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**SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM**

- Sunday, August 5** “Taking ‘The Bible’ Seriously Without Taking It Literally,”  
Rev. Amy
- Sunday, August 12** “Inequity or Iniquity - Why Does Environmental Injustice Occur and What Can We Do About it?,”  
Bob Deyle, Service Leader  
Tom Taylor, Lay Leader
- Sunday, August 19** “Bugs in a Bowl,” Rev. Amy
- Sunday, August 26** “The Day that Santa Claus Died (The Good & Bad of Myth in Our Lives)”  
Ron Crowe, Service Leader

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice (except August 5) & Adult Forum  
 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM  
 11:00 AM Summer Youth RE Program  
 Classes for Pre-K-5th grade  
 Discussion Group for Middle School youth

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION  
 ON DEATH PENALTY  
 Sunday, August 12 at 1:00 PM  
 Presentations, followed by  
 opportunity to ask questions  
 SEE ARTICLE IN AUGUST EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION  
 ON PHASE ONE OPTIONS  
 Sunday, August 19 at 12:30 PM  
 SEE ADDENDUM & AUGUST EVENTS

*Rev. Amy will be away August 10 - 13  
 and August 31 - September 4.*

**TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

M-F - 7:00 - 3:30  
 (Closed 11:00 - 11:30 AM)

**PHONE:** 385-5115  
 (fax 385-5834)

**CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESS**

uuct@electro-net.com

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:**

www.electro-net.com/~uuct/

*Note that our new zip code is 32308!*

**OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOORS**

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Last month a couple of you helped me edit my Sunday homily (post-delivery) to clarify my position on depression, medication, and faith. I'm grateful for the ongoing conversation with you about ideas, beliefs, and putting our best thoughts into action.

The teaching and learning goes both ways – neither congregation nor clergy person is clueless, or has it all figured out. I came to you with a seminary education, though; and I want to share it. Granted, my Sunday homilies and my leadership are informed by what I learned, but I think UUCT will benefit from an intentional rendering of knowledge. I suppose I could prepare a bunch of Adult RE offerings, but I think what I want to tell you works best from the pulpit.

I've decided to offer a Seminary Sermon Series to answer questions like: What use is suffering? If "God" didn't write the Bible, does it matter? Is it better to be an insider or an outsider? I'll have something to tell you about Native American religious traditions.

The Program Committee and I will work out a topic list and schedule.

Thank you for the stimulating conversation, and your curiosity.

(Rev.) Amy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELECTRONIC MERIDIAN

We would like to see if we can save money on *Meridian* printing and mailing costs by sending it to some people by e-mail instead of sending a printed copy by postal mail. E-mail

subscribers could then print a copy if they wish, or simply refer to the electronic copy. Each monthly e-mail would contain three items - the church's web site address where the newsletter could be viewed; a plain text, unformatted copy pasted into the e-mail message; and an attached PDF file that is fully formatted for viewing or printing. Please send the e-mail address to which you want the newsletter sent to Kathie Mackie (uuct@electro-net.com) if you are interested in a trial subscription to the e-mail version of *The Meridian*. We will keep your printed copy coming until you tell us not to.

### STILL ACCEPTING LAST YEAR'S PLEDGES

If you have not completed your pledge for last year, we hope you do so soon. We will accept payments on last year's pledges through August 31st. Please indicate on the check that it is for FY 00-01. This message is brought to you from your friendly Finance Committee who needs to pay the bills - utilities, salaries, office and RE supplies, etc. Thanks.

### MARK YOUR CHECKS

- Please note the purpose of every check written to the church in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, Shelter Meals, etc.)
- At this time of year, also indicate whether pledge checks are for FY 00-01 or FY 01-02.
- Write separate checks for the operating budget and Building Fund. They are handled by different people at UUCT and go to separate banks. Make checks for the Capital Campaign payable to *UUCT Building Fund* and checks for the operating budget payable to *UUCT*, with appropriate notation in the memo line.

## GATHER WATER

All ages, whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water for our Ingathering and Water Ceremony on Sunday, September 9.

### AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>
- **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- **UUCT T-shirt:** Order forms and sample shirts. (\$15/shirt)

### ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, August 13, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or [jeanchulak@aol.com](mailto:jeanchulak@aol.com)).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **UUCT B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU Bed and Breakfast directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** Tallahassee Community College's Reach Out Program (CROP) is looking for mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

If you'd be willing to organize the quarterly calendar of social events, former chair Jennifer Carver will provide guidance (402-0622 or [jzadwick@tfn.net](mailto:jzadwick@tfn.net)).

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## APPRECIATION

To **Tim Campbell, Barbara Lineberry, Jean Chulak, Holly Mackie, Joan Patterson, Jean Chulak, Will Adkins, Richard Dempsey, Dexter and Jean Easton, Barbara Sterling, Jim Dawson, and Del DeTar** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings June 17 - July 15.

To **Jim and Nona Dawson, and Norene and Tom Chase** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, from June 17 - July 15.

To **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Jim Dawson, Richard Dempsey, Dave Harvey, Margaret Mooney, the Chase's son-in-law, Rip Caleen, and their grandchildren, Tom and Sam Hollister** for helping with the wood chip work party.

To **Bruce Brandt, Dave Harvey, and Tom Chase** for helping with the July workday. Bruce cut and removed some dead trees by the incoming driveway. Dave and Tom put redwood stain on the playground walkway and the entrance to room 4, then set up chairs for Sunday.

To **Barney Cook, Sandy Smith and Steve Urse** for serving as UUCT's delegates to the 2001 UUA General Assembly in June; to **Nancy Bass** for serving as an absentee delegate; and to **Byron Spice and Laura Cook** for

attending GA. (Note: Rev. Amy also attended GA and as our minister automatically served as an UUCT delegate).

To **Barbara Lineberry** for volunteering to be our "Dinners for 8" Coordinator and **Kelley Turnage** for being our "Dinners for Families with Children" Coordinator.

To **Del DeTar** for several books for the minister's study from his study.

To **Debbie Wolfe** for rainbow candles for our Sunday service "Joys and Sorrows" ritual.

To **Ron Crowe** for painting our last unpainted bench.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM UUSC

"Please thank the members of your congregation for supporting the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee with Guest at Your Table gifts totaling \$260.50, which we received on May 14, 2001."

Sincerely,  
Valora Washington  
Executive Director, UUSC

## LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
NEXT YOUTH RE  
COMMITTEE MEETING:  
Sunday, August 5, 9:45 AM

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

### COME ONE, COME ALL!

Registration for the 2001 - 2002 Youth Religious Education (RE) Program will be held on Sundays August 19th and 26th, and September 2nd and 9th. Please stop by the RE table to register your children. All children, from babies to teens, should be registered at this time. The registration fee for one child is \$20, for two children - \$30, and for three or more children - \$35. Scholarships are available. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

The regular fall curriculum will begin on September 16th, following the intergenerational Ingathering Service (including Water Ceremony) on September 9th. We will once again use a "pillars" approach, where common themes are presented across age groups. All classes, kindergarten through middle school, will cover the same material, using age appropriate

### SHARING YOUR "WINDFALL"

Those promised tax refund checks are beginning to appear in our mail...a little extra you had not counted on. How about sending half (or more) to UUCT to help with some of those not-so-little "extras", such as the needed roof repairs for the sanctuary or furniture replacement? If you're moved to do this, make your check out to UUCT, marked TAX REFUND PROJECTS in the memo line. You'll be doubly blessed as both a receiver and giver!

Thanks in advance, Your Executive Board

lessons. The curriculum for this year will include series on justice, earth-based spirituality, and the U.U. principles. Stop by the RE table to look over the materials we will be using. The High School class will offer an eclectic mix of topics, based on issues that are important to today's teens.

### **THANKS FOR YOUR**

**GENEROSITY!** Because of space issues, we are forced to send the High School RE class off-site for the upcoming year. We are pleased to announce that we received a wonderful response in our plea for homes to host the High School class. We would like to thank Pauline Masterton, Rod and Jan Oldenburg, Alisa Ulferts, Allen and Kelley Turnage, Elinor Elfner, Steve Urse, Ed and Linda Oaksford, and Maria Mena for generously donating space in their homes for our High Schoolers.

