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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
no choir practice through 8/5
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM (Also 3-5 year olds
for summer)
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Summer
Program (elementary ages)

Adult Forum Topics:

- Aug. 5, TBA
- Aug. 12, TBA
- Aug. 19, TBA
- Aug. 26, TBA

Summer Highlights:

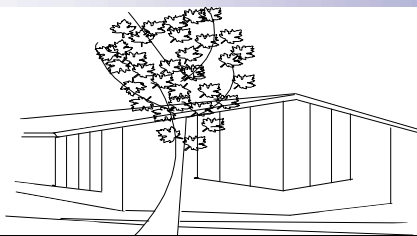
- Welcome Reception for Robin & Linda, Sun. 8/5, 12:00 PM
- Day of Great Effort & Fun, Sat. 8/18, 8:00 AM - Noon
- Couples Enrichment Program Orientation, Sun. 8/26, 12:45 PM



**GATHER
WATER
NEAR AND
FAR**

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee



The Meridian

August Sundays (11:00 AM)

Aug. 5 | Making Connections

Connecting with other humans is occasionally easy, as when strangers on a plane stumble on common interests. Other connections need to be nurtured carefully. Linking the generations at UUCT or people with widely divergent views needs our attention. There are other connections that need our attention, too. What connections are most important to each of us, how will our needs co-mingle, and in what foundations will we ground our relationships — all topics pertinent as new ministries are launched at UUCT. (Shelter meal collection)

Rev. Robin Gray

Aug. 12 | Sacred Simplicity

Profound experiences sometimes emerge from mundane activities. Even walking the dog or washing the dishes can help us to connect with the depths of life's marrow, if we let ourselves draw succor from simple things.

Rev. Robin Gray

Aug. 19 | How Islam is Perceived Versus the Reality

Many of us in the U.S. have little knowledge about the Islamic religion, and much of what we think we know may be inaccurate. UU Lex Coleman is a prize-winning broadcast journalist who has spent much of his adult life in the Middle East. He will relate what he feels is the reality of — versus our misconceptions about — this religion founded by the Prophet Mohammed in the seventh century C.E., with its influence since then spread around the world.

Speaker Lex Coleman; Lay Leader: TBA

Aug. 26 | Just a Cup of Tea

It is proposed by some philosophers and people of faith that there can be a connection between drinking a cup of tea and ending war. Let's look at this philosophy and wonder together if it offers hope to those who stand outside the halls of power but still seek to effect powerful changes in the world we share.

Rev. Robin Gray

Welcome to our new settled minister,

Rev. Robin Gray!

Also welcome to Linda Wright & Don Gray. We're glad you're here!

Minister's Message

When I was a child my parents would sometimes recite to me this snippet of a ditty:

"Mother, may I go out to swim?"

"Yes, my darling daughter,

Hang your clothes on a hickory limb,

But don't go near the water."

During July I felt a bit like that 'darling daughter.' We said good bye to Massachusetts on June 28, but couldn't move into our Tallahassee house until the furniture arrived on July 5. I came to UUCT for services at the earliest opportunity — this being my church home — but, sat in the pews awaiting my official start date in August. I was ready to swim, but, I couldn't get in the water.

If I tell the whole truth, I have to admit I dangled my toes in the water a good bit. I met with Steve Urse, just enough to appreciate the skills and thoughtfulness he brings to the President's position. I witnessed Annette Pearce's gracious leadership of her first Church Council meeting, and saw the caring each Council member brought to the table. I met with Keitha. We hatched a new idea for bringing the Minister and the youth together. I dropped in to Harmony Camp, and got 'up to my knees' in the search for an office administrator. Now, tell me, how could anyone expect me to stand upon the shore when in the presence of so many people, working so hard, to keep UUCT 'in the swim?'

Thank goodness August here. The ban on swimming is lifted. It's time to dive in and thoroughly enjoy being in the presence of the vibrant community at UUCT. It's time to develop a leadership agreement with the Board and Committee on the Ministry. It's time to get to know individuals more completely, and to begin mingling our dreams in community. It's time for all of us to reveal ourselves more fully and to welcome each other, without reservation, into the future. (The splash you hear is your Minister officially arriving.)

