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**Every Sunday:**

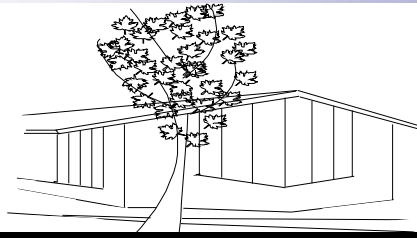
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 8/21
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM (inc. Pre-K)
- 11:00 AM Summer Youth RE: K-Elementary

**Adult Forum Topics:**

- August 7, Open discussion
- August 14, Cheryl Ward, "Underwater Archaeology in the Black Sea, Part II"
- August 21, Lea Hall, "Apocalyptic Prophecies and the Death of Environmentalism"
- August 28, TBA

August Highlights:

- UUA Video on Interim Ministry, 12:30 PM
- Armand & Angelina Concert, Fri. 8/5, 7:00 PM
- Harry Potter Party, Sat. 8/13, 6:30 PM (all ages)
- Dialogue & Dessert with Turkish Students, Fri. 8/26, 7:00 PM (tentative)



# The Meridian

## August Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Aug. 7 | Knowing, Doing, Being

*The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.* We UUs know a lot! Our seven principles are great ideas! But do we do them? How do we encourage ourselves and hold ourselves accountable to acting in accordance with our principles? We want to close the gap between *knowing* and *doing*, so that embodying our knowledge is our way of *being* in our church, the community, and the world. (A new member recognition ceremony will be held.)

**Speaker: Charlotte Dudley; Lay Leader: Richard Dempsey**

### Aug. 14 | Judaism as an Evolving Spiritual Tradition

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning* reveals the Jewish tradition as it is, rather than as the monolith it is often perceived to be. Jewish tradition is the totality of the dialectic, the contradictory arguments of rabbis and teachers, who interpreted Torah throughout the centuries. In the absence of a strong, central authority, opposing forces live side by side. To engage in enlightened behavior, individuals and communities must ferret out alternatives that constitute ethical directions for life's journeys. (We'll light candles of joy and concern.) **Guest Speaker: Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Garfein (Temple Israel); Lay Leader: Barbara Hogan**

### Aug. 21 | Evidence of Things Not Seen: Practical Mysticism

Like a double tree whose trunks have intertwined, Unitarian Universalism appears to be one. But its old roots draw on both rational and mystical sources, from Tom Paine to Walt Whitman. Theological differences between secular humanists and mystics are evident among us now, as ever. What if we applied the third principle: *acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations?*

**Guest Speaker: Lea Hall (Sarasota writer); Lay Leader: Steve Urse**

### Aug. 28 | Historical Search for Freedom, Reason, and Tolerance

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* The history of Unitarianism in Europe contains numerous stories of heroes who persisted in their search for meaning in Christianity and who influenced others through their writings and their lives. Despite persecution they fought for freedom of religious thought; through reason they challenged the accepted interpretation of the Bible; and they learned to tolerate differences in views and practices. Today we have freedoms beyond their wildest dreams, but from their experiences we can learn to support each other in our search for freedom, reason, and tolerance.

**Speaker: Elinor Elfner; Lay Leader: Neil Mooney**

## President's Message

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

This is the middle of the "summer doldrums" with incredibly hot, humid weather, people on vacation, and our new interim minister, Rev. William Murchison, not due until September 1. Yet those of us who are still in Tallahassee have experienced some wonderful Sunday services and look forward to even more this month. We will start to see more people who are new to UUCT coming to see what we

are all about. Although things may move more slowly in the summer, we definitely are still moving forward.

July 31 was the first meeting of the new executive board, and an orientation is planned soon for our newest members. If you have issues for the board's consideration, please be sure to contact the vice president who covers your area to discuss your proposals. I am looking forward to

working with everyone at UUCT as president and hope I can make a positive difference. Still it makes you wonder, when the first official act of this president was to cancel Sunday church services and meetings because of Hurricane Dennis! Here's hoping for calmer, less windy days ahead.

In Faith,  
Christine

## Connecting with Foreign Students

By Richard Dempsey, Executive Board Past President

Following the get-together with the Muslim students and their families at UUCT last month, Jayson Hayes and Bruce Brandt volunteered to coordinate future activities on behalf of the church. The student point of contact, Akif Aydin ([akifay@hotmail.com](mailto:akifay@hotmail.com)), and his group have indicated strong interest in getting to know Americans and look forward to more intimate gatherings. They have had lunch with former UUCTer Bill Berlow in making contact

with the local Jewish community and visited with me one afternoon in my home for conversation and cokes.

