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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice

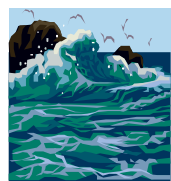
9:45 AM Adult Forum

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

11:00 AM Youth RE Summer
Program for Pre-K - Middle School
(Registration: 8/1 - 9/5)

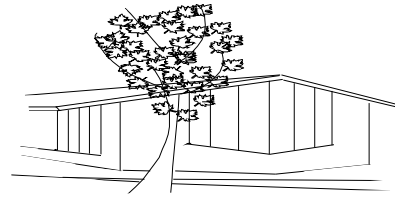
Scheduled Adult Forum
Topics:

- August 1, Elinor Elfner, *The Monarch Butterfly*
- August 8, Sandy Ibarquen Simon, *Costa Rica*
- August 15, Ellie Whitney, *Solar Energy in Tallahassee*
- August 22, TBA
- August 29, TBA



**GATHER
WATER ON
YOUR
TRAVELS**

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



The Meridian

August Sundays (11:00 AM)

Aug. 1 | Science and the Bible

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. How did scientists and ancient biblical storytellers arrive at different truths about mankind and the universe? Given such differences, can the Bible and modern science harmoniously coexist? We look at how rationalists and literal believers approach the Bible and consider ramifications for UUs and society. Talk features humorous verse and two of Ron Crowe's lighthearted songs performed by the O.K. Chorale. **Speaker: Ron Crowe; Lay Leader: Jack McDevitt (12:45 PM, DeTar & Sabin Wedding, All invited)**

Aug. 8 | Pain: Changing Moral and Spiritual Views

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Pain is a quiet but intolerable epidemic in our society. It can color every facet of life, impairing the ability to sleep, eat, concentrate, work, function, or interact with others. Pain can induce hopelessness, depression, despair, and even suicide. How do we respond to this complex phenomenon as moral beings, and how do we shift societal responses to the physical, mental, emotional experience that is pain? New member recognition ceremony, also. **Guest Speaker: Kathleen Barnett; Lay Leaders: Maria Mena and Amy Mann**

Aug. 15 | Brown v. the Board: Four African-American Perspectives

Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Four Tallahasseeans will share their experiences after the landmark Supreme Court decision that eventually desegregated public schools. In 1954 **Bob Kenon** was an elementary student in Gadsden County; **Clara Leacraft** was a public school teacher in the Orlando area; **Annie Harris** was an elementary student in Alabama; and **Lorraine Warren** was not yet born. How did Brown v. the Board affect their experience of public education? Their lives? Sponsored by the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee. **Guest Speakers: all of the above; Lay Leader: Isabel Sheridan**

Aug. 22 | If There Were a Self, What Would It Do?

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Assertion of self in the first millennium BCE was countered by the rise of religion and philosophy aimed at suppressing it. Under monotheism, self symbolized disobedience. Buddhism denied its existence. In the postmodern era, self is reduced to thought processes that are not "owned" by the individual, thus not authentic. The "self" is apparently dangerous, but to whom? And what does it have to do with UUs? **Speaker: Richard Dempsey; Lay Leader: Ellen Dempsey**

Aug. 29 | Para Ti, Cuba (For You, Cuba)

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. In 1895 a Cuban poet and patriot was martyred in a revolt against Spanish colonial rule. He was José Martí, founder of the Cuban independence movement. Martí's powerful writings on liberty and human rights inspired a nation, and their truth can still be heard. They speak to the desire of people everywhere to live free from oppression. Talk includes social consequences of the economic embargo of Cuba. **Speaker: Kristin King; Lay Leader: Linda Jamison; Guest Musicians: Dos Mujeres**

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Sabbatical Snippet

Next week (the last in July), I'll meet one of my sabbatical goals: to defend democracy while keeping the faith. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (www.uusc.org) is a social justice group with workcamps for youth and adult UUs (and others). It's grassroots summer camp for 38-year-olds like me.

Location: Boston (during the Democratic National Convention; another workcamp is in New York city during the Republican one).

Purpose: Learn about voter registration and apply those skills in Boston, and back home.

A Guy I Hope I Don't Meet There: The Old Testament God. I don't worry about an early demise, but that character has been tossed around by both the right and the left. And I don't like it. The image of divinity in the Hebrew Scriptures is multifaceted, complex, and even self-contradictory. On any given day, I'll take THAT god over a caricature: that's what I think the so-called Old Testament God has become.

