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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 10:30 AM Middle/High School Youth Group, Rm 3/6
- 11:00 AM Youth RE
 - Pre-school class, Rm C (1st - 3rd Sun.)
 - Elementary classes (K - 2nd, Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)

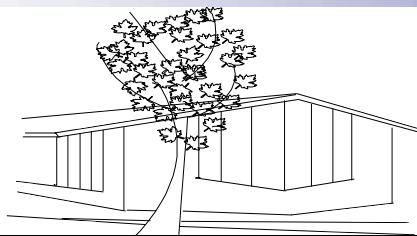
Adult Forum Topics:

- April 2 "On the Matter of Faith," Jan Rosenberg
- April 9 "Can the U.S. Provide Universal Health Care?" Norene Chase, facilitator
- April 16 TBA
- April 23 TBA
- April 30 TBA

Coming in May:

- * Picnic & Outdoor Fun Day at the Woods', Sat. 5/13
- * Woohoo Wednesday, 5/17, 6:15 PM - Potluck and Intergenerational Activities
- * Annual Congregational Meeting, Sun. 5/21, 12:15 PM (Discussion meeting Sun. 5/14)

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee



The Meridian

April Sundays (11:00 AM)



Remember to set your clock ahead an hour Sat. night 4/1!

Apr. 2 | You Gotta Have Heart

What it takes for us to be human and be a church. We'll share candles of joys and concerns. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

Apr. 9 | So Well Rounded

A concept of who and what we are as UUs. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

Apr. 16 | If You See Jesus

What about Easter? **Rev. Bill Murchison**

Apr. 23 | Celebrating the Beauty of the Earth (Intergenerational)

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. We will celebrate this Earth Day as we sing the planet's praises and connect with our world spiritually and emotionally. The service will feature our own musical talents plus a guest or two: instrumentalists, vocal soloists, and a choir for all ages. We hope to include a variety of musical styles and historical periods. The congregation will also be invited to participate. Farewell comments by UUCT environmentalist Ellie Whitney, who will be leaving Tallahassee soon. **Music Director: Helen Falb; Lay Leader: Dan Peterson**

Apr. 30 | Annual Harmony Camp Review

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Today you'll see an exciting pictorial review of last summer's Harmony Camp. We'll reveal plans for Harmony Camp '06, and several of our RE students will treat you to a delightful puppet show about cooperation. Providing this camp for our children as well as for others throughout the Tallahassee area is one of UUCT's most important outreach programs. We hope that each of you is proud of this camp and that you'll generously contribute to our scholarship fund for students. Please help us keep this dream alive.

Program Coordinator: Joanne Taylor; Lay Leader: Melissa Forgey

From Our Music Director

For the Earth Day service on Sunday, April 23, we'll have a special **All-Ages Choir**. We'll have rehearsals on the three Wednesday nights in April leading up to that Sunday, and we'll start rehearsal a little earlier to make it more family-friendly (7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM). In addition, we're looking for musicians (instrumentalists in particular) in the congregation who would be willing to play solos or in small ensembles with Earth Day as the musical theme. Contact music director Helen Falb if you're interested in sharing your musical gifts on Earth Day by being in the special choir or playing an instrument (556-2533; pianoskin@nettally.com).

Minister's Message: In the Interim

By Rev. Bill Murchison

It was a joy, as always, a few Sundays back, to welcome new members and friends to our congregation. To them I again say "Welcome!" We hope that you enjoy being a part of this church family and are happy to have you here.

We have progressed this year as a congregation, and I am proud of much that we have done. Yes, we still have work to do, and with another interim year ahead, there is more that can be accomplished.

We now have a committee in place to conduct the search for a new settled minister. Please honor their need for confidentiality because to do otherwise would torpedo the process. Encourage them in their efforts but respect their privacy as a committee.

We are fortunate to have many good and strong ministers in the Unitarian Universalist Association. If things go well, you should certainly be able to attract a fine candidate for this pulpit, and you deserve the best.

And, in regard to our congregation, we have a number of people working on social justice issues, and I feel good about their work. They are not working alone and have been involved with folks from other faith communities.

This year, our social justice work has had an impact on the community of Tallahassee. This is real ministry and is rewarding for our church and city.

Our Sunday services are well attended, and your participation in those services makes them strong.

There is not enough space to mention all the fine workers and participation of so many of our members. It is just that I want to say thank you, each of you, for all that you do. Everyone's contributions to the life of our church community are appreciated and honored. All of your contributions are a part of our ministry here in Tallahassee.

This is all positive, and it is a time for us to be hopeful as well as dedicated to the many fine opportunities available at UUCT. As we might say in Texas, "Keep on a 'truckin'." I am confident that you do not need a translation.

Best, Bill

President's Message

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

Every bird and bee seems to have new life now that warmer weather has begun. As the flowers develop and bloom outside our windows, UUCT is developing and blooming inside.

We have a committee working on the selection of a settled minister, and the board has recommended the five members for an interim search committee. As soon as all five agree to serve, we will be ready to begin the interim selection process.

In both searches, part of the criteria for getting a good selection to choose

from will be our willingness to pay a competitive salary. This will be evident once the canvass is over, so it is critical to vote with your dollars as well as your voice. Both committees will be working hard to select someone who will help UUCT move ahead and will be a good fit for the congregation's wants and needs.

A number of our members and friends are preparing to attend The Mountain Memorial Day retreat in May and the UUA General Assembly in St. Louis in June. Staying active within the larger UU community keeps us aware of the

possibilities for leadership and growth within UUCT and helps us stay involved in the many social justice issues that other UUs are heading.

As we get news from the two committees, the board will relay the information to the congregation, so we can all be aware of the progress that is being made. It seems that change will be the order of the day for UUCT for the near future. Stay in tune and stay involved so that we hear your voices in these processes.

