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#### Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 4/10 9:45 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Youth Group (Ages 12-20) 11:00 AM Youth RE: Pre-K-Elementary

#### Adult Forum Topics:

- Apr. 3, "Thirst," video on privatization of water supplies
- Apr. 10, Norene Chase, "What's in the News: Accounting for Torture"
- Apr. 17, Holly Binns, FPIRG, "Mercury in the Environment"
- Apr. 24, Anne Rudloe & Ellie Whitney, 'Priceless Florida: The Ecosystems of Florida''

#### April Highlights:

Asking Budget Voting Meeting, Sun. 4/3, 12:30 PM

Canvass Party & Potluck, Sun. 4/10, Noon

Let's Talk Open Discussion, Sat. 4/16, 9 AM - Noon

#### Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee



# The Meridian

### April Sundays (11:00 AM Main Service)

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Begins 4/3

#### Apr. 3 The Blame Game

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. A good way to avoid taking responsibility for your own happiness is to blame others. If you are unsatisfied with your relationship, blame your partner. If your job is unfulfilling, blame the boss. Frustrated about war, blame the president and Congress. Blame is an alternative to becoming influential enough to bring about the results you want. Faith and tolerance help you win the blame game. **Speaker: Eric Draper; Lay Leader: Sheila Meehan** 

#### Apr. 10 Liberation Theology for UUs and New Member Recognition

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. To become Unitarian Universalist in religious belief is to risk liberation from the old and oppressive weight of orthodoxy. To be UU is to discover perhaps for the first time what it means to *live free*. To be UU is to grasp the true meaning of freedom and to explore the notion of purpose that rises from within, where the god resides now, and before, and always. The UU ministry, if we choose to accept it, is to *live free*.

#### Speaker: Richard Dempsey; Lay Leader: Ellen Dempsey

#### Apr. 17 Emerson: The Easy Existentialist?

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Is it true, as some UUs suggest, that Emerson is too easy, too Pollyannaish, too uncomplicated for addressing 21st Century spiritual and religious issues? For example, here is an oft-repeated quote of R.W.E. "If a man claims to know and speak of God and carries you back to the phraseology of some old nation of another time in another world, believe him not! You are an oracle of God." What is the value of the many religious giants of the past who echo this emphasis on the value of the individual ego in order to embrace what R.W.E. called "The World Soul"? **Guest Speaker: Rev. Nels Oas; Lay Leader: Sara Reece** 

#### Apr. 24 A Celebration of Earth Day South of Zion - Intergenerational

*Respect for the interdependent web of all existence.* For the first time in 30 years, there is widespread fear that the advances of the environmental movement may be reversed. Hear a message of optimism relating the current challenges of environmentalism in the U.S. to the struggles of liberal religion in the antebellum South. Today's environmental Cassandras might take hope in the eventual progress of human rights and the success of Unitarianism following the Civil War. Advances such as the 1973 Endangered Species Act are expanding the "rights of nature"—proof that the movement is right and can succeed. **Guest Speaker: Andy McLeod; Lay Leader: Michele Hope** 

#### April Sundays (7:00 PM Vespers Service)

Apr. 10 Taking Pride in UU Good Works

Fostering awareness of today's social justice programs, presented by Neil Mooney.

Apr. 24 Knowing - Being - Doing Presented by Charlotte Dudley.

### President's Message

#### By Richard Dempsey

Well, I'm lost for words, a highly unusual state for a novelist to be in. I guess I've said and written so much in recent weeks that my prose well is dry, for which you may be grateful. At last!

I want to thank all of you for your patience and general good humor. We seem to be doing okay. The congregational conversation on Saturday, March 19 was well attended and considered a success by all or most of those who came. At any rate, no one voiced any discontent over it. All who wanted to say something had a chance to speak. Christine Boczarska, Annette Pearce, and Bob Devle deserve our deep thanks for organizing April 3. And our Canvass Pledge Party and leading us through it. Well done.

We'll have another Saturday morning discussion on April 16, so if you couldn't make it in March, mark your calendar. And it looks as if one of the

Congregational Conversations

By Christine Boczarska, President Elect

Thirty-six UUCTers, a broad cross section of our church, met in the sanctuary on Saturday morning March 19 to begin a series of conversations that we hope will lead us to a better understanding of who we are and where and how we want to take our church into the future. Led by the **Congregation Conversations** Committee (Christine Boczarska, Bob Deyle and Annette Pearce) most of the session was devoted to each of us expressing our current feelings and emotions since the minister's resignation.

Although it was sometimes painful to hear, the statements helped us better appreciate each other and the

lessons we have learned is that it might be a good idea to do this sort of thing at least once or twice a year, just for the chance to keep everyone abreast of whatever is going on. My feeling is that, had we been doing this regularly, fewer members and friends might have been so shocked, surprised, and dubious over the minister's resignation.

And now, looking ahead, the Asking Budget was discussed briefly by a handful of people after the March 20 service. A couple of errors were noticed and have been corrected. We'll vote on it as a congregation will be held as a potluck after the April 10 service. So bring your favorite dish, and your pledge forms, and let's keep this ship sailing on course.