### **FALL TEACHER TRAINING**

**WORKSHOP.** A workshop for all Youth RE teachers will be held on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 12:00 at UUCT. We will start off with a breakfast potluck – please bring a dish to share. The workshop will include many important topics, such as program nuts and bolts review, child safety, classroom management, and community building. An opportunity for teaching teams to meet will also be included. If you have signed up to teach in RE, please come to this important event. For more information, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com)

**SUMMER YRUU.** The Young Religious Unitarian Universalist (YRUU) Group is open to middle and high school youth. Watch your e-mail and the Sunday announcements for a definite date for an end-of-summer get-together. Contacts are the YRUU Advisors



## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

Helping hands are desperately needed for our nursery/preschool kids. We have had large numbers of kids under the age of 4 in the nursery on Sundays. This is great, but a little hard on our nursery care provider, especially when many of the kids need a potty break at the same time! Helpers are needed to read stories, help put puzzles together, pour juice, clean up spills, push swings, etc. Great physical strength is not necessary, but a desire to see the smile on a child's face is. Please consider giving one Sunday a month or whenever you can spare one to our littlest UUCT-ers! Contact Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, Nursery Care Provider (sgeraci10@aol.com or 877-6301).

Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

### **YOUTH ADVISOR TRAINING.**

The annual Florida District Youth Advisor Training is the weekend of August 17-19 in Orlando. Only trained advisors may accompany our youth to District Cons. If you'd like to be considered for this training, contact YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, who will also be attending (402-0622), or DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com)

**YRUU CON SCHEDULE.** The FL District Con (Youth Conference) schedule for middle and high schoolers for summer and next fall follows. We have received registration forms for the first con of the new school year, in Tampa. Contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

- u1 *September 14-16* Tampa Con
- u1 *September 28-30* Trans-In Con
- u1 *October 12-14* Orlando Con
- u1 *November 9-11* Jacksonville Con
- u1 *December* Social Action Con

### **ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP.**

Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community.

Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**ADULT RE CONTACTS:** Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair (668-5075); Maggie Geraci, DRE.

**EXCITING YEAR AHEAD.** Based on the Adult RE Survey done last spring, our Adult RE Chairperson and our DRE are planning an exciting year of Adult RE opportunities. Save some free time you can commit later! Watch for the Lifespan RE brochure in late August and for specific announcements of class sign-ups. And get ready to stretch and grow! For information at any time, visit DRE Maggie Geraci at the Sunday RE table.

**GOT ANY IDEAS?** If you have an idea for an Adult Religious Education class or workshop, or would like to lead a class with a curriculum that UUCT already has, please fill out a Proposal Form, located in the back of the sanctuary. Submit the form to Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair, or DRE Maggie Geraci. There is also a list of our library of curricula. The Adult RE Committee will use the Proposal Form to coordinate your ideas. If you are interested in teaching a curriculum that UUCT presently does not own, please contact Sheila or DRE Maggie for more information on obtaining the

curriculum.

**ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS, 9:45 - 10:45 AM.** The Forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Watch for announcements of upcoming topics. Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. For more information about the Forum, contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP.** Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact the church office (385-5115). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

### UUHUMANISTS & SPEAK OUT!

*UUHumanists* and *Speak Out!* will remain 'dormant' activities at UUCT in the fall and winter until someone wishes to see some activity. If you would like to lead either group or hold a special meeting on a topic, please contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu), who is on a much-needed 'sabbatical,' in pursuit of other projects & purposes.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY

University UUs continue to meet Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the Black Dog Cafe for fellowship and discussion. Contact: Kim Ross Frichter, Campus Ministry Coordinator, for other social activities and information on fall meeting times (kim@cennexus.com; 443-4361).

## NOTES FROM THE MOUNTAIN

*by Jean Chulak  
Mountain Ambassador*

**RETREAT ANYONE?** If you are interested in the possibility of another great UUCT Retreat at The Mountain, please mark your

calendars now and plan to attend a brief meeting at UUCT on Sunday, September 30, at 12:15 PM.