In faith, Christine

Social Justice

Harmony Camp News

We are excited about plans for Harmony Camp 2006 in July. Some new classes are being added this year, and you will have to attend the fundraising service on April 30 to learn what they are. Some of our RE

children will present a puppet show about harmony for this service, and you will be treated to a pictorial review of last summer's camp activities.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for the camp, please contact Joanne Taylor at 893-9024. We want

as many volunteer staff as possible and are anxious to include new ideas for the camp curricula. We are excited about another fabulous experience for our children and for others in our community.

Social Justice (Continued)

Tolerance & Dialog Discussions

Four UUCT people met with seven representatives of the Muslim Tolerance and Dialogue Group Thursday, March 2, for a wide-ranging discussion. Attendees wrote questions

on cards, which were shuffled and passed out for people to answer. Some were questions from UUCT members addressed to the Muslims and vice versa. Other, more general questions about beliefs were answered by everyone.

This group has no plans for April gatherings. Contact for UUCTers interested in future discussions: Bruce Brandt (blbrandt@earthlink.net, 839-5511)

Canvass Campaign Report

By Jim Dawson, Canvass Campaign Chair

The good news is that pledges received at the March 12 Pledging Party and over the past two weeks from approximately 70% of the congregation amount to \$169,600, or 76% of the Asking Budget pledge goal for FY2006-2007.

The bad news is that we have not heard from the other 30% of the

congregation, and we still need additional pledges of \$53,650 to meet the Asking Budget, and to fund a strengthened ministry and religious education program. Unfortunately, by the time you receive this report there will be less than ten days remaining before we must "put the budget to bed" and start cutting programs.

If you have not done so already, please submit your pledge forms no later than April 10 to make the budget cut-off date. If you have misplaced the pledge forms that were mailed to you earlier, please contact Kathie at the church office, and she will e-mail or mail new forms to you.

Settled Minister Search Committee (SMSC) News

By Annette Pearce, SMSC Member

Your Settled Minister Search Committee (SMSC) is really charged! We are getting to know each other, thanks to Rev. Katie Korb's visit and insightful conversations about our tasks. (Rev. Korb is the newly-appointed FL District ministerial settlement officer, who has now been assigned to us instead of Mid-South District MSR Rhonda Thomason.) We are learning about the important work we have ahead of us during the next year and beyond. The committee will continue to learn how best to work together as we experience a team-building retreat with Mary Higgins, our FL District Executive, on April 2.

You may ask, why is it important to learn to work together when we have a clear agenda of tasks before us? Why not just move forward on our job?

Yes, indeed. And what a job! We will be taking the pulse, so to speak, of UUCT. We will be excavating our

collective and individual needs and goals to determine who we are and what we want for our future and from a minister who will help us move there.

Your SMSC will be seeking your input in many formats and on many issues. Then, we will be preparing a document that will summarize, as best we can, UUCT's unique perspective on our world. What a challenge!

Then, as if that weren't enough, we will be reviewing the documents of many ministers who are interested in seeing if we have a match. What a challenge!!

Your SMSC is aware that the most important challenge, however, is to represent YOU in all decisions to be made. To accomplish this most important task, WE, your committee members, cannot get in the way. Of course we will each have our opinions and interpretations; that is why you selected a diverse and strong committee. But we must learn to

understand how to express our own opinions in ways that can be heard by all. We must learn to honor each other's feelings, reactions, and thoughts, as they represent the whole congregation's desires for our collective future.

The important tasks over the next year related to calling a minister will shape UUCT's future for years to come. The SMSC gratefully acknowledges the importance of the role we will play. We are excited about the process of learning and summarizing the essence of our congregation, about selling this congregation as the most vital congregation with the most potential of all those seeking a new minister, about meeting many exciting people involved in the search process, and about making a match that will be the most satisfying possible for our church.

With all of these challenges, how could we not be charged?

Announcements



SpiralScouts Plant Sale

Our UUCT SpiralScout group will be having a plant sale at church right after the Sunday service on April 2. Plan on attending it for your spring planting needs! Contact: Amy Hall (andarta2@yahoo.com, 402-1010).

Child Dedication 5/14

A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be led by Rev. Bill on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@earthlink.net) if you are interested or need more information. Also see the article under *Youth RE*.

Frequent Flyer Miles Needed

To Fly Brian to the Moon! Not really! But the Campus Ministry Committee would like your help in flying Brian Lee, our hardworking Campus Ministry coordinator, to St. Louis this June to attend General Assembly. If you have frequent flyer miles that you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Dan Damerville (576-5380, damervid@tcc.fl.edu).

What a Potluck!

Thanks, everyone, for responding to the call to bring more for potlucks. Our March second Sunday potluck was quite a spread, and there was plenty of food for all. So for the April potluck, please remember to bring a potluck contribution if you are planning to stay and make a little extra while you're at it. And just to make sure there's enough, please take modest amounts for first helpings and plan to return for seconds if there is food left. Thanks!

Check for Your Dishes

The accumulation of serving dishes in the kitchen is limiting the space for potlucks and dinners. Please check for any items that might be yours.

Greeter Coordinator Needed

We all know how important Sunday greeting is for the congregation and our visitors. As of July 1, we'll need a new greeter coordinator to line up greeters each week. If you might be interested, contact membership chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057).

Board Meeting Time Change

The Executive Board has changed their meeting time from 6:00 PM to 12:30 PM, usually on the first or second Sunday of the month. In April, they will have an additional meeting at 12:45 PM the 4th Sunday in order to review and approve the final budget and other items to be proposed to the congregation for the annual meeting in May. Double-check the board meeting date and time on each month's calendar. As always, all interested are welcome to come and listen. To be on the agenda, contact Board President Christine Boczarska (893-7079, rllee@infionline.net).