President's Message

By Richard Dempsey

Popular culture celebrates our worst qualities as human beings, and market driven pop stars race each other toward extremes. From the other side, frightened voices pray for the Second Coming and the end of the world, for the Rapture of true believers, and for horrific punishments of the wicked. Shades of the Taliban!

Sound like a worried parent? I've got a new grandson, and I fear for him. In ten years, when he begins to consider the wider world, will voices of reason-driven people be heard anymore? Will

The Old Testament God resembles Yahweh, as much as a gag cartoon portrait resembles the subject. Those drawings magnify one or two characteristics: big ears, fancy or casual clothes, a shiny watch. Like a gag cartoon portrait, The Old Testament God accentuates only a few aspects of Yahweh (vengeance, strict or silly laws about behavior and outlandish punishments). Many aspects of the god portrayed in the Hebrew Scriptures are skipped over (creativity, caring, justice).

I would have done well to remember the creativity/caring/justice bits when one of my nephews took the other nephew's cheesy goldfish snack treat. The nanny cam would have shown an unpleasant sight: Aunt Amy fishing the loot out of the young offender's mouth. (Not my finest moment!) I hope it won't be long before I learn this particular lesson: even if "the offender" (c'mon, he's 3!) gloats (that self-satisfied, watcha gonna do about it grin), creativity/caring/justice guides us to put energy into healing the rift between the wronged and the wrong.

America have stumbled into other botched operations like Iraq, wasting the lives of our sons and daughters? I've always been a patriot, but should I urge that my grandson become a Slovak citizen, with his mother, instead of a U.S. citizen, with his father? I have actually been thinking about this. I fear for our country.

What can we do? Wiser heads for centuries have advised that when all about you are losing their cool, stay calm. Focus on one thing at a time. Unitarian Universalists should

Otherwise, as I did, the one who intervenes is wrong too and the one who wronged the wronged is, likewise, wronged. That's exponentially more **wrong** than we need. Rather, focus on the injured party, find out what would make it right, take steps to restore friendly relations. And if they're 3, maybe schedule a Time Out.

Go, justice, go!

In Faith and the spirit of "No Failure...Call It A Learning Moment!"

(Rev.) Amy



emphasize teaching our children the benefits of reason, the skills of discerning the true from the bogus, and a healthy skepticism of popular religious culture. We must be the eye of reason within the hurricane of insanity that looms on the horizon. So get involved. Become a teacher in our Religious Education Program. Join the choir. Serve on a committee. UUC needs people of good sense to lead us during the coming storm.

In community,

Richard

Your Participation Requested

Campus Ministry Program Discussion

All who are interested in our UUCT Campus Ministry are invited to a general discussion of the program on **Sunday, August 8 at 12:30 PM**, in Room L of the new building. With the pending resignation of Campus Ministry Coordinator Chelsea Fox, we have an opportunity to reassess what we are doing and decide how we want to go forward. If you have been involved with this program, or have your own views on what it should be or become, you should be at this meeting. Contact: Board President Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

Covenanting for Excellence in Religious Education

The word *covenant* has broad meaning. It is traditional religious language that refers to a "solemn agreement" or "promise from the heart." The roots come from the covenants of the Hebrew scriptures, and later in the Christian scriptures, as a means of describing the relationship between God and God's people. Covenantal relationships were established by early Protestant congregations and their clergy, including Unitarian congregations.

Today, our association of Unitarian Universalist congregations covenant together to affirm and promote a set of principles and purposes that represent the core values we share. Many of our congregations enter into covenantal relationships with their ministers.

Developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association in the early 1990's, *Covenanting for Excellence in Religious Education* is a facilitated process between a religious educator and a congregation for purposes of identifying a set of mutually agreed-upon commitments. This covenantal

process considers present expectations of the congregation and outlines mutual hopes for the future of its lifespan religious education program. It may be used as a tool for growth and deeper understandings for the congregation and religious educator, with identified resources, mutual commitments, and support systems. It can specify results expected and how these results will be achieved.

The covenant should be a living document that represents more than a list of objectives and aspirations; it reflects a commitment to ongoing congregational transformation. A covenant reflects the quality of the relationships involved, rather than the contractual dimensions of employment.

As part of our strategic plan to strengthen our lifespan RE program, the church Board and staff have arranged for the specialized *Covenanting for Excellence in Religious Education* workshop to be conducted by a trained RE covenant facilitator. A weekend of events surrounding this process is planned.

