on tables there, beginning at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 11, and will remain there to accept bids until 1:30 PM on Sunday, April 18. Please stop by to bid anytime before and after Sunday services or even during the week if you happen to have a committee meeting in Room L.

We have some exciting items up for bid, including dog obedience classes, a boat tour of Oyster Bay, a guided hike on the Aucilla Sink Trail, some lovely crystal and sterling silver pieces, a very unique and old carving set left by Ralph Cook, specialty and gourmet dinners, gift baskets, babysitting, a large electric rotisserie, a punch bowl

Helping the Homeless

Our YRUU Youth Group is collecting toiletry items to put into "shower power paks" for The Shelter. There is a box in the back of the sanctuary where we would love for you to put your donations of (unopened) shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lotion, etc. (And don't forget those little bottles and soaps you get at hotels!) These items will be greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of The Shelter. The box will be there until April 4 and will have a list of requested items. Thank you!

Child Dedication & Naming

A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be performed this spring. Contact DRE Maggie (877-6301, DREMaggie@direcway.com) and see *Youth Religious Education* for more information.

Appreciation



- To:**
- * **Ed Tribble and Connie Beane, Barbara Sterling, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Annette Pearce, Carolyn DuBard, Nancy and Dave Harvey, and Jim Dawson** for greeting on Sunday mornings 2/29-3/14.
 - * **All** who hosted hospitality 2/29-3/14.
 - * **All** who were clean up "heroes" 2/29-3/14.
 - * **Nina Cline, Elaine Comer, Patrick Lineberry and Ansel Bailey-Mershon** for volunteering in the nursery.
 - * **Dorothy Mann and Eleanor and Earl Enge** for helping out in the office on a weekly basis.
 - * **Barbara Sterling and Pauline Masterton** for all of your hard work on the 50th anniversary celebration.
 - * **Malte Haupt** for coming and volunteering in the office as part of the Career Shadowing program at Wakulla High.
 - * **Randall Gann, Kathie and Holly Mackie, Malte Haupt, George Knight, and Dave Harvey** for setting up the sanctuary for services.
 - * **Bruce Brandt, Jennifer Carver, Trudy Deyle, Harold Hawkins, Dick Leinberry, Kathie Mackie, Amy Mann, and Elizabeth Vigil** for facilitating adult enrichment classes and groups.
 - * **Barbara Sterling** for planting petunias and dusty miller and continuing to care for the front entry garden.
 - * **Peggy Lentz and Barbara Sterling** for painting the RE/Campus Ministry office, Rm 4.
 - * **UUCT** from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) for our Guest at Your Table gift of \$160.
 - * **UUCTers** who contributed toward the flowers and Words of Blessing and Support for UU couples in Orlando -- straight, gay and lesbian -- who renewed their vows or spoke them for the first time at a ceremony on 3/19.
 - * **Chelsea and Van Fox, Emily Ventre, Ann Snively, Jackie Moller, Pam Harris-Davidson and Jared Homan, Fritz Winzer, Holly and Kathie Mackie, and Malte Haupt** for helping with the March Shelter Meal.

Note: Pat needs more volunteers for the upcoming meals. Contact her at 422-2847 if you can help in any role on the second Monday of the month.

Buildings and Grounds Appreciation

Dave Harvey, Randall Gann and Don Berger moved the new playground structure, stapled the playground fencing, and tore down the playground tire sculpture. **Steve Urse and Joe Lama** trimmed the plants and ground cover and spread mulch; Joe mowed the grass and blew leaves; and **Mimi Jones** weeded. **Francis Ventre** made the repairs to one of the tot-lot slides. **George Knight** weeded and mulched the following week, and prior to the workday, **Steve Urse and Bruce Brandt** "harvested" bags of leaves from Waverly Hills, for mulch.

Additional Thanks

Tom Chase is appreciative of our thanks to him last month, but he'd like us to know that: "A lot of people, led by Dick Lee, framed the west-end walkway around Room 3&6 on a Saturday. I finished the walk, including all the treads, while others went about their daily jobs the following week. I constructed the name tag rack, and Sheila Meehan finished it."

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

April marks the final month of the spring semester for college students. We are planning the Sunday service for April 4 where we will talk about the age gap in most UU (and other) congregations, where young adults are all but non-existent. We feel this is an important issue to explore, since young adults can bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to religious congregations. We are also planning a relaxing spiritual retreat early in the month to

gain a deeper connection as a group and have one last hurrah before finals.

During the spring semester, The University UUs meet at 6:00 PM every Wednesday at FSU's International Student Center, and 6:00 PM every Friday at Javaheads on Railroad Avenue. Our last meeting of the semester is April 21. During the summer semester, we will continue to meet at Javahead's once a week (time

and dates TBA) and plan various other activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or willingness to help:
chelsuu@yahoo.com ~ 222-3931

Note: The UUCT **Campus Ministry Committee will meet Sunday 4/18, 12:30 PM** in Rm K. Contact me or new Committee Chair Kim Ross (508-9100, kim@cennexus.com).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, April 4, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kelleyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (877-6301, sgeraci10@direcway.com)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREMaggie@direcway.com)**

What is a Child Dedication or Naming?