Peace, Robin

From the Director of Religious Education

In my brief time here at UUCT I have seen strong commitment to our seven UU principles. I have seen that our congregation walks its values in its commitment to environmental justice through recycling, energy conservation, and energy renewal. I have seen children and breastfeeding babies welcomed in our services. I have seen the commitment many of the members and friends show to the children through volunteering as teachers. I am impressed.

I am impressed because I know that I have stepped into the midst of a community of people who place great value on the education of their young. What a blessing you are to Unitarian Universalism! I feel fortunate to be able to work along-

side you in growing our liberal religion through educating our children about what it means to be an individual of faith in our world today. The children in our congregation are the people who will take our liberal religious faith, values, and traditions into the future. We are here to pave the way for them.

You have a rewarding tradition in the exemplary Lifespan Religious Education Program here at UUCT. We are fortunate that your previous DRE was such a dedicated and talented religious education professional. Maggie Geraci designed and implemented an exceptional religious education program here at UUCT. I have extraordinary ruby slippers to fill!

Come learn with us!

Over the next year, as I learn more about you and the UUCT RE Program I hope you will feel free to talk with me about how you would like to see the RE Program go forward. And I hope that (if you are a member or supporting friend and you have been here a year or more) you will also say, "I would like to participate as a Teacher in the UUCT RE Program." It would be so amazing to have a waiting list of folks who are eager to be a part of the religious education of our children, our UUCT future. See you on Sunday!

Peace, Keitha Whitaker, DRE

From the Music Director

Greetings! You may have noticed that I haven't been around UUCT for the past month. Some of you may not know that the church granted me a five-week sabbatical this summer. I want to thank the Board for allowing me this opportunity to regroup and recharge. I'd also like to thank **Charlotte Dudley and all the other UUCT members** who have covered, very capably I'm sure, in my absence.

I have been visiting friends (including Michelle Buhite, our former RE director) and practicing a wide variety of music while I've been away. I've been reading and brainstorming about new ways to use music in our congregation. I've been conversing with my peers, online, about the many challenges and rewards of this job.

In mid-July, I attended the Southeastern UU Summer Institute (SUUSI) in Blacksburg, Virginia with almost a thousand others,

including my two sons, as I did my best to feed my soul. I returned to Tallahassee for a week and then was off again to Clearwater to attend the UU Musicians Network National Conference.

Please feel free to contact me via email (pianoskin@nettally.com) if you have any ideas you'd like to share. I'd love to hear from you. I'm looking forward to seeing you when I return on August 12.

With love and faith.....
Helen Meacham, Music Director

Church Office News

New Church Office Hours. As of 8/1, the office is open: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Mon. – Fri., per the reduction of the office position to 30 hours per week in this year's budget. Note these hours for order of service, Sun. announcement and other deadlines.

Office Administrator Search. On July 29, the Board approved the OA Search Committee

recommendation to hire Pam Davidson as our new office administrator. The committee (Rev. Robin Gray, Steve Urse, Don Berger, Ellen Dempsey and Trudy Deyle, as chair) received 56 applications by the 7/17 application deadline. Applicants were screened and ranked based on amount of relevant experience in office and administrative work, as well as

evidence of the knowledge, skills and abilities listed in the OA position description. The committee then decided on three applicants to interview and had the two finalists perform typical tasks in the office; references were also checked. The committee's conclusion was that overall Pam was the best match for our position. Please give her a hearty welcome!

The Day of Great Effort and Fun Is At Hand!

Come one, come all!

Our playground needs YOU for only one morning:

Saturday, August 18, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Join the team effort of Building and Grounds and Youth RE

as we get our playground spiffed up

to welcome back our children for the fall.

Bring your own tools or use the ones provided.

Light refreshments served.

Only Youth Group and older encouraged to help with clean-up.

However, children welcome! Fun provided (no age limit).

Childcare also available – RSVP by Sun. 8/12.

Contact: Isabel Sheridan (iasheridan@nettally.com, 668-0785).