New UUCT Directory

Members and supporting friends, a new UUCT Directory was distributed via email in mid-March. If you do not have email or experienced difficulty opening and printing the PDF file, you may request a hardcopy from the church office or from membership chair Trudy Deyle on Sundays.

Share Your UU World

Members, once you've read your *UU World*, bring it to church to share with supporting friends, University UUs and visitors. You may leave it on the back counter of the sanctuary. Many thanks!

UU White Allies

In direct response to a request from sisters and brothers of color in DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries) to develop a formal

organization of white allies within the UUA, 40 individuals gathered in New Jersey in early November. By the end of the weekend and after a considerable amount of effort, they had adopted a vision, mission, organizational structure, and proposed list of short and long term objectives, as well as elected a steering committee and begun a membership drive. The steering committee is preparing for a very visible presence at the 2006 UUA General Assembly to assure that people of color and others who experience racism and ethnic discrimination have an effective system of allies in place when issues arise that must be addressed.

Download a membership form and learn about volunteer opportunities at www.uuallies.org. To join the group's listserv, visit: http://druumm.org/mailman/listinfo/allies-l_druumm.org.

Audio-tapes & CDs

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

Giving Statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase (twchase38@earthlink.net, 422-1985 or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

What is CLF?

CLF, the Church of the Larger Fellowship, is a congregation that provides ministry and a spiritual home to isolated religious liberals around the world, by mail and by cyberspace. Contact CLF at clf@clfuu.org or 617-948-6166 or visit www.clfuu.org.

Appreciation



To:

- **Barbara Lineberry, Carolyn DuBard, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Barbara Sterling, and Maria Mena** for greeting Sundays 3/5-3/26.
- **Jeanne Ryder, Elinor Elfner, John Whitton, Randall Gann, Tim Campbell, Michele Davidson, Ellie Whitney, and Greg DeAngelo** for Sunday services set-up in March.
- **Ruth Pestle, Jim Denny and Sara Reece, Terri Martin, Annette Pearce, Norene Chase, and Kelley Turnage** for hosting coffee hours in February.
- **Jerri Lee Wagner, Jim Denny and Sara Reece, Bruce Brandt, Rod Oldenburg, Tim Campbell, Joanne Taylor, Pauline Masterton, and Jim Dawson** for kitchen clean-up duties in February.
- **Jim Denny** for serving as February Kitchen Kontroller (recruiting and overseeing the volunteers).
- **Marja Millard** for donating three hymnals in memory of: **J.W. Millard**, musician and father; **John Murphy**, a singer and lover of music; and **Helen Falb**, teaching music to generations.
- **Kristen Ellrich, Melanie Hennings, and Rebecca Briggs-Placier** for helping in the nursery in March.
- **Dan Damerville, Mimi Jones, Stowe Alrutz, Amy Hall, Dick Leinberry, Mary Janik, Mary pope Grattan, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy and University UUs Brian Lee, Charlie Starr, C.B. Smith, and Frank Green** for doing the March Shelter meal.

- **Kathie and Billy Mackie** for donating and installing the new swing for the tot lot.
- **Charlotte Dudley, Pauline Masterton, Jerri Lee Wagner and Dan Peterson** for helping with Marvin Halleck's concert on Sunday, 3/26.
- **UUCT** from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for our \$1,152 Guest at Your Table contribution.

Buildings and Grounds Thanks

The all church workday in March was attended by 10 participants, plus little **Sam Fleming** and the Dudley's white dog, **Angel**, provided moral support. Thanks go to the following for contributing their time and effort. **Steve Urse and Ben Fleming** planted trees and shrubs, with **Charlotte Dudley** helping. The trees planted were Florida anise, ash magnolia, and mocker nut hickory, plus some rabbit-eye blueberry bushes were also planted. Once planted, the trees were mulched and watered. **Joe Lama** removed weeds from the lawn.

Francis Ventre inventoried church property. **Mame Fleming** cleaned the nursery door and the soffit light fixture globes around the church annex. **Don Berger** applied roof coating to the roof above the old classrooms. Don, Joe, **Dave Harvey** and Steve moved tables between rooms in the church annex, the old classrooms and the mailroom. Dave programmed the thermostat for the new heat pump in the sanctuary and connected a hearing impaired system to our sound system. **George Knight** blew leaves off the sidewalks and driveway and also did this during non-workdays.

Outside the workday, Dave installed a new replacement timer for the soffit lights around the church annex and took responsibility for seeing that the heat pump for the sanctuary building got installed properly. Francis continued with the inventory of church property. **Tom Chase** painted some of the benches around the church on the workday and a few days later.

Also outside the workday, **Pete Andersen** donated ten rabbit-eye blueberry bushes of three different varieties (Montgomery, Onslow, and Yadkin). **Ed Oaksford** donated and planted four red buckeye trees. Steve assisted by mulching and watering.

Dave Harvey got quotes for sunscreen window tinting for the sanctuary windows behind the minister's pulpit. They would likely improve problems from glare and heat. The new five-ton heat pump for the sanctuary, 13 SEER, was installed with a new air handler and programmable thermostat. The sanctuary air ducts were cleaned.

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

The congregation enjoyed a delightful baby shower for **Jennifer, DeWayne and baby Carver** to be.

Good news is that **Jan Miller** is making a rapid recovery from shoulder surgery.

Keep **Anne Rudloe** in your hearts and minds as she continues chemotherapy and **Fran Boyle** as she recovers from surgery.

Sheri Mishler is making a remarkably rapid recovery from foot surgery, as is **Chris Ellrich** from knee surgery.

We express sympathy to **Eliza Coyne** as she copes with the death of her father.

Welcome New UUCT Friends!