On **Friday, September 24, 6 :30 PM**, in the sanctuary, we will be hosting a **Covenanting Kick-off Party**. Come enjoy the camaraderie of our wonderful congregation and get to meet our covenanting facilitator. All are welcome to join in this fun evening! Childcare will be provided.

You are invited to participate in the **Covenant for Excellence in Religious Education Process** scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** in the sanctuary. A primary focus of this workshop will be the sharing of ideas and suggestions that will help us to clarify our expectations for lifespan religious education in our congregation and our relationship with our religious education professional. All concerned

parents, teachers, adult enrichment facilitators and participants, and congregational leaders are encouraged to participate in this facilitated, day-long process. Lunch, snacks, and childcare will be provided.

The covenant that we create through this process will be shared and celebrated during the **Sunday morning worship service on September 26**, followed by a reception in the sanctuary for all ages. We hope to have many guests from the Florida District and other Florida UU churches.

The *Covenanting for Excellence in Religious Education* promises to be an important part of our congregation's growth and maturation as we shape our lifespan religious education program and vision for the future. We look forward to your participation in this important event in the life of our church! Please call Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Chair, 553-9416, for more information about the covenanting, to tell us you can come, or if you would like to help prepare for the workshop. We hope to see a great turnout for this important milestone in our church's development!

***YOUR PRESENCE IS
REQUESTED***

Sunday, August 1

At 12:45 PM

In the Sanctuary

For the Wedding

of DeLos DeTar & Karla Sabin

(No presents please)

Announcements



Updating the P&P Manual

We will be updating the UUCT Manual of Policies and Procedures in the next few weeks, so if you wish to suggest adding a new policy or committee description or revising an existing one, please note the following procedures:

1. New or revised policies or committee descriptions should be approved and recommended by the appropriate committee and the vice president in charge of that area. If there is no committee, the VP for the appropriate area may make the recommendation.
2. After committee and VP approval, please send the proposed item to Joan Patterson at patterson090@comcast.net, or mail to Joan at 1714 Ferndale Place, Tallahassee, 32301.
3. The proposed item will then be incorporated into the new Manual of Policies and Procedures and taken to the Board for approval.
4. Once approved by the Board, the entire new 2004-2005 Manual of Policies and Procedures will be printed and distributed. Copies of the manual are available in the church office.
5. Proposed new and revised items received prior to August 31 will be included in the manual that will be taken to the Board at their September meeting. Items received after August 31 will be taken to the Board in January 2005 for the mid-year revision.

Sunday Program Ideas

The Program Committee encourages members and friends to request or recommend speakers and topics for Sunday services. Planning is done two months in advance. Contact: Kristin King (425-4658) or Eric Draper (668-5075).

Wanna Make a Big Deal of It?

Well, yeah. We're talking about a fabulous new 7-foot Baldwin grand piano here! The new piano has been in the sanctuary for a few weeks, and it's time to celebrate! Be on the lookout in September for a dedication/fundraiser concert (on a Friday or Saturday night) and a special Sunday morning music celebration. The concert will feature many of our own talented musicians, as well as Tallahassee community members who will want to come break the piano in right! If you have any suggestions about the concert or Sunday morning dedication, call our music director, Helen Falb (309-6853, helen@townbeacon.com).

Need a 2-Drawer File Cabinet?

If you could use a 2-drawer, legal-size file cabinet that needs wire-brushing and a good paint job, see Francis Ventre or Tom Chase.

Chair Stacking

Please help protect our new chairs by stacking them carefully, that is:

1. Stack no more than five chairs.
2. Put chairs with arms and chairs without arms in different stacks.
3. When you place a chair on top of another, make sure it "nests" properly on top of the other.

Sunday Hospitality Network

Margaret Mooney is the new coordinator overseeing UUCT's Sunday hospitality network for July 2004 - June 2005. This network provides everyone, church members, friends, and visitors alike, with a warm, friendly atmosphere and delicious sweets, hot coffee, cold drinks, etc., in the social time following each Sunday service (including the monthly potluck Sundays). Margaret will oversee the 12 volunteers who each will recruit and set up for one month.

Volunteers Needed

- A new leader for the Sunday Set-up Brigade. Usually done on Saturday mornings but can be adjusted to your schedule. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).
- A new sound person for the Sunday service. Also contact Richard.

Batter, Batter, Swing!

We are organizing a recreational, co-ed church softball team for a fall city league. Come join the fun. No real experience needed, enthusiasm welcomed. We'll play one night per week, 10 games total. For more information, please contact Georgia Ackerman (984-0182, Georgiaackerman@earthlink.net).