A Child or Youth Dedication Ceremony is a traditional Unitarian Universalist 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. The 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. Our church will have a group ceremony once a year, but it is also possible for members to arrange individual ceremonies. For the group ceremony during a Sunday Service, we will learn why children were given their name and the hopes that parents have for their children.

A Child Naming Ceremony is a similar UU ritual usually done for infants. These are two of the special ceremonies our church has to recognize our youths' transitions in life. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@direcway.com).

Spiral Scouts Schedule for April

- Tuesday meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, Rm 2: 4/6, 4/13 (no meeting), 4/20, 4/27
- 4/16 - 4/18 Tribal Campout at O'Leno State Park, Gainesville, FL
- 5/4 Tuesday, Open House, 6:30-7:30 PM at UUCT
- 5/11 Tuesday, Final Awards Ceremony, 6:30-7:30 PM at UUCT

YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)

Meetings: First and Third Sundays of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 3&6) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

Service Project: YRUU is collecting items for toiletry paks for The Shelter. See *Announcements* for details.

FL District Con Schedule:

- April 16-18 District Youth Caucus
- April 30-May 2 All-Age CON Vero Beach

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or Howard Pardue (386-1494).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (blbrandt@earthlink.net; 893-5511)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREMaggie@direcway.com; 877-6301).**

WHAT CLASSES WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE NEXT YEAR?

Come to a **meeting in Room C at 12:20 PM on Sunday, April 18.** We will evaluate the Adult Enrichment program for 2003-04 and discuss the options for 2004-05.

The Adult Enrichment classes are described below. They are all opportunities for you to move along your chosen path of spiritual growth. (Come to the meeting or tell Bruce Brandt if none of the offerings in the recent past related to your path.) If you are interested in an upcoming or open attendance class, please contact the person listed for that class soon to express your interest. We would like to know how many are likely to attend.

CLASSES: ON-GOING & OPEN

UU Fiction Book Club: The first meeting was a success. It was attended by about a half dozen people who loved the book *Middlesex*. Meetings will continue on the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. People take turns bringing snacks and beverages. The next month's book is chosen by vote at the end of each meeting from those suggested by everyone attending. Our next book, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, will be discussed Tuesday, April 13. Members of Temple Israel have been invited to participate. Contact Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921 or evigil@loffice.com) for questions.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

The Artist's Way: This wonderful class is once again open to new participants. Classes resumed March 20 after a break, so it is still possible to get in near the beginning of this series. The class meets Saturdays, 2 - 3:30 PM in Room K. Contact Amy Mann (amann@infionline.net or 222-1420).

Lost Christianities: This class is open to anyone interested. It meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room C and is facilitated by Harold Hawkins. Each week, the class will listen to a tape by Dr. Ehrman from UNC - Chapel Hill about early Christian history, and then discuss the tape. The tapes were produced by the Teaching Co. Class members will decide which of the 24 tapes they are interested in listening to, so the number of weeks or months of class is open-ended at this point. Contact Harold Hawkins (893-1331).

Wayne Dyer Discussion Group: Meets monthly on a Sunday at 12:30 PM in Room L, viewing and then discussing PBS specials by Dyer, who uses spirituality to help in counseling clients, drawing on the strong association between spiritual well being and mental health. Contact: Dick Leinberry (386-4977) for April's date.

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? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 23 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2004. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

Understanding the Bible: Class ended in March.

FUTURE CLASSES

Choices for Sustainable Living: Using Northwest Earth Institute discussion workbooks, members take turns preparing for and leading discussions centered on life style changes to reduce our impact on the earth. We will be offering *Choices for Sustainable Living* in the fall.

Evensong Gatherings: Offered periodically. Get to know other UUCTers more deeply through readings, reflection and the sharing of our thoughts and stories. Topics include: childhood memory and knowing, scripture and story, prayer and spiritual practice, the divine, human nature, religious community, and loss and death. Eight participants maximum. Contact: Adult Enrichment Coordinator Bruce Brandt to be put on list for future.

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions are Mondays, April 5 and 12, 7-9 PM, Room L, taught by Rev. Amy and member Dan Damerville. Contact the church office (385-5115,

uuct@nettally.com) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

OPEN PARTICIPATION

Adult Forum. Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian* for the month's topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

UU Buddhist Fellowship. The UUBF meets every first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in Rooms 3&6. We read and discuss books and are currently working on *When Things Fall Apart* by Pema Chodrin.

In April, we will focus on Chapters 14 - 16 examining the noble and awakened heart, liberation from the ancient patterns of ego, connecting with suffering and creating compassion through the practice of Tonglen, and training in the art of peace.

For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562-0739, wmpat88@att.net).