Announcements



- **Sunday Parking in August.** With Robin's official arrival, we anticipate increased attendance and possibly tight parking on Sundays. If you are willing and able, please park off-site on adjacent streets: Coldstream Dr. and Meridian Place across Meridian, and Starmount Dr. and Spruce Creek Dr. to the south and north of the church. Thanks.
- **Shelter Meal Fund Low.** UUCT's food cost for the monthly meal we provide at The Shelter has been increasing. Our Shelter Meal Sun. collections have not been keeping up, particularly the one in July. The fund currently has about \$150 in it; monthly meals have been running an average of \$245; and the hope is to only do a special collection every three months or so. Please be as generous as able for the special collection Sun. 8/5.
- **Groups & Committees Using Sanctuary.** IMPORTANT! If your group or committee uses the sanctuary for a meeting or event, you are responsible for setting the chairs back the way you found them. There are set-up instructions posted on the audio closet door in the north lobby, and the yardstick for measuring between rows is kept in the last (or sometimes next to last) window sill on the north side of the sanctuary. The only time the chairs are stacked and left that way is after our monthly potluck, so that the sanctuary can be thoroughly vacuumed once a month. Thanks!
- **Nursery Volunteers Needed!** Our Nursery Worker needs help. Sign up for one Sunday per month, per quarter, or per year. Stop at the RE cart outside the sanctuary on Sundays. Contact: DRE Keitha.
- **Sunday Hospitality.** Kitchen helpers needed in Sept. (contact Sept. kontroller Doug Martin, dougmartin32301@yahoo.com, 212-7447). Kitchen kontroller needed for Oct. (contact Nancy Harvey, 668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Better Turnout Needed for Workdays!** If there had been a bit more help at the July workday, the concrete blocks and lumber stored on the meadow could have been moved and the grass mowed. Let's have a better turnout for Sat. 8/11!
- **Building and Grounds Notes.** At the last B&G meeting, it was decided among other things to: devise a hurricane preparation plan for the church property, install digital locks on the south sanctuary door and the hallway door to the new restrooms, and continue repainting the metal handrails outside.
- **Memorial Garden Notes.** We're taking orders for the next set of engraved bricks for the Memorial Garden. If you wish to honor a loved one or just make a donation to the garden, order forms are in back of the sanctuary in the plastic wall pocket. Contact: Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248).
- **UU-UNO News.** For the latest news from the UU United Nations Office, check out the denominational affairs bulletin board.
- **Keep Ears and Eyes Out!** Tune into WFSU-FM Friday afternoons to catch UUCT's weekly underwriting announcement. Also look for our special ad in *The Democrat's* "Living Here" supplement this month, a publication which is available to newcomers all year long. This additional publicity was made possible by generous contributions to the special publicity collection earlier this summer. (Note: The Publicity Committee decided on these two methods, along with our on-going *Natural Awakenings* ad, versus continuing an expensive special ad in the *Yellow Pages*. We'll still have a free listing.)
- **Audio-tapes & CDs.** Audio-tapes and CDs of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out information, tapes and CDs are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).
- **August Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article is posted in the sanctuary north entry. Subject: the importance of becoming an active member of a congregation as opposed to merely attending on a regular basis.
- **FL District News.** Check out the Denominational Affairs bulletin board in the sanctuary north entry for excellent, thought-provoking, monthly messages and news from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Messages can also be read online in FL District monthly packet (floridadistrict.org).

Social Justice Champions

By Abbe Justus, VP for Social Justice & Kim Ross, Social Justice Committee Chair

With so many issues out there, it is difficult to narrow the focus of the Social Justice Committee. In addition, the Social Justice (SJ) survey found a diverse set of interests within our congregation. So, to ensure UUCT is well represented in important issues and to bolster our effectiveness, we are recruiting “Champions” for each of our seven principles. A champion will be asked to assist with the coordination of one - two efforts per year and can select the specific cause to coordinate. Read on for the details and contact Kim Ross or Abbe Justus for more information.