Complete Pledges, Start Anew

Our fiscal year July 03 - June 04 ended June 30. Statements were mailed in mid-June to all who had not completed their pledges. Please complete your pledge if you are able. Contributions accepted any time. If you have questions about your pledge or how often you wanted statements, contact Thomas Chase, collecting treasurer (422-1985, twchase38@earthlink.net).

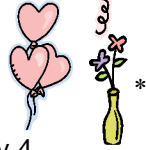
Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the year for pledge checks: 03/04 or 04/05.
- Write separate checks for the Operating Budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- And a reminder that the three-year Capital Campaign pledge period ended 6/30/04.

Appreciation

To:

- * **Elinor Elfner and John Whitton** for hosting a July 4 celebration to which all were invited.
- * **Sheila Meehan, Eric Draper, Carolyn DuBard, Pat Farris, Barbara Sterling, Eleanor and Earl Enge, and Barbara and John Donaldson** for greeting on Sunday mornings 6/27-7/25.
- * **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Margaret Mooney, and all others who hosted** hospitality in June and July.
- * **All who** were clean-up "heroes" in June and July.
- * **Patrick Leinberry, Chelsea Fox, Nina Cline, and Lee Tanner** for volunteering in the nursery.
- * **Dorothy Mann and Eleanor and Earl Enge** for helping out in the office on a weekly basis.



- * **The Mooney family, Dave Harvey, Randall Gann, George Knight, Joe Lama, Tom Chase, and Richard Dempsey** for setting up the sanctuary for Sunday services.
- * Volunteers for the July 12 Shelter meal: **Neil Mooney, Dorothy Mann, Carla Conaway and Isabel Sheridan** cooked and **Carla Conaway, Kathie Mackie, Pam Davidson, Beryl Cassiday, and Dexter Easton** served the meal.
- * **Rod Oldenburg and Annette Pearce** for facilitating the July New UU sessions, with 15 participants.

Buildings and Grounds Thanks

At the July workday, **Qadira Michele Davidson, Greg DeAngelo, Jeanne Ryder, Rod Oldenburg, and Steve Urse** weeded and mulched the places around the Meridian Road sign, trees and parking spaces. **Tom Chase and**

George Knight raked and spread gravel in the parking lot. **Dot Mann, Greg DeAngelo, Francis Ventre and Randall Gann** weeded and mulched to the south of the new building, and **Austin and Pierce Mooney and Steve Urse** mowed the lawns. **Don Berger** worked on the street sign. As usual, **George Knight** blew the leaves.

Thank You to YRUU Youth

We were thrilled to see the kids at UUCT were conducting a project for The Shelter. Please be sure that they all know how grateful we are for the toiletries, especially the residents who need this stuff everyday. Thank you, also, to Howard and Carolyn Pardue who have done so much for the homeless people over the years. And finally, thanks to UUCT for the thousands of meals provided to our people since 1992!

Mel Eby, Executive Director

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 8, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kellyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (877-6301, sgeraci10@direcway.com)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@direcway.com)**

Registration for 2004-2005

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held Sundays, August 1 - September 5. 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 during the month of July. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 5.

Many 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.

It Takes a Village

Among the most accomplished and fabled tribes of Africa, no tribe was considered to have warriors more fearsome or more intelligent than the mighty Masai. It is perhaps surprising, then, to learn the traditional greeting that passed between Masai warriors: "Kasserian Ingera," one would always

say to another. It means, "And how are the children?" It is still the traditional greeting among the Masai, acknowledging the high value that the Masai always place on their children's well being.

Even warriors with no children of their own would always give the traditional answer, "All the children are well" — meaning, of course, that peace and safety prevail; that the priorities of protecting the young, the powerless, are in place; and that Masai society has not forgotten its reason for being, its functions and responsibilities. "All the children are well" means that life is good. It means that the daily struggles for existence do not preclude proper caring for the young.

How might it affect our consciousness of our own children's welfare if in our culture we took to greeting each other



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with this daily question: "And how are the children?" If we heard that question and passed it along to each other a dozen times a day, would it begin to make a difference in the reality of how children are thought of or cared about in our own country, our community, and our church? If every adult among us, parent and non-parent alike, felt an equal weight for the daily care and protection of all the children in our community and our church . . . could we truly say without any hesitation, "The children are well, yes, all the children are well."