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

The positions to be filled are: (VP = Vice President for)

- President Elect
- VP Church Community
- VP Management
- VP Worship
- VP Social Justice
- VP Religious Education (2nd year of current term)
- Nominating Committee (Eric Draper & Sally Andersen positions)

If you are interested in finding out more about the open positions, viewing any of the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, please contact any Nominating Committee member by April 9: Chairperson Sally Andersen, Dan Damerville, Eric Draper, or Steve Van Sciver. Per our bylaws, these four elected members will choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

About Our New Members

Linda McConnell. Linda is a trainer with the FL State Department of Children and Families and lives in Havana with her husband of 22 years, Terry McConnell. Their daughter, Terra, is a freshman at FSU, attended our YRUU youth group, and often accompanies Linda to Sunday services. Linda came to Tallahassee in 1979 to finish college at FSU. Her parents have retired locally in Crawfordville, where her brother and sister and brother-in-law, Kathie and Billy Mackie, also live. Linda's interests and hobbies include: reading, art, beaded jewelry, new ideas, and garage sales.

Linda grew up in an on-again, off-again churchgoing environment as part of a military family. As an adult, she joined and attended the Methodist church for ten years. Linda says: "Being a youth Sunday school teacher there made me realize my beliefs did not really parallel those of Methodism. I had visited UUCT several times before ending my relationship with Methodism, and began to contemplate Unitarianism. I think the many people I have encountered and begun to know at UUCT have contributed greatly to my decision to join. The heady combination of religious freedom, tolerance and justice is irresistible."

When asked what the church can do for her personally and what she hopes to find here, Linda says: "Continue to allow me to seek and grow spiritually with intellectual freedom, within the support of the congregation. Having been involved lightly as a Friend of the UUCT, I think I have found the acceptance and tolerance I believe necessary to spiritual and true intellectual and emotional growth. I have really enjoyed the classes that are offered and hope to continue participating in many more."

UUA Trustee Tidbits

By Joan Lund, FL District Trustee

It's April already and in addition to "April showers bring May flowers", it is a time many of us think about money. So I thought you might be interested in information about UUA money flow.

First some words about from where the UUA receives money. Approximately 36% of income is for designated purposes and comes from sources such as ministerial aid funds, capital campaigns, educational grants, and scholarships. The majority of the remaining 64% of income, used for general support, comes from our congregations (46%) through their generous Annual Program Fund contributions. The remainder comes from Friends of the UUA, gifts and bequests, and investments. The fiscal year 2003-04 income for general support is \$13,115,015.

Where does the money go? Fifty-one percent is spent on programs and services, which includes congregational and district services, ministry and professional development, identity-based ministries, lifespan faith development, and advocacy and witness. Eleven percent goes for publishing and that includes Beacon Press, the UUA Bookstore, and UU World. Another 23% is designated for infrastructure expenditures, which include planned giving assistance, investment pools, and an extensive web site that hosts over 250 email lists and makes useful information and resources directly available to congregations. The UUA administration uses 7% of the budget, and the Board and other denomination leaders use the remaining 8%.

I can identify at least twenty services provided to congregations, too numerous to list in the column, but some are: worship resources, building loans and loan guarantees, growth workshops and consultations, church management resources, continuing education for religious educators, capital and operating campaign consultants, lay leadership training and resources, young adult, campus and youth programs, and endowment and planned giving assistance. Detailed information is in the Treasurer's Report to the UU General Assembly, mailed to all congregations or at www.uua.org/TRUS/GA2003treasrept.pdf.

I have CHANGED email providers and invite your comments to lundjb@verizon.net or jlund@uua.org.

Green Corner



"Less is More...and More is More"

By Steve Urse

(1) Ecology: From the unique ecology and architecture of the Red Hills to white sands and blue waters of the Gulf of Mexico, UUCT members are interested and involved. In April, the Forum will hear from Kevin McGorty about historical preservation and conservation easements in nearby plantations for protecting this unique biodiversity. The May annual ritual of the Pig Roast is also among those hills. Are the marine turtles of the Gulf still being protected by the Great Turtle Mother? For many years Jack Rudloe researched this question and will share the results of his quest. And will the Gulf be the same after being invaded by two GS Ecotour field trips? Details elsewhere.

(2) Partnerships: The UUCT will become members of UUA's Seventh Principle Project and the Big Bend Environmental Forum (BBEF). BBEF is an alliance of local environmental and growth management organizations that sponsors candidate and issue forums to educate the public. For UUCT to get accredited, we must engage in a major on-going activity in collaboration with other organizations to address an issue of environmental justice in the community (or the world). For Leon County and the Big Bend, water issues are a natural choice. BBEF is discussing a series of forums to address these matters.

(3) Local Author: June Wiaz, a past Green Forum speaker and Kathryn Ziewitz have finally birthed their book, Green Empire, about St. Joe and its development in the Panhandle (aka the Great Northwest). It popped out after a four-year gestation... The price is steeper than they had hoped, as the Press always does first print runs in hardback. But most stores (and the authors) are selling the \$35 book heavily discounted. June has them here in Leon. The Books-A-Million can order them, as can Borders and Barnes and Noble. And Amazon will be

able to begin shipping any day now. June has a signing scheduled at Border's on May 15 from 2:00-4:00 PM. June has also gotten the Leon Co. Library and the state library to order one or two of the books. Congratulations, June and Kathryn!