**August 8-12 (Wed-Sun), African Drum and Dance.** (2-4 night options available.) Chuck Cogliandro and his talented faculty return to The Mountain to share their percussive energy with drummers and dancers of all ages and abilities. Classes for beginning through advanced drummers, open drum circles and West African cultural presentations.

**August 26-31 (Elderhostel Week), Appalachian Outdoor Adventure!** Combine adventure and nature activities: rafting the Nantahala River and enjoying leisurely two to four-mile hikes in the Nantahala National Forest.

**August 31-September 3: A Leadership Odyssey** (\$153-\$174). Attention all UU Young Adults! A dynamic new leadership experience, this web-enhanced, faith-based training will provide you with concrete tools and spiritual deepening as you work with a community of peers.

For more information about specific programs or The Mountain itself, see the bulletin board and blue notebook on the back counter or contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also contact The Mountain directly at (828) 526-5838, or through their website: [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

## GREEN CORNER

*By Bob Deyle*

### WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT

So, you'd like to salve your conscience and reduce your ecological footprint? Some of the biggest impacts our lifestyles have

on the Earth's resources are those that result from our consumption of energy. Here are a few tips from the [www.energyhawk.com](http://www.energyhawk.com) website on water heaters which can be responsible for 16 to 25% of home energy use.

**New Hot Water Heaters:** If you are buying a new hot water heater consider a gas, oil, or propane-fired water heater since they currently cost less to operate than electric heaters. As a general rule of thumb, the smaller the water heater tank, the more efficient it is. So get a tank that holds just enough hot water for the times of the day when you use the most hot water. Heat pump water heaters use less than half as much electricity as conventional electric resistance water heaters. See the [friendlyplumber.com](http://friendlyplumber.com) website for more details on assessing the energy efficiency of new water heaters: [http://www.friendlyplumber.com/plumbing101/washer\\_heater\\_energy.html](http://www.friendlyplumber.com/plumbing101/washer_heater_energy.html).

**Insulating Jackets:** Bundle your water heater up in a nice cozy insulating jacket, particularly if the heater was made before 1992. It will reduce the heat lost through the walls of the tank by 25-40 percent. These jackets work well on brand new water heaters as well as old ones, although they lead to more dramatic energy savings on the older models. But don't put a jacket on a model where the manufacturer says not to. And make sure you don't cover the thermostat. Don't restrict the air inlets on gas- or oil-fired water heaters either.

**Temperature Settings:** Set your water heater at 120 degrees Fahrenheit [other sources suggest 115 or 125]. That should be plenty comfortable. Each 10 degree reduction in the water temperature setting cuts the heater's energy consumption by 3-5 percent. (You should be washing clothes in the

"warm" or "cold" wash and rinse settings anyway.) Your dishwasher will still get dishes clean if it has an internal heater to finish heating the water to 140 degrees. If it doesn't have an internal heater, keep the water heater at 140 degrees.

**Vacations:** When you go on vacation, turn the thermostat on the water heater off, or at least turn it down to its lowest possible setting. If your heater has a pilot light, make sure you know how to re-light it when you get back.

**Insulating Pipes:** Insulate your hot water pipes to reduce heat loss on the way to the tap. Put in heat traps or one-way valves in the pipes to cut loss, too. And insulate the first 3 feet of cold-water pipe connected to water heaters.

## ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were recognized at our July 29 Sunday service. For a copy of the complete introductions handed out at the service, contact the church office.

**Eleanor and Earl Enge:** Eleanor was born in Michigan to a "lukewarm" Methodist family, and Earl in Wisconsin to a strong Lutheran family. They were both teachers and met in France while teaching at U.S. Army schools. After returning to the states, Eleanor taught, while Earl earned graduate degrees in sociology. Earl went on to teach at state universities in Michigan. They moved to southwest Florida in the early 80's, where the traffic, over development and general hubbub eventually pushed them north to Tallahassee. They came to UUCT in search of a progressive spiritual community, are very interested in the Green Sanctuary program, and look forward to participating in workdays and issue

discussions. Address: 370 White Oak Dr., Crawfordville, FL 32327. Phone: 926-9352. Email: curmudgeon@mail.istal.com.