For your information, the Interim Minister Task Force has finished putting together the packet to be sent to the UUA Settlement Office. This is the packet that minister candidates will review if interested in applying for the job. It has to be on file at the UUA in Boston on April 1, so we're in good shape. Thanks are due DeWayne Carver and the task force members. Their next big job will be to sift through the candidates who apply and pick someone to recommend to the Executive Board. Now THAT is a huge responsibility. Meditate for them with all the good will you can muster.

And keep moving forward with us. You're doing fine.

With faith in your judgment and good will, I am Richard Dempsey, Board President

complexities we've dealt with. The central topic was Rev. Amy McKenzie's resignation, but comments extended to stewardship in the UUCT and our search for intellectual discussion and spirituality in our services. Coffee, bagels and fruit, as well as a time limit for each speaker, helped the morning flow smoothly.

The group spent a brief part of our last hour recording the issues each of us felt the UUCT needs to address. These issues will form the base for the next meeting on Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 AM - Noon, after we revisit the invitation to express feelings, for anyone who did not attend March 19. The CCC will then work with the group

to list and rank these issues. If we can clarify the issues we are concerned about, we can then work on how to address them as a church. If the group prefers another process to achieve our goals, we will work with the group decisions.

I can't stress enough the importance of being a part of the process to move our church forward. Each problem presents us with an opportunity to look at situations anew and expand our thinking and actions. Come join us as we work on this community we love, the UUCT. Tape recordings of the first session are available at the church.

In community,

Christine

AF	TEAD					
	What:	The Annual Canvass and Potluck Party				
STER	When:	Right after the Sunday service on April 10				
		To pledge money for the 2005 - 2006 operating				
		budget and to pledge time for the work of the church.				
Where:	Sanctuary					
<b>กุอพ</b> :	Bring your Gift of Money and Gifts of Self forms and your generous heart.					
	Bring your favorite potluck food, too.					
Rote:	Jf you can't be there, send your forms by April 7 to Tom Chase at UUCT (church address on back page).					

## Social Justice

#### Harmony Camp 2005: Aug. 1 - 5 •

Harmony Camp is a week-long UUCT camp about diversity and harmony (with self, friends, acquaintances, nature, and the universe). This year 48 campers will range in age from entering first grade to entering fifth grade. The camp will be led by Lorraine Warren (see March issue) and staffed mostly by volunteers from UUCT and the community. The cost is \$75, with scholarships available. For a brochure, contact Isabel Sheridan.

- Would your child or grandchild like to attend Harmony Camp?
- Could you invite friends outside UUCT, especially those from a racially and /or culturally diverse background?

- Would you like to volunteer your time and talents during the camp?
- Would you like to donate to our scholarship program?

We are sending out brochures and registration forms this month. The **deadline for returning campers to be assured a place is April 20.** The deadline for all others is May 15. Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

#### **Blended Lives 2006**

Would you like to be involved in planning the Blended Lives program for January 2006? Meetings have begun for the second year of celebrating the Harlem Renaissance. In 2006 the emphasis will be on the literature of the era.

Blended Lives is a weeklong education program about history, neither black nor white, but blended. Riley House Museum and Goodwood Museum and Gardens co-sponsor the program, which targets fourth graders, high school students, and the adult community at large.

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

### Announcements

#### Committees and Groups!

Important! By April 20 at the latest, any committee or group wishing to do fund raising next year needs to send VP for Finance Del DeTar

(ddetar@infionline.net) and Fund Raising Chairperson Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net): the name of the proposed fundraiser(s), a brief statement of the specific purpose(s) for the event(s), and a suggested date(s). Requests will be compiled by Joan, reviewed by the Church Council May 1, and approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

#### Mattress Needed

If you have a good-quality, single-bed mattress that you'd be willing to donate to the church, please call Kathie in the office (385-5115). The mattress one of our renters was keeping in the Rm L closet was not marked and was accidentally taken to the Yard Sale and sold, along with some other sale items being stored in the closet. We need to be able to give our renter a replacement mattress.

#### Ideas and Volunteers Needed!

Despite the resignation of Rev. Amy, DRE Maggie Geraci would like to continue the monthly, intergenerational Potlucks with a Purpose Community Evenings, but needs some help. If you have an idea that is fun, informative, and spiritual for all ages, and would be willing to work in partnership to create a night of community sharing, please contact Maggie. We hope to have enough ideas and volunteers to create a year's worth of PWAPs!

#### **Audio Tapes**

Audiotapes of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info. and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).

#### Staff Opening Campus Ministry Coordinator

Looking for a way to be a trendsetter and leader in the UU movement? Be a voice for liberal religion on campus! Assist UU young adults in developing their spirituality!

Apply now for this ten-hour per week paid position as UUCT Campus Ministry Coordinator. Applicants should demonstrate: an interest in and commitment to young adult ministry, a strong identification with and articulation of the UU Purposes and Principles (as UUs or in personal philosophy), and ability to facilitate groups and lead through shared ministry. Applicants need to be flexible in schedule and outlook. Position is year-round with 20 hours of paid vacation per year. Depending on experience, compensation will be \$10 -\$11 per hour.

For a copy of the position description, visit the University UU website (<u>www.uuutally.org</u>). For information contact Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com). To apply, send a resume with cover letter addressing the points mentioned above to: DeWayne Carver, VP for Religious Education, UUCT, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312. **Application deadline is May 20,** 

Application deadline is May 20, 2005.