The Evolving Garden

By Steve Urse

Our UUCT Landscape is an Evolving Garden. Adding a meditation and/or a memorial garden will soon be discussed. In addition to more colors, there is more mulch and fewer trees. The church will be encouraged to adopt Best Management Practices for our landscape to protect our lakes, springs and aquifer from stormwater runoff. The mulch will not only slow the flow of water but also provide more moisture for the shrubs and trees and prevent erosion from bare ground.

There are now three fewer trees. Two water oaks and a hickory were dead or dying and if they fell, a potential liability. We should consider a ritual for those trees and the ones removed during the construction of the new classroom building and parking lot. All were appreciated and are sorely missed by many. Because we have a lawn and flower beds there is now more work. On all church workdays, more gardeners would be very welcome for our Evolving Garden.

Spiral Scouts – A Part of Our Youth RE Program

By Patty Burton, Scout Leader

When you think about a scouting group, you usually think camping, hiking, and other wilderness skills. Or you may think of community service, earning badges and learning to work together with a group. Spiral Scouts does all of these things! The twist is that Spiral Scouts was started by the Aquarian Tabernacle Church (ATC), a Pagan Church based in Seattle, WA.

You do not have to be a Pagan to join the Scouts, but the ground from which Spiral Scouts sprouted is definitely

Earth-based. This is reflected in everything that we do. Our uniforms are green and brown, the colors of the Earth. Our symbol is the Spiral. We light candles at the beginning of the meeting, one for the circle and one for each of the four directions and one for spirit. Our oaths and pledges are about honoring the earth and our fellow inhabitants (including people). We go camping and learn about plants, animals and the earth. We pick up trash and learn about recycling, gardening and ecology. We work on treating each other with kindness and respect, and share our interests and dreams for the future. You'll hear us recite our promise/oath at the Earth Day Service.

The Seven Hills Circle - Spiral Scouts is a small but dedicated group consisting of Fireflies (ages 4-8) and Spiral Scouts (ages 8-14). Right now we do not have any Pathfinders (ages 14 and up). We have been meeting at UUCT for a while and have recently become an officially sponsored program within the Youth RE Program.

Recently, we have been working together on a Kindness Badge, which involves keeping a log of kind deeds, and performing other acts of kindness. Our fieldtrip at the end of January was picking up trash at Lake Ella. We also made valentines to deliver to an Extended Care Hospital to brighten their holiday in February. In March we are learning about the Waters of the Earth. We are looking forward in April (April 16-18) to our Tribal gathering Camp-out of Spiral Scout Circles from all over Florida at O'leno State Park near Gainesville. Our meetings are 6:30 to 7:30, Tuesday nights in Room 2. Contact: Patty Burton (942-4056).



Church Community News

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline.net)

Hopping to Easter Potluck!

Yes, Virginia, there is a potluck dinner after the service on Easter Sunday! Easter, Sunday is, after all, a colorful time when old friends and members dress up and come out, often bringing their friends and relatives, with them. Also, curious first-time visitors often drop in. It's a time for us to "show off" our growing church to guests. This year April 11 is Easter, and it's the 2nd Sunday in April, which is our traditional monthly potluck.

To make kitchen hospitality and clean-up easy for volunteers on this dress-up Sunday, please bring your own eating plates, cups, utensils, etc., to take back home to clean up. (Our "Green Sanctuary" covenant advocates not using disposable paper or plastic kitchenware.) We will still put out church dishes, etc., but hope you can help us minimize this chore.

Church With A Heart

We are becoming known as "the church with a heart." We UUs have always had a big, open heart. We are a community with a sense of compassion, kindness, and concern for one another. But it has not always been so visible as now. Has something changed at UUCT? I think so. Shy of head we are not. Shy of heart, we sometimes have held back and been hesitant to help others in need, but we are changing.

We are learning from ourselves to express our "humanity" in more ways than with our critical, judgmental, logical "mentalities" (i.e., our intellects). We are beginning to wax into "Universalists," beyond our pointy-headed, analytical "Unitarian" spirit. We are discovering new paths of change and new bonds in our lives.

What it is, is our learning to value and to pay attention to each other, as much

as we pay attention to our rational thought and independent judgment. We are finding friendships, networking, and building a community that cares and serves as needs arise. We are beginning to discover the joy of shared, personal giving to one another.

The late Rev. Dick Lee of our church used to say to me 20 years ago: "God is what happens when two or more persons come together." Well, that's how "community" is created. Let us keep discovering soft Universalist hearts beating within hard Unitarian heads, like fruit from flowers. Our thoughts are useless if not bearing fruit.

"Making Church"

86+ year old John Murphy often says to me: *"I plan to make church this Sunday. Yes!-- I'll be there."* Indeed, for over 20 years, since he moved up from Miami, John has been coming to UUCT every single Sunday, unless he was travelling out of town. RELIGIOUSLY! (And not uncommon among UUCTers.)