**Dave and Nancy Harvey:** Dave grew up Catholic in Louisiana, while Nancy grew up in upstate New York, attending both Baptist and Presbyterian churches. Dave worked as an electrical engineer in the Washington, DC area for 30 years and has been a UU since the early 60's. Nancy worked as a special services and reference librarian in a number of positions in the U.S. and overseas. Her first UU experience was a UU/Quaker fellowship circle in college. She joined the UU church in 1970 when she moved to Arlington, VA. She met Dave there, and they were married in 1971. Nancy and Dave moved to Tallahassee about six years ago. They both enjoy travel, theatre and movies. Dave's interests also include computing, while Nancy's include genealogy, reading mysteries, and attending craft shows. They both would like to find fellowship and inspiration at UUCT. Address: 5351 Tewkesbury Trace, Tallahassee, FL, 32308. Phone: 668-9096. Email: daveharv@aol.com and npharv@aol.com.

**Janet Kistner:** Janet is a clinical psychologist specializing in children and families. She has directed the Clinical Psychology program at FSU for several years and next year will chair the Psychology Department. She and husband George Weaver enrolled their children (Daniel, 13, and Lindsay, 10) in the UUCT RE Program last year so they could become more informed about religions and have the experience of associating with thoughtful people who honor diverse beliefs. Janet hopes being a member will gradually help her become more

active in supporting causes she believes in, time permitting. Address: 80 Osprey Circle, Crawfordville, FL, 32327. Phone: 297-0012. Email: kistner@psy.fsu.edu.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*from Trudy Deyle, Membership  
Chairperson*

The Membership Committee is reviewing UUA and other denominations' materials on the "Journey to Membership" and thinking about UUCT's current journey. Each month, we'll share a quote we've found; and if you have any thoughts and ideas in reaction, please share them with us! Send them to Trudy Deyle via her mailbox at church or gdeyle@juno.com.

The four basic steps in the journey to membership are: testing the waters, making connections, making the commitment (joining), and deepening the commitment. The *UUA Congregational Handbook* has this to say about the first step, testing the waters: "First impressions are important. When people seek a congregation they are often hesitant and uncomfortable. When you are intentional and genuine in your welcome, people notice and appreciate it. If someone is interested in being part of your religious community, you want then to know up front that they are welcome." What are the specific actions each of us could take to make sure this happens for EVERY visitor to UUCT? Let us know your thoughts!

# OUR CONGREGATION

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Earl Enge  
Eleanor Enge  
Dave Harvey  
Nancy Harvey  
Janet Kistner



## 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.”

## MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

## UUCT NAME TAGS

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as “HOST”. New members will be presented with nametags. Others may order chalice nametags by contacting the office (\$3.50 each).

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, September 30, during the service.

## DINNERS FOR 8

Will resume in September.

## BABY, WHAT’S FOR DINNER?

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

## ADDRESS CHANGES

When you have address and phone number changes please let the office know. Changes will appear in *The Meridian*, unless you direct us otherwise.

Kim Ross Frichter  
839 Portland Ave. #2  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
Phone: 443-4361

## UUCT CONTACTS

Changes or additions:  
**Buildings & Grounds Committee**  
Francis Ventre 402-3050  
(Assistants: Tom Chase 422-1985 & Mary Bridges 894-2965)

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Amy McKenzie’s office hours at church:** Monday, Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. These and others by appointment. E-Mail: revamq@earthlink.net Home Study: 383-9186 Cellular Phone: 850-566-1388  
**Kathie Mackie**, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115  
**Helen Falb**, Music Director, 309-6853; helen@townbeacon.com

**Maggie Geraci**, Director of Religious Education, 877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com

**Kim Ross Frichter**, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 443-4361; kim@cennexus.com

**Scott Geraci**, Nursery Worker, 877-6301; sgeraci10@aol.com

## UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

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

## LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in the lost and found right now, including two folding chairs from the Pig Roast. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library.

## JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Debbie Wolfe** whose mother died recently.

**Virginia Anderson** who is continuing to recover from hip surgery.

**Earl Enge** who is healing from kidney surgery.

## THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Chair: Annette Pearce (386-4053);

Richard Dempsey (671-2748); Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01)	158
Current Membership	171
Current Number of Friends	40
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. RE Attendance (5/20 - 6/3)	26
Avg. Sun. Attendance (5/20 - 6/3)	85

# AUGUST UUCT EVENTS

**CIC MEETINGS, THURSDAYS, AUGUST 9 & 23, 7:15 PM.** In Room 4. All interested members of the congregation are invited to attend Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meetings; all perspectives are welcome. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**JOHN MURPHY BIRTHDAY DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1:15 PM.** In the Ed Ball Dining Room at Wakulla Springs Lodge, a gathering of all friends of John Murphy to celebrate the 84th birthday of Earth's Sweetest and Happiest Irishman. Bring your favorite story about John and hear John testify on "How I Stayed Single My Whole Life". Varied dishes and prices: carte blanche. Everyone is on his/her own. Order no later than 2 PM. Let the entrance ranger know you are in route to the John Murphy birthday party, in order to enter the State Park free. Contact: William Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu) or sign the sign-up sheet at church.

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, AUGUST 12, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**DEATH PENALTY DISCUSSION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 1:00 PM.** In the sanctuary, a congregational discussion on the resolutions for a moratorium on the death penalty. See article at end of *August Events*.

**CANVASS REVIEW MEETINGS, TUESDAYS, AUGUST 14 & 28, 7:00 PM.** In Room 2, meetings to review how we have conducted the annual canvass in the past and the alternative methods we might consider for 2002. Anyone interested is welcome. If you plan to attend, contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 7:15 PM.** Our regular monthly meeting. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**RE & ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Our usual monthly workday, plus a special Youth RE Workday to get our classrooms and play areas ready for the new school year. We need a great turn-out. Please come! Contacts: Tom Chase (422-1985) for regular chores, DRE Maggie Geraci for RE work.

**YOUTH RE REGISTRATION, SUNDAYS, AUGUST 19 & 26.** Registration continues on Sundays, September 2 and 9. See *Youth RE* for more details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

**CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 12:30 PM.** In the sanctuary with members of the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC). As was done in July, this is an opportunity to ask questions about and discuss options for the scope and financing of Phase One of our building expansion, including the advantages and disadvantages of the various options. All members of the congregation are urged to attend - in preparation for our decision-making in mid-September on a Phase One scope. Beforehand, please take the time to read the Facilities Planning Addendum in this issue of *The Meridian*. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:15 PM.** Interested in social justice? Join fellow UU's Rm 4 for the third meeting of the Social Justice Committee.

Our first meeting in June was filled with exciting ideas and issues. Capital punishment, medical use of marijuana, Green Sanctuary, mentoring of middle and high schoolers, Cropwalk, Echo, the Shelter, Christmas gift alternatives, and Habitat for Humanity were some of the issues and programs included. Questions? Call Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

**ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:00 PM.** See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

**YOUTH RE TEACHER TRAINING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 8:30 AM - NOON.** At UUCT. See *Youth RE* for more details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

**UUCT BOARD RETREAT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1:00 - 4:00 PM.** At the home of Board President, Pauline Masterton. Annette Pearce will facilitate, and the focus will be on organizing assignments of Board members to reflect the goals and categories of our Strategic Program Plan more effectively. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

## CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION ON DEATH PENALTY

On Sunday, August 12, 1 PM in the sanctuary, listen to two speakers discuss reasons for and against a moratorium on the death penalty, followed by questions from the congregation. The Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) has drafted a resolution in support of a moratorium on the death penalty, which will be on the agenda for the September 16 congregational vote. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA)



has consistently opposed capital punishment through the passing of general resolutions in 1961, 1966, 1974, and 1979 and the passing of an Action of Immediate Witness in June 2000. RCDC hopes to add our name to the growing list of individual UU Congregations that have passed moratorium resolutions. Please see our web site for a copy of the resolutions or stop by our table before or after church.