#### Speaker in Valparaiso

Rev. Dennis Hale, published author and lecturer, returns to the UU Fellowship of the Emerald Coast on Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM to speak about responsible patriotism. His talk will explore the roots of patriotism, the dangers of fusing religion with patriotism, and the definition and value of true patriotism. Fellowship address and contact information: 1295 Bayshore Drive, Valparaiso FL 32580, www.uufec.com, 850/678-7197.

#### Help Wanted: Nursery Care Provider

We are looking for an individual to provide supervision to the children in the nursery during Sunday services. We seek a caring, friendly, loving, enthusiastic, talented and energetic person who enjoys spending time playing with young children. This job requires reading stories, building with blocks, pushing children on swings, holding and comforting babies, preparing snacks, keeping track of attendance, and the occasional diaper change. Knowledge of first aid is preferred.

The qualified applicant would be required to work Sundays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM and to work with the Nursery Sub-Committee Chair. Benefits include two paid Sundays off per year. For more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@earthlink.net). To obtain an application, please stop by the church office Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Application Deadline is April 30, 2005.

#### **Trustee Tidbits Posted**

March's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can email Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com). The topic is comprehensive children/youth protection policies.

#### **Office Closed Some Mondays**

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days the first two Mondays of each month from February through the end of 2005. Kathie has vacation days left to use from previous years!



## Caring Network and Membership News

#### **Caring Ministries Network**

Our hearts are with frequent visitor **Clara Stafford** and her son, **Les**, who has moved to Hospice House for palliative care.

Our thoughts are with **Dexter Easton** as he copes with the loss of his daughter-in-law, **Diane Easton**.

Positive thoughts go to **Joe Lama** as his broken wrist heals.

Healing thoughts also go to **Alec Falb** as he recuperates from a heart attack in late March.

Kathie Mackie's and Linda McConnell's father, and Holly Mackie's and Terra McConnell's grandfather, Wilmer Cassiday, is continuing to improve at home with the aid of Home Health Care.

We'll miss having **Eleanor Moore** with us, following her move to Newnan, GA to be near family. Her daughter, Sarah, will bring her for a visit sometime, and we'll have a special cake for her that day!

We celebrate with **Caroline and Neil Griffin** who expect twins in May.

#### Welcome New Members!

- Charlotte & Woody Dudley
- Debbie & Tom Holt

#### **Calling All Extroverts!**

If you genuinely enjoy meeting new people and talking with them, consider volunteering for the "After-Service Greeter Corps" – a group of people who will take the initiative to connect with newcomers during social hour after the Sunday service. This connecting with first-time and returning visitors, as well as newer members and friends, will be in addition to the efforts of the regular Sunday greeters, and a person can do both – be a periodic regular greeter, as well as a member of the after-service corps.

We hope to have enough corps volunteers to have 3 or 4 people every Sunday, with two alternating groups of 5 or 6 each - to cover for those who are out of town or otherwise indisposed. Such a corps was effectively used at a Kansas City church which took part in an experimental media campaign done by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Participating churches were required to enhance their visitor welcoming practices. Let's see what instituting an After-Service Greeter Corps would do for UUCT! To volunteer, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

#### **Pictures Taken Sundays**

Immediately following the service most Sundays, Mary VanSciver will be asking members and friends to have their pictures taken for UUCT's future photo-directory. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to be dressed up. If you have not had your picture taken, please make a point of connecting with Mary the next Sunday you are in attendance. For questions, please contact Mary (893-0353) or Trudy Deyle.

#### Dinners

There is interest in offering another set of dinners in May and June, so watch for sign-up announcements in April.

"Dinners for 8" is a popular way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. One of the main purposes is to introduce newcomers to longerterm members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. Contact is Dinners' Coordinator, Junelle Brandt (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

#### **Current UUCT Stats**

- Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178
- Current Membership 182
- Current Number Friends 53
- Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults
  - Feb. 2005: 121.5
  - July 2004 Jan. 2005: 108.5
  - July 2003 June 2004: 107.4
  - July 2002 June 2003: 96.5
- RE Enrollment: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)
- Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)
  - March: 28
  - Sept. March: 35.4

#### **Ongoing Opportunities**

- Music Committee: Contact Ed Tribble (877-1845, cbfia@earthlink.net).
- Nursery Help: Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182).
- 2nd Monday Shelter Meal: Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- Sunday Service Greeter: Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up: For April, contact Pauline Masterton (385-2879, pauli1020@earthlink.net)
- Sunday Service Set-up: Contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651, eelfner@istal.com).

### Appreciation To:



Isabel Sheridan, Al Starr, Carolyn DuBard, Susan Snyder, Jean Chulak, Howard Pardue, Georgia Ackerman, and Nancy Harvey for greeting on Sunday mornings – 3/6 - 3/20.