UUs interested in becoming a part of this special dialogue group should contact Jayson Hayes (386-8645, [jrh7013@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:jrh7013@garnet.acns.fsu.edu)) or Bruce Brandt (893-5511, [blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net)) and work through them in arranging small group meetings with the students. Dinners for two or eight, luncheons at local

restaurants, pizza parties, and small receptions at your home or apartment are suggested, but use your imagination. Keep it informal. Include their families (and yours) when you can.

The next church-wide dessert and dialogue with the full Muslim student group has tentatively been set for **7:00 PM, Friday, August 26** in the sanctuary.

In Community, Richard

## Announcements

### UUA Interim Ministry Video Through 8/7

For now, this 15-minute video will be shown the last time on Sunday 8/7 at 12:30 PM in Rm. L. All members and friends are encouraged to take the time to see the video, which gives an overview of what to expect from the interim year and features interim ministers, as well as members of congregations who have had interim ministers. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

### Trustee Tidbits Posted

August's letter from our FL District UUA trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you



can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)). Topic: GA workshop entitled "On Being a Board Religiously." A summary of the article follows.

How do we ground our work together in our religious values and communities? It is important that leaders take their own individual spiritual lives seriously. "Check-ins" need not dominate a meeting; be creative with ideas to vary the "check-in" experience. Begin meetings and retreats with spiritual grounding. Honor the different ways that people experience spirituality. Care needs to be given that one "type" does not dominate.

Boards were encouraged to: create a board covenant and revisit it from time to time, perhaps as an opening reading; see conflict as a community-building experience not to be avoided but to be embraced as a growth opportunity; and make a commitment to attend a common worship and community celebration together.

### Gather Water

Whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water for our intergenerational ingathering and water ceremony in September. See p. 4 of the June *Meridian* for details.

## Announcements (Continued)

### New UUCT Directory

In early August, a new UUCT directory will be e-mailed to all members and supporting friends who have e-mail. Members and supporting friends who do not have e-mail may request a copy from the church office.

### Audio Tapes

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

### Office Closed Some Mondays

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days the first two Mondays of each month through December.

## What It Takes to Prepare an Order of Service

By Kathie Mackie, Office Administrator

It may LOOK like magic, but actually our order of service is the work of many hands. (Alas, we have no Rumpelstiltskin on our staff!) When people wait until the last minute to send me information for the order of service and announcements, it holds up the entire production process. If the information I receive is incorrect or incomplete, I may have to contact others and then wait for answers. Often this means a rushed job and extra work for everyone. When Kristin King and I discussed this matter, she asked me to write an article letting people know the steps involved in creating the order of service and announcements. I hope this information is helpful.

- The lay leader has to send me an outline of the order of service. The Wednesday before the service is the deadline, but the sooner the better. Kristin has to proofread the order of service, and we often need time to resolve any omissions or discrepancies.

- I also have to include other information such as greeters, board member on duty, and music. These all come from different sources.
- If your order of service includes an insert such as a song sheet, I need extra time to prepare it.
- The same goes for the announcements. If you have an announcement for the order of service that was not in *The Meridian*, you should get it to us by Wednesday.
- If the announcement has to do with an outside group, make sure it has been approved by the appropriate committee. That saves a lot of time. If in doubt, consult the Manual of Policies and Procedures in the office.
- Also check with me if the announcement involves a rental issue. I'll tell you whether the requested date and time are available. (Don't assume the

church will be free for your group, or that the date and time you requested are open, until you have checked it out thoroughly.)

- It takes time to proofread both publications, and this has to fit into my proofreaders' schedules. You need to send everything to us in a timely fashion.
- I print on Friday morning, and I don't like to wait past noon to start. That's when the volunteers arrive to fold the orders of service and stuff the announcements for me.
- As you all know, I also devote a lot of time each month to preparing and mailing *The Meridian* and other church publications. So my workdays are usually pretty busy.
- Please remember that my office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thanks, everyone, for helping me to prepare complete and timely publications. I appreciate it!