What would it be like . . . if the minister began every worship service by answering the question, "And how are the children?" If every town leader had to answer the question at the beginning of every meeting: "And how are the children? Are they all well?" Wouldn't it be interesting to hear their answers? What would it be like?

According to Hilary Clinton, children exist in the world as well as in the family. From the moment they are born, they depend on a host of other 'grown-ups' — grandparents, neighbors, teachers, ministers, employers, political leaders, and untold others who touch their lives directly and indirectly. Each of us plays a part in every child's life: It takes a village to raise a child, AND it takes a whole church community to provide quality Religious Education programming.

There are many fun ways to contribute. We need teachers for all age groups! Is this your year to help us out? Offer your time, skills, and interests. We make teaching fun and hopefully . . . not stressful! Teaching teams of three for each age group allow time for other things like family, church and fun. Curriculum and materials are provided. You help us create a well-rounded and worthwhile program. Thanks for helping us grow!

So, consider the role you play in the lives of children here at UUCT. For it is your role that makes this church community what it is. Can you say with pride that "all the children are well"? Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

Important Upcoming RE Dates

August 2 - 6: Harmony Camp

August 8: Youth RE Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM. We are moving this from the 1st Sunday of the month to the 2nd Sunday because it conflicted with some schedules. Lots to discuss so please try to be there!

August 12: Teacher/Advisor Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 PM, Olive Garden (Invitations will be sent to this past year's teachers and advisors).

August 13-14: District Teacher Retreat. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

August 27-29: District Youth Advisor Training. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

August 28: UUCT Teacher Training, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, sanctuary.

September 12: Youth RE Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM. Moved from the 1st Sunday due to Labor Day holidays.

September 11: Classroom Clean-up, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

September 19: Start of Fall RE.

September 24-26: RE Covenanting Weekend - Friday Covenanting Kickoff (6:30 PM) - Saturday Covenanting Workshop (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, lunch and childcare provided) - Sunday celebration service and reception.

YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)

No meetings for the summer; possible special events will be announced.

Upcoming Cons:

9/17-19, Transition-in - Location TBA

10/8-10, All-age - First UU Orlando

11/5-7, All-age - Tampa

For more information, call YRUU Advisor Howard Pardue (386-1494) or DRE Maggie Geraci.

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator
(blbrandt@earthlink.net; **893-5511**)

Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education
(DREmaggie@direcway.com; **877-6301**).

Are you interested in personal spiritual growth? Would you like to get to know some people at UUCT better? Learn useful skills? Is there a class or other activity that you think might enrich the lives of adults in UUCT and Tallahassee in general? Please gather in Room L at UUCT at **7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 10**. We will arrange the curriculum for the fall and outline options for the whole year. Contact Bruce Brandt.

FUTURE CLASSES

The Artist's Way Creativity Workshop I & II: Class is on hold until October. More information in *The More Meridian* at UUCT web site. Contact Amy Mann (222-1420 or amann@infionline.net).

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions will be in

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late September or early October, taught by Rev. Amy and a church member. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter, or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettaly.com) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Choices for Sustainable Living. We will have an organizational meeting in early October to determine how many workbooks we will order. The course is nine sessions exploring the meaning of sustainable living and the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth. For information on topics that will be covered, go to www.nwei.org/pages/sustainable.html. A sign up sheet in the sanctuary is available. Contact Kathie Mackie (385-5115, uuct@nettaly.com) for more information.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

Adult Forum. Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L. Open to everyone. See front page of this Meridian for the month's topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

UU Buddhist Fellowship. The UUBF (Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship) meets every first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in Rooms 3&6. We read and discuss books and are currently finishing up *When Things Fall Apart* by Pema Chodrin. This month, we will be covering Chapters 19-20, "Three Methods of Dealing with Chaos" and "The Trick of Choiselessness." We are also discussing alternative formats for meetings in the fall. For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562- 0739, wmpat88@att.net).

UUCT Book Club. Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Room C. Newcomers welcome. Bring a friend. Contact: Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921). We had more people than ever before for our July discussion of *The Red Tent*. For Tuesday, August 10, we are reading *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. From the back cover: "When Henry meets Clare, he is 28 and she is 20. He is a hip librarian; she is a beautiful art student. Henry has never met Clare before; Clare has known Henry since she was six....." The September book is *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire. Skip ahead to that one if you like.