It's an interesting expression, to "make church." And not just a Northerner's colloquial contraction for saying "to make [it to] church."

Making church is what all us UUs do. We are active participants every time we come together. We seek to be part of the whole. This is our dignity and worth as individuals, which we value, our "democracy." We all want to get involved, to be involved. We all want to be a part. Our "church" is our very own creation; we are its creators. It is not something handed to us by someone else. Sunday is mainly when we UUs congregate, but we move in many communities within our larger community. We fellowship often, all through the week. The lights are often lit, the parking lot loaded with cars.

We come to talk; we come to listen. We come to sing; we come to learn. We come to meet and exchange the news of our lives. To celebrate, to play, to give and take. To be.

Without us, there would be no UU church here. 180 years ago, a royal prince lived in Tallahassee, Prince Achilles Murat, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte. Murat met and befriended a younger Waldo Emerson, then training for the Unitarian ministry. Eccentric Murat was a "consistent atheist," who wrote a social history of religion in the infant American South. For 10 years, Murat and Emerson became best of friends and corresponded often. Murat pleaded for Emerson to come south and found a Unitarian church in Tallahassee. Murat knew he could not make it alone. But Emerson's life was turning radically, leaving his Unitarian ministry behind to found a whole new culture of creative poetry and art, and a humanity-centered religion (our newly emerging Unitarian heritage) for all America. In rebellious, anti-slavery Emerson, Unitarians got a major "remake," along with the whole nation.

Audio Tapes



Audio tapes of each Sunday's service are available for four-week loan to UUCT members. Sign-out information and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (gwndlyn@istal.com, 668-334).

Social Justice

Harmony Camp News

By Joanne Taylor

Planning for Harmony Camp August 2-6, 2004 is progressing nicely. We are planning for 48 children and are reserving 20 spaces for children of color in order to achieve the desired diversity in our population.

We already have 21 registered, so our UUCT members need to turn in their registration forms while there are still places available. There are registration forms in Joanne Taylor's mailbox at church. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

There will be a **curriculum meeting** with Kate Taluga, Camp Director, at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7** at the church. All members of the curriculum committee need to plan to attend. Anyone else who is interested is welcome to join us.

The next **full Harmony Camp Committee meeting** will be on **Easter Sunday, April 11 after church** in Room L. Please get in the potluck line quickly and bring your lunch to the meeting.

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee

By Isabel Sheridan, Chairperson

Yes, Virginia, there is a RCDC. We've been meeting online this year, as we spent meeting time on our major project, Harmony Camp.

But now it's time for a good old fashioned, face-to-face, whole committee meeting. We will have an important one on **Thursday, April 29 in Room K at 7:00 PM**. We will be planning for next fiscal year and welcoming new members. If you want to know more, contact Isabel Sheridan, Chair (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Voter Registration

Interested in helping register voters? Contact the Tallahassee Voter Participation Program (915-4580).

TEAM

City dwellers! Did you notice in your March utility bill that you can contribute to TEAM's project to help the homeless? (TEAM = Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry.) Just fill in the enclosed form and mail in with your utility bill. No form? Call TEAM (224-2100) or Neighborhood and Community Services (891-6500).

TEAM One-to-One Training

To be held **Monday, April 26, 6:30-8:45 PM**, at East Hill Baptist Church on Miccosukee Rd.

Do you like to: foster interfaith cooperation; talk with other UUs one-to-one; work for social justice? Then the free TEAM One-to-One Training is for you! We will *learn by doing* one-to-ones in small groups with members of other local congregations. Back at UUCT, we'll conduct one-to-one conversations with each other.

Last year, over 20 UUCTers were trained; the conversations that followed brought to the surface the justice concerns our members and friends care most about. In May 2003, at the TEAM Assembly, all congregations voted and we pursued three issues: Homelessness and Housing, Health Care, and a Teen Center.

This year, we'll vote again. Won't you be a part of this good work that will strengthen connections at UUCT and surface our UU justice concerns, that we may be active as TEAM pushes our elected officials to change Tallahassee for the better? Contact: Rev. Amy (revamq@earthlink.net, 383-9186) or Joanne Taylor (taylorjoanne@earthlink.net, 893-9024).

UUA Study/Action Issues

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Commission on Social Witness has proposed four new Study/Action Issues (S/AI). They are being mailed to congregations for voting by April 15 on which should be proposed at this year's UUA General Assembly (GA) for consideration as the new S/AI for two years of study and action, the first step in an issue becoming a UUA Statement of Conscience. The four proposed S/AIs are:

- (1) Civil Marriage Equality - Issue: What can UUs do to promote civil marriage equality for same-sex couples? As leaders for social justice, UUs have historically engaged in securing equality for lesbians and gays, and supporting civil unions and legal equity regardless of sexual orientation.
- (2) Oppression of Women World Wide - Issue: How can UUs work to end the injustices perpetrated against women around the world? Although women in the West have made tremendous gains in legal and cultural protection of their rights, many women suffer worldwide with little hope of recourse for the physical and psychological abuse they endure.
- (3) Stopping Mass Extinction - Issue: How can we slow the massive extinction of other species and ensure the continuation of life on earth? Human beings are destroying other forms of life at unprecedented rates. The extinction rate for plants and animals is now thousands of times higher than the rate which prevailed prior to industrialization.
- (4) Threat of Global Warming - Issue: What can UUs do to promote individual and collective changes in the way we live and work in order to slow and ultimately reverse global warming? Greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide generated by burning fossil

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fuels, are trapping heat in earth's atmosphere and raising temperatures. The evidence is everywhere - retreating glaciers, thinning polar ice, and warming oceans and lakes.