- *Sheri Mishler*
- *Patricia Oxford*

New UU Sessions

These sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two consecutive weeks on a weeknight from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Occasionally we offer a single, three-hour Sunday afternoon session, when there is enough interest. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater UU movement. There is time for some discussion, and our minister is present for a question time. The next sessions will in late spring or early summer. A general sign-up sheet is on the back counter of the sanctuary. Or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Childcare available on request.

"Dinners for 8"

A spring round will be held in May/June. Newcomers will be contacted and invited to participate. There are two dinner categories – adults only and intergenerational. Adults without children are welcome to sign up for intergenerational, and adults with children can find a sitter and enjoy an adults-only evening. Hosting means providing the main dish – any style or theme you'd like – and calling the others to complete the menu. If you are interested in hosting and did not check dinner host on your gift of self, contact Junelle Brandt, dinners' coordinator (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

Successful, Growing Churches

Recent studies indicate the following as characteristics of successful and growing churches, in order of importance:

- 1) a charismatic leader,
- 2) a clear, straightforward message,
- 3) nice facilities,
- 4) a sincere and warm sense of belonging,
- 5) high expectations (members are expected to demonstrate their commitment to both the message and the institution by giving of time and money), and
- 6) many opportunities to participate in small-group activities: shared ministry, social activities, study groups, etc.

On-going Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Melanie Hennings (229-226-0446, melanie.hennings@mchsi.com)

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/06) -174**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Number Friends - 55**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **February 2006: 103.0**
 - **7/05 - 2/06: 100.9**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **04-05: 61**
 - **05-06: 52**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
 - **3/06: 24**

- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** April kitchen controller is Charlotte Dudley (668-7126, lcdudley@yahoo.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

UU World on Tape

Subscriptions to the UU World are free on audiotape for people who cannot read regular printed materials. Simply contact Devorah Greenstein, UUA (617-948-6451, dgreenstein@uaa.org).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sun., Apr. 2, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (877-5415; krelcoyne@gmail.com)**
- **Melanie Hennings, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (melanie.hennings@mchsi.com, 229/226-0446)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301)**

Spring Fun Day - April 16

Kids come celebrate Spring! On Sunday, April 16 during the service, we'll have egg hunts and Spring activities. Egg hunts will be done by age category. Adults, if you'd like to donate eggs for the hunt, we ask that you bring plastic eggs filled with a goody. For the preschool and under group, we ask that the goody be a non-candy item. (Stickers are a great substitute!) **Please bring the eggs by Sunday, April 9**, so that we have them available to hide the morning of 4/16. If you have questions, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Woohoo Wednesdays!

Beginning Wednesday, May 17, 6:15 PM, all are invited to participate in Woohoo Wednesdays! They will be once-a-month potluck dinners with a theme. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!** The theme for May will be "Creating a Family Chalice." We will begin in the sanctuary at 6:15 PM with our community meal, and then adjourn to Rm. L for the program. Woohoo Wednesdays will occur on the third Wednesday of every month. If you have ideas on topics of interest or questions, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

RE News

Be on the lookout for the new RE newsletter "RE-Markable". RE-Markable will include news on what the RE classes are focusing on, special intergenerational and family events, family service project ideas, family rituals, UU parenting, and what's happening with our UUCT families. The premier edition will be on the Sunday RE welcome table and will be handed out to children in their RE classes on April 2. Look for it!

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 has 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 names 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.

Special Pen Pal Success!

Thank you to the 30 children and adults who participated in the annual Special Pen Pals program. This was

the biggest group we've ever had! Each child was paired with an adult to correspond with. Identities were kept anonymous by using magical names. Everyone got to meet their pal at the revealing party! It was a great experience for both our younger friends and our more mature ones! If you weren't able to participate this year, look for sign up forms next January.

The pairs included:

Ander Alrutz-Steirna as Lirael with Eliza Coyne as Shirley,
Keelen Bush Rester as Catfish with Bruce Brandt as Star Shine,
Mikayla Bush Rester as Sparkle with Molly Schmid as Dream Catcher,
Sierra Bush Rester as Lila Moon with Scott Geraci as Sir Alfred Q. Kipplepot,
Omie Coyne as Snowflake with Isabel Sheridan as Calliope,
George Frichter as Tristan with Allan Turnage as Tyrrson,
Julia Frichter as Winter with Elizabeth Vigil as Poodle,
Dylan Geraci as Ashe with Melanie Hennings as Contesol,
Becky Hoskins as Beauty Berry with Tina Bush Rester as Tree Hugger,
Drew Lloyd as Trip with Pam Hoskins as Wood Elf,
Sierra Lloyd as Padame with Jan Miller as Taffy,
Jackson Turnage as Chicken King with Rev. Bill as El Coyote,
Nolan Turnage as Tiger King with Hollie Lloyd as Dragonfly,
Preston Turnage as Falcon Archery with Joe Lama as JMan, and
Cate Waldorf Bryan as Sky High with Devin Geraci as Princess Boa.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Youth RE Registration

Children age 0 to 18 who attend any part of the Youth RE Program should be registered if they attend three or more times. Registration helps with:

- * Keeping records of attendance so we know what classes and how many teachers we need each year,
- * Keeping track of allergy and health issues your child may have,
- * Keeping your child safe.

Most expenses of the Youth RE Program are met through our annual pledges to the church budget. A yearly registration fee covers additional costs. Family fees are \$30 for 1 child, \$40 for 2, and \$45 for 3 or more. Scholarships are available! Contact DRE Maggie or stop by the Sunday RE welcome table.

Now's Your Chance!

Now's your chance to find out what teaching RE is all about! Volunteer to assist in a RE class. No experience necessary...just one hour of your time on a Sunday. Assist the regular RE teacher in reading, helping children with crafts, setting up snacks, and other activities. Get to know the kids and have a blast! For open dates or more info., contact DRE Maggie.