## Appreciation

### To:

- Sara Reece, Susan Snyder, Barbara Sterling, and Dave Nancy Harvey, Will Adkins, Joan Patterson, Joan Patterson, Frank Deasy, Francis Ventre, Isabel Sheridan, Lugenia Dixon,



- and Trudy Deyle for greeting on Sunday mornings – 7/3 - 7/24.
- Rod Oldenburg, Peggy Lentz, Christine Boczarska, and Sara Reece for providing hospitality on June Sundays.
- Linda Oaksford, Jim Denny and

- Sara Reece, Ellie Whitney, Steve Urse, Sheri Garcia, and Jerri Lee Wagner for June Sunday clean-up.
- Jim Denny for serving as June Kitchen Kontroller, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers.

## Appreciation (Continued)

- **Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, Beth Kidder and Greg DeAngelo, Charlotte and Woody Dudley, the Mooney family, and the Oaksford family** for June sanctuary set-up.
- **Christen Ellrich** for volunteering in the nursery.
- **Louise Clay, Dorothy Mann, Amy Mann, Mary Pope-grattan, Joe Grigg, Linda McConnell, LaRae Donnellan, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy** for cooking and serving the July Shelter Meal.
- **Eleanor and Earl Enge, Charlotte Dudley and Dorothy Mann** for being office volunteers.
- **Eleanor and Earl Enge** for faithfully coming and packaging up the inkjet and laser cartridges to send to the recycling center. **Note: Since 2003 we have raised a total of \$950.04 for Green Sanctuary projects and membership fees.**

## Green Corner



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

### A Call for Change

Local passions have been aroused by many Tallahassee residents over the re-emergence of “coal-fired electricity” as a possibility for helping meet local electricity demand as Tallahassee grows in coming years. As UUs who stand on the seventh principle, “respect for the interdependent web of life of which we are a part,” it’s time to focus on our core values and work for change. We need to reduce demand, for starters.

First, we need to educate ourselves thoroughly about the problems and the consequences of our accelerated use of energy. In the documentary “Kilowatt Ours” produced by Jeff Barrie and presented by Steve Urse at the Adult Forum on July 17, the filmmaker asked of random people on the streets: “Do you know where your electricity comes from?” To a person, they did not.

Most of us know ours comes from natural gas, because the issue was thoroughly debated here in the early 1990s. However, costs have risen, as have demands. Certainly our lifestyles are, in part, driving this new debate. It’s a complex debate centering on massive problems of global warming, destruction of natural resources, health issues, and costs associated with our current patterns of consumption.

Electricity usage is only one part of this consumption.

How can we educate ourselves at UUCT? The Global Climate Change Action Group is studying these issues and will present their findings to the church this fall. There will be other opportunities to learn in future Adult Forums. The Green Sanctuary Committee will continue to make available information at a table on Sunday. There are many church members already spending a great deal of time to become informed on the issues surrounding the coal-fired electrical plant initiative which will be brought to Tallahassee voters in a referendum this fall. We all need to become educated on energy usage.

Second, we need to make personal changes. Because it’s easy to become overwhelmed as you examine the complexities and interdependencies of our energy problems and the deterioration of the environment, let’s focus right now on electricity usage. How to begin? I urge each UUCT household to immediately start tracking your personal electricity bills if you haven’t already done so. Only then can you set realistic and measurable goals and begin to creatively make changes.

The “Kilowatt Ours” documentary said that in the southeastern states, each

household uses an average of 1,100 KW hours per month. How is your household cutting consumption of electricity? Let’s share ideas with one another. The Green Sanctuary Committee will provide a place for your suggestions at their Sunday table. If each of us participates in this process, I predict a groundswell of creativity, commitment, and change emerging at UUCT, Tallahassee, Florida, U.S.A., the world. If not us, who? If not now, when?

And visit: [www.kilowattours.org](http://www.kilowattours.org)

### Global Climate Change Action Group Update

By Elinor Elfner

The Global Climate Change Action Group invites all interested parties to their meeting on Monday, August 8, 7:00 PM in Room K. Our guest is Barry Moline, executive director, Florida Municipal Electric Companies. He’ll help us understand what is happening in Florida, what options are being considered for energy, and how Tallahassee Utilities compares. We will also have a few updates, including the coal plant issue, Florida UU global warming activities, and the “Green For You” program whereby people walk the walk, saying they are willing to pay more for clean energy. For more information, call Elinor Elfner (524-1026).