Please give any feedback you have on these proposed S/AIs to VP for Social Justice Annette Pearce (386-4053). Next Fall, watch for the draft Statement of Conscience on Criminal Justice and Prison Reform and the SA/I chosen at

GA this June. Proposals for new issues to be considered for study and action are due to the Commission on Social Witness on December 15 each year. The commission's Proposer's Guide is available at uua.org/csw.

Board Actions and Congregational Minutes in March

Addendum for February 5, 2004 Board Decisions:

Appointed Richard Dempsey as Vice President for RE for the remainder of the term for this fiscal year.

March 4, 2004 Executive Board Decisions:

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for January 2004.

Approved an amended Asking Budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year. The change was an addition of \$2,000 for "building and grounds."

March 7, 2004 Congregational Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 AM. A count had indicated that there were 62 qualified members present; the bylaws require 45

members for a vote. After the amended Asking Budget was handed out, a motion was made by Joan Patterson to accept the Asking Budget. The motion was seconded by Allen Turnage. The vote of the congregation was 62 in favor of the motion; none opposed; no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Florida District News

Three important items will be on the agenda for the District Annual Meeting April 17 at the District Assembly.

(1) By-law Change: Under the current By-laws, a Director would not be eligible to become District President with a preceding term as Vice-President because terms are limited to two terms or six years. The proposed change would increase term limits for board members to the greater of two consecutive terms or a maximum of eight years.

(2) District Fair Share Increase: The FL District has the opportunity to share a program consultant with the Thomas Jefferson District, the Mid-South District and The Mountain. The focus of the program consultant would be Religious Education Youth and Young Adult programs within our congregations. The proposed \$2.00 per member district fair share increase for congregations would make this possible.

(3) District Executive Search Committee: District Executives are limited to two consecutive terms in a district. Rev. Mary Chulak Higgins' second four-year term ends in June 2005. The following search committee is being proposed for approval: Rev. Kenneth Beldon, Minister River of Grass congregation; Kathy Converse, outgoing District President; Rev. Marni Harmony, Minister of First UU Orlando, representing the FL UU Ministers Association; Ed Porteus, Past District President; and Margaret Sanders, former UUA Trustee.

Welcome New Members

- *Marcia Holcomb*
- *Linda McConnell*

New Member Recognition

Sunday, April 18

Membership

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or a Sunday greeter.

UUCT Name Tags

Help visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members and supporting friends receive nametags. Contact office for replacements (\$3.75 each).

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (All Adult or Intergenerational) will be happening this spring. We have plenty of hosts; they will be choosing their own dinner dates and contacting both newcomers and longer-term members and friends about attending. If you want to be sure to attend a dinner, please contact Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Intergenerational Dinners are for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend All Adult Dinners. A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-

term members and friends. Hosts set menu, providing main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring rest.

On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** April Hospitality Chair: Sheila Meehan (668-5075).
- **Music Committee:** Members needed - anyone who loves music. Contact VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, April 12, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Directory Changes

If your mailing address, phone number or email address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates.

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts...

Rev. Amy's grandmother, Avis Thomas, who is recovering from surgery.

Ellen Dempsey, who has recovered nicely from a visit to the hospital.

Charlie Shelfer and his family, as they cope with his father's illness in Jacksonville.

Kelley Turnage and her family, on Kelley's father being in intensive care in Pensacola.

Linda Logan as she recuperates from successful eye surgery, at her home here in Tallahassee. Cards and e-mail messages welcomed (1307 Parga Dr., 32304; lindalogan850@earthlink.net).

Don Crosby as he continues to improve, with Don even feeling well enough to deliver a paper at the University of GA recently!

Congratulations and best wishes to **Rebecca Sager** who was recently married in California. However, during this time, she broke her foot. We hope it is healing well.

And a final note: **Eleanor Moore** has just relocated to Room 330 at Heritage Oaks on Kerry Forest Parkway. Her phone number remains the same.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Contact **Scott Geraci,** (sgeraci10@direcway.com or 877-6301 or **Holly Mackie** hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497)



The Committee on Ministry

Chair: **Christine Boczarska** (893-7079)

Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Sara Reece (309-1933)

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 181**
- **Current Number of Friends - 48**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of February - 125**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2003 - February 2004: 107.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 56**

April UUCT Events, Social Activities, & Events After April

GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 10:00 AM. A three-hour tour by Jack and Anne Rudloe of the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Aquarium in Panacea, the dock, and the marsh. For all ages, with the cost \$9.00 per person and children under 3 free. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 7:30 PM.

Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 12:30 PM. In Rm L. A meeting of all committee chairs to review the proposed fund-raisers for 2004 - 2005 and recommend to the Board which to approve and also to consider the preliminary budget for next year. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, all welcome. Soup and salad \$6.95, full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050, MFVentre@earthlink.net).

SECOND SUNDAY EASTER POTLUCK, APRIL 11, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share and your own dish and utensils, to minimize clean-up.

UUCT SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAYS, APRIL 11 - 18. See *Announcements*. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248; patterson090@comcast.net).

CAMPUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 12:30 PM. In Room K. Important and overdue, a time for planning and refocusing. Please come if you are interested in supporting our campus ministry. Contact: Chairperson Kim Ross (508-9100, kim@cennexus.com) or Campus Ministry Coordinator Chelsea Fox (222-3931, chelsuu@yahoo.com).

ADULT RE COMMITTEE MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 12:30 PM. Come give feedback on this year and input into next year's offerings. Contact: Bruce Brandt (blbrandt@earthlink.net, 893-5511).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES, SUNDAY, APRIL 18. Off-site. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885, www.multiculturalTal.org).

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00 PM. A meeting of all committee chairs with the VP for Finance to review the proposed Final Budget for 2004 - 2005. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

TEAM ONE-TO-ONE TRAINING, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 6:30 - 8:45 PM. At East Hill Baptist Church, this is a free training in the conversations held within the congregations comprising Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) to identify justice concerns we care most about. See *Social Justice* for details. Contact: Rev. Amy (383-9186, revamq@earthlink.net) or Joanne Taylor (893-9024, taylorjoanne@earthlink.net,).

UUCT Social Activities

See *events write-ups* for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note on a Sunday) about possible UUCT Social Events. **Check Social Activities section of UUCT website for more activities: www.nettally.com/uuct.**

- Peace Dances, Sat. Apr. 3, 7:00 PM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wed. Apr. 7, 11:30 AM
- Second Sunday Easter Potluck, Apr. 11, 12:30 PM
- Older Gals Sleepover, Fri. Apr. 30, 7:00 PM (see below)

OLDER GALS SLEEPOVER, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00 PM. How about a pajama party sleepover? Yes, to popcorn and wraps and champagne or soda or espresso. Maybe a movie? And just the girls! OK, just the grown-up girls! Pssst..you don't have to be single. ;-) If interested, contact Ludy (656-8058, ludy8@juno.com).

Events After April



ANNUAL PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, MAY 8. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event in the great outdoors of southern Georgia, hosted by Ken and Jean Wood.

GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 15 & 16. An overnight field trip to Little St. George Island, with a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 15. We'll arrive by 10 AM Saturday at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) and take a boat to the island, where there's a nice cabin to stay in. To sign up, contact Steve Urse (surse2@earthlink.net) or Lorin Pratt (prattl@talgov.com).

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM *Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM *Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*

After April, District & National Events

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM,

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 12:30 PM. An opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the items to be voted 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: Neil Mooney (893-8250).

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MAY 23, 12:00 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: Neil Mooney (893-8250).

District Events

DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 16-17.

Held in Oviedo, FL at the Canterbury Retreat Center and open to all. This year's program is "Gather the Spirit: Celebrating Unitarian Universalism in Words and Music" with a dynamic team from Nashville, TN: the Rev. Mary Katherine Morn and Music Director Jason Shelton, whose music we sang at a Sunday service in early February. Brochures, with registration forms, on sanctuary back counter.

WOMEN & RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 25. A story-telling retreat held at The Pines Conference Center in Brooksville, FL.

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP

RETREAT, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 30 & MAY 1. Held in Clearwater, the retreat will create a District Council and Steering Committee with a strong vision and an action plan for reaching out to young adults district-wide.

National Events

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 28. The annual gathering of UUs, held this year in Long Beach, CA. All are welcome to attend. Detailed information and registration forms at www.uua.org/ga or by contacting the UUA GA office (617-948-4209, gaoffice@uua.org).

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

It's Springtime at The Mountain! This year marks the **25th Anniversary** of The Mountain! I hope you will find a way to support The Mountain this year in the celebration. Maybe this will be the year that you will be able to attend one or more of their programs.

April 4, 12:30 at UUCT. Our first meeting to plan our retreat for September 2-5. (Labor Day weekend). Your help is needed and appreciated in our planning. Please plan to attend after the service.

April 9-11 Gay Spirit Visions Spring Conference (7th Annual Spring Retreat)

April 11-25 Annual Embracing Your Lesbian Identity Weekend

May 5-7 "Engulfed" in Spirituality Golf Tournament

Mountain Summer Camp - If you haven't registered your child yet, now is the time! For info or registration, see info@mountaincenters.org or call Guest Services Office at 828-524-

0998. There are still scholarships available from The Mountain for summer camp. Don't delay, get your registrations in now, as positions fill quickly.