Volunteer of the Month

For April, Kelley Turnage is the Youth RE Volunteer of the Month. Kelley has volunteered in Youth RE in many capacities: Nursery Subcommittee chair, a RE teacher, the Youth RE Committee chair, and now the VP for RE. We are extremely grateful for all she does for our church community. Kelley tells us a little about herself and her experience in RE below.

Your volunteer positions: Vice President for Religious Education.

Your family life: I am mother and wife to 4 fine young men ages 5 to 45.

Your time outside of family and

UUCT: I volunteer at my children's schools, walk two miles 5 mornings a week with my neighbor, fill in as a part-time secretary for my wonderful attorney husband, and shop for both home and office and help to keep both running smooth.

Your hobbies or interests: I love to play cards, cook, read, and do fun things with the kids. We went to Skate World recently. I skated for the first time in 30 years and didn't do too badly.

Why you decided to volunteer in

Youth RE: I had a child who did not like to stay in the nursery, so I started staying with him. I started as the nursery volunteer. Now I am VP for RE. What a wild ride!

Your favorite part about Youth RE

volunteering: The children are always a worthy cause. They enjoy our church and being part of it.

How you fit Youth RE into a busy

life: I just do it, because it is important to my family, and I want the best for our youth. I would not ask anyone to do a job I'm not willing to do.

What you'd like others to know

about Youth RE: You are always met by smiling faces and eager brains and hands. The kids are fun and interesting parts of UUCT, worth the effort and worth getting to know.

UU Youth Group

The UUCT Youth Group, open to any middle or high school youth, meets from **10:30 AM - 12:30 PM in Room 3 on Sunday mornings**. Details about events will be provided to the youth on Sundays and through the youth e-mail list. For more information about the group, contact advisors Scott Geraci (877-6301; sgeraci68@yahoo.com) and Jennifer & DeWayne Carver (jzcarver@earthlink.net; ddcarver@earthlink.net; 402-0622).

FL District CONs

The Youth Group and their advisors decide which FL District CONs to attend. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district CONs.

4/7-8 Youth Caucus, Vero Beach

Mountain CON

4/21-23, Senior High Youth CON, CONstructing peace. How do we get there? Actively seek and participate in colorful, heterogeneous and innovative community building. \$91 per person. Contact a youth advisor if interested.

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Kim Ross, Adult Enrichment coordinator (877-1972; kim@cennexus.com)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301).**

We're looking for a new Adult Enrichment coordinator, because our current volunteer is unable to continue. If you are able or want to find out more about what is involved, please contact the current coordinator or DRE.

Intergenerational Coding

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

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers are welcome to attend with parents, who assume responsibility for them.

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

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

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

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Spring Classes & Opportunities

Please look for sign-up sheets on the RE Sunday table to express an interest in a class.

The following classes are being offered (or not offered) this spring:

How to Talk so Kids will Listen.

Based on the bestselling book *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*, the goal of the workshop is to help you communicate more effectively with children. The six sessions will cover helping children deal with their feelings, engaging cooperation, alternatives to punishment, encouraging autonomy, praise, and freeing children from playing roles. This is a wonderful course for parents, grandparents, and those who work with or just love children. A workbook is required at a cost of \$13.50. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie as soon as possible. The class schedule is 1:00 - 3:00 PM on seven Sundays, 4/2 - 5/21, skipping 4/30. Contact: Maggie Geraci (dremaggie@earthlink.net, 877-6301). Childcare provided.

The Perennial Philosophy:

Emphasizing the Universal in

Universalist (cancelled). Mark Canter has canceled his Perennial Philosophy class that was to be offered three Tuesday evenings beginning 3/28. After talking to us at an adult forum and Sunday service, he concluded that the substance of what he would be talking about is really not something that can be communicated via words. He refers those interested in the subject to his website, Electric Body Singing (www.integraltantra.org). For words and a presentation of lucid maps and models of consciousness, he recommends Ken Wilber's books (most concisely *A Theory of Everything*) and also recommends reading Aldous Huxley, Alan Watts, and Lex Hixon. Pauline Masterton will have a reading list available for those interested.

Roots: An Exploration of the Free Church Tradition (postponed). This four-session class in Thomasville is being delayed to a better time for participants. Contact Charlotte Dudley (lcdudley@yahoo.com, 668-7126).

The following class will be offered in the spring, pending interest:

Who Are We, and Where Are We Going? These sessions, originally held in February, will be offered again in May. Let's talk about walking... at a small gathering where ideas can be explored regarding this congregation and our denomination. Four sessions facilitated by Rev. Bill Murchison on: Unitarian Universalism, what and who we are, and our prospects for the future; how we are with each other; how we are with the world outside our doors; and our personal and collective investment in the future of our congregation and our faith. Please contact the church office to sign-up (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115, e-mail preferred), or see the sign-up list at the Sunday RE table.

Summer Opportunity

The following class will be offered in the summer. Sign up at the RE Table.

Summer Camp for Parents. This summer, we will offer Summer Camp for Parents: a time for parents to come together and enjoy learning in a group setting. The camp focus will be on *Being a UU Parent*, a UUA curricula that offers 5 sessions on theology and real-life child rearing. Parents often wonder how they can better understand and interpret UU values during the week. Do you know how to respond to such questions as: What is the Bible? What do UUs believe about God, or about heaven and hell? This curriculum offers an initial theological exploration, an examination of ways we can encourage a greater sense of our religion in our family lives, and an opportunity for parents to raise and

discuss real-life childrearing questions and challenges and how these might be answered from a UU perspective.