## *Caring Network and Membership News*

### **Caring Ministries Network**

Our hearts are with all of our members and friends who suffered damage to their property during hurricane Dennis. We know of losses for **Ann and Jack Rudloe** at their aquarium and of problems for **Elinor Elfner and John Whitton** at Oyster Bay. **Dexter Easton** totally lost his home at Alligator Point, and **Barbara Sterling's** building lost all the transformers, which will result in major replacement costs.

We are joyful that the non-surgical cardiac procedure **Richard Dempsey** had in July was a hundred percent successful in correction of his heart arrhythmia. Richard has new found energy and is feeling very well.

**Ruth Pestle's** breast cancer surgery was successful. The good news is that she did not have lymph node involvement, and the margins were clear. She began radiation therapy in late July. She has enjoyed receiving our cards and will welcome more.

**Mary Huggins** continues to improve following her earlier surgery. It's very exciting that **Mary and Susan Teisciuro** will open their new, wild-bird supply store in Carriage Gate shopping center the first week of August.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Debbie Holt** as she copes with her mother's death.

**Arthur S. Dunning, Jr.**, one of the few surviving founders of the Unitarian Fellowship of Tallahassee, died March 4 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was 80. His wife, Florence, and 4 children survive him. Professor Dunning earned his doctorate at FSU and taught at the University School in the 1950s, during which time he and Florence helped to found the Unitarian Fellowship that would become UUCT. According to Art Fixel, another of the few surviving founders, Florence Dunning and

Carolyn Fixel taught in the first Sunday school organized at the fellowship in 1955. Dr. Dunning later taught at Duke University and Northwestern University before moving to Ann Arbor. Upon retirement, he was Distinguished Professor of Poetry at the University of Michigan.

**Louis Rothman**, former member of UUCT, died Thursday, July 14.

### **Directory Pictures: Sun. 8/14**

If you have not yet had your picture taken for UUCT's photo directory, Mary Van Sciver will finish up pictures both before and immediately following the service on Sunday 8/14. Look for her at the front of the sanctuary. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to dress up. Contact Mary (893-0353) if you need to arrange an alternate picture-taking time.

### **"Dinners for 8"**

Another round of Dinners for 8 is planned for early fall. "Dinners for 8" is a way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. A main purpose is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. Dinners' coordinator: Junelle Brandt (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

### **Ongoing Opportunities**

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182, georgiaackerman@earthlink.net).

### **Current UUCT Stats**

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 181**
- **Current Number Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **June 2005: 101.8**
  - **July 2004 - June 2005: 107.3**
  - **July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4**
  - **July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment, 04-05: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
  - **Sept. - May: 33.8**
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For August, contact Dick Leinberry (386-4977, rlibrary@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday After-Service Greeter Corps:** Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Note: in addition to regular greeters.
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Sound System Operators:** Contact Dan Peterson (997-6052).

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 7, 9:30 AM, Rm. K.**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (229/226-5264; [kecoyne@gmail.com](mailto:kecoyne@gmail.com))**
- **Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair ([georgiaackerman@earthlink.net](mailto:georgiaackerman@earthlink.net); 894-0182)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), ([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); 877-6301)**

#### What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but hesitated because you thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid that you wouldn't make an effective teacher? Have you been a member or supporting friend for at least six months? How much time does it really take to teach Youth RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Teaching Youth RE isn't just for parents with children in the program. We need help from all UUCTmembers and friends.

What does it take to make a difference in a child's life? Only care, concern, and a bit of commitment. Enthusiasm is also a plus. We are looking for teachers for our preschool class, our K-1-2 class, and our 3-4-5 class. We teach in teams of three, allowing for rotation and time off, usually working out to a commitment of 8 - 9 Sundays, September - May. Curricula are provided. Can you help? To learn more, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### Registration for 2005-2006

Youth RE registration for the upcoming year will be Sundays, June through August. Please register early, so that we can plan ahead. All children should be registered for safety and record-keeping reasons, including regular nursery attendees and youth group members. New and previous registrants should stop by the Sunday RE table to fill out a registration form.

Many of the expenses of the RE program are met through our annual 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. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for information.

#### Summer RE Classes Are Cool Fun!

*Middle-school students might enjoy these classes.* Classes begin at 11:00.

**August 7:** Make beaded necklaces with teacher Melissa Forgey. You choose the beads that symbolize to you the events in the creation of the universe and in the evolution of life on earth.