- Linda Winn-Brown, Carolyn Pardue, Lorin Pratt, Margaret Mooney, Ruth Pestle, Jim Denny, Annette Pearce, Fran Boyle, Linda and Ed Oaksford, and Dan Damerville for providing hospitality on Feb. Sundays.
- Tim Campbell, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Randall Gann, Jerri Lee Wagner, Ruth Pestle, Ander Alrutz-Stierna, Sally Andersen, and Linda Winn-Brown for Feb. Sunday clean-up.
- Linda Winn-Brown for serving as Feb. Kitchen Kontroller (volunteer recruiting and overseeing).
- Nina Cline, Patrick Lineberry, and Ansel Bailey-Mershon for volunteering in the nursery.
- **Patrick Lineberry** for assisting with child-care for the entire, 3-hour church meeting 2/27!
- Charlotte and Woody Dudley, the Mooney Family, the University UUs, John Whitton and Elinor Elfner for setting up the sanctuary in March.
- Carla Conaway, Adrienne Ruhl, Susan Snyder, and Tina Tongen Walton for cooking the February Shelter Meal and Cate Bryan, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Erin Hamilton, Joan Patterson, and Davlinn, Zachary and Alexandra Roberts for serving it.
- Those who cooked the March Shelter meal and Sally Andersen, Cate Bryan, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Dan Damverville and LaRae Donnellan for serving it.
- Carla Conaway for coordinating Shelter meals over the past year and Susan Snyder for taking over, due to Carla moving.

All those who helped make the farewell reception for Rev. Amy a great success by bringing food, by helping to set-up or by cleaning up.

- Office volunteers Eleanor and Earl Enge and Dorothy Mann.
- Eleanor and Earl Enge for diligently packaging up the ink cartridges for recycling every month. The Green Sanctuary Program is the beneficiary of this. Our last check was for \$78.40. Thanks for all your donations!
- Barbara Sterling for drawing this year's canvass logo -- actually a re-draw of her 2000 - 2001 "Dreamship into the Millennium."
- Newcomers Nancy Usiak and
  Deborah Hansen for donating the lovely green rug for the RE/ Campus Ministry office.
- UUCT from the UU Service Committee for our contribution of \$2,166 for tsunami-related disaster relief.

#### Yard Sale Thanks

Our Annual Yard Sale on March 12 was a big success, with \$1,550 made for the operating budget. A huge thank you goes to Maria Mena for once again coordinating this major fund raiser. Thanks to all who donated items. And thanks to the following UUCTers for helping out: Dave and Nancy Harvey, Neil and Margaret Mooney, Charlotte Dudley, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Norene and Tom Chase, Ellen Dempsey, Joan Patterson, Stowe Alrutz, Elinor Elfner, Del and Karla DeTar, Annette Pearce, Ruth Pestle, Peggy Lentz, Susan Snyder, Jennifer and Dwayne Carver, Mary Van Sciver, Jean Wood, Pauline Masterton, Mimi Jones, Randall Gann, Pam Hoskins, Isabel Sheridan, Ed Oaksford, Kathie Mackie, Dexter Easton, and Barbara Lineberry. We apologize if anyone who helped has been left out!

#### **Building and Grounds Thanks**

At the church workday on March 12, we had a small turnout of volunteers. Thanks go to the following people for the work done. Steve Van Sciver moved the "Main Entrance" sign mounted on the north side of the sanctuary building to the south side. Don Berger and Chris Ellrich added safety bars to the storm drains. Chris, Randall Gann, Dave Harvey and Steve Urse moved our new TV set to the audio visual cart in room L. Chris and Dave replaced burnt out bulbs and cleaned the lamp globes in the new building. Don, Chris, and Dave started the project to install door closers in the restrooms. George Knight blew leaves from the sidewalks and driveways. Tom Chase took unwanted items to the Tallahassee dump. Charlotte Dudley and Steve weeded and mulched areas near the sanctuary.

Other time and effort outside of the church workday: **Ed Oaksford and Steve Urse** mowed the meadow beyond the new building, the grass along Meridian Rd. and the area north of the old classrooms. **Dave and Tom** assembled the newly-purchased audio visual cart. **Steve, Tom and Dave** inventoried and cleaned out the storage shed. **Dave** updated the UUCT roadside sign. **George** blew leaves from sidewalks and driveways. **Tom and Dave** replaced bulbs in the sanctuary.

#### Thanks from Rev. Amy

"I am so honored to have the framed 'Freedom to Believe' picture that my first 'settled ministry' congregation gave me at the Farewell Reception. It fits my theology and my study decor perfectly. The reception was lovely, a wonderful, warm and delicious gathering and tribute to our time together. With gratitude, all my best, (Rev.) Amy"

## Lifespan Religious Education 👟

#### Youth Religious Education (RE)

#### Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, April 3, 9:30 AM

#### **YOUTH RE CONTACTS:**

- Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; <u>kelleyturnage@hotmail.com</u>)
- Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (894-0182; georgiaackerman@earthlink. net)
- Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or <u>dremaggie@earthlink.net</u>)

#### What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but hesitated because you thought it would be too timeconsuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid that you wouldn't make an effective teacher? How much time does it really take to teach RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Teaching RE isn't just for parents with children in the program; we need help from all members and friends of UUCT. See what it really takes to make a difference in a child's life! For more information, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

#### **Special Pen Pals**

Eleven adults and eleven children were matched up for a month of exchanging letters, drawings, and poems (all under pseudonyms) in our annual Special Pen Pals program. Through their exchanges, the different generations got a peek into each other's worlds. All participants met together on Sunday, March 6, for a revealing party and sharing some pizza and cake. It was a lot of fun for all involved!