Camp will occur once a week on Monday nights (dates to be determined by participant majority). Childcare will be provided. We might do potluck or brownbag dinners, depending on the will of the participants. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci or sign up at the Adult RE sign-up board near the Sunday RE welcome table. In the future, follow-up curricula will be offered, including *Parents as Resident Theologians*, which helps parents and kids explore together their beliefs about God, prayer and other religious issues, and *Parents as Social Justice Educators*, which provides sessions on values clarification and how to talk about social issues.

On-Going Opportunities

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

Ballroom Dance Interest Group.

Anyone interested in ballroom dancing is invited to join this group. We learn dances and practice by going to the various dance venues around town. Partners not required. The group attends the Tallahassee Swing Band night at the American Legion Hall at Lake Ella on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Contact Annette Pearce (385-4053, Annette.Pearce@gmail.com).

e-Ken Wilber. It's a new way for interested UUs to get together to study – online! (via email). Ken Wilbur is a modern day “Emerson” (but not a Unitarian). To some, he is an enigma, to others a visionary and genius. Wilber is an “integral philosopher” looking for “big pictures” – writing prolifically including on the web,

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

sharing his ideas freely. UU groups everywhere have formed, even at SUUSI, to study his ideas. (His "Neo-Perennial Philosophy" is UUism in a nutshell.) Learn more – get connected – join us online: contact Will Adkins (metamuse@comcast.net, 385-5071).

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

April 11. *The Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula K. Le Guin. "For George Orr, the effect of his dreams on the world around him is truly more significant than anyone realizes....A dark tale of uncontrollable power, *The Lathe of Heaven* is a masterful rendering of humanity and the powers that corrupt."

May 9. *Another Roadside Attraction* by Tom Robbins. "What if the Second Coming didn't quite come off as advertised? What if 'the Corpse' on display in that funky roadside zoo is really who they say it is? The book answers those questions and a lot

more. It tells us what the sixties were truly all about, not by reporting on the psychedelic decade but by recreating it, from the inside out. In the process, this is a stunningly original, seriocomic thriller, eating a literary hotdog and eroding the borders of the mind.

Written with a style and humor that haven't been seen since Mark Twain....it is a prize."

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Will begin meeting again when Anne Rudloe is able to resume leading the group. Temporary contact: Joanne Taylor (taylorjoanne@earthlink.net, 893-9024).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Thursdays, 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM, Rm. L. In April, we will discuss chapter's 5 and 6 of Sam Harris's controversial and bestselling work: *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* (W.W. Norton and Company, 2004). This book looks at the growing dangers of divisive religions — Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, in an age of weapons of mass destruction. In each session,

after about a 30-minute presentation, we enjoy a general round-table discussion of the issues covered. Upon conclusion of our discussion on *The End of Faith*, we will have several individual presentations in the same format. Contact Ron Crowe (rongcro2@juno.com, 997-5307).

Knitting for All. Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. 3/6. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (421-1575, chelsuu@yahoo.com). Baby-friendly.

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

On March 19, Campus Ministry's UUU members had the pleasure of leading the Sunday service. Our "Celebration of Spirit and Music" service, under the able direction of **Kim Ross** and **Dan Damerville** from the Campus Ministry Committee, featured speakers **Frank Green** and **Steve Lize**, a REflection from **Ansel Bailey-Mershon, C.B. Smith** leading the responsive reading, and beautiful musical performances from **Danny Apatagia, Jessica Gist and Brad Osbourne, Pippin Whitaker, and Amanda Plummer**. Frank, Amanda, Brad, and Jessica all performed original pieces, and Pippin and Danny performed works by

Schumann and Rachmaninoff. It was a pleasure to work with such an enormously talented group on this service, and they all deserve thanks for sharing their hard work with our congregation.

Weekly meetings will continue to be held at FSU's International Center on Mondays at 5:00 PM, and we will be helping UUCT to prepare and serve the Shelter Meal on April 10 at 5:00 PM. The International Center is on campus at 107 South Wildwood Dr. across from the Student Life Center.

Coffee Hour will continue at 6:30 PM Fridays at All Saints Café located at 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south

of Gaines street. After coffee on Friday, April 7, we will be checking out the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, to volunteer your time for tabling at Market Wednesday, or to give your input for meeting topics or service project ideas, please contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com). To sign up for our email list, please send an email to UUUTally-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Chair

After opening your utility statements lately you may be asking “How do I pay these surging energy bills?” Our Building and Grounds Committee can show you how! Below find examples of their solutions for UUCT. This text is taken directly from our Green Sanctuary Certification Report to the UU Ministry for the Earth. Check out the full report at the Green Sanctuary Committee Sunday table; we’ll be voting to approve the report at the Annual Meeting in May.

Energy Efficiencies

- Conducted two energy audits, one of the old building in 2001 and a second energy audit in 2005 to include both facilities.
- Installed high efficiency dishwasher in kitchen, resulting in decreased water consumption, more efficient energy use, and a reduction of landfill space (by eliminating throw-aways).

- Turned off hot water in restrooms.
- Performed maintenance on air conditioners for top efficiency operation. Newest unit has a 13 SEER rating.
- Placed air conditioning/heating systems on programmable timers.
- Placed all outdoor spotlights on sensors or timers. Gradually converting courtyard lights to compact fluorescents.
- Replaced, where possible, incandescent and older fluorescent bulbs with more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs in both buildings, most recently replacing old tube lights in the kitchen.
- Installed weather stripping on doors leading to sanctuary.

Grounds

- Implemented woodland tree planting, based on a habitat model, using native trees and shrubs.

- Adopted TAPP (Think About Personal Pollution) best management, water-friendly landscape practices.
- Held monthly “work days” to increase awareness of the ecosystem and encourage commitment to enhancing and preserving buildings and grounds.

