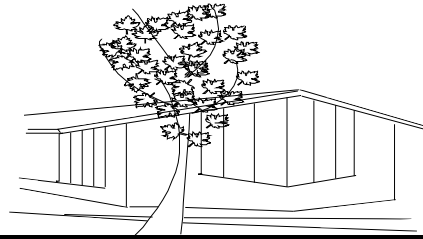


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Every Sunday:

- 9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella December 1 only.)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Winterfest Holiday Potluck and Entertainment

Friday, December 13
6:30 - 9:00 PM
See p. 14 for details.



The Meridian

December Sundays (11:00 AM)

Dec. 1 | Gr-attitude

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, and less than a month until Winter Solstice and Christmas; what's on our minds?! I want a spirit of gratitude. Sometimes, though, the requirement to "give thanks" and the compulsion "to give" get in the way of an attitude of gratitude. Let's make space for it again.

Rev. Amy

Dec. 8 | Are You a Spiritual Chicken?

On your spiritual path do you stick with what is comfortable or explore new horizons? The University UUs will help you break out of your comfort zone and experience new spiritual ways of expression. Special second collection to benefit UU Campus Ministry. **University UUs and Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Coordinator**

Dec. 15 | An Upright Christmas

In his poem, The Second Coming, that describes the arrival of an anti-Christ not a savior, the poet William Butler Yeats asks, "what rough beast, its hour come round at last, slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?" Will this year be the end of time? Has the clock struck The Hour of the Beast? I think not. Unitarian Universalists may seem to celebrate Christmas out of habit, but I think we find truth in the story of hope's birth, light's return, and the healing power of darkness. **We will share candles of joy, sorrow and concern today.** **Rev. Amy**

Dec. 22 | Bright Holiday Cheer (Also: Solstice Yule Ritual 9:00 - 9:45 AM)

An intergenerational celebration of the return of the light: Yule, Winter Solstice and the spiritual side of our Green Sanctuary program. Do you know what you want to toss off and what you want to embrace in the new season of life marked by the Solstice? Come contemplate your next step, and learn more about the symbols of the season.

Rev. Amy, Ed Oaksford and Kelley Turnage

Dec. 29 | The Faith of a Christian Unitarian

Former missionary with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), ordained minister, and a Unitarian Universalist for the past thirty years, Rev. Spice shares his journey through the maze of the beliefs of both Christians and Unitarians. The result is a vibrant faith that is both Christian and Unitarian. **Guest Speaker: Byron Spice; Lay Leader: TBA**

SPECIAL SERVICES

Wednesdays,
December 4, 11
& 18, 6 - 6:45 PM
(p.13)

Intergenerational
Christmas Eve
Service:
Tuesday,
December 24,
7:00 PM
(pgs. 5 & 13)

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

*My road, that I do not understand,
leads me
Toward a blue, lost distance,
Nowhere a meaning, nowhere
a definite goal –
Nevertheless, every forest
brook speaks to me,
And every humming fly, of a
deep law,
A right way that is holy,
Whose firmament spreads out
above me also,
Whose secret tones,
As in the pace of the stars,
Beat time in my heart as well.*

--From the *Andante* stanzas in the poem "Holiday Music in the Evening" by Herman Hesse

All 2002 Models Must Go, proclaim the ads. I must say, I'd like to chuck this year's models for living, toss them out, these wrong ways that are not holy. I want to discard and replace most of

the 2002 models: for foreign policing (I mean policy), the stapling (I mean separation) of church and state, corporate [mis-] management, and interfaith dial-tone (I mean dialogue). And what's left of the beautiful Earth is in danger as economic greed replaces environmental responsibility.

Yet under and above and through it all, there is a hum and a trickle and a tone that proclaims the Way, "a right way that is holy." It is as near as our hearts and as far as the stars. This holy way is illumined by our December holidays—Hannukah, Winter Solstice (Yule), Christmas, Kwanzaa. What will fuel our actions if we feel, hear, sense, know the right and holy way? Respect for religious freedom and an eye toward miracles, a release of actions and thoughts that destroy and an embrace of thoughts and actions that build up, hope in the future, commitment to right-relationship, strength in times of struggle and faith in struggles' end.

Yes, we'll be bombarded with Christmas songs, retail blitz and pressure to

produce a perfect holiday. Yes, we'll ache for world peace, long for our nation to be a humble super-power, mourn the deaths of terrorists' victims and war-on-terrorism casualties. The holy Way may seem to be MIA. But, it is right here. In the return of the light, the birth of the child, the humanist and spiritual values of religious community, the love of family and friends. On December 24, we'll hear again how a star guides wise men and shepherds and angels to a baby in a manger. We modern UUs may chart our course to what is true, hopeful, just, loving and creative by the stars too, the stars in the Chalice constellation: Christianity, Judaism, Earth-centered traditions and other religions; our own experience of transcending mystery and wonder; reason and ongoing revelation; and the lives of prophets.

The tones of a right, holy, Way sound and vibrate with every beat of our hearts. Find your rhythm. Now.

In Faith,
(Rev. Amy)

President's Message

By Jennifer Carver

As I said in my last message to you, it's time to enjoy some time with your fellow UUCTers. Well, DeWayne and I have been doing just that! We've hosted and attended Dinners for 8, visited with new and old friends, even visited other UU churches in our travels. Of course, it's always nice to come home to UUCT!

When I'm at UUCT (or just thinking about it), I am excited to see our new chairs, our building progressing, and new faces every week at Sunday services, YRUU meetings, and other events. I look beyond the mess on our site right now to see our vision taking shape. New religious education and meeting rooms, a bigger nursery, a playground that will be put back

together, a wonderful open space (for now) in between our buildings to play and talk, bike racks, and more!

