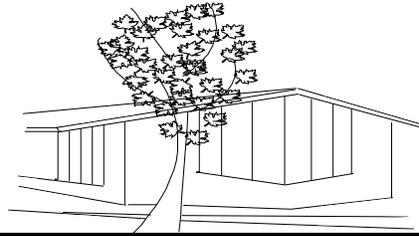


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Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella every Sunday until further notice.)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

9:45 AM Adult Forum

- Aug. 11 - "Green Sanctuary", Steve Urse

- Aug. 18 - "What's In The News", Mimi Jones

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

11:00 AM Youth RE.

- August 4 & 11: Summer Program for Pre-K - Middle School.

- August 18: RE Classes begin for Pre-K - Middle School.

6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

# The Meridian

## Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

### Aug. 4 | When Things are "Black" and "White," They're Still Gray

Even young children know the difference between the color black and the color white, yet as we grow our perception changes. Context, culture, personal experience and religious worldview may determine how we think and what we say about "black" and "white." It seems to me that even monochromatism (every color looks gray) can reveal the rainbow that's all around us. **Rev. Amy**

### Aug. 11 | The Ethical Crisis in Business

We will look for insight into the present rash of corporate failures and corruption. **Guest Speaker: Dr. David Greunder; Lay Leader: Richard Dempsey**

### Aug. 18 | When I Was a Child

During the first part of the service, we'll celebrate transitions, including a bridging ceremony. The second half of the service will take us to our early years. Are there things we've given up to be an adult that we need to reclaim? And have we gotten past what could hold us back now? Today marks the start of the church year: youth will be in the sanctuary for the beginning of the service and REflection time resumes (after which youth go to their Religious Education rooms). **Director of Religious Education (DRE) Maggie Geraci and Rev. Amy**

### Aug. 25 | Why We Are Here: Three Spiritual Questions

An anecdote about Leo Tolstoy on his deathbed: he resisted reconciling with the Russian Orthodox church because "even in the valley of the shadow of death, two and two do not make six." If this story is true, it's nice that he used numbers in his retort. In a short story, he posed three questions, and the author of a book for children adapted it. We'll consider the questions, and the answers. **Rev. Amy**



**Bridging Ceremony**

Sunday, August 18. For those entering kindergarten, middle school and high school.



**GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS**

for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony on Sunday, September 15.

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Confession time. I've greatly enjoyed "civilian" life; a month of not having to work on Sundays. As I take up the preaching role again, I'll be at church on Sundays. Oh how I'll miss brunches, movies, sleeping in, household repairs, and relaxing weekends. However, over the past month, I have missed you.

I came to serve in shared ministry with you in 1997. Five years – wow! I came as an extension minister, and we had to decide if we wanted to continue to work together. We decided yes, so now I'm your settled minister, and we keep trying to improve our covenant. At least I hope that's what we're doing. I think it would be too easy to settle into a routine, to stay the same, to just get by, to clutch our familiar issues. That's true for me in my vocation, and it's true for each one of us, as individuals and as family members.

Let's consider the length-of-stay statistics for the ministers you've

covenanted with for a period of time. If we don't include your two interim ministers (between settled ministers), these three averaged 5 years: Rev. Violet Kochendoefer, 1966-1970; Rev. Dr. Angie Theisen, 1981-1987; Rev. Dr. Jayson Hayes, 1989-1994. I have pondered these numbers and the number seven, a magic number some of us hold as the perfect length of call (when a minister and a congregation covenant together for settled ministry). Here's what I want to do. I want to serve as your minister as long as you have things to teach me, and I have ministry to offer you.

In this sixth year, I'll attend a seminar on long term ministries. There must be more to it than not getting complacent while walking the line between mental education and spiritual edification! In year seven, the Board, Committee on Ministry and I will plan the sabbatical that's in my working agreement. I seek to learn how we will take the next step together.

Thank you to those who have offered unconditional support, those who have offered biting criticism, those who have been faithful churchgoers and steady workers, and those who have given constructive suggestions. I have more to learn from you. We'll determine together what ministry I have to offer you.