Our hats are off to the outstanding stewardship of our Building and Grounds Committee! In addition to chair Dave Harvey, they are: Don Berger, Tom Chase, Q. Michele Davidson, Trudy Deyle, Chris Ellrich, George Knight, Steve Urse and Francis Ventre. Talk with any of these members on how you, too, can begin making smart changes in the energy management of your own homes. NOTE - Websites Dave has found for an assortment of compact fluorescent bulbs: www.nolico.com/saveenergy/, <http://1000bulbs.com/category.php?category=14>

Updating of Manual of Policies and Procedures

By Joan Patterson, Policies & Procedures Manual Coordinator

Joan Patterson will be updating the Manual of Policies and Procedures for 2006-07 as required in our Bylaws. If you wish to suggest adding a new policy or committee or program description, or revising an existing one, please note the following procedures:

1. New or revised policies or committee descriptions should be approved and recommended by the appropriate committee/program coordinator and the vice president in charge of that area. If there is no committee or program coordinator, the vice president for the appropriate area or any Board member may make the recommendation.
2. After committee and VP approval, please send the proposed item to

Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net or 1714 Ferndale Place, Tallahassee, 32301). **Deadline for submission is June 18, 2006.**

3. The proposed items will then be taken to the Board for approval at the July Board meeting. If additional discussion or clarification by the Board is needed, or if the Board recommends substantial changes, the items will go back to the originating committee and placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.
4. Once the new or revised policies or committee descriptions are approved by the Board, the changes will be incorporated in the

new 2006-2007 Manual of Policies and Procedures that will be printed and distributed in early September. The Bylaws require that the new manual be printed and distributed within the first three months of each new fiscal year so our deadline is September 30.

5. Copies of the manual are available in the church office if you wish to see any current versions.
6. Proposed new and revised items that are received after June 18 will be considered for incorporation in next year’s manual.

Thanks for your help in keeping our Manual of Policies and Procedures current and relevant.

February and March Board Actions

By Molly Schmidt, Executive Board Secretary

February Board Actions:

- Approved December minutes and January minutes with revisions.
- Approved the current Treasurer's Report.
- Appointed Dave Harvey to fill the vacancy on the Endowment Committee created by the resignation of Neil Mooney.
- Approved the request of Maria Mena (Yard Sale chairperson) to hold the annual yard sale on Saturday, March 25.
- Approved the revised Accountable Reimbursement Policy Statement for staff professional expenses.
- Approved the Finance Committee recommendation to use \$8000.00 from the Reserve Fund to replace the heating and air conditioning system in the sanctuary.
- Approved the proposed asking budget for FY 2006-2007.
- Approved putting the response to the Draft Statement of Conscience on Global Warming on the 2/26/06 congregational meeting agenda.
- Appointed Eliza Coyne to the Nominating Committee.
- Approved the request for authorization from the Board to spend up to \$450.00 in the current fiscal year for the Settled Minister Search Committee (SMSC) with the provision that the money come from the Reserve Fund.
- Approved that (a) the Board task the Committee on Ministry to work with the District Compensation Consultant (Joan Patterson) to develop a settled minister compensation package for review and approval by the board at its special meeting in late April and (b) the approved financial package be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting (May 21) for a vote by the congregation.
- Approved the recommendation that the COM (Committee on Ministry) be tasked to address the transitional question of COM

membership with the expectation that, at a minimum, one member of the Negotiating Team with the final settled ministry candidate be tagged to be a member of the COM for at least the first year of settled ministry, per UUA recommendations. The COM will provide a recommendation to the Board for action at its early June 2006 meeting.

Notes from the COM for the Board Meeting:

The *Settlement Handbook* recommends that the Negotiating Team consist of no more than three people and, at a minimum, that it includes (a) one member of the Board and (b) one member of the SMSC. The SMSC recommends that the third member be a current member of the Committee on Ministry (COM) because of the COM's responsibility for overseeing implementation of the ministry agreement after it is adopted.

Guidance provided by our former UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative, Rhonda Thomason, recommended that the members of the Negotiating Team subsequently comprise the COM for at least the first year of settled ministry, to provide continuity for the minister with the persons with whom he or she negotiated the ministry agreement. However, doing so would contravene our By-Law provisions governing the composition and process for appointing members to our COM. Doing so also runs counter to the COM's efforts to expand the role of the COM from a conventional ministerial relations committee to the church body responsible for facilitating and nurturing all aspects of the congregation's shared ministry.

March Board Actions:

- The revised January and the February Board Minutes were approved.
- Did not approve recommendations for this year's COM appointee from the Committee on Ministry, with input from the minister.
- Approved accepting precedents with settled ministers and accepted the recommendations made by the interim minister for the next COM appointee.
- Tabled the Personnel Committee recommendation that church policy be amended to require that paid staff not be members of the congregation. (Note: Staff could be or could switch to being supporting friends.)
- Approved, following this year's canvass, sending a letter to members who have not pledged or contributed financially notifying them that their status will be changed to friend unless a minimum contribution sufficient to cover a fixed cost of membership is made or a yearly waiver is granted. (Note: At a minimum, this fixed cost would include what UUCT pays per member in national and district UUA fair share "dues," \$70 for FY 2005-2006 and \$73 for FY 2006-2007.)
- Approved a motion that the minister in addition to the president would have the authority to grant waivers of the recorded contribution membership requirement. (Note: Requires a UUCT by-laws change. Board is looking into further.)

Events: UUCT Upcoming, District

Upcoming UUCT Events

Peace Dances, Saturday, April 1, 7:30 PM. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

Second Sunday Potluck, April 9, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

All Church Workday, Saturday, April 15, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, April 16, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Freethinkers' Forum Lecture, Sunday, April 16, 2:00 PM. In the sanctuary and co-sponsored with the Center for Inquiry – Tallahassee. The speaker will be David Koepsell, an associate editor and frequent contributor to *Free Inquiry* magazine, on "Law and Religious Dissent – Problems of Faith-Based Initiatives." Contact: Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com).