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM offsite. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563, dbfoster@yahoo.com).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Campus Ministry is in the midst of some change. I have officially resigned as Campus Ministry Coordinator, effective date to be determined. I still have some loose ends to wrap up, and I will of course be assisting with any changes within the group structure that need to be made before the Fall semester starts at the end of the month. Chances are, our group will look quite different by the time classes begin, with someone else

driving the boat and a new schedule of meetings and events.

All interested in discussing UUCT's campus ministry program — past, present, and future — are encouraged to attend the meeting at 12:30 PM in Rm L on Sunday, August 8. See p. 3.

Our website (www.uuutally.org) is nearly up-and-running, so feel free to bookmark it and keep checking back for updates and meeting information.

Important: Coffee Hour location change! We now meet at All Saints Café, which is in the building that was once called Javaheads, 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines Street. We will still meet at 6:30 PM on Fridays.

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

Social Justice

Harmony Camp News

By Joanne Taylor

As August 2 draws near, our plans for Harmony Camp are reaching fruition! In fact when you receive this Harmony Camp will be beginning. We look forward to a wonderful week with 60 campers and approximately 15

volunteer staff members. Look forward to a detailed report in September.

TEAM

By Leslie Wurster

The Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) issue committees have been meeting separately and working on their issues. UUCTer

Leslie Wurster joined the healthcare committee. More UUCTers need to join issue committees!

To learn more about serving on one, contact Leslie Wurster (421-8129) or Joanne Taylor (893-9024). The issues are: housing, healthcare, public transportation, and teen-age needs.

Board Actions July 7, 2004

By Carolyn DuBard

- Approved the minutes of the May 6 Executive Board meeting.
- Accepted the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for May 2004.
- Approved the purchase of a piano for the sanctuary and authorized that \$4,500 of the purchase price can be borrowed from the reserve fund. The Finance Committee will provide specific recommendations to the Board concerning paying back the money from the Reserve Fund and paying for unbudgeted items related to the purchase of the piano, such as insurance, cover, etc.
- Recorded that it was the consensus of the Executive Board to not "opt out" as a sponsor of the forums of the Big Bend Environmental Forum. The UUCT Green Sanctuary Committee has joined the Big Bend Environmental Forum. Any Forum member organization can choose to "opt out" of a specific forum.

"The More Meridian" at UUCT Website (www.nettally.com/uuct)

A Word of Explanation

By Trudy Deyle

With input from the Board, we are making *Meridian* changes starting this month. They should result in a shorter printed version, with some material transferred to our web site. Each month, this column, *The More Meridian*, will either list, or contain abbreviated information, on articles that can be found in full at a corresponding *The More Meridian* page on-line.

We welcome your feedback on these changes, including how we have organized the additional material on-line. You may contact me as Meridian editor (gdeyle@juno.com), Webmaster Jack Martin (martinj5060@comcast.net) or Publicity Chair Kristin King (KristinKing@fdle.state.fl.us). A written note may also be sent to us via the church office. As always, the current and back issues of the printed *Meridian* may be accessed in full via the web site.

One column that will not be in either the printed or on-line *Meridian*, is *About New Members*. These biographical write-ups will be published in the order of service the day of new member recognition ceremonies and may also be requested via mail or e-mail from the church office or the Membership chair.

Adult Enrichment

For more detailed course descriptions, visit *The More Meridian*.

Church Community Corner

Periodic articles will appear on-line.

Denominational Affairs

On-line now:

- News Clips from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)
- UUA Trustee Tidbits

Green Corner

By Michele Hope

The Green Sanctuary (GS) and Building and Grounds committees voted to adopt TAPPwater campaign principals (Take Action on Personal Pollution) to fulfill the remaining requirement for GS accreditation. The church has adopted water-friendly, best-management practices; we encourage members to do the same.

Mark your calendars for upcoming local environmental activities:

- Monday, August 23, Big Bend Environmental Forum (BBEF) & League of Women Voters Candidate's Forum. Voice your environmental concerns to candidates for Leon County commissioner. Info. on-line.
- Wednesday, September 1, Green Sanctuary Comm. meeting, Rm L.

- Friday, Sept. 10, Heart of the Earth, Book Release Event (*Between Two Rivers*). Info. on-line.
- Saturday, September 18, with Big Bend Sierra, Coastal Cleanup. Info. on-line.

Additional information needing your input may be found on-line: (1) GS comm. looks at UUCT's progress toward 7th Principle Project accreditation; (2) GS committee still needs volunteers in several areas and for one-time projects. Find your niche for service! (3) Earth's harvest...Want to help make wine at Ladybird Organics?