See You In Church!

(Rev.) Amy

P.S. Open House at Rev. Amy's, Sunday, September 15, 3 - 6 PM. More details next month.

## Announcements



### Gather Water

As is the custom in many Unitarian Universalist churches, we will once again have an Ingathering and Water Ceremony Sunday, September 15, conducted by Rev. Amy as an intergenerational sharing time.

So, whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water! Each person in a family is welcome to gather a sample from the same or different places.

### Electronic Meridian

Please let Kathie Mackie know if you want to be on the e-Meridian list ([uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)).

### 1997 UUCT Picture Directory

There have been changes, but if you have lost your copy or are a recent member and would like one, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (Sundays or 422-1057 or [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

### Alternative Gifts

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

## SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

And now, a word from your Kitchen. *He-e-e-e-e-el-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l!*

Kidding...but only partly. **Thanks largely to the Kitchen Ministry's terrific "right arm," Lois Bloom, we have a great list of volunteers to bring snacks.** For all those who have brought snacks or offered to do so, *Mille Grazie!* Lois is working on volunteers for September. If you have not brought snacks in six months or more, we hope to induce you to volunteer. Dick Leinberry says each person should only have to host every nine months or so. If you're on our "Little List" come get a sheet on "How to Host," or call Mary Millard (980-8980) or Lois Bloom (402-9044).

**Important Note: Kitchen Host and Clean Up duties are now separate. Call Earl or Eleanor Enge (926-9352) to volunteer.**

## Announcements (Continued)

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

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

### Still Accepting Last Year's Pledges

If you have not completed your pledge for last year, we hope you do so soon. We will continue to accept payments on last year's pledges. This message

## Appreciation



#### To:

- \* **Neil Mooney, Allen Turnage, Barbara Sterling, Elinor Elfner, Mary and Steve VanSciver, Jan and Rod Oldenburg** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 6/30 -7/14.
- \* **Joan Patterson, Jean Wood, and all others** who provided hospitality or clean up for 6/30 - 7/14.
- \* **Dave Harvey, Joe Chulak, Dexter Easton, Ed Oaksford, and Tom Chase** for clearing away debris on the walkways and parking lot in time for Charles Mann's Memorial Service.
- \* **Everyone** who helped with the Mann Memorial Service by setting up, directing traffic, providing food and cleaning up after.
- \* **DeWayne Carver** who performed all of the above tasks!
- \* **Elinor Elfner** who held a very unique fundraiser for UUCT. Elinor recently sold her house on Ingleside and had a preview estate

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

- Note the purpose of every check to UUCT in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, shelter meals, etc.).
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year, indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY 01-02 or FY 02-03.

sale of her unwanted furniture and household items, charging \$5 admission fee with all proceeds going to the church. She raised \$290 for UUCT.

- \* **Verna Safran** for her gift of books to the UUCT library.
- \* **Contributors** to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.
- \* **Michele Oxman and Bob Drake** for donating a Kwanza candelabra to UUCT.

### From Scholarship Recipient

Verneeka Daniels received a "Take Stock In Children and Challenge Scholarship". UUCT contributed to her scholarship. She wrote:

"Thank you for your contribution you made for the scholarship I got. Also I would like to say I am very glad I was chosen to receive this scholarship, because I think I have worked very hard for it. The value of your giving is being returned in this letter I am writing. So thank you again for your

### Sunday Service Participation

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

helpful support in donating the funds for my scholarship; every dollar will be used well on my behalf. You have invested in an effective community resource. On behalf of me and my family, we appreciate your support of this wonderful scholarship program."

### From FL District and Unitarian Universalist Association

"On behalf of the Florida District and the Unitarian Universalist Association, thank you for being a fully paid fair share (congregation) with your generous contribution of \$6,952, to the Annual Program Fund. In our nation's financially difficult times you are especially appreciated. Probably our country needs the Unitarian Universalist message more than ever before."

--Joan Lund, Annual Program Fund, FL District UUA

# Lifespan Religious Education

## Youth Religious Education

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 4, 9:45 AM**

### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

**Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416); Tina Bush Rester, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (580-6531); Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@comcast.net).**

**YOUTH RE CLEAN-UP DAY.** Please join us on Saturday, August 3, 2002, from 9 AM to 1 PM in the church classroom for our annual Classroom Clean-up and Get Ready for RE Day! The classrooms deserve a little TLC after a year with arts and crafts, games, and snacks. Bring your cleaning supplies and your enthusiasm! Questions? Contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

**IT'S STARTING ALREADY??** Just when you were getting used to your laid-back summer schedule...it's time for school to start! The start of the school year also brings the start of regular Religious Education classes, slated to begin on August 18, 2002. Families will start in church, and we will have a Bridging Ceremony for those children who are moving on from the Nursery to Kindergarten, elementary school to middle school, and middle school to high school. Don't miss out on all the fun!

### REGISTRATION FOR 2002-2003.

There were some changes to the registration process for the 2002-2003 RE year. Registration began earlier and ended at the end of July. For last year's registered students, the information we had on file was mailed to parents. If you have not done so, please update the information and return the form to DRE Maggie Geraci, along with your registration fee.

Registration fees for 2002-2003 are \$25 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS

**AND THEIR PARENTS!!** In an effort to offer a quality high school program in an efficient manner to meet the needs of our ever-busy High Schoolers, we will be rolling High School Religious Education class into the YRUU program (available for ages 12 through 20). High School R.E. will no longer be meeting on Sunday mornings, to allow those in grades 9 through 12 to attend Sunday Services. YRUU will be meeting on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and will include a religious learning component. Registration is required for YRUU. For more information on YRUU, contact Ethan Deyle, YRUU Youth Contact (422-1057; [moonslvr@icqmail.com](mailto:moonslvr@icqmail.com)), Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, YRUU Advisors, (402-0622, [jzadwick@tfn.net](mailto:jzadwick@tfn.net) or [dcarver@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:dcarver@garnet.acns.fsu.edu)) or DRE Maggie Geraci.

### HOW WILL YOU HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE?

As the song says "I believe the children are our future...teach them well and let them lead the way." UUCT offers you the opportunity to shape the future, to make a difference in the lives of our kids. By teaching a religious education class, you will make your mark on future generations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by! Experience is not necessary, but we do ask that you have a passion for helping kids be the best they can be. Our teaching team concept allows our volunteers to rotate their teaching duties, usually requiring commitment to every third Sunday. Curricula and all teaching materials are provided.

**Teachers are still needed for grades 2-3 and Middle School.** If you are interested in this important ministry, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

**ATTENTION 2002-2003 RE TEACHERS!!** A teacher training workshop will be held on Saturday, August 10 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. All teachers, youth advisors, and Youth RE Committee members are invited and encouraged to attend this important event.

We will cover expectations, curricula, policies, and the like. Teachers will also be provided a chance to meet with their teaching teams. A breakfast potluck will be served, so please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### YRUU

YRUU is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds.

**Meetings:** YRUU resumes meeting every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, on August 4 (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and leading meetings.

### CONferences:

- \* August 16 - 18, All Age, Orlando (UCF/Oviedo)
- \* September TBA, Transition In
- \* October 4 - 6, Florida District "Consultation on Youth"
- \* October 25 - 27 All Age, Orlando
- \* November 15 - 17 All Age, Clearwater

**For more information** about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

### Nursery Volunteers Needed



**Contact Tina Bush**

**Rester, (580-6531) or Scott Geraci, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)**

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### Adult Enrichment

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

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** It's not too late to contact Sheila Meehan or Maggie Geraci about teaching an Adult Enrichment Course. Remember, we have all the materials and outlines you will need for leading a class. A list of all the courses and materials is in the back of the church. If you are going to lead a course, please be sure to email Maggie or Sheila with your information so that it will be included in the RE Brochure. (Contact info. above.)

#### CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

**Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.** New classes starting periodically. See *Lifespan RE Brochure* for details. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan.

**New UU & Déjà Vu, UU.** These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member in either a single or double session. New UU sessions will be offered in late September / early October. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

#### OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

- **Women's Spirituality Group.**

The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

#### A New "Zendo" (home) for zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

For the time being, our Sangha is now meeting every Sunday at the aficionado coffee-drinker's house of refuge -- *Black Dog Café* at Lake Ella (while construction work is in high gear at our church grounds). Sangha time is 9 AM to 10:45 AM. We do check-in, sitting meditation (*zazen*), walking meditation (*kinhin*), and dharma readings / lessons from the Buddhist, Taoist, and Zen traditions, and related subjects. All are welcome to drop by, visit, and join. Come by anytime to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and friendly fellowship. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071; wmadkins@infi.net). On request, we will e-mail you our frequent e-mail newsletter, *under the Bo-tree*.

#### Ever Done Zen on a Mountaintop?

Here's your opportunity -- to discover more about Zen and to experience the practice of quiet, still, sitting meditation -- *up in the clouds* (sometimes) at 4,200 feet above sea level -- at our annual UUCT Mountain Retreat this coming Labor Day weekend.

Place: The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, near Highlands, NC.

Dates: Friday afternoon, August 30 to Monday morning, September 2 (4 days / 3 nights). Registration is still open.

Two of our half-hour "Zen Sanghas" will be on Saturday and Sunday mornings, upon "Meditation Rock" with an early Monday morning "Zen At Sunrise" (civil twilight at 6:41 AM / sunrise at 7:07 AM) on the "Sally Bellamy Deck" at The Mountain Lodge.

Contact Sangha coordinator, Will Adkins (835-5071; wmadkins@infi.net) for more information. To register for the retreat, contact Nancy Bass (893-1806 or Nrbass@aol.com).

#### Campus Ministry Corner

Our group will be meeting once per week over the summer, Friday evenings at 6:00 PM at Black Dog Café. We will have a combination of Coffee Hour and Discussion, with students bringing a discussion topic to the meeting. Call or email me (Kim Ross, 877-1972, kim@cennexus.com) for more information and for other special events.

And members of the congregation, if you have connections with FAMU and TCC, please contact me. Also you can join the Campus Ministry Committee; spread the word through flyers, other publicity and sitting at an information table during orientation; create welcome baskets for incoming students, etc. Join the Campus Ministry team today!

#### UUCT Mountain Retreat

Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2002

**There are still a few openings** for anyone else who would like to go. There is a price break until August 16. Prices vary based on double or single occupancy and age of children. For more information or to register, contact Nancy Bass (893-1806, Nrbass@aol.com).

Contacts:

Overall Coordinator, Rosa Morgan (668-0885)

Finances/Contract, Rod Oldenburg (297-0391)

Program, Byron Spice (668-6109) and Tim Campbell (386-7085).

## Notes From The Mountain



By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

You may want to consider one of these for your August plans:

**August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), 2002, Awakening the Storyteller: Building a Storytelling Tradition in Your Family.** There is a natural storyteller inside each of us. Sharing and

listening to stories develops our connection with others.

**August 30-September 1 (Fri-Sun), Yoga -- A Journey Within.** Certified Kripalu yoga instructor, Rocky Beeland, will lead us gently into the postures and teach us how to use

breath and body awareness to see ourselves in a different way.

**INFORMATION:** Jean Chulak (385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com); Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838; www.mountaincenters.org).

## New Co-Chairs for Church and Event Clean-up Announced

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community

*Good News and Bad News.* First, the bad news, which includes *A Fact and A Myth-- A Fact* is that the church always needs cleaning up after any event we hold. Whether it be a Sunday Service (with Coffee Hour afterwards), or "Pot Luck Dinners," or any other special events held in our sanctuary (plus kitchen). *A Myth* is that nobody (nobody!) wants to help with "Clean-Up."

The Good News is two-fold also: Everybody does want to help with

"Clean-Up" (sometimes)-- and it is this volunteer spirit that keeps our sense of "church community" alive and well. Second, **Eleanor and Earl Enge**, relatively new members of UUCT, have agreed to be the Co-chairs of the Clean-Up Committee. *We thank you!* ... (**Ed Baseheart** is past chair of Clean-Up-- *thanks, Ed, for your warm spirit of help.*) In whatever ways Eleanor and Earl may appeal to you for help, please lend them and us a helping hand, if possible, so we can

keep our church a beautiful, organized and clean meetinghouse for ourselves and our visitors, and for other groups who use our church as a meeting spot during the week. Let's keep UUCT always a place to enjoy coming home to! Thanks, Will Adkins, VP for Church Community.



## About Our New Members

By Trudy Deyle, Membership Chair

**Joel Fears.** Joel is an undergraduate student at FSU in Nutrition. He is from Daytona Beach, where his father is retired from the Kennedy Space Center and his mother retired from work as a school librarian. Joel enjoys running. He attended a United Methodist Church while growing up and was attracted to our church because of our "faith in action" and our interest in a variety of religious beliefs and philosophies. He would like to be part of our Social Justice group, in particular the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee. When asked what our church could do for him, Joel replied that we could continue to be involved in international issues: focusing on world hunger, poverty, and

the working conditions in sweat shops and encouraging our national elected leaders to pay our country's debt to the United Nations and to support the International Criminal Court.

**Grace Martin.** Grace is a retired language teacher who speaks six languages! She was born in Saskatchewan, Canada in a log cabin and has dual Canadian and U.S. citizenships. She has five children, fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She is joining UUCT on the recommendation of Norma Sansevero, a former neighbor at Lake Ella Manor, and Dexter Easton. In addition, one of her favorite nieces has belonged to a UU church in Boston for ten years and recommended she join.

Grace is mostly interested in being part of our Social Justice group and also would like to help The Shelter. She says: "What I want is to genuinely help others any way I can. Not just talk about it. Really do it, as I do everywhere I am." Her experience is varied and capable, and she just wants to use it to help others!



## Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

Compost is our theme for August. Here's a lovely poem I found buried in my "compost" file. Recipes to follow:

It Takes a Heap of Compost to Make  
a House a Mess

By Felicia Lampert

"Come live with me and be my love,"  
wrote Marlowe, but he meant,  
"Compost with me and rise above  
the rather gamy scent;  
Exuded while bacterial  
activities convert  
Old carrot tops and cereal  
to rich, nutritious dirt.  
Thus proving that the offal piles  
we've lived so long among,  
Can be subdued by nature's wiles,  
Until God's swill is dung."

Following is a recipe for "gourmet"  
compost from my former planning  
colleague in Syracuse, New York, Paul  
Cacchione:

- 1) Clear space for three piles, each at least 6 ft square
- 2) Enclose to a height of 4 to 5 ft with chicken wire and wood or metal posts (metal is probably better in FL)-- the piles can also be contained by other means such as posts and boards, cement blocks, or other building materials; don't use creosoted railroad ties if you plan to use the compost on your vegetable garden!
- 3) Strip the sod and dig a shallow pit (about 6 in.) for the first layer
- 4) Layer as follows to create the first "lift":
  - (a) 6 in. of green wilted vegetable matter from the garden and/or kitchen -- egg shells are a good addition, but they should be dried in the oven until crumbly; similar treatment is necessary for citrus skins; do not place any meat, fat, or
- 5) Water the lift until the moisture content is like that of a wet sponge; do not tamp down
- 6) Repeat to create additional "lifts" until the pile is the desired height
- 7) Taper the sides, hollow out the top to make a basin to hold rainwater, and "shingle" the exterior sides and top with straw or dried grass clippings
- 8) Poke 3 or 4 holes down to the ground with a crowbar
- 9) Turn the pile, by shoveling it into one of the adjacent 6x6 enclosures on the following schedule (it may be possible to shorten this for the warmer Florida summers); in the process, try to turn the pile "inside-out" as well:
  - (a) 3 weeks after the pile is completed
  - (b) 5 weeks after the first turn
  - (c) 4 weeks after the second turn
  - (d) Your first compost is ready to use! (Try serving with a garnish of fresh greens)
- 10) Meanwhile, start the second pile in the third enclosure after

bones in the compost unless you want "help" from raccoons, possums, skunks, etc.

- (b) 2 in. of manure -- fresh cow or horse manure is best; chicken manure is too strong (too much nitrogen); composted manure (e.g. from a garden store) is an alternative, but it doesn't have as much nitrogen in it
- (c) sprinkling of wood ashes or powdered lime
- (d) 1 in. of seasoned compost (from the second pile or use some rich soil for the first pile)

completing step 8 for the first pile

I've never followed this recipe religiously, but I have used it with some fudging, e.g. no straw "shingling" or crowbar pokes, and produced very yummy compost.

Here's a second, slightly less ambitious recipe from a 1991 calendar published by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, thanks to Barbara Hogan:

- 1) Prepare the site as in steps #1-3 above
- 2) Layer as follows:
  - (a) Start with 3 in. of coarse garden waste such as small twigs or chopped corn stalks
  - (b) Add 3 in. of finer garden plant material (leaves, grass, weeds) and kitchen vegetable matter; no animal products
  - (c) Add 3 in. of nitrogen-rich material: fresh manure, fresh grass clippings, or succulent green weeds
  - (d) If the plant material does not contain soil, add a sprinkling of soil to each layer
- 3) Repeat to create additional "lifts" until the pile is the desired height
- 4) Hollow out the top to make a basin to hold rainwater
- 5) Water the whole pile as often as necessary to keep the contents moist but not soaking wet
- 6) Turn the pile about once a month for 3 - 5 months

Yum! Your vegetables and ornamentals will be beseeching you for second helpings.



## Important FL District News

At General Assembly in Quebec City an overwhelming majority voted to pass the by-law amendment providing for separate Trustee positions on the UUA Board for the Florida and Mid-South Districts. This means that both districts will need to amend by-laws regarding Trustee elections. Florida will hold elections within the next year for a Trustee to begin a two year term at GA 2003 in Boston. Trustees are elected in two groups to ensure continuity; both the Florida and Mid

South Trustees are in group A, and regular elections for a four year term will take place in both Districts in 2005.

The proposed Florida District by-law changes will be sent to congregations with the call to meeting next spring, to be voted on at the District Annual Assembly. Amendments to the by-laws require a positive vote of 3/4 of the delegates present.

In lieu of an Election Committee serving both districts (Lyn Conley will

continue to serve the Mid-South District), the Nominating Committee of the Florida District will be asked to entertain nominations for the Florida Trustee position vacancy. According to current by-laws each member society may nominate one candidate for the Trustee position, with the candidate's permission.

Nominations for the Trustee position will be sent to congregations in the call to meeting prior to Annual Assembly, with the election taking place at the Annual Assembly.

## FL District List

All Florida UUs are encouraged to join the Florida District list. "The purpose of the list (fd-l@uaa.org) is for the exchange of information relevant to district events, projects and activities and to facilitate support for the work of the congregations within the UUA Florida District." Congregations can

use the fd-l e-mail list as a bulletin board for inviting other Florida UUs to special events they sponsor. The list can also be a terrific way to share successful ideas congregations have implemented or to ask for ideas on implementing a program, addressing a particular issue, etc. It's a good

opportunity to help strengthen Florida UU congregations.

To subscribe just pick a password for yourself and go to:

<http://www.uaa.org/mailman/listinfo/fd-l>  
<mail>

## What's In a Structure?

By Fl. District Executive Mary Chulak Higgins (Excerpts from March 2002 *Sunshine*)

The District Board transitioned into the Policy Governance model of doing their work in 2000-01. As we moved into working in this model, the District Board developed six Ends of the District. My functioning as the District Executive changed to assume the responsibility for the development of the programs that would fulfill the Ends. The ends are found at the end of this article.

We began to see difficulties in achieving these Ends when there were so many groups fulfilling their particular piece of each one and no one responsible or accountable for the whole. Thus, the concept of the Ends Council was born. The original District committees were eliminated and in their place six councils were established. Those councils are the *Leadership, Growth and Extension,*

*Social and Racial Justice, Living Tradition, Communication / Connection, and Stewardship.* The chairs of the Ends Councils are **Rev. Jack Donovan** (Gainesville), *Leadership*; **Brenda Verbeck** (St. Augustine), *Living Tradition*; **Nancy Bass** (Tallahassee), *Social and Racial Justice*; and **Jim Moir** (Spirit of Life), *Growth and Extension*. At this time four of the six are up and running well.

We invite you to join your voice with theirs for the good of us all. The members of these councils are from all over the District and represent small, lay-led congregations, mid-size congregations, new churches; and are staffed with lay volunteers, ministers and religious educators. The energy and vision that is infecting these groups bodes well for our future.

### **The six ends of the District are that congregations will:**

Be connected to the District and one another and the communities in which we live;

Have well trained, knowledgeable and competent leaders;

Grow in total membership and in number of congregations;

Champion social and racial justice and oppose oppression;

Be grounded in our living tradition;

View the District as a responsive, creative and prudent steward of financial and human resources.

## Welcome New Members

☀ Joel Fears

☀ Grace Martin

## Membership

To explore becoming a member or friend of our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

## UUCT Name Tags

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

## New Member Recognition

Early Fall.

## Dinners

*Dinners for 8* (for adults) and *Dinners for Families with Children* will resume in September. A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of the congregation.

## Directory Changes

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



## Joys and Sorrows

*We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts...* **Dorothy and Amy Mann** and their family. **Charles Mann**, husband of Dorothy and father of Amy, died in July.

## On-going Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, August 12, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

## Congregational Actions on July 28, 2002

Note: A 40% quorum or 69 qualified members and at least a 2/3 majority vote were necessary for the first 2 items.

Approved the terms and conditions of the June 21, 2002 construction loan commitment received from The Tallahassee State Bank. [81 in favor, none opposed, none abstaining]  
Authorized the President and the Secretary of the church to sign all required loan documents. [Unanimous by acclimation]

Approved the Minutes of the May 19, 2002 Annual Meeting of the Congregation. [Unanimous by acclimation]

Approved the Minutes of the July 28, 2002 Special Meeting of the Congregation, so that the minutes would be available for the loan closing the week of July 29. [Unanimous by acclimation]

Note: The motion was withdrawn to approve payment of up to \$1,000 in interest to Mad Dog Design and Construction, Inc. for payments made to subcontractors by Mad Dog for site work, prior to receiving payment from UUCT. Arrangements were made with the bank to pay Mad Dog with UUCT building funds prior to the construction loan closing and have this payment reflected in the financial statements for the closing.

## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)  
Christine Boczarska (893-7079)  
Bruce Brandt (893-5511)  
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## Lost and Found

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

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of June 2002 - 91.6**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for year (July 1 - June 30) - 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 84 (July 1 - June 30)**

## *August UUCT Events, Events After August, & Social Activities*

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUSTER**

**RETREAT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM.** Magnolia Leaf Retreat Center in Thomasville, GA. The Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee, Green Sanctuary, and the Social Justice Committee will be planning for the next fiscal year at our first annual retreat. Reservations were to be turned in by July 28 to attend. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

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

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** *Workdays have changed to the second Saturday of the month.* Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

**85TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JOHN MURPHY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 1:00 PM.** All the great friends and pals of John Murphy, come enjoy the day with John to help celebrate his grand 85th birthday, in the Ed Ball Dining Room at the Wakulla Springs Lodge. Let the gatekeeper know your destination to gain free entry into the State Park. Please bring a poem, a story, a photo, or song, whatever (if you wish to), to share a fond memory. John will speak about "How It Feels to be 85!" (This is something not too many of us know anything about.) You will order and pay for your own meal there. The menu is varied and a real treat! For more information, Contact: Will Adkins (wma@post.harvard.edu or 385-5071).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, AUGUST 11, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**UU LUNCH BUNCH, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 11:30 AM.** At Golden Corral buffet on North Monroe across from Lake Ella. All are welcome, especially if you are a Super Adult (a part of UUCT's "wisdom circle" AKA senior citizens). Contact: Rev. Amy.

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, AUGUST DATE, TBA.** Pool Party at Janis Heffron's house in Indianhead Acres. We will celebrate the sixth anniversary of Multicultural Families! Call for directions--Nancy Bass (893-1806) or Janis (877-7699).

### **Events After August**

**RACIAL / CULTURAL DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 7:00 PM.** Our next selection will be "Guns, Germs, and Steel" by Jared Diamond. Science and history-- the development of differing societies on different continents, as expressed in art, science, and social structures, and demolishing racist theories of history.

**FLORIDA COASTAL CLEANUP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 8:00 PM - NOON.** The UUCT, the Big Bend Sierra Club and the Apalachee Canoe & Kayak Club will again combine forces to participate in the 17th Annual International Coastal Cleanup. For this past eight 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. The cleanup will be on foot and by canoe. The first 20 volunteers will each receive free T-shirts to commemorate the event. Join us and do something for our Mother Earth. To sign-up, contact Walker Banning (878-2270). For additional information, contact Steve Urse (385-2864).

### **UUCT Social Activities**

See events write-ups for details. To spread the word to our UUCT community about social activities, contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note given to her on a Sunday.)

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, August 7, 11:30 AM
- Birthday Party for John Murphy, Saturday, August 10, 1 PM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, August 11, 12:30 PM
- UU Lunch Bunch, Thursday, August 22, 11:30 AM

### **Non-UUCT Events**

- *Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Zen Meditation*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, August 10, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)*
- *Monday, August 19, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)*

***NO PEACE DANCES IN AUGUST.***

# August 2002

"Every Sunday"  
activities, see the  
front page.

Note: Many  
activities described  
in other sections.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7PM Board, Rm 4	<b>2</b> 6 PM Univ. UUs (off-site)	<b>3</b> 9 AM - 1 PM RE Workday  9:30 AM - 3 PM Social Justice Retreat, off-site  12:30 - 5 PM Program Committee Retreat, Sanctuary
<b>4</b> 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	<b>5</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site  7:30 PM Building & Grounds, Rm 4	<b>6</b> 7:15 PM COM (Committee on Ministry)	<b>7</b> 11:30 AM Downtown Chowdown at Jacob's Doubletree  7 PM Choir	<b>8</b> 7 PM RCDC, Rm 4  7:15 PM CIC, Rm 5	<b>9</b> 6 PM Univ. UUs (off-site)	<b>10</b> 8:30 AM - Noon Teacher Training Workshop  9 AM - 1 PM Workday
<b>11</b> 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline  6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	<b>12</b> 7 PM Finance, Rm 4  7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site  7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6 PM Univ. UUs (off-site)	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary / Social Justice  6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	<b>19</b>  7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>22</b> 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch at Golden Corral  7 PM Board, Rm 4	<b>23</b> 11:30 AM Care Team Group at China Super Buffet  6 PM Univ. UUs (off-site)	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	<b>26</b>  7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 PM Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6 PM Univ. UUs (off-site)	<b>31</b>  UUCT Retreat at The Mountain →

**Meridian Schedule:**

*Please have your articles either e-mailed  
or turned into Kathie Mackie and  
Trudy Deyle no later than the second  
Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.*



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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."

#### YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 4).

- \* YRUU meets regularly again starting Sunday, 8/4, 6-8 PM.

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 4)

- \* Women's Spirituality, Every Mon. 7:15 PM

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- \* Thurs. 8/1 & 8/22, 7 PM. Pres. Jennifer Carver (402-0622)

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Open to All Interested

- \* Buildings & Grounds, Mon. 8/5, 7:30 PM
- \* Capital Improvement, Thurs. 8/8, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* Committee on Ministry, Tues. 8/6, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* Finance, Mon. 8/12, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- \* Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice), Sun. 8/18, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)

- \* Membership Meets in September. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* Program, Retreat 8/3, 12:30 PM - 5 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* Racial & Cultural Diversity, Thurs. 8/8, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- \* Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary), Sun. 8/18, 12:30 PM. Contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- \* Youth RE, Sun. 8/4, 9:45 AM. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416)