Joint Finance Committee & Church Council Meeting, Monday, April 17, 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: Jim Dawson (383-1213), DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Youth Group Soup Lunch, Sunday, April 30, 12:30 PM. Stay after the service for delicious soup and fellowship. Donations will be accepted to help the Youth Group attend CONS (youth conferences) and to pay for CON transportation. If you have any questions, contact a youth; they meet

in Rm. 3 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Sundays. Or contact Devin Geraci (877-6301, dev0107@gmail.com) or Scott Geraci (sgeraci68@yahoo.com, 877-6301).

Picnic and Outdoor Day at Woods' Home, Saturday, May 13, All Day. Swimming, hiking, boating, and fishing. This is not a potluck. Everyone should bring their own supplies independently: food, camp chairs, swim suits, towels etc. Barbecue grills and good drinking water will be available. Maps will be at the church beforehand as this is in Georgia, 50 miles north. Contact: Ken and Jean Wood (229-377-8739, caldy23@yahoo.com).

Congregational Discussion Meeting, 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. Childcare provided. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 21, 12:30 PM. Our yearly meeting to elect Board and Nominating Committee members, adopt a final budget and approve the list of fundraisers for the coming year, and transact any other important business. Childcare provided. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

Mountain Retreat May 2006

If you missed the March 24 deadline for registering for our intergenerational Mountain Retreat, but still wish to go Memorial weekend, contact Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026). Registrations still being accepted.

Code for Events Listings

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Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Fri. 4/7, noon on & Sat. 4/8, all day, Wedding, sanctuary & Rm. L
- Fri. 4/22, 7:00 - 9:30 PM, TFA, IRC Fundraiser, sanctuary
- Sat. 4/29, supporting friends' personal event, sanctuary

FL District Events

For more information on these events, contact church office, look on the sanctuary back counter or bulletin board, or visit www.floridadistrict.org.

- **District Annual Assembly, Fri-Sat., 4/7-8, Vero Beach.** "Sacred Threads - Many Paths." Open to all interested.
- **3rd Annual All-Cluster UU Renewal Service, Wed. 5/24, Clearwater, with Rev. William Sinkford.**
- **The Leading Edge, Sat. - Mon. 5/27-5/29, Oviedo, intensive leadership training.**

Events: National

National Events

UU Womenspirit 5/17 - 21

Event: Spring Institute and Gathering

Dates: Wed. - Sun., May 17 - 21

Place: The Mountain

Description: Women-only spiritual retreat. Through workshops, worship, and community connect with the Feminine Divine.

This Spring's theme is

Many Faces, One Goddess -

"She's all the same; we call her by different names. Unmask the many faces of the goddess. Awaken her ancient wisdom; hear the many voices with which she speaks. Discover how to birth her wisdom into your life and into our world."

Sponsor: Unitarian Universalist Womenspirit

Contact: Visit our website (UUWomenspirit.org) for more details.

About Womenspirit: Our purpose is to

create, conduct and support activities that encourage and empower women to explore their religious and spiritual origins, experiences, and beliefs. Pursuing, nurturing, and affirming creativity and diversity are major emphases. Our most exhilarating activities are our biannual institute, held each Spring, and gathering held each Fall. Womenspirit members volunteer to present assorted theme-based programs that enhance a woman's spiritual and emotional path allowing growth and empowerment in an environment that honors the safety, integrity, and confidentiality of those attending.

Past events have included workshops on yoga, tai chi, and communing with the divinity in nature through outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking, and identification of flora and fauna. Beading, needlework, and other craft skills have been taught as a means of developing one's connection with self and the divine.

2006 UUA General Assembly. Wed. - Sun., 6/21-6/25 in St. Louis, MO. Theme: Toward Right Relations. Open to all interested. Registration and housing at uua.org.ga.

SUUSI (Summer Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute).

"Rejoice and Renew," July 16 - 22, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA. Looking for a great, affordable vacation for your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with UU friends? Come to SUUSI! You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community of nearly 1,000. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, of family. You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music, and spend all day communing with nature or enhancing your personal growth. So many choices! We have special programs for youth and teens, so be sure to bring the whole family. Visit www.suusi.org

Trustee Tidbits: UUA General Assembly

By Joan Lund, FL District UUA Trustee

Trustee Tidbits Posted

The April message from FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund is posted on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. The topic is the UUA General Assembly, to be held this year in St. Louis, June 21-25. Here are some highlights of the general information and specific details Joan gives.

"In addition to the exhilarating beginning banner parade and opening ceremony, the four subsequent days will be filled with thought-provoking, excellent business meetings, workshops, lectures, sermons, services, and much more.... This year's 'Ware Lecture' will be delivered by poet Mary Oliver, win-

ner of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. The sermon at the 'Service of the Living Tradition' will be delivered by Rev. Judith Meyer, minister of the UU Community Church in Santa Monica. The Sunday morning worship will be led by Rev. Gail R. Geisenhainer, the minister in Vero Beach."

"Certified congregations determine which business items are admitted to the final agenda of GA each year. Study/Action Issues (SAIs) and the Statement of Conscience are important pieces of the GA experience....It is hoped every congregation in our association is a part of the social witness

process that gives voice to our faith as we act on our social justice values."

"All certified congregations have a delegate for every 50 members (or fraction there-of), with a minimum of two delegates. There may be additional delegates from each congregation: ministers in full or associate fellowship with the UUA and employed by certified congregations, and emeritus and community ministers who are active in a congregation and have received its endorsement."

"Go to the UUA home page (www.uua.org) where there are a variety of links to GA information, including website registration."

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Our Mission:

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

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