Mountain Notes

By Linda Winn-Brown

RETREAT! Yes, a good possibility. I will be in touch with all those who signed up soon. Price for 2 nights \$127 per adult and \$30 per youth. I have asked for a price for 3 nights, as some of us may arrive on Friday, while others may arrive on Saturday. A list of upcoming Mountain programs on-line. Or contact Linda (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838, www.mountaincenters.org).

Repeated On-line

Calendar for current month; Events & social activities; Sunday Services.

Welcome New Member

- *Jerry Lawrence*
- *Ellie Whitney*

New Member Recognition

Sunday, August 8

Membership

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or a Sunday greeter.

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 name tags. Contact office for replacements (\$4.75).

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Margaret Mooney (893-8250).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Contact Hospitality Network Coordinator: Margaret Mooney (893-8250).
- **Music Committee:** Members needed who love music. Contact VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, August 9, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).

- **Sunday Service Brigade:** Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 AM to setup chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharvey@aol.com).

Directory Changes

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

Caring Network

By Joanne Taylor, Caring Ministries Chairperson

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

Tom Pratt, who is home from the hospital following surgery for colon cancer and will appreciate cards as he recuperates and begins chemotherapy. To help arrange evening meals for the Pratts, please contact Joanne Taylor (893-9024).

Congratulations to...

Del DeTar and Karla Sabin on their marriage.

Our Board

- * Richard Dempsey, President
- * Neil Mooney, Past President
- * Christine Boczarska, President Elect
- * Carolyn DuBard, Secretary

- * Steve Urse, VP for Management
 - * Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
 - * Vacant, VP for Social Justice
 - * Del DeTar, VP for Finance
 - * DeWayne Carver, 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

New Arrivals

If you or another UUCTer is expecting or adopting a child, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you'd like to prepare meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

Audiotapes



Audiotapes of each Sunday's service are available for four-week loan to UUCT members. Sign-out information and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (gwndlyn@istal.com, 668-3346).

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Contact **Scott Geraci**, sgeraci10@direcway.com or 877-6301, OR **Holly Mackie**, hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497



The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Sara Reece (309-1933)

Bob Deyle (422-1057)

Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 172**
- **Current Number of Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of June - 101.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 56**

August UUCT Events, Social Activities, After August, District & National

August Events

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 11:30 AM.

First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, all welcome. Soup and salad \$6.95, full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, AUGUST 8, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

CAMPUS MINISTRY DISCUSSION, SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 12:30 PM. In Room L. See p. 3. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748).

ADULT ENRICHMENT PLANNING MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 7:30 PM. In Room L, to plan for the 2004-2005 church year. See *Adult Enrichment* for details. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

TEACHER / ADVISOR APPRECIATION DINNER, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 6:30 PM. Off-site. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

CHURCH COUNCIL, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 12:30 PM. All committee chairs should plan to attend this quarterly meeting to share and coordinate our plans. Contact: President-Elect Christine Boczarska (893-5511).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES. Check their web site for meeting details. Contact: Rosa Morgan (688-0885, www.multiculturalTal.org).

UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, l.a.goodson@worldnet.att.net, or with a note on a Sunday) about possible UUCT social events.

- **UU Downtown Chow-Down,** Wed. 8/4, 11:30 AM
- **Second Sunday Potluck,** 8/8, 12:30 PM

What's Your Generation? We're thinking of some generational and multigenerational events. Help us by sending a "secret message" about where you fit. (The generation names came from technomic.com/pdf/generation.pdf.)

- Generation Y, 27 and under, send email to carlaconaway@hotmail.com
- Generation X, 28-39, send email to carlaconaway@hotmail.com
- Aging Baby Boomers, 40-58, send email to michele_hope@yahoo.com
- Swing, 59-71, send email to michele_hope@yahoo.com
- WWII, over 71, send email to l.a.goodson@worldnet.att.net

Are You Socially Coordinated? If yes, roll over to Ludy's place. She's shy and doesn't know how she became the Social Activities Coordinator, and she needs you. Ludy's phone number and new e-mail address are above. Also, Sept. 24 will be the RE covenanting kick-off party - can you coordinate or participate? If yes, contact Ludy or Kelly Turnage (553-9416).

Labyrinth Walk. This month Ludy wants to take the walk at Holy Comforter Episcopal church. Would you like to join her? If so, contact her.