#### **Spiral Scouts**

Spiral Scouts will have an open house for all interested on Tuesday, May 3 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. The same time the following Tuesday, May 10, they will have an award ceremony. Both events will be in the sanctuary. Spiral Scouts – Seven Hills Circle is an officially-sponsored program within the Youth RE Program.

Spiral Scouts is an international organization and program for girls and boys of minority faiths to work, grow and learn together. The program has a unique approach. Each group is led by both a male and a female adult, to achieve and teach the balance that is central to Earth-centered beliefs. While Spiral Scouts was developed on Pagan beliefs and practices, it is designed to be adaptable by other minority faiths as well. In addition to traditional woodland lore, camping and the customary scout activities, the program includes teaching the many mythologies of the ancient world.

Within the program there are three levels of child participation: Fireflies, who range from preschoolers through age 8; Spiral Scouts, ranging from age 8 through 14; and Pathfinders, who range from 14 upward. Groups are organized into Circles, which may be made up of Hearths for the different age groups. The Circle currently meets at UUCT on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. For more information, please call Spiral Scout Leader Patty Burton (942-4056).

#### "KidTalk"

"KidTalk" is a new interactive resource for children done by the Church of the Larger Fellowship. It offers opportunities to learn fun facts about Unitarian Universalism. Find it and other helpful resources for families and small groups at: www.clfuu.org.

#### **UU Youth Group**

Youth, from grades 6 to 12, are invited to join us in Room 3 on Sunday mornings (11:00 to 12:30) for our UU Youth Group. As a group, we plan social events, educational experiences, social action, and lots of fun! Check us out! For more information, contact advisors Scott Geraci (<u>sgeraci68@yahoo.com</u>, 877-6301), John and Barbara Donaldson (johnt0148@comcast.net, 878-5521), or Chelsea Fox (<u>chelsuu@yahoo.com</u>, 421-1575).

#### **Adult Enrichment**

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS: Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (<u>blbrandt@earthlink.net;</u> 893-5511) Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (<u>dremaggie@earthlink.net;</u> 877-6301).

#### **New Classes**

**Breaking Free: Aging with Wisdom** and Insight. Will meet Wednesday evenings in May through the first week of June, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Rm. 3/6. Based on the book Breaking Free: Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond, edited by Marilyn Sewell (Beacon Press. 2004), with twenty-seven essays by women. The five-session program brings women over 50 together to discuss aging as the development of character, a breaking free of old restraints, and an opportunity to deepen their spiritual lives. Reading and discussions are a vehicle for "inner" work to help participants identify and understand the issues that may be holding them back from experiencing aging with vitality, grace, and joy. Books are available from Beacon Press, Amazon.com or locally. Contact: Peggy Lentz (878 2226, peglentz@aol.com).

## Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Deep Ecology. Explore

environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and discussion. First group meeting after church on April 10; we'll decide then which Sundays to meet each month. Contact: Mary Janik (marybethtally@earthlink.net).

**Continuing Classes** 

**Global Climate Change/Disruption** 

Action Group. In April, will meet 7:00 -9:00 PM on Mondays, 4/4 (off-site) and 4/18 (Rm. K), to study and recommend action on the 2004-05 UUA Study/Action Issue, the Threat of Global Warming. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

#### **Future Classes**

**New UU sessions.** Are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next class will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Mondays, April 25 and May 2. Both sessions will be taught by church members. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. You may also contact the church office (uuct@nettaly.com, 385-5115) or

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

#### **On-Going Opportunities**

Adult Forum. Meets Sundays, 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).

The UUCT Book Club. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Room C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford (lloaksford@earthlink.net, 422-0240).

<u>April 12.</u> The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, by James McBride.

<u>May 10.</u> *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down,* by Anne Fadiman. The book describes the encounter of a Hmong child and her family with the American medical system.

#### UU Buddhist Fellowship. Meets

every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. The series of talks on Buddhism by Anne Rudloe, Ph.D. will continue in April. Contacts: Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562- 0739, wmpat88@att.net).

Knitting. Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room 3. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (<u>chelsuu@yahoo.com</u>, 421-1575).

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563, <u>dbdfoster@yahoo.com</u>).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Room K or L for 30-minute presentations followed by 60-minute, round-table discussions. The book being studied is *Freethinkers: A Secular History of the United States* by Susan Jacoby. Contacts: Harold Hawkins (893-1331) or Ron Crowe (997-5307).

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson

Once again, we come to the end of a semester, and soon we will say goodbye to some of our student leaders. Suzie Freynik, for instance, is graduating and likely moving on. In Suzie, I have seen someone who was once shy and apologetic grow into a strong woman who knows her capabilities and desires. We wish her well, whatever she does, and invite her to keep hanging out with us for as long as she is in Tallahassee.

Our coordinators are also moving on. Diana is off to seminary, and Melissa Forgey plans to remain an active volunteer with the campus ministry program, but believes it would be too difficult to make the job work with her driving time from Thomasville. In the short time they were here, these two ladies took a program that was floundering because it had been on hold for a while and turned it into a dynamic group of young people ready for action! Thanks to them, the next coordinator will have an easier time.