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER AUGUST

**CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 7:00 PM.** This will be an opportunity for the congregation to discuss Phase One scope and financing options with the Capital Improvement Committee. Members and friends will be mailed background information the last week in August. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**IN-GATHERING SERVICE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 11:00 A.M.** An intergenerational service and water ceremony. Bring the water gathered over the summer on your travels or close to home. We'll start with a little of the water from previous years' ceremonies and each add our water from this summer.

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 12:30 PM.** A second opportunity for discussion on Phase One scope and financing options prior to voting the following Sunday. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

**FLORIDA COASTAL CLEANUP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 8 AM - NOON.** The Sierra Club and UUCT will again combine forces. For the past seven years, we have removed 700-900 pounds of glass, plastic and metal debris in our clean-

up of the Aucilla River and its River Sink Trail in Jefferson County. Join us and do something for our Mother Earth. To sign-up, contact Steve Urse (385-2864) or Walker Banning (878-2270).

**CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:15 PM.** To make a very important decision about our Phase One scope and financing, and to decide if UUCT supports a moratorium on the death penalty. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:30 PM.** The meeting will feature a guest speaker from Project Race on the new census. Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

**MOUNTAIN RETREAT MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 12:15 PM.** For all interested in the possibility of a 2<sup>nd</sup> UUCT Retreat at The Mountain. Contact: Jean Chulak (385-2214).

## DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

**FL DISTRICT FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 12 -13 (TENTATIVE).** Place and topic TBA. Open to all interested. A great way to meet UUs from all over the district and feel a part of the larger UU movement. Watch for details in September. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

## BOARD ACTIONS

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The Board approved the following:  
\* The UUCT delegates for the 2001 UUA General Assembly.

## AUGUST NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Intro. to Zen  
7:15 PM Zen Meditation

Every Sunday  
6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4)  
7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd  
Metropolitan Community  
Church (Sanctuary)

Every Wednesday (Rm. 2)  
7:30 PM Alcoholics  
Anonymous: Gay, Lesbian,  
Bisexual and Transgender

Friday, Aug. 3: 5:30 - 9 PM  
Private Wedding Ceremony

Thursday, Aug. 16, 7 PM  
Spiral Scouts

Monday, Aug. 20, 6 PM  
Sierra Club

\* The Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2001.

\* Changing the name of the Future Fund and the Capital Campaign Fund, which have been combined, to the Building Fund.

\* Placing approximately half of the bequest from Sally Bellamy in the Capital Improvement Fund for major maintenance and repair needs, and half in the Building Fund.


\* Patching the two current leaks in the sanctuary roof, with the possibility of replacing the entire roof at the same time Phase One roofing is done.

\* Allowing the Spiral Scouts troop of the Red Hills Pagan Council to use classroom space rent free, with the possibility of official sponsorship by UUCT to be considered in a year.

\* Allowing a youth interested in doing community service work at UUCT to come to Saturday workdays on a trial basis.

The Board also began discussing a possible reorganization of Board member responsibilities to conform to the Strategic Program Plan.

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## August UUCT Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>For sermon titles and "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.</b></p>	<p><b>*Details on another page.</b></p>	<p><b>See p. 6 of <i>July Meridian</i> for UUCT contacts for events.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 7 PM Board</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> 9:45 AM Youth RE Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6-7 PM Cropwalk Comm. Meeting 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:15 PM CIC*</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Rev. Amy Away</b> (8/10-8/13)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Fix a dish for  1:15 PM John Murphy Birthday Party Z</p>
<p><b>12</b> 12:30 PM Potluck &amp; <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 1 PM Cong. Disc. on Resolution for Moratorium on Death Penalty*</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7 PM Finance 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site) <b>Rev. Amy Returns (PM)</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 7-9 PM Canvass Review Meeting* (Rm 2)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7 PM RCDC (Rm 4) 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7 PM Board 7:15 PM Membership Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 9-1 Workday* &amp; RE Workday*</p>
<p><b>19</b> 12:30 PM Cong. Discussion with CIC*</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Nursery) 7:15 PM Social Justice Committee</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:15 PM CIC*</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:30 AM - Noon Youth RE Teacher Training* 1-4 PM Board Retreat* (off-site)</p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7-9 PM Canvass Review Meeting* (Rm 2)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>Rev. Amy Away</b> (8/31-9/4)</p>	