Events after August

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, TO RESUME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 7:30 PM. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

RE COVENANTING WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For teachers, parents, youth, adult enrichment facilitators and participants, board members, and interested UUCTers. See p. 3. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

MOUNTAIN RETREAT! LABOR DAY WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 3 - 6. Yes, a good possibility. See *The More Meridian* printed page, this issue. Contact: Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net)

District Events

YOUNG ADULT RETERREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - 5. For anyone between the ages of 18 and 35. Come swim, canoe, sing, play games, and worship. Estimated cost: \$90 per person. For information contact Katie Culbert (813-988-8188, info@uutampa.org).

MANAGING OUR DIFFERENCES WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16. In South Daytona at Community UU Church and featuring Florida district executive Mary Chulak Higgins. How to avoid or solve problems arising from our differences.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13. To be held in Orlando and facilitated by UUA Congregational Fundraising Consultant Wayne Clark.

DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 8 & 9, 2005. To be held in Oviedo. Plan to attend and have a chance to meet and hear UUA President Bill Sinkford.

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12:45 PM Sabin - DeTar Wedding, sanctuary	2 7 PM UUBF, Rm 3&6 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	3	4 11:30 AM UU Chow-down, off-site 7:15 PM Membership, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	5	6 6:30 PM University UUs, off-site	7 All Day, Member's Private Party
7 AM - 7 PM Harmony Camp, All Classrooms & Sanctuary →						
8 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm. Meeting, Rm 2 12:30 Potluck 12:30 PM Campus Ministry Meeting, Rm L	9 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 Shelter Meal, off-site	10 7 PM UU Book Club, Rm C 7:30 PM Adult RE, Rm L	11 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm L 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	12 6:30 PM Teacher/Advisor Apprec. Dinner, off-site	13 6:30 PM University UUs, off-site	14
15 Shelter Meal Collection 12 PM <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 12:30 PM Church Council, Rm L	16 7 PM UUBF, Rm 3&6 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 2 7:15 PM Comm. Ministry, Rm C 7:15 PM Prog. Comm., Rm L 7:15 PM WSG, off-site	17 6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 3&6	18 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	19	20 6:30 PM University UUs, off-site	21
22	23 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	24 6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 3&6	25 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	26	27 6:30 PM University UUs, off-site	28 9 AM - 12 PM Youth RE Teacher Training, sanctuary
29	30 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	31 ALL DAY POLLING PLACE 6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 3&6	Rev. Amy's Summer Session Sabbatical until 8/31.		Meridian Schedule: Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned in to Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the third Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.	



Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)

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Rev. Amy McKenzie is on sabbatical until 8/31/04. In her absence, contact Bruce Brandt, Committee on Ministry Chair (893-5511), or Joanne Taylor, Caring Ministries Chair (893-9024), for pastoral needs. UUCT members Nancy Bass (893-1806) and Rev. Harold Hawkins (893-1331) are available for pastoral care.

Kathie Mackie, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

Helen Falb, Music Director, 309-6853;
helen@townbeacon.com

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

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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."

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Artist's Way I & II, Will resume in October. Amy Mann (222-1420)

Buddhist Fellowship, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM. Anne Rudloe (984-2504)

UU Fiction Book Club, Tues., 8/10, 7 PM. Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921)

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wed. 8/11, 7:00 PM. President Richard Dempsey (671-2748)

COMMITTEES MEET

Adult RE, Tues. 8/10, 7:30 PM. Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Buildings & Grounds,

Mon. 9/6, 7:30 PM. Francis Ventre (402-3050)

Campus Ministry, Sun. 8/8, 12:30 PM. Kim Ross (508-9100)

Church Council, Sun. 8/15, 12:30 PM. Christine Boczarska (893-5511)

Committee on Ministry, Mon. 8/16, 7:15 PM. Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Endowment, meets quarterly. Jim Dawson (383-1213)

Finance, Mon. 8/16, 7:00 PM. Del DeTar (878-7895)

Green Sanctuary, Wed. 9/1, 7 PM. Norene Chase (422-1985)

Harmony Camp, TBA, Joanne Taylor (893-9024)

Membership, Wed. 8/4, 7:15 PM. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

Personnel, Tues. 9/21, 11:30 AM. Margaret Mooney (893-8250)

Program, Mon. 8/16, 7:15 PM. Eric Draper (668-5075)

Publicity, TBA. Kristin King (425-4658)

Racial & Cultural Diversity, will meet via e-mail. Isabel Sheridan (668-0785)

Youth RE, Sun. 8/8, 9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage (553-9416)