**August 14:** Listen to or sing along with some earth-friendly songs with musician Carrie Hamby.

**August 21:** Learn about how walking through a labyrinth (a kind of maze) can be a kind of meditation or spiritual path. Make an outdoor labyrinth, then play and walk on it with friends, family, and church members.

**August 28:** Learn about things everyone can do to reduce global warming, and make a poster that teaches others what they can do. Also, get ready for an after-church open house to show and tell everyone what we did this summer.

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Dan Damerville, Adult Enrichment coordinator (576-5380; [damervid@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:damervid@tcc.fl.edu))**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education ([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); 877-6301).**

Those interested in Adult Enrichment at UUCT will meet Monday, August 15 at 7:15 PM in Rm. C to plan the offerings for the upcoming year. If you have a new class to propose teaching or facilitating, please send a description to Dan Damerville and Maggie Geraci prior to the meeting and include a proposed time and dates. Those who are offering continuing classes please let Dan and Maggie know that you will be doing so, including dates of continuation.

#### Continuing Classes

**Deep Ecology.** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm. 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and discussion.

August 14 topic is *A New Story from Science, covering how change in the scientific paradigm affects the way we perceive the world, and an introduction to systems thinking and its relationship to deep ecology.* Discussion led by Sneed Collard.

September 11 topic is *Native American Wisdom, discussing and considering the values of some Native American nations in relationship to the deep ecology concept.* Discussion led by Elspeth Stowell.

New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik ([marybethally@earthlink.net](mailto:marybethally@earthlink.net), 878-5060) for a copy of the month's study material.

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

**Global Climate Change/Disruption Action Group.** Meets 7:00 - 9:00 PM on 2nd and 4th Mondays in Rm. K to study and recommend action on the 2004-05 UUA Study/Action Issue, "The Threat of Global Warming." Contact: Elinor Elfner (524-1026, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)).

### **Future Classes**

**Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond.** The group will continue this fall, using a second book as the basis for discussion. They will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 7:00-9:00 PM in Rm. 3/6. The group will be open to new participants. Contact: Peggy Lentz ([peglentz@aol.com](mailto:peglentz@aol.com), 878-2226).

**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 early fall. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. Or contact the church office ([uuct@nettaly.com](mailto:uuct@nettaly.com), 385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com), 422-1057).

### **On-Going Opportunities**

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

## *Campus Ministry Corner*

### **Thanks and Goodbye!**

Diana Bell, Outgoing Campus Ministry Coordinator

Campus Ministry is in the midst of transition as coordinators switch and a new school year begins. Thank you, UUCT, for your continuing support of campus ministry as we strive to create an environment where young adults grow and thrive. Thank you, UUU!

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

August 9. *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. This is "an intimate and illuminating look at the fervently patriotic and passionate women whose tireless pursuits on behalf of their families, and their country, proved just as crucial to the forging of a new nation as the rebellion establishing it."

September 13. *The Master* by Colm Toibin. "A deep, lovely, and enthralling book that engages with the disquiet and drama of a famous writing life: that of Henry James. Colm Toibin captures the extraordinary mind and heart of this great writer. *The Master* tells the story of a man born into one of America's first intellectual families who leaves his country in the late nineteenth century to live in Paris, Rome, Venice, and London among privileged artists and writers. James' forays into intimacy inevitably failed those he tried to love. The emotional intensity of this portrait is riveting."

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** Will not meet in August. Resumes in September, meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary or off-site. Contact: Anne Rudloe ([jrudloe@earthlink.net](mailto:jrudloe@earthlink.net), 984-5204) for information and location.

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

**Women's Spirituality Group.** Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563, [dbdfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:dbdfoster@yahoo.com)).

**Freethinkers' Forum.** Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. L for 30-minute presentations followed by 60-minute, round-table discussions. Participants take turns presenting. Contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)) to be included in notifications of each week's topic.

Over the past eight months I have been blessed by the conversations, community, and activities we've shared. Much appreciation goes to Melissa Forgey for her leadership and collaboration. Also, a big thank you to Kim Ross and Chelsea Fox (both CMC emeriti) for their wisdom and behind-the-scenes work. As I depart to NYC and begin seminary, I leave knowing CM is in capable hands.

**Summer coffee hour:** Sundays at 1:00 PM at Black Dog Café at Lake Ella. All college students and young adults welcome, including those just home for the summer.