The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Unitarian Universalists strive to make our social and political organizations recognize this principle to create a world where each person is valued and respected. The Champion of this principle might take on a cause such as:

- Call for action in Darfur,
- Racial Discrimination issues,
- Death Penalty issues,
- Call for the government to recognize gay marriages.

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

The second principle impacts SJ in working toward a more equitable distribution of resources and wealth. The Champion of this principle might encourage our church to:

- Feed the homeless,
- Call for universal health care,
- Participate in the Crop Walk.

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

The Champion of this principle might organize and encourage our congregation to:

- Become a Welcoming Congregation (to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities),
- Support the Matthew Shepherd Act,
- Welcome people with disabilities and raise awareness.

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

UUs have been longtime advocates for policies and regulations that based on research reflect responsible and effective methods for dealing with issues facing our congregations and our communities. The Champion of this principle might develop action issues for our congregation that deal with:

- Modification of drug laws,
- Ending funding for abstinence-only sex education programs,
- Support for a woman’s right to choose.

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

UUs are concerned that all people have their voice heard in the decision-making process within the congregation and in society at large. The Champion of this principle might help our congregation:

- Petition the government for paper-verified voting machines,
- Petition the government for a voting representative for D.C. citizens.

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

UU has a long history of working for peace. Noted Unitarian and Universalist peace advocates include Adin Ballou, Henry David Thoreau, Clara Barton, and John Haynes Holmes. While many members advocate for peace, many also believe in just wars. The Champion of this principle might raise awareness and action among congregants for these issues:

- War in Iraq,
- Justice in the Middle East,
- Military Fellowship.

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Environmental experts recognize that environmental degradation disproportionately harms those who are poor and marginalized, even while they derive less benefit and have less control over how our resources are used. Our Champion of this principle will call on us to act on the personal, local, and national levels to adopt practices that will stem/reverse global warming/ climate change, such as:

- Not use bottled water,
- Make lifestyle changes that reduce global warming,
- Develop congregational practices that reduce the impact on the environment.

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Summertime is slow for Campus Ministry, but we have been holding our regular coffee hour meetings and helping out with the Shelter meal. I have been happy to find that the students who remain in town enjoy staying active in the Campus Ministry program during the summer. We look forward to a busy fall this year, with exciting new projects.

As the Campus Ministry program continues to move forward, there

has been some discussion of starting a "Soulful Sundown" program this fall at UUCT. Soulful Sundown is a music-based worship service targeted at young adults, college students, and anyone looking to celebrate spirituality in an experiential, participatory and energetic way. If you are interested in joining the Soulful Sundown Team and helping to develop this concept, please contact me.

Summer **coffee hour** is at Black Dog Café at Lake Ella on **Fridays**

at 6:30 PM, except for August 3, when we will have coffee hour at All Saints Café before heading out to the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com). To sign up for our email list, send an email to UUUTally-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Appreciation



To:

- **Nancy Harvey, Phillip Thompson, Nancy Bass, Steve Lize, Pippin Whitaker, Carolyn DuBard, Peggy Lentz, Rod Oldenburg, Isabel Sheridan & Joanne Taylor** for greeting Sun. 7/1 – 7/29.
- All those who helped with coffee and cleanup in June: **Tom and Norene Chase, Bruce Brandt, Dick Leinberry, Bob Deyle, Steve Lize, and kitchen controllers Nancy Harvey and Rod Oldenburg.** Special thanks to the unnamed volunteers who stepped in and helped with cleanup the last Sun. in June.
- **All who helped** with the July Shelter Meal, including University UUs **Brian Lee, Charles Starr, Bo Bentele and Steve Lize.**
- **Nina Cline and Claudia Joyner** for volunteering in the nursery in July.
- **Sara Reece** for organizing, ordering and distributing the grass-fed beef for those of us who are carnivores.

Workday Thanks

George Knight cleared leaves and trash from driveways and walks; **Mitch McDermott** mowed grass, repaired a serious erosion problem near the new building West foundation, and disconnected and unburied the tires in the playground so they can be removed; **Dave Harvey** installed a keyless lock for access to the new restrooms and checked labeling of extra keys in the office; **Mimi Jones** did a much needed kitchen cleanup and got the broken drawer repaired.