Your Executive Board has been working hard to keep church operations running smoothly and find leaders for our various committees. Take time to thank our members and friends who have served us well and have recently stepped down from their positions: Peggy Lentz, Caring Committee Chair; Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador; Mary Millard, Hospitality Chair; and Joan Patterson, Capital Campaign Treasurer. Our staff is also changing - Kim Ross, who has been our Campus Ministry Coordinator, has resigned, and we're looking for someone to fill her shoes.

(Thanks to Kim for her hard work.) Let's also take time to thank those who are currently working to create a friendly, diverse, and spiritual community at UUCT.

Finally, think about your own place in the UUCT community -- where are your skills, talents and energy needed? You may be asked to serve UUCT in some capacity, ranging from a newsletter labeler, dinner host or greeter to a committee chair or board member -- I hope you will consider how your gifts will enrich the whole UUCT community.

Happy Holidays!

Jennifer

Announcements



Staff Opening: Campus Ministry Coordinator

Application deadline is noon on December 15, 2002 for this ten-hour per week paid position as UUCT Campus Ministry Coordinator. Applicants should demonstrate: an interest in and commitment to young adult ministry, a strong identification with and articulation of the Unitarian Universalist Purposes and Principles (as UUs or in personal philosophy), and ability to facilitate groups and lead through shared ministry. Applicants need to be flexible in schedule and outlook. Position is year-round with twenty hours of paid vacation per year. Depending on experience, compensation will be \$10-\$11 per hour.

For a copy of the position description, contact the church office (385-5115). For more information, contact Sara Reece, Campus Ministry Committee chairperson (309-1933 or sarareece@earthlink.net). To apply, send a resume with cover letter addressing the points mentioned above to: Linda Oaksford, VP for Religious Education, UUCT, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Missing Hymnals

We're missing at least eight hymnals from the sanctuary. If you borrowed one at some point, please check at home to make sure it was returned. The hymnals are expensive to replace, and many that we have were gifts to the church by members, given in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like a hymnal of your own, they are easy to order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM, www.uua.org/bookstore, or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). The current cost for a hymnal is \$28 plus shipping and handling.

Join the Sunday Service Brigade!

Our new sanctuary chairs have arrived! They are shinier, spiffier, and heavier than our old chairs. So we need to put together a Sunday Service Brigade of 8-12 people who will take turns setting up the sanctuary once a month, in groups of 2-3. This will include making sure the chalice and matches are out, the gong or chimes are handy, etc. The set-up could be done Saturday (if the sanctuary was not being used) or first thing Sunday morning before choir practice. This is a great way to get a little exercise before the service and make an important contribution that does not require a great deal of time! Please consider signing up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contacting Program Committee Chair Richard Dempsey (671-2748 or richardd@nettally.com).

Sunday Service Participation

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

Calling All Singers:

Have you ever thought about joining the O.K. Chorale? We'd love to have you! We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. You do not have to audition. Come join us as we sing ourselves to bliss! Questions? Call Helen at 309-6853.

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).

Donations of stock

If you wish to give a donation to UUCT in the form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, please contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu) or Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infi.net). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge, your pledge for the Capital Campaign, or for any special fund of the church. Gifts of equities or bonds are particularly appropriate as we approach the end of the year if you wish to take advantage of the tax-related deduction.

Help UUCT and Yourself!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to pay FY 2002 - 2003 pledges in full or in whatever increment works for you by December 31, 2002. It could reduce your income taxes, help UUCT meet its financial obligations, and begin a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **The Sunshine:** Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/
- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

Attention Committees

Committees should begin now to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2003 - 2004. For the Church Council meeting in mid-January with the VP for Finance, you should have put together your program plan narrative, budget request, and any fund raising proposals. Questions? Contact VP for Finance Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infi.net).

Announcements (Continued)

Reminder: Church Office Hours Alternative Holiday Gifts

Please keep in mind that the church office is open "for business" during the week but not on Sundays. When Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie is here on Sundays, she is attending the service, not working. Please try to remember to refrain from asking her to do something for you. Thanks!

Mountaincamp 2003

If you are anxiously waiting to receive the Mountaincamp 2003 brochure and registration form in the mail, try going to The Mountain's website: www.mountaincenters.org. The full brochure is there, with a link to download the registration form.

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! This will free up funds for other sanctuary improvements! Chairs are \$28.25 without arms and \$33.25 with arms. Look for alternative gift forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

New Office Hours: Rev. Amy

Please note on the back page that Rev. Amy's new office hours are Wednesdays 1 - 5 PM and Thursdays 9 AM - 5 PM.

New UUCT Directory

An updated UUCT directory for members and friends will be distributed on Sundays in December, starting December 15. Look for Membership Chair Trudy Deyle. Or you may stop by the office during the week and pick up your copy. At the end of December, all undistributed directories will be mailed. If corrections are needed in your listing, including adding or deleting an email address, please let Kathie know right away. Bi-monthly updates will be published.

Appreciation



- To:**
- * **Janet Kistner, Walter Hoskins, Jean and Joe Chulak, Maria Mena, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Rod Oldenburg, Ed Oaksford, Bruce Brandt, Del DeTar, and Barbara Sterling** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 10/27 - 11/17.
 - * **Mary Ventre, Joe Grigg, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, William and Pat Riedell, Christine Boczarska, Cindy Miller, Kandy Crowe and Trudy Deyle** for providing hospitality 10/27-11/17.
 - * **Georgia Ackerman, Jerri Lee Wagner, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Trudy Deyle, Amy Mann, Grace Martin, Beth