**Contact information for University UUs:** Kim Ross (877-1972, [kim@cennexus.com](mailto:kim@cennexus.com)) or visit our website ([www.uuutally.org](http://www.uuutally.org)).

## Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social, FL District

### Upcoming UUCT Events

#### All Church Workday, Saturday, August 13, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

#### Harry Potter Party, Saturday, August 13, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

In sanctuary for ALL ages. Back to school, Hogwarts-style! Prepare to put on the "sorting hat." Come in muggle attire or in costume. Bring: any H.P. paraphernalia (display, show and tell), your wand, and your broom if you want to play quidditch. Snacks provided, but bring food or drink if your house-elf makes something especially yummy. We all will sing the Hogwarts school song (any tune is acceptable). For questions or to contribute an activity or decorations, contact Pam Hoskins by owl or 893-5039, [pvhoskins@aol.com](mailto:pvhoskins@aol.com).

#### Second Sunday Potluck, August 14, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish.

#### UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, August 21, Afternoon.

See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

#### Dialogue & Dessert, Friday, August 26, 7:00 PM.

In the sanctuary, a social evening with graduate and post-graduate students from Turkey. Bring dessert, fruit, snacks, soda or fruit juice to share. We may break into smaller dialogue groups for part of the time.

Also see *Connecting with Foreign Students* on p. 2. Contacts: Jayson Hayes ([jrh7013@garnet.acns.fsu.edu](mailto:jrh7013@garnet.acns.fsu.edu), 386-8645) and Bruce Brandt (893-5511, [blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net)).

#### Volunteer Recognition, Sunday, August 28.

Immediately following the service, we will take a few minutes to recognize all who have served this past year or will serve in the coming year. Contact: Christine Boczarska ([rrlee@infinonline.net](mailto:rrlee@infinonline.net), 893-7079).

#### Peace Dances Will Resume, Saturday, October 1, 7:30 PM.

In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor ([katyata@earthlink.net](mailto:katyata@earthlink.net), 656-9321).

### August Non-UUCT Events

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

- Sat. 8/6, all day, member's personal event

### UUCT Social Events

See *Upcoming UUCT Events* for details.

Contact Pam Hoskins ([pvhoskins@aol.com](mailto:pvhoskins@aol.com), 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- **Armand & Angelina Concert**, Fri. 8/5, 7:00 PM
- **Harry Potter Party**, Sat. 8/13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- **2nd Sunday Potluck**, 8/14, 12:30 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 8/21, Afternoon
- **Dialogue & Dessert with Turkish students**, Fri. 8/26, 7:00 PM
- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 10/1, 7:30 PM

### District Events

- **Fall Leadership Conference**, Sat. 11/12, "That I Might Know Your Mind: Identity and Diversity in Unitarian Universalism" with UUA Moderator Gini Courter as speaker and facilitator.
- **"Creating the UU Church of the Future,"** Sat. & Sun. 2/3-4 with Mike Durrall, author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era*. (\$500 for unlimited no. per church.)

### Friday, August 5 at 7:00 PM: Armand & Angelina in Concert

**Armand** (ordained musical minister, singer/song writer/ pianist) and **Angelina** (classically trained New Age vocalist/classical guitarist) travel across the country sharing an eclectic blend of Folk/Rock, New Age, Blues, Reggae and Classical music. **Their mission is to "remind us of our oneness and help the world experience heaven on earth,"** spreading their vision of personal and spiritual transformation.

You're sure to see **Armand** in mismatched shoes and a variety of FUNominal hats, symbols of his light-hearted approach to Spirit based on love and joy, rather than fear and dogma. Without restraint, he shares who he is and lifts the audience with his inexhaustible energy. **Angelina's** angelic voice will penetrate your heart with its enchanting beauty as she sings and chants her spirit-affirming lyrics and melodies. Their performance is a delightful repertoire of native flute songs and beautiful renditions of familiar hymns and songs.

Admission: Love Offering to go toward bringing them here for Harmony Camp.

They will have a variety of wonderful CDs for sale following the concert.

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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."**

### Our Board

- \* Christine Boczarska, President
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- \* DeWayne Carver, President Elect
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- \* Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
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- \* Jim Dawson, VP for Finance
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- \* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- \* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- \* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer

### The Committee on Ministry

Sara Reece, Chair

Bob Deyle

Maria Mena

### 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.

### Membership Notes

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.

Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).

Next new member recognition is Sunday, August 7.

### Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.