Leadership Thanks

Thanks to those who have moved on from coordinator, advisor or committee chair positions held for the past year, two years or longer:

- Don Crosby** – Nominating chair,
- Bob Deyle** – Committee on the Ministry chair,
- Peggy Lentz** – Fundraising chair,
- Trudy Deyle & Joan Patterson** – Personnel chair,
- Eliza Coyne** – Youth RE chair,

Jennifer & DeWayne Carver,
Youth Group advisors,

Frank Deasy & Susan Snyder –
Shelter meal coordination.

Hearty Thanks

Just a line to broadcast our appreciation for the warm welcome and delights that greeted us after our arrival in Tallahassee. Thanks to everyone who hauled boxes, hooked up washers, or found special, local treats to fill a welcome basket; and to everyone who's offered to help whether we've been able to accept it or not. We're grateful for the help of friends. – Robin Gray, Linda Wright, and Donald Gray

Appreciation from Kathie

To everyone who contributed to my send-off bonus, a BIG THANK YOU! Also, the clock from the congregation, with the message underneath, was lovely. It will hold a place of honor in my new office at Saint Paul's UMC. I miss all of you! I am not that far away, though, so come see me! We can have lunch at Lake Ella. – Kathie Mackie

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Our hearts and minds are with:

Joe Chulak, who is convalescing at home. Joe and Jean appreciate the delicious meals provided by: Barbara Gearhart, Pauline Masterton, the Oaksfords, Peggy Lentz, Mimi Jones, Sally Andersen, Christine Boczarska, Debbie Holt, Norene Chase, Kelley Turnage, Susan Snyder, Annette Pearce, Carolyn Pardue, Linda Logan, Eliza Coyne, Joan Patterson, Isabel Sheridan, Jan Miller, Francis Ventre, Lorin Pratt, Elinor Elfner, Dorothy Mann, Janet Kistner, Jan Miller, Maria Mena, Nancy Harvey, Pam Hoskins and Joanne Taylor. The Chulaks have enjoyed visiting with each of you.

Harold Hawkins, as he convalesces from double-knee replacements in July. **Joe Hawkins**, who cared for his mother, **Margaret**, during Harold's surgery and rehabilitation. Harold returned home July 30, and Margaret will be entering Consulate nursing home.

Pat Farris, as she recovers from a broken foot and cracked ribs.

Welcome New Friends!

- *Gail & Teresa Henderson, with daughter Emily*

New UU Sessions

Next sessions: Early fall. Sign up back of sanctuary, or contact church office (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057). Childcare if requested.

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights, but occasionally in one 3-hour Sunday afternoon session.

Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater UU movement. Some discussion time and opportunity for interaction with Minister.

Dinners for 8 with Robin & Linda

The first round of Dinners for 8 for the new church year is get-to-know-you dinners with Rev. Robin Gray and her spouse, Linda Wright. Dinners will continue until all interested attend. As usual, there will be both adults-only and intergenerational dinners. Sign-up sheets for the first dinners are on the sanctuary back counter:

Fri. 8/24 at Pauline Masterton's,

Fri. 9/7 at the Deasy/Snyder's,

Fri. 9/28 at the Ryders'.

Hosts needed for additional dinners. Contact Carolyn Pardue (pardue2@comcast.net, 386-1494). Preferred nights: Sun., Tues., Wed. and Fri.

On-going Opportunities

- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** Contact Nancy Harvey (npharv@aol.com, 668-9096).
- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Keitha Whitaker (345-2268, uukeitha@comcast.net).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Abbe Justus (ajustus212@comcast.net, 668-4122).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, holt0119@earthlink.net).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 165**
- **Current No. Friends - 55**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **June 2007: 93.3**
 - **7/06 - 6/07: 99.8**
 - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **06-07: 44 (incomplete)**
 - **05-06: 52**
 - **04-05: 61**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **5/07: 27**
 - **9/06 - 5/07: 27**
 - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**

Connecting with Visitors

The "Greet & Meet Group" is a special team of UUCTers who take the initiative to really connect with visitors during Sunday social time. To volunteer for group or making phone calls to visitors, contact Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Committee Meeting, Sun. 8/5, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Terri Martin, Youth RE Committee Chair**
(tmartin823@comcast.net, 385-5106)
- **Keitha Whitaker, Director of Religious Education (DRE),**
(uukeitha@comcast.net, 345-2268)

Summer RE classes. So far our UUCT World Travelers have visited Japan, South Africa, Uruguay, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Central America, Niger, Canada and China. In August, they'll visit: India (with Pippin Whitaker & Steve Lize), New Zealand or Australia (with Tom Moore), and Mexico (with Nancy Bass, assisted by Senorita Ezi). We are very grateful to the creative and loving volunteers who are bringing these countries to life with bright garb, tasty treats, videos, crafts, games, stories and other fun. The program ends with a party on August 26.

Youth Group for Summer: Our middle and high school youth group is not meeting weekly this summer but may get together for one or more special activities over the summer. Watch for announcements; details will be provided to the youth through the youth e-mail list. For more information about the group, contact advisor Scott Geraci (sgeraci68@yahoo.com, 877-6301).

REminder! It's time to register for RE for the fall. New registrants may register at the RE cart on Sundays in August and September. Previous registrants should have received a registration form in the mail already. If you didn't receive a registration form for your child(ren), contact DRE Keitha Whitaker right away. Thank you! We look forward to a great RE year!

2007 – 2008 Curriculum. This year the Explorers, Artists, and Bridgers will use *WE BELIEVE: Learning and Living Our Unitarian Universalist Principles*. *WE BELIEVE* is a UUA-published curriculum designed for all ages. The twenty-two hour-long sessions include stories, discussions, activities, and worship experiences that are interesting and engaging for four-year-olds to sixty-four-year-olds and all those in between and beyond. The curriculum is based on the seven principles as stated in the UUA Bylaws. While learning more about our UU heritage our children will also learn to articulate their UU faith through positive statements about what they **do** believe rather than the usual UU counter statements to other faiths.

In twenty-one sessions our UU principles are explored in three different ways. Session number twenty-two allows each class to reflect upon and celebrate their memories of shared experiences.

In addition to the RE curriculum, our children have several opportunities to participate in intergenerational services held throughout the year and two exciting "Youth Celebrations!" with Rev. Robin Gray.

Adult Religious Education (RE)

ADULT RE CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult RE Coordinator (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com)**
- **Keitha Whitaker, Director of Religious Education (uukeitha@comcast.net, 345-2268)**

Adult RE Planning Meeting

All are invited to help us plan for Adult RE courses and workshops for the fall on Thursday, August 9, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in Room K. Contact: Isabel Sheridan.

Adult RE This Year

The Adult RE Committee has compiled the results of the survey on classes and workshops the congregation may want in the coming year (see below). The committee will work with Rev. Robin Gray to set up a schedule of Adult RE classes and events for the fall. However, the number of classes may be limited this year so as not to compete with other opportunities for the congregation and Robin to get to know each other. Stand-alone, 90-minute workshops may also be offered, so those interested can come to one or two sessions, rather than having to commit to six or eight consecutive sessions.

Adult RE Survey Results

Multi-session classes

More interest in: Small group ministry/covenant groups, Spiritual Practices, Right Relations, Evensong II

Less interest in: Evensong I, Family Evensong, Transitions

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Stand-alone Workshops

More interest in: Myth (Joseph Campbell & Jean Shinoda Bolen), Meditation Methods & Practice, Exploring Mysticism

Moderate interest in: Meditation Beads, Developing Your Own Altar, Labyrinths

Less interest in: Spiral Dance, Visualization, Mandalas

Complete results of the survey are posted on the UUCT website.

Classes Beginning

UU Committed Couples Enrichment Program. A UU principles and values based enrichment program designed for

married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional fulfillment. Topics include: covenant, humility, trust, dignity, generosity, connection, playfulness, collaboration, commitment, love, and celebration. Will be a series of short workshops.

On **Sun. 8/26, 12:45 - 1:45 PM**, Rms 3/6, there will be an orientation session for the program. Couples, or individuals within a couple, are welcome (i.e. if both in a couple can't make the orientation, it will be fine for one to come). Lunch will be provided with advance notification that you are coming. We'll compare our

schedules and plan dates for the actual workshops. Contact: Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@associatedadvocates.com).

On-Going Opportunities

Adult Forum. Meets **Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM**, Rm. L. Open to everyone. Contact: Norene Chase (nochase@earthlink.net, 422-1985).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion. Meets **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**, Rm. L. For current topics, contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com).

Harmony Camp 2007

By Sally Andersen and Terri Martin, Camp Co-directors

The fourth annual Harmony Camp was held July 16-20 and was a huge success! Forty-seven elementary and middle school children, ages 5-12, attended and participated in classes that included art, beading, birdhouse building, cooking, African drumming, French, assembling and decorating school supply bags, dance, gourd craft, music, oral history, pet therapy, recreation, owl science, sing-along, solar energy, solar ovens, story telling, Tai Chi, tie-dying, and yoga. Special guest teacher, **Rena Dennison**, a Native-American artist from Ohio, kept the campers spellbound with her daily story-telling sessions and crafts classes. Many thanks to **Abbe Justus** for bringing Rena to us!

We are grateful for our wonderful staff: Ariella Sallie, Yazid Johnson, Todd Brigman, Rod Peterson, Jane

Small, Roger Tripp, Valarie Howington, Alina Krasovskaya, and Hank Taylor. We are also grateful to our many volunteers who worked hard to make this camp the unique opportunity it was for the children: **Fenn Cawthorn, Hollie Lloyd, Eliza Coyne, Sean Coyne, Debbie Holt, Kelsey Martin, Claire Sand, Lisa Rotenberger, Mabry Ga-boardi, Susan Sallie, Mary-Claude Coleman, Pam Hoskins, Michele Hope, Peggy Lentz, Heather Whitaker, Howard Pardue, Althamese Barnes, Ed Oaksford, James Oaksford, Pauline Masterton, John Rittwage, Dot Mann, Maria Mena, Kay Picart, Charlotte Dudley, and John Whitton.** We appreciate those who participated in the Oral History Project: **Jack McDevitt, Barbara Lineberry, Jeanne Ryder, Don Gray, Howard Pardue,**

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Events: UUCT, District, National & The Mountain

Upcoming UUCT Events

Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM. In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301, minilawyer@embarqmail.com).

Peace Dances, Saturday, August 4, 7:30 PM. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

Welcome Reception for Rev. Robin Gray, Sunday, August 5, 12:00 PM. A congregation-wide event immediately after her first service to welcome and meet our new settled minister and her spouse, Linda Wright. Please try to carpool that day, and as willing and able, park off-site. Contact: Dick Leinberry (386-4977, rlibrary@nettally.com).

All-Church Workday, Saturday, August 11, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).

2nd Sunday Potluck, August 12, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share!

UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 PM. Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

- 8/14 *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, Alexander McCall Smith

The Day of Great Effort & Fun, Saturday, August 18, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. As many UUCTers as possible, turn out and help get our larger playground back in shape! See page 3 for details. RSVP for childcare by 8/12. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, August 19, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then discuss at restaurant. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 16, 12:15 PM. Chairs and coordinators, please plan to attend. We'll discuss communication, the role of the council, and goal setting as well as the usual networking, coordinating and sharing. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 annette.pearce@gmail.com).

Non-UUCT Events

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

FL District Events

- Light the Fire! Growing the UU Presence in Florida, NE Cluster workshop, Sat. 9/29, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Ormond Beach, Rev. Kenn Hurto facilitating.
- Growth & Diversity Conference, SW Cluster, Sat. 11/10, Sarasota, keynote speaker Rev. Kenn Hurto.

More info.: Church office, Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or www.floridadistrict.org.

National Events & Programs

See denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

Programs at The Mountain

Calling all UUCT women! Let's go to The Mountain Women's Weekend Retreat. When? Sept. 7-9. Where? The Mountain Retreat & Learning Centers near Highlands, NC. How? Travel together in Trudy Deyle's van. How much? \$138 for 2 nights & all meals. More info.? Alisa Pykett: alisa.pykett@mountaincenters.org or Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Elinor Elfner (524-1026). Contact Trudy to reserve a van space; handle your own registration directly with The Mountain: 828-526-5838, ext. 0.

Spiritual Practices for Peacemaking, 8/6-11, Dr. Kenneth Nafziger & Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt. \$525 total.

Compassionate Communications, 10/5-7, Mary McKenzie. \$225 total.

Thanksgiving, 11/21-25, Mt. members.

Preparing for the Solstice – Emerging into Light, 12/14-16.

Celebrating the New Year, 12/28 or 12/29-1/1, w/ Randy & Sandra Locke.

Elderhostels throughout the year. Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, nature, hiking & outdoor adventures.

For more info., see bulletin board at back of sanctuary, or contact The Mountain (828-526-5838, info@mountaincenters.org) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net), or visit www.mountaincenters.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30pm No Choir Practice	2 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	3 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	4 2:00pm Henderson Commitment Ceremony, Sanctuary 7:30pm Universal Dances of Peace, Sanctuary
5 No Choir Practice 9:30am Youth RE Committee, Rm K 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:00pm Welcoming Reception Robin & Linda, Sanctuary	6 7:00pm Bldgs. & Gmnds. Comm., Rm C	7	8 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	9 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Adult RE Planning, Rm K 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	10 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	11 9:00am All Church Workday
12 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:30pm Potluck, Sanctuary	13 5:00pm University UUs, off-site 7:15pm The Shelter Meal, Off-site	14 6:30pm Committee on the Ministry, Rm K 7:00pm UUCT Book Club, Rm C	15 12:30pm Meridian Deadline 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	16 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	17 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	18 8:00am Day of Great Effort and Fun (until noon) 12:00pm Green Sanctuary Potluck Meeting, Sanctuary
19 Afternoon Movie Discussion Group, Off-site 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L	20 3:00pm Finance Committee, Rm C	21 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting, Rm L	22 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	23 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:15pm Membership Comm., Rm K	24 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	25
26 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:45pm Couples Enrichment, Rms 3/6 3:00pm COTM/Board Retreat, Rm L	27 5:30pm COTM/Board Retreat, Rm L	28 7:15pm Publicity Committee, Rm C	29 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	30 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	31 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	

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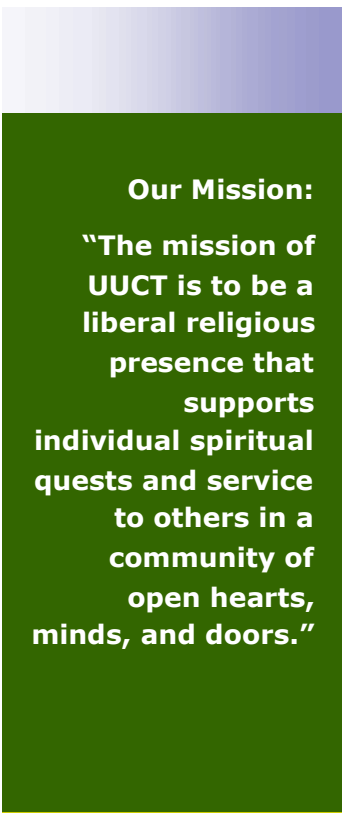
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<p>Our Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Steve Urse, President* DeWayne Carver, Past President* Annette Pearce, President Elect* Bob Deyle, Secretary* Dave Harvey, VP for Management* Charlotte Dudley, VP for Worship* Abbe Justus, VP for Social Justice* Joan Patterson, VP for Finance* Eliza Coyne, VP for Religious Education* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer <p>The Committee on the Ministry</p> <p>Maria Mena, chair Tony Lloyd Chris Ellrich Mimi Jones</p> <p>Directory Changes</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Membership Notes</p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Robin Gray, Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or President Steve Urse.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition: late fall.</p> <p>Mark Your Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.
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