So we are back into a job search. You will see the position advertised in the announcements section of this *Meridian.* The deadline is May 20. If you're interested and want to talk more, give me a call (877-1972).

Other happenings in the group: our Campus Ministry Retreat, April 8-10. Many thanks to Nancy Bass for lending us her beach house.

If you are a young adult or college student, give Diana Bell (222-0399) or Ansel Bailey-Mershon (904-377-3927) a call to get involved. Also check out the University UU website (www.uuutally.org). Weekly meetings are Mondays, 6:30 PM at the FSU International Center; Coffee hour is every Friday, 6:30 PM at All Saint's Café on Railroad Ave.



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

#### Study/Action Issue Report

In February, the UUCT Climate Change/Disruption Action Group began meeting for further study and response to the 2004-2005 UUA Study/Action Issue "The Threat of Global Warming." Feedback the group drafted and submitted to the Unitarian Universalist Association on March 1 is given below.

## How has your congregation engaged or how will you engage

this issue? UUCT has had two Sunday morning adult forums (one hour presentation/discussion) on this issue in the current year. On February 19, UUCT, with Heart of the Earth, hosted at our church a Saturday Global Warming/Climate Change Conference with 43 people in attendance, raising \$321 for our Green Sanctuary Program. Speakers included Dr. Jeff Chanton, professor, FSU Department of Oceanography; Holly Binns, FPIRG Clean Air Campaign; Bob Seaton, City of Tallahassee Energy Services; and Rev. Katherine Jesch, UUA 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Project. On February 20, Rev. Jesch spoke at the Sunday Service regarding the UU principles and the Green Sanctuary program.

In early 2005 to address the SAI, UUCT members formed a study/action group which is meeting twice a month. The group will foster church and community actions. The Church is reinstituting the "1-2-3 Pledge for Reducing Global Warming" which had been signed two years ago by 75 members.

#### In studying this issue, what findings were most surprising or

**compelling?** We were surprised by the dramatically increasing rate of acceleration of temperature changes, CO2, methane, and nitrous oxide, with the result being not just a crisis due to warming, but also due to possible cooling in some areas. Warming is occurring in spite of the long historic trends suggesting that we should be in a cooling pattern. In addition, there may be catastrophic and sudden extremes. Therefore, we strongly suggest that the SAI should be entitled "The Threat of Global Climate Disruption." "Warming" is too soft.

Please list useful resources or organizations not included in the Resource Guide. We found several valuable web sites, including www.cleartheair.org and www.realclimate.org/ We are sharing different materials and suggest "The Sea Change: A Message of the Oceans" by Sylvia A. Earle.

What specific actions would you recommend other congregations take? Become familiar with local organizations and their committees knowledgeable and active in the environmental climate issues. Work with them. We found Heart of the Earth (www.heartoftheearth.org) locally, and they co-sponsored our conference.

Why is this an important issue for **UUs?** While it relates most obviously to our 7<sup>th</sup> principle, all of the other principles are implied. For example, an issue of social justice is that the impending results of global climate disruption will disproportionately affect the poor. The respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are (only) a part is evident in the complexities and interdependences scientists from many disciplines are discovering as they attempt to understand what is happening. This SAI is therefore central to our 7<sup>th</sup> principle.

Please comment on the most interesting aspects of your congregation's study/action process. We started the Study/Action group after several years of working through the Green Sanctuary program to raise environmental awareness and responsibility within the congregation. Our congregation also had the benefit of a Globalization Study/Action Group who after a year's study reported to the congregation their extensive findings. These two groups have substantially raised the awareness of our congregation as a whole to environmental concerns. Strong UUCT participation at the recent Global Warming/Climate Change Conference reflects an increased awareness and interest in the 7<sup>th</sup> principle.

What needs to be included in the statement of conscience on this issue so that it is complete? The statement should reflect the necessity of ongoing processes and commitment to actions relating to global climate change and its implications for all earth's creatures, perhaps including annual reporting. We recommend a **UUA Office of Environmental** Concerns/Actions that could be a resource for local churches and district offices, could insure that we UUs continue to work for the benefit of the earth through influencing the thinking and actions of our communities, would facilitate the spread of the 7<sup>th</sup> principle Green Sanctuary program, and could foster interdenominational collaborative efforts to minimize the disruption of climate change.

Potential Individuals or groups whose experience with this topic could contribute to a GA 2005 panel discussion or workshop on this SAI? If attending GA, any of the following people from our group could

### Green Corner (Continued)

contribute to a workshop or discussion: behind Black Dog Café. Bob Deyle, Elinor Elfner, Steve Urse.

Note: If other congregation members are interested in joining the Global Climate Change/Disruption Action Group, please contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651) for meeting dates.

#### The Growers' Market

The Green Sanctuary Committee urges UUCT members and friends to check out The Growers' Market, a new, innovative, participant-oriented market developed by the FAMU State-Wide Small Farm Program in collaboration with local organic small farmers, the American Legion, and Black Dog Café. Each Wednesday from 3:00 - 6:00 PM, local growers (farmers and gardeners) sell their organic, local, fresh-from-thefarm produce at 229 Lake Ella Dr.,

Buying from the Growers' Market at Lake Ella benefits consumer awareness and appreciation of where food actually comes from and supports earth-friendly farming and seasonal eating. The market provides an opportunity for communication between local growers and the community.

#### Program on Caverns 4/25

The UUCT Green Sanctuary Committee and Big Bend Sierra Club are co-sponsoring a program about the Wakulla Springs Caverns on Monday, April 25 in the sanctuary - with socializing and snacks at 7:00 PM and announcements and the program at 7:15 PM. Todd Kincaid, hydro-geologist and cave diver, will describe the source of the springs, the conveyance of its

waters, and other remarkable discoveries. He will also tell about his use of dve tracers to find how swallow holes, sinks and springs are linked.

Water starts as rain clouds in Florida and Georgia and courses underground. It eventually enters caverns made of karst, an irregular form of limestone. Divers have recorded depths of over 300 feet and have mapped twelve miles of tunnels. They have squeezed through dangerously narrow passages and discovered vaulted chambers a third-of-a-football-field wide and 17stories high. This primeval system, with its fossilized mastodon bones, might soon be a candidate for the eighth Natural Wonder of the World. Todd will also address the challenges we face in protecting such fragile ecosystems as the Woodville karst plain.

### Executive Board Actions in March

By Carolyn DuBard, Executive Board Secretary

The Executive Board met on March 6 and March 9 and:

Appointed Ronald Crowe to the Interim Minister Search Task Force. This completes staffing of the Task Force. Members are DeWayne Carver (chairperson), Ronald Crowe, Sara Reece, Molly Schmid, and Kelley Turnage.

## 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 22 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2005. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

- Approved the February 27, 2005, and March 6, 2005, Executive Board meeting minutes.
- Approved a letter from Richard Dempsey to Rev. Amy McKenzie that notifies her of the severance package approved by the congregation on February 27.
- Approved the Asking Budget for • the 2005-06 fiscal year.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for January 2005.
- Approved advertisement for a • Campus Minister Coordinator.

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

- President Elect
- **VP** Finance •
- **VP Religious Education**
- **VP Social Justice**
- Secretary
- Nominating Committee (2 positions now held by Dan Damerville and Steve Van Sciver)

If you are interested in finding out more about an open position, viewing a job description, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, contact any Nominating Committee member by April 24: Chairperson Steve Van Sciver, Dan Damerville, Barbara Donaldson, William Riedell, or Neil Mooney, the past president serving on the committee. Per our bylaws, the four elected members choose a fifth member from among the past presidents of the congregation.

## Events: Upcoming UUCT

#### **Upcoming UUCT Events**

Peace Dances, Saturday, April 2, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

**Congregational Voting Meeting, Sunday, April 3, 12:30 PM.** To adopt the 2005 – 2006 Asking Budget. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

All Church Workday, Saturday, April 9, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Farm Field Trip, Saturday, April 9, 3:00 - 6:00 PM. People of all ages are invited to tour Turkey Hill Farm, an organic vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower farm at 3546 Baum Rd., in eastern Leon County. Learn about organic farming from owners Louise Divine and Herman Holley. Pick up some worms and do some farm chores. Bring Frisbees, balls, and a picnic supper and stay a while. Sponsored by Green Sanctuary Committee. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

Canvass Party and Potluck, Sunday, April 10, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share at this special second Sunday potluck, which will follow a brief pledging meeting right after the service.

Let's Talk, Saturday, April 16, 9 AM -Noon. A congregational conversation/open discussion will be held in the sanctuary, led by a committee headed by Christine Boczarska, president-elect of the Executive Board, and open to all members and friends of the UUCT. These conversations are being held to give all an opportunity to be heard on all current and future church matters, including the recent resignation of Rev. Amy McKenzie. Plan now to attend. See p. 2 for more information. Call Christine at 414-7071 (work) or 893-7079 (home) as soon as possible if you will need child care.

Playground Lunch & Get-together, Sunday, April 17, 1:00 PM. At the Winthrop Park playground. Come have fun together after church on a beautiful spring afternoon! Families can bring a picnic lunch, or come after lunch, then socialize and play together. If raining or playground equipment is wet, rescheduled for April 24. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

Voces Angelorum Concert, Friday, April 22, 8:00 PM. In the sanctuary and sponsored by the Music Committee, the concert is free and open to the public, with our own Helen Falb at the piano. Donations are accepted and childcare will be provided. This Tallahassee women's chamber choir specializes in sacred music, ranging from the great classical composers to "living, breathing composers," as director Charles Witmer likes to say. It's "not your typical sacred music." Check www.vocesangelorum.org for more information, or call 385-6530.

UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, April 24, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Program on Caverns, Monday, April 25, 7:00 PM. In the sanctuary, a Green Sanctuary Committee and Big Bend Sierra Club co-sponsored program about the Wakulla Springs Caverns with Todd Kincaid, hydrogeologist and cave diver. Socializing and snacks at 7:00 PM; program at 7:15 PM. See Green Corner. Contact: Steve Urse (385-2864, surse2@earthlink.net).