For more information on The Mountain, check the bulletin board or Mountain notebook at the back of the sanctuary. Or contact Linda (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838, www.mountaincenters.org).

What is SUUSI? (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute)

SUUSI is an intentional community celebrating its 54th year in 2004. 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.



April 2004 Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
New Building Rm L - Large Room Rm C - Corner Room		Rm K - Kitchen To Be Rm N - Nursery		Meridian Schedule:  <i>Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the third Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</i>		1 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm L 7 7 PM Lost Christianities, Rm C	2 6 PM University UUs, off-site	3 10 AM Gr. Sanc. Field Trip 10:30 AM Vol. Simp., Rm C 2 PM Artist's Way, Rm K 7:30 PM Peace Dances, Sanc.
4 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm., Rm 2 12:30 PM Church Council, Rm L 12:30 PM Mt. Retreat Mting, Rm 2 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	5 7 PM New UU, Rm L 7 PM UUBF, Rm 3&6 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Comm., Rm C	6 11:30 AM Personnel, Rm 2 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2	7 11:30 AM UU Chow Down, off-site 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM Harmony Camp Curriculum Comm, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	8 7 PM Lost Christianities, Rm C	9 6 PM University UUs, off-site	10 10:30 AM Voluntary Simplicity, Rm C 2 PM Artist's Way, Rm K For Tomorrow: A flower, favorite dish & your own plate & utensils		
11  <i>Easter</i> 9 AM Silent Auction Begins, Rm L 11 AM Flower Communion 12:30 PM Potluck 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Comm. Mtg.	12 7 PM New UU, Rm L 7:15 Shelter Meal, off-site	13 No Spiral Scouts Meeting 7 PM Fiction Book Club, Rm C 7:15 PM Comm. on Ministry, Rm K	14 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	15 12 PM Membership Monitoring, Rm 2 7 PM Lost Christianities, Rm C	16 6 PM University UUs, off-site Tribal campout for Spiral Scouts, off-site	17 2 PM Artists Way, Rm K		
18 12:20 PM Adult RE Comm., Rm C 12:30 PM Campus Ministry Comm Mtg, Rm K 12:30 PM Multicultural Fam. Grp, off-site 1:30 PM Auction Closes, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6 Tribal campout for Spiral Scouts, off-site	19 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 2 7 PM UUBF, Rm 3&6 7:15 PM Program Committee Meeting, Rm L	20 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2	21 6 PM University UUs, off-site (last Wed. mting) 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	22 7 PM Lost Christianities, Rm C	23 6 PM University UUs, off-site	24 2 PM Artists Way, Rm K		
25 No Choir Practice 12:30 PM RE Bake Sale & Hospitality	26 7 PM Church Council w/Finance Comm., if needed, Rm L 6:30 PM TEAM One-to-One Training, off-site	27 6 PM Spiral Scout, Rm 2	28 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	29 7 PM RCDC, Rm K 7 PM Lost Christianities, Rm C	30 6 PM University UUs, off-site	Rev. Amy's Summer Session Sabbatical 5/1-8/31/04		

Rev. Amy at FUUMA & FL District Assembly, no office hours 4/15

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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."

ADULT ENRICHMENT

New UU, Mon. 4/5 & 4/12, 7 PM. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

Artist's Way, Every Sat. 4/3 - 4/24, 2 PM. Amy Mann (222-1420)

Buddhist Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM. Anne Rudloe (984-2504)

Lost Christianities, Every Thurs., 7 PM. Harold Hawkins (893-1331)

UU Fiction Book Club, Tues., 4/13, 7 PM. Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921)

Voluntary Simplicity, 1st two Sat. of month, 10:30 AM. Kathie Mackie (385-5115)

Wayne Dyer Discussion, TBA, a Sunday, 12:30 PM. Dick Leinberry (386-4977)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thurs. 4/1, 7 PM.
Pres. Neil Mooney (893-8250)

COMMITTEES MEET

Adult RE, Sun. 4/18, 12:20 PM. Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Buildings & Grounds, Mon. 4/5, 7:30 PM. Francis Ventre (402-3050)

Campus Ministry, Sun. 4/18, 12:30 PM. Kim Ross (508-9100)

Church Council, Sun. 4/4, 12:30 PM & Mon. 4/26, 7 PM. Richard Dempsey (671-2748)

Committee on Ministry, Tues. 4/13, 7:15 PM. Christine Boczarska (893-7079)

Finance, Mon. 4/19, 7:00 PM. Del DeTar (878-7895)

Harmony Camp, Sun. 4/11, 12:30 PM. Joanne Taylor (893-9024)

Membership, Wed. 5/5, 7:15 PM. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

Personnel, Tues. 4/6, 11:30 AM. Margaret Mooney (893-8250)

Program, Mon. 4/19, 7:15 PM. Eric Draper (668-5075)

Racial & Cultural Diversity, Thurs. 4/29, 7 PM. Isabel Sheridan (668-0785)

Youth RE, Sun. 4/4, 9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage (553-9416)