



# The Meridian

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## August Sundays (11:00 AM)

**Aug. 3** | **Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki**  
 The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki may seem far distant acts by those of another time and place. But we who were alive then and we who were not can benefit from commemorating the losses and gains from those early August of 1945 first atomic bomb missions.  
**Rev. Amy McKenzie**

**Great Expectations**  
 Saturday, Sept. 6  
 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Come one, come all!  
 See Events.

**Aug. 10** | **The Seven Deadly Sins: Count Me Out**  
 Words for the range of responses in the worst of our nature include wrongdoing, evil, error, transgression and the shortest, most loaded word: sin. In this modern age, I wonder whether the seven deadly sins are worth avoiding? How are we doing at keeping out of sin's way? What protection does our religion offer against the deadlies?  
**Rev. Amy McKenzie**

**Aug. 17** | **The Seven Virtues: Count Me In**  
 As we learn to avoid the seven deadly sins and the other less condemning ones, we may also learn to express many virtues. Benjamin Franklin had a "personal virtues" list. Author Walter Isaacson outlines seven great virtues Franklin put into practice for this country. They are virtues we may each apply to our own lives. How are we doing, and what does our religion offer to direct us toward the virtues? *We will share Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Concern.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

**Aug. 24** | **History in the Bible**  
 Historical accounts in the Bible range from legendary to those that can be verified in part by sources external to the Bible. Some traditional stories have recently been shown to be largely fictional. How should we interpret and how should we teach history as depicted in the Bible? **Del DeTar: Guest Speaker; Lay Leader, TBA**

**Aug. 31** | **Economic Globalization**  
 As the economic system of the "developed" world spreads around the globe, what are some of the effects from an anthropologist's point of view? What is being lost in rapid changes imposed for "economic" reasons on people caught unprepared? What are the gains? **Guest Speaker: FSU Anthropology Professor Michael A. Uzendoski; Lay Leader, TBA**

Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice - All ages  
8/3 (No choir practice 8/10)
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Summer Program for Pre-K - middle school.
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- August 10: World Social Forum, Guest Speaker: Dubravko Kakarigi

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Part of my vacation was spent "resting in the arms of the great wide open," as singer Mary Chapin Carpenter puts it. I write it here because, for me, that phrase Represents. It Represents memories that weave meaning in my life. It Represents an attitude of questioning and the theme of the quest. That phrase Represents passionate humanity and generous providence.

Speaking of Providence, I had six days of rest in Rhode Island with my Mom's parents. But Grandma McKenzie was in my thoughts too. On my way from the Annual Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Boston to Nana and PoPoP's summer place, I stopped at Revere Beach for fried clams at Kelly's. That's where we had the reception after Grandma's Memorial Service years ago. As the setting sun painted the off shore islands pink I raised a tender clam to

Grandma's memory. What a sweet taste it was.

Nana's family cemetery offered another sacred moment resting in the arms of the great wide open: PoPoP clearing earth and grass from around the stone marker of his son, my Uncle Lee. PoPoP's deliberate care opened vistas of love and compassion. That day we honored our beloved dead.

Endings aren't the only poignant moments. Morning sunshine made the lake water glisten; with a bit of training from yours truly Nana can make greeting cards in Microsoft Publisher; PoPoP had a pistachio ice cream cone dipped in chocolate sprinkles and we talked about church and unconditional love.

Those ought to go together: church and unconditional love. So we gather week after week. To seek the great wide open. To find people old and

young who are of like mind and heart. To conquer hatred with love, and wrong with right.

The Program Committee and I have planned Sunday services through November. On Sundays and every day our common charge is the same. Welcome the Newcomer. Seek Truth. Establish Justice. Green the Earth. Use Power with Care. Depend on Your Neighbor. Practice Forgiveness. Give Thanks for Life.

How will we ever find each other in the vast expanse of the great wide open?

We'll be the ones seeking ever more Open.

In Faith,  
(Rev.) Amy

## President's Message

By Neil Mooney

Greetings! Last month I mentioned the variety of spiritual paths supported by our congregation and Church as a whole. One of them was discussed this week (July 20, 2003) at a service where member Don Crosby was the speaker. Don spoke eloquently of his faith, in a presentation entitled "Immanence and Transcendence in a Religion of Nature". If you listened, however, there was no mention of the fact that Don's personal principals have a high level of formal support from the Unitarian Universalist Association, for Don is – *perish the thought!* – a PAGAN.

The term "Pagan" has a very high negative connotation in our society. My own gut reaction to the word has been something like this: "nasty ignoramuses worshipping statues and likely to be cannibals." (Of course, I

was once rather homophobic, too.) I spoke to Don about his having avoided "the word", and he admitted it was deliberate. That's fine: it was his pulpit and no one could have used it better.

Let me take this opportunity to point out the following website to those who found Don's presentation enlightening: [www.cuups.org](http://www.cuups.org). This is the site for the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans, from which I quote: "Contemporary Pagans, including UU Pagans, use the term Pagan or Neopagan because it places them squarely in solidarity with all of those men and women of the past and the present who have suffered persecution, torture and even death for their beliefs and the right of religious freedom. This is the same reason some forms of Paganism will also use the word Witch - to stand in solidarity

with those who have suffered for their chosen spiritual path."

In 1995, after years of debate and consideration, a sixth "source of our living traditions" was formally added to the U.U. principals. It is what Don spoke on this week at length: "*Number 6. Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.*"

So Don, I applaud you for having given us such a terrific presentation. And I remind the reader that as to paganism, Unitarian Universalists have come out of the closet. We are more than just tolerant: we are supportive.

In Community,  
Neil

## Announcements

### Let's Lock-In A Good Rate

If all who are able to complete their Capital Campaign pledges now, we could convert our UUCT construction loan to a long-term mortgage at a very favorable rate. So if you can, please do so! Also, the program for our New Building Dedication on September 14 will list all who have given toward their Capital Campaign pledges, with an asterisk next to those who have completed them. This is your chance to have your name added to the list or an asterisk added to your name! ☺

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

- \* **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- \* **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.



### Butterfly Gardeners Wanted

Butterfly Gardeners Wanted. The children will plant a butterfly garden in the new courtyard in August. Help is needed in the planning, preparation, and planting. Also, donations of plants and materials are welcomed. Please Contact Pam Hoskins (893-5039) to help or donate materials.

### Still Accepting 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 is brought to you from your friendly Finance Committee who needs to pay the bills - utilities, salaries, office and RE supplies, etc. Thanks.

## Appreciation

### To:

- \* **Sheila Meehan, Eric Draper, Carolyn DuBard, Pat Farris, Xing Wei, Jim Denny, Sara Reece, Jean Chulak, Elinor Elfner, Joan Patterson, Randall Gann, and Steve Urse** for greeting on Sunday mornings 6/22 - 7/20.
- \* **Junelle Brandt, Mimi Jones, Barbara Sterling, DeWayne and Jennifer Carver and all others** who did hospitality 6/22 - 7/20.
- \* **Bob Kenon, Maggie Geraci, and Jerri Lee Wagner** for being clean up "heroes" 6/15 and **everyone else** who helped with clean up 6/22 - 7/20.
- \* **Joan Patterson, Lisa and Erin Hamilton, Lily Howell, Caroline Pardue, Margaret Mooney, Susan Snyder, Pam Crosby, Mimi Jones, and Dexter Easton** (Blue Team Captain) for helping with the July Shelter Meal.



- \* **All those** who have helped plan re-landscaping UUCT property, who have or will donate plants, who have worked to haul compost, spade, and plant, etc. These include: **Pam Hoskins, Steve Urse, Bruce Brandt, Ed Oaksford, Ed Baseheart, Francis Ventre, George Knight, Isabel Sheridan, Joe Chulak, Joe Lama, Tom Chase, Nina Cline, Barbara Sterling, Christine Boczarska, Linda Winn, Dexter Easton, Eric Draper, Sharon Chackerian, and Elinor Elfner.**
- \* **Don Berger, Francis Ventre, George Knight, Steve Urse, Joe Lama, Tom Chase, Joe Chulak, Bruce Brandt, and Ed Oaksford** for helping with the July Workday.



### GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS

for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony at summer's end.

For more information, see *June Meridian* p. 3.

### Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year please indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY 02-03 or FY 03-04.

- \* **George Knight, Dave Harvey, Joe Lama, Neil, Austin and Pierce Mooney, Richard Dempsey, and Kathie and Holly Mackie** for helping with Sunday setup.

### Thank You Received

UUCT received a thank you recently from the The Unitarian Universalist Association and the Congregational Services Department for our gift of \$101.55 for the UUA's Journey Toward Wholeness Sunday Program. The letter stated that:

"Your gift and others like it make it possible for the UUA to further expand the mission and scope of our anti-racism/anti-oppression work by offering Whitney M. Young Jr. Urban Ministry Grants to our congregations. These grants enable congregations to carry out anti-racism/anti-oppression and urban ministry work."

## Lifespan Religious Education



### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 3, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

#### Youth RE Registration for 2003-2004

RE Classes will begin on September 21. Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held Sundays, August 3 to September 7. New registrants should stop by the RE Table during those dates to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children will receive a printout of the information on file to update. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 7.

Most of the expenses of the RE program are met through pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees will be \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Scholarships are available. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

#### Our Summer Exploration!

The lazy days of Summer will soon be ending! Kids, come join us as we finish up our Summer Exploration in Religious Education. Right now, we are focusing on *Magical Objects* – a four week unit that looks at four distinct cultures from around the world and the magical objects from those cultures. We will explore the beliefs of the Lakota, the Tuareg, the Aborigines, and the Huichol. Finally, we will spend two weeks of the summer focusing on helping our planet. (Read on.)

### KIDS PLANT A BUTTERFLY GARDEN!

On August 17 and 24, kids should dress to get dirty in RE class because we will be creating the RE Butterfly Garden, located in the courtyard of the new building. We'll also be learning about organic gardening methods and materials in this Green Sanctuary Committee Youth RE class. Adults are welcome to join the classes. For more information contact Pam Hoskins at 893-5039 or pvhoskins@aol.com.

#### RE Fun Day

Butterfly garden stepping stones will be made by the children during the RE Fun Day on August 31. Kids can add their names, handprints, and other decorations to the stepping stones, which will be placed in the RE Butterfly Garden. For more information, or to donate materials or help in making the stepping stones, contact Pam Hoskins.

#### Our Whole Lives (OWL)

If you're considering enrolling your middle schooler in Our Whole Lives age-appropriate, ethics and sexuality curriculum this year, you might be interested to know a little about its facilitators (Chelsea Fox and Scott Geraci). We know how important your children and their education are to you!

#### From Chelsea Fox:

I decided to become an OWL facilitator because I know the immense value of this program. When I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, I took OWL's previous incarnation, AYS (About Your Sexuality). AYS was invaluable to me, although at the time I thought I didn't need it – I already knew everything! I had taken sex-ed classes in school; what else was there to know? My parents knew there was more to sex than biology. They also knew I was more likely to listen to someone other than them when it came to talking

about sexuality. In my limited experience, I had no idea about the subtle complexities of interpersonal relationships. AYS gave me the knowledge, strength and skills necessary for me to find my way through the haze of hormonally driven teenage chaos.

Today we offer OWL, a revised and expanded version of the course I took when I was 13. The comprehensiveness of the OWL curriculum is what sets it apart from the other sex-ed curricula most kids are exposed to. The values that are emphasized throughout the course are what makes OWL so unique and visionary. Whether we're talking about dating, gender roles, or messages in the music we listen to, the values of respect, responsibility and diversity are clearly applied. That is why I believe in OWL and why I am participating in its facilitation. I believe I will not only help these kids learn some important life skills, I will also take something valuable from this experience myself.

#### From Scott Geraci:

Our world has vastly changed from when I was a teenager. Growing up, the information I could get was very limited. Today, technology has made the gathering of information easier. With a click of the mouse, my teenager can access information much faster than I could have ever imagined. The chance for misinformation also has grown. The fact that teenagers love to chat, email, and gossip makes the likelihood of incorrect information being passed on almost a given. For this reason I believe my teenager needs O.W.L.

I feel lucky that we offer such a sensitive, thoughtful, and valuable service to our teenagers. Many of the principles we hold dear, as Unitarian Universalists, are also integral parts of the curriculum for Our Whole Lives.

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

That OWL is being offered through our church only reinforces the importance of this class.

This class is a gift we can give to our kids. I remember well the awkwardness and uneasiness I felt as a teenager. The changes we go through during this brief time can wreak havoc on our minds and bodies. A lack of proper information can only compound that feeling of uncertainty. That is why I am enrolling my teenager in this class. It is also why I volunteered to be one of the instructors.

Chelsea and I both share the same passion for this course and feel we will make a great team. We will have a parent orientation where you can learn, in more detail, about the curriculum. Feel free to contact either one of us with any questions.

Our Whole Lives for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is a year long program. Classes will take place on Sundays, at UUCT, during regularly scheduled RE time. Due to the nature and intensity of the program, class time will run from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. OWL Registration will be during regular RE registration. OWL Orientation is in September. Contact: Scott Geraci (877-6301 or [Sgeraci10@comcast.net](mailto:Sgeraci10@comcast.net)) or Chelsea Fox (222-3931 or [chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com)).

### **YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 -20)**

**Meetings:** Every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 6) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

### **FL District Con Schedule Fall:**

- August 15-17 All-Age CON Orlando/Oviedo
- September 19-21 Transition-In CON Tampa (This CON is especially for youth ages 12-14.)

- October 3-5 All-Age CON Orlando
- November 14-16 All-Age CON Clearwater
- December 5-7 Social Action CON TBA

**For more information**, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622), Rod and Jan Oldenburg (297-0391), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

### **Adult Enrichment**

#### **ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:**

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator** ([blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net); 893-5511)
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education** ([DREMaggie@comcast.net](mailto:DREMaggie@comcast.net); 877-6301).

#### **UPCOMING CLASSES:**

**The Artist Way** - The next class will begin Saturday, September 27 from 2 - 3:30 PM. For this seven week course, the book "The Artist's Way" will be used as a guide. Exercises include: writing, dancing, guided meditations, drawing, etc. Contact: Amy Mann (222-1420, [amann@infionline.net](mailto:amann@infionline.net)).

**Morningsong** - Trudy Deyle will lead a Thursday morning "Evensong" group starting in late September. In eight gatherings, we'll cover the fundamental questions of "what life is all about" in a way that allows each person to hear and be heard. Preparation for this time of sharing is minimal. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

**New UU.** These sessions 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. The next sessions will be in the early fall.

Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

**A Religion of Nature.** Donald Crosby will lead an extended look at the topic introduced in his July 20th sermon - A Religion of Nature. It will take place on eight Wednesday evenings starting in mid-September with each evening focused on one chapter of his book. Stay tuned for more information on the starting date and how to get a copy of the book.

**Tai Chi Ch'uan.** Ben Fusaro will be offering a class in T'ai-chi Ch'uan, or TCC, at UUCT on eight Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM starting September 6. Mr. Fusaro has been studying and practicing TCC since 1963. He taught classes at the FSU Center for Participant Education in 1999, 2000, and 2001.

T'ai-chi Ch'uan is an ancient Chinese system of physical culture that can be classified as a soft, inner martial art. TCC is a diffused, mediational activity that emphasizes health and relaxation rather than self-defense. TCC is a routine exercise for many of the 800 million Chinese. There is no straining, no injuries, no panting and, at most, a light perspiring. However, the three pumps of the circulatory system are being exercised: the legs, diaphragm, and heart.

#### **OPEN PARTICIPATION**

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Usually third Sunday 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 (539-5563).

## *Campus Ministry Corner*

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

At this point in the summer the University UUs are preparing for fall. We're making plans to attend conferences and thinking up fun and challenging ways to serve the community, earn funds, learn new things, and simply have fun.

I have also been working on ways to create exposure at the FAMU campus.

I am also continuing our outreach to students at FSU by setting up an information booth at the Ogelsby Union on Wednesdays (typically from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM). Any UUs, students or otherwise, interested in helping me inform the curious, questioning and potential UUers at FSU about Unitarian Universalism are welcome to join me.

The University UUs meet during the summer on Fridays at 6 PM at Javaheads (903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines Street).

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

## *Social Justice: Harmony Camp 2004 Update*

The plans for Harmony Camp 2004 are rolling right along. At the July 13 meeting, a number of issues were discussed and some decisions were made.

First, the Camp Committee decided on the dates: August 2 - 6, 2004. The camp will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with before and after school care provided. The children will range in age from 6 to 13 and will include our own children as well as children from the wider community.

We also decided to have a training for staff, probably in either February or May of 2004. We are considering

several possible trainers: the director of the UU Diversity Camp in Macon, GA, and a local teacher who does diversity camps around the country. The Macon camp was featured at this year's General Assembly, and Jennifer and DeWayne Carver attended the presentation.

In order to meet the UUA grant application deadline in early September, the committee is having **two meetings in August**, both of them after church on Sundays. They are on **August 3 and August 24, both at 12:30 PM in Room 2**. At those meetings we will finalize the mission

statement, develop a budget, and work on details for the grant to be submitted.

Sub-committees include curriculum, grant writing, finance, personnel, and publicity. We welcome new members on all these sub-committees. We also need volunteers to help with the actual camp. We may, depending on grant money, also have paid staff.

Contact Joanne Taylor, Chair of the Camp Committee (839-9024 or taylorjoanne@earthlink.net).

NOTE: There will be no Racial/Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) meeting in August.

## *Denominational Affairs: General Assembly*

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

General Assembly is the yearly meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Delegates from each congregation vote on bylaws amendments, social justice statements, and people in elected positions. Delegates get reports from the Unitarian Universalist Association president, committees (including the Journey Toward Wholeness report on anti-racism and multiculturalism efforts), and financial gurus. Worship is at least once daily; workshops run throughout the day, with a handful to choose from during each time slot.

There's a dance each night and organizations meet including UU Humanists, UU Christians, UU Service Committee, UU United Nations Office, UU Men's Network and UU Women's Federation (which launched a Clara Barton Internship on Women's Issues in Washington, DC). This year's GA attendees donated money for the service project called Youth Build Boston. Upwards of 7,500 people registered from all 50 United States and other countries as well.

Study/Action Issue 2002-2004 is Civil Liberties.

Study/Action Issue 2003-2005 is Criminal Justice and Prison Reform (supported by the Youth Caucus).

Statement of Conscience (starts out as a Study/Action issue) is on Economic Globalization.

Actions of Immediate Witness are to: restore funding for AmeriCorps; endorse a bill in Congress to mandate studies of health effects and environmental contamination and cleanup of depleted uranium munitions; promote a stronger and

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more effective US response to the Global HIV/AIDs crisis; call upon Congress to conduct hearings in the US to examine the moral and legal justification for the invasion of Iraq; affirm women's rights, including tracking judicial nominees, the use of

federal dollars, and tack-ons to bills that would erode the gains for women's rights made in recent decades.

Is there room in your life for a trip to Long Beach, CA for General Assembly 2004? Check your calendar for June 24-28...and in the meantime the

General Assembly website is: [www.uua.org/ga/ga03/](http://www.uua.org/ga/ga03/) plus you may borrow cassette tapes UUCT bought of 37 GA workshops. Contact: Rev. Amy

## Green Corner

### Energy Star Washer/Dryer



By Elinor Elfner

I love my stack washer/dryer. Needing more space and needing to purchase a new washer and dryer, I chose the Sears Kenmore stackables. These are two independent units that can be placed side by side for lots of folding space on top, or on top of each other to save floor space.

The front-loading style washer saves 67% of water and about 77% of the electricity of the traditional top-loading style, resulting in about \$101 savings per year. Therefore, the extra cost (about \$150) is well worth the savings for me and definitely worth the savings for the earth. In addition, I use about half the amount of detergent, and generally use cold water. During a City energy audit I was told that warm water is not necessary if using a detergent with enzymes. So, read the labels. Tide has enzymes.

There's additional savings in the drying process because the final spin of the washer is very fast and extracts a lot more water than the spin in top-loading washers. Before the dryer was installed on top of the washer, I was hanging my clothes on a line to dry and the first sheet was dry by the time I hung the last item. A "solar dryer" would be even more economical, but my new dryer uses about 22% less energy to dry clothes washed in the energy efficient washer because of the fast final spin.

The front opening appears small, but the wash tub can handle a queen size

comforter. I now wash at home the heavy winter jackets and other items that previously went to the laundromat. This front-loading style costs more, but remember that you'll save about 50% in energy costs. "A DOE-sponsored demonstration of an energy-efficient washer in a Boston suburb has produced such striking results that the Massachusetts legislature is using the research results to support a bill that would make ENERGY STAR appliances tax-exempt in that state." (From Buildings Technology Center.)

My washer has the Energy Star certification. You can go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) to get information on 38 product categories. I invite you to come to Oyster Bay and see my new stackable washer and dryer.

### Florida Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, September 20, 8:00 AM - Noon. The UUCT, the Big Bend Sierra Club and the Apalachee Canoe and Kayak Club will again combine forces to participate in the 18th Annual International Coastal Cleanup. For each of the past nine 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. Cleanup possibilities are either on foot or by canoe. The first 20 volunteers will each receive a free T-shirt to commemorate the event. That day you can either meet at St. Marks Trailhead at 8:00 AM or at JR's Aucilla River Store at 9:00 AM.

To sign-up, contact Walker Banning (878-2270). Additional information may also be obtained from Steve Urse (385-2864).

### Do You Like Our Coffee?

It is marketed by Equal Exchange, a cooperative supported by the UU Service Committee Coffee Project. It is fair traded, certified organic and shade grown in small farmer cooperatives. Order it from [www.equalexchange.com](http://www.equalexchange.com) or 781-830-0303 ext 228. Questions? Call Norene Chase (422-1985).

### Landscaping: How To Help

-Help with planting, some now but mostly this fall (timing flexible).

-Contribute extra plants from your yard (such as lirioppe/monkey grass, native ground covers, wax myrtles, native azaleas and oak-leaf hydrangeas).

-Loan your wheel barrow or yard cart.

-Contribute pine straw and mulch materials from your yard.

To volunteer for any of these, contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

### Special Landscaping Request

Does anyone have variegated lirioppe plants to give to the Church? We are looking for the low-growing, yellow and green type for a landscape design at our street entrance. Call Elinor Elfner (224-3651) or Barbara Sterling (386-5704). Many thanks!

## Church Community News

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

### Summertime = Escape!

When it's hot and wet, Tallahassee is a place to get away from! Especially this summer! Share your escape story to GA 2003, SUUSI, wherever, here.

To Oregon and back, new UU Grace Martin, 85, attended her family reunion of 35 (four generations). She reports: Weather was great! (Ahhh.)

Saying *Aloha* to Hawaiian paradise was longtime UUCTer (since 1967) Eleanor (Frowe) Moore, 89, who says she is "too old-- Period!" for her "first--and last!" trip to the Pacific. It was a 5-day Frowe family reunion, at which she also climbed atop a volcano on Oahu.

### Come Celebrate 86th for John Murphy

Details are in the June and July *Meridians*. Everyone is invited! It's on **Saturday August 16th, starting at 1:00 PM**, at the Wakulla Springs Lodge (lobby piano). Helen Falb and the O.K. Chorale will lead us in singing, before dinner in the Ed Ball Dining Room. NOTE: If you come, let the park gatekeeper know you are *en route* to the Murphy birthday party so that you will enter free.

### Party For DeTar's 60th Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday August 30, 3:00- 4:00 PM, Westminster Oaks**

Del DeTar writes to us: "Patty and I will celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary on September 4. Our children, Carleton, Caroline, Marvin,

and Martha, and some spouses will come to Tallahassee on Friday evening, August 29, and will return home on Monday. I have reserved the room by the pool at Westminster Oaks for a party on Saturday, August 30, at 3-4 PM with a cake and punch. This is a beautiful room and will accommodate the party very well. Patty and I are inviting residents of Westminster Oaks by a general announcement, and we invite all members of UUCT."

### Farewell To Charlie Terrell

For almost two decades, at Winter Solstice, a great Christmas tree would rise up at the front of our church sanctuary -- a gift from South Georgia tree-farmer Charlie Terrell, a long-time Friend of UUCT.

Charlie died on Saturday, July 19th in the hospital in Cairo, after a lengthy illness following abdominal surgery. He turned 86 on May 30th.

Charlie told us that he planned for our church ("his church") to be able to have a green Christmas tree every winter season from his farm after his passing.

We remember our "Santa Claus," Charlie, in other ways too. Charlie loved to travel and take fellow UUs with him, often visiting Grand Opera Houses in New York and elsewhere -- his longtime magnificent obsession. Look at Charlie's face and you would see Giuseppe Verdi's (Charlie's favorite operatic composer). In the mid-80s, I got to attend two weeklong summer roadshows of the New York Metropolitan Opera in Atlanta with Charlie. Mine was the cheapest seat,

in the high balcony; Charlie sat in the most expensive, a front-row seat. Between acts, I'd run down to share Charlie's enthusiastic impressions of the opera that night. Charlie's plantation tree-farm, where he shared his great love of Nature, is being donated to the State of Georgia.

### Even "zenTAOBuddhists" Need A Break! ...

zTB Sangha is suspending weekly meetings for the time being. We plan a fall meeting. Contact Will Adkins, Sangha Coordinator, at 385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline for more details. The *under the Bo-tree* e-newsletter continues. Here's a quote to share, in Buddhist spirit, from Walt Whitman:

"This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people... re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss what insults your very soul, and your flesh shall become a great poem."

## Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

**July 27-August 2 - "Art & Revolution"**. A week of Social Justice & Self Expression. This program is open to anyone with a vision for a better world.

**August 17-23 - UU Week at The Mountain**. Lead by The Rev. Elinor Artman; theme for the week: "What Do UUs Believe Anyway?"

See or Call Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) for registration forms for these events.



## Welcome New Members

☼ *Ansel Bailey-Mershon*

### Membership

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

### UUCT Name Tags

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

### New Member Recognition

Sunday, October 5.

### On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** August Hospitality Chair: Lorin Pratt (893-3067).
- **Music Committee:** Music lovers, especially those not in choir, are needed. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, August 14, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

### Dinners In Homes

*Dinners for 8* (Adults Only or With Children) will resume in October. Dinners with Children will be for those who wish to include their own children and those who would just like an intergenerational experience.

A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest. Contacts: Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

### Baby, What's for Dinner?

*Are you expecting or adopting a child?* If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you are interested in preparing meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

## Joys and Sorrows

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

**The family and friends of Charlie Terrell.** Charlie died last month.

**Welcome...**

Back to Duncan Haldane who spent last year in Egypt.

To Malte Haupt, who is a foreign exchange student living with the Mackie family.

### Our Board

- \* Neil Mooney, President
  - \* Jennifer Carver, Past President
  - \* Richard Dempsey, President Elect
  - \* Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
  - \* Dexter Easton, VP for Operations
  - \* Cheryl Ward, VP for Worship
  - \* Annette Pearce, VP for Social Justice
  - \* Del DeTar, VP for Finance
  - \* Susan Angel, VP for Religious Education
  - \* William Adkins, VP for Church Community
- Non-Voting Members are:
- \* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
  - \* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
  - \* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer
  - \* Rev. Amy McKenzie, Settled Minister

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



**Contact Scott Geraci,**  
(sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)

## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)  
Bruce Brandt (893-5511)  
Sara Reece (309-1933)  
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) -174**
- **Current Membership - 178**
- **Current Number of Friends - 43**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of June - 91.4**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July - June: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment - 45**

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

**PEACE DANCES** will not be held in August.

### MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES

**GROUP** will not meet in August. Please check our web page for upcoming events and details about our September meeting. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885; [www.multiculturalatl.org](http://www.multiculturalatl.org)).

### MOVE-IN & PLAYGROUND WORKDAYS

All ages, please plan on helping with moving into our new building, creating a toddler playground (the "tot-lot"), and reclaiming our main playground (the "playground"). A simple lunch will be served to the workers around 12:45 PM each workday.

Saturday, August 2, 9 AM - 1 PM:  
Move-in workday

Saturday, August 9, 9 AM - 1 PM:  
Tot-Lot workday

Saturday, August 23, 9 AM - 1 PM:  
Playground workday #1

Saturday, September 20, 9 AM - 1 PM:  
Playground workday #2

To volunteer, contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)), Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [DREmaggie@comcast.net](mailto:DREmaggie@comcast.net)) or Francis Ventre (402-3050, [mfventre@aol.com](mailto:mfventre@aol.com)).

**ALL AGES SINGING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 9:45 AM.** Join the O.K. Chorale in an intergenerational choir, preparing a fun song and singing for the day's service. Contact: Helen Falb (309-6853).

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 9, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, AUGUST 10, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM.** At the Bamboo House, 6th Ave. Moms with one or more children at home, come out and join us for conversation and companionship. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416) or Margaret Mooney (893-8250).

**GLOBALIZATION STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 7:00 PM.** This study circle will continue to meet the third Thursday of each month. All interested are welcome. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

### UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, [ludy8@juno.com](mailto:ludy8@juno.com), or with a note given to her on a Sunday) regarding possible UUCT Social Events.

- Singing with the choir, Sunday, August 3, 9:45 AM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, August 6, 11:30 AM
- John Murphy Birthday Party, Saturday, August 16, 1:00 PM
- DeTar's 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, August 30, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

**BOARD GAMES MADE FOR ADULTS!** New board games for small groups of adults and older teens! Archaeological excavations of Mayan temple complexes, civilization-building in Mesopotamia, undersea exploration, and more. Contact Gary Robinson ([chuft@comcast.net](mailto:chuft@comcast.net) or 877-3513). For more information, sneak a peek at [www.kumquat.com/cgi-kumquat/funagain/home](http://www.kumquat.com/cgi-kumquat/funagain/home)

### Great Expectations

*Saturday, September 6  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM*

**Come one, come all!**

**What do you need and expect from your church? What does your church need and expect from you?**

**Let's talk about our congregational culture: what impacts it and how it affects each of us.**

**Our consultant, Connie Goodbread says: "I am very excited to be coming to work with you. I love these consultations, and after talking with some of your congregational leaders, I am doubly excited. I'm very impressed with the dynamic things that are happening at UUCT.**

**To reserve your spot sign up on Sundays or call the church office (385-5115). Childcare will be provided.**

### Events After August

**BUILDING DEDICATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 12:00 PM.** The formal dedication ceremony for our new building followed by an open-house for the community at 2:00 PM. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

**COASTAL CLEANUP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 8:00 AM - NOON.** See *Green Corner*, p. 8 for details.

### Florida District Events

**SUPER SATURDAY WORKSHOPS, SEPTEMBER 20.** Conducted by the Northwest Cluster of the Florida District and held in Ormond Beach. Workshops on: Leadership, Lifespan Religious Education, Money Management and Fund-raising, and Enriching Worship Services. Contact the church office if interested.

# August 2003 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6 PM University UUs, off-site	2 9 AM - 1 PM Move-In Workday
3 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm., Rm 2 9:45 AM All Ages Singing, Sanctuary 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Planning, Rm 2 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:30 PM Building & Comm., Rm 4	5	6 11:30 AM UU Chow-Down, off-site 7 PM Green Sanctuary, Rm 5 7:15 PM Membership, Rm 4 NO CHOIR	7	8 6 PM University UUs, off-site	9 9 AM - 1 PM Tot- Lot Workday & All Church Workday
10 10:30 AM Sign-up Great Expectations 12:30 PM Potluck & <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	11 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site	12 6:30 PM Mom's Night Out, off- site	13 7:30 PM Choir	14 7:15 PM CIC, Rm 2	15 6 PM University UUs, off-site	16 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Program Committee Retreat, Sanc. 1 PM John Murphy Birthday Party, off-site
Tentative: Sanctuary Recarpeting						
17 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	18 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	19	20 7:30 PM Choir	21 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm 4 7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2	22 6 PM University UUs, off-site	23 9 AM - 1 PM Playground Workday
24 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Planning, Rm 2 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	25 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	26 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry	27 7:30 PM Choir	28	29 6 PM University UUs, off-site	30 3-4 PM DeTar Anniversary Celebration, off-site
31 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4						

**Non-UUCT Events**

- Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, *Spiral Scouts* (Rm 4 or next available room)
- Every Thursday, 7:15 PM *Zen Meditation* (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:30 PM *Ben Fusaro Tai Chi Class for Instructors Only* (Classroom)
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM *Urantia* (Rm 5); 7:00 PM *Gentle Shepherd* (Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary))
- Friday, 8/1, 6:00 PM *Private Wedding Rehearsal*
- Saturday, 8/2, 3:00 PM *Private Wedding*

**Meridian Schedule:**

Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later



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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**, Every Sun.,  
6:00 PM

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

See *Adult Enrichment* (p. 5)

- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Bonnie Foster  
(539-5563)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- \* Thurs. 8/21, 7 PM.  
Contact: Pres. Neil  
Mooney (893-8250)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon. 8/4, 7:30 PM.  
Contact: Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)

- \* **Capital Improvement**,  
Thurs. 8/14, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)

- \* **Committee on  
Ministry**, Tues. 8/26,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Christine Bocazarska  
(893-7079)

- \* **Finance**, Mon. 8/18,  
7 PM. Contact: Del  
DeTar (878-7895)

- \* **Green Sanctuary**, Wed.  
8/6, 7 PM. Contact:  
Steve Urse (385-2864)

- \* **Membership**, Wed. 8/6,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- \* **Personnel**, No August  
meeting. Next: Tues.  
9/16, 11:30 AM.  
Contact: Margaret  
Mooney (893-8250)

- \* **Program**, Sat. 8/16,  
8:30 AM. Contact:  
Eric Draper (668-5075)

- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, No August  
meeting. Next: Tues.  
9/9, 7 PM. Contact:  
Isabel Sheridan  
(668-0785)

- \* **Social Justice**, No  
August meeting.  
Contact: Jennifer Handel  
(264-6313)

- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 8/3,  
9:45 AM. Contact:  
Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)