#### Potluck with a Purpose, Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 – 8:00

**PM.** All ages will share a potluck supper in the sanctuary, then move up to Room L for a fun, creative, group poetry-building session. Everyone, even young non-readers, will contribute to the poems and then get to take home copies of the poems we make. April is National Poetry Month, so come celebrate with us. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, May 1, 12:30 PM. To review and approve the proposed list of fundraisers for 2005 – 2006 and to review a draft of the proposed final budget. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

Tour of "Art and Ecology Triennial," Friday, May 6, 7:00 PM. See and discuss this exhibit of works of art with ecological themes, guided by Barbara Sterling, who is a volunteer docent at the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science. For more about the exhibit, go to the museum's website at www.thebrogan.org/. The museum will be open until 9:00 PM, and admission will be free. Pam Hoskins will supervise young children in the second floor play area, so parents can tour the exhibit. Contact: Pam (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

Joint Finance Committee & Church Council Meeting, Monday, May 9, 7:00 PM. To finalize and approve a proposed final budget for Board consideration and then distribution to the congregation prior to the Annual Meeting. Contacts: Del DeTar (877-6649), Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

## Events: Upcoming UUCT, Social, FL District, Beyond

Congregational Discussion Meeting, A few days before the movie, Dave Sunday, May 15, 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 will be mailed to all members and friends in advance. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748).

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 22, 12:30 PM. Our yearly meeting to elect Board and Nominating Committee members, adopt a final budget and approve the list of fundraisers for 2005 - 2006, and transact any other important business. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748).

#### **UUCT Social Events**

See Upcoming UUCT Events for details. Contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- Peace Dances, Sat. 4/2, 7:30 PM
- Farm Field Trip, Sat. 4/9, 3:00 PM
- Canvass Party & Potluck, Sun. 4/10, • 12:30 PM
- Playground Lunch & Get-together, Sun. 4/17, 1:00 PM
- Movie Discussion Group, Sun. 4/24, Afternoon
- Potluck with a Purpose, Wed. 4/27, 6:30 PM
- Tour Art & Ecology Triennial, Fri. 5/6, 7:00 PM

#### **UUCT Movie Discussion Group**

This group hasn't been in existence long, just a few months. Dave Harvey organized it by setting up an email distribution list consisting of about 20 UUCTers. We go to local movies on the third Sunday of each month, usually the first showing of the afternoon. (In April, it's the fourth Sunday.) After the movie, we normally head for a local restaurant to discuss the movie and socialize.

sends out a listing of what's playing at the local theaters and asks group members to vote on which movie they'd like to see. In the past few months, we've seen Sideways, Hitch, Shawn of the Dead, Kinsey and Motorcycle Diaries.

If you'd like to be added to the group's email list, talk to Dave after a Sunday service or email him at daveharv@mac.com.

#### Fun in the Sun Canceled

Fun in the Sun, this year's proposed replacement for our Pig Roast fund raiser in May, has been canceled. Unfortunately, after adding up all the projected costs and subtracting these from the potential ticket sales if 55 - 60 people attended, the small amount that would be made would have hardly been worth the effort.

#### **April Non-UUCT Events**

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Thurs. 4/7, 6:00 7:30 PM, Tai Chi Society (Rm L)
- Wed. 4/13, 6:30 9:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm C)
- Wed. 4/27, 6:30 9:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm C)

#### **District Events**

Info. at back of sanctuary or in office, or visit www.floridadistrict.org.

District Annual Assembly with UUA President Bill Sinkford, Fri. & Sat. 4/8-9, Oviedo. Topic: Walkin' and Talkin': Taking our UU Message to the Streets. Also workshop by UUA director of Office of Information and Public Witness on how to make our message effective, timely, and what we want it to be.

- Deep Caring & Risk Management Workshop, Sat. 4/16, Gainesville.
- Roots Hold Us Close: An All Age FL UU Fest, Fri. - Sun., 5/27 - 29, Oviedo (worship, share, explore, sing, laugh).

#### **UUA General Assembly**

Open to all, this year's UUA General Assembly is Thursday, June 23 -Monday, June 27 in Fort Worth, Texas. The theme is "Ministering to Families in Today's World." Information in back of sanctuary or at www.uua.org/ga/.

#### Mountain News

"Discover The Mountain" Memorial Weekend: May 27-29. The program this year is entitled "War and Remembrance: Creating a Legacy of Peace." If you or your family hasn't visited The Mountain yet, this may be the weekend for you!

Mountain Camp 2005: This is an experience your child will never forget. He or she will want to go back again next year. There may still be spaces for 1st graders through 12 graders. If interested, contact The Mountain by phone or e-mail immediately.

Family Camp at The Mountain: July 1-3 or July 15-17. This is an opportunity to take the entire family to The Mountain for a few days of camp activities - a great way to introduce your children to camping.

Information can be found on the bulletin board in back of the sanctuary or you may contact me (lwinn41@earthlink.net, 562-4755) or contact The Mountain directly at info@mountaincenters.org or visit their website (www.mountaincenters.org).

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#### **Directory Changes**

If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates. Non-Profit Org. U.S. Postage Paid Tallahassee, FL PERMIT NO. 37

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To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.

Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.20).

Next new member recognition is Sunday, April 10.

#### **Mark Your Checks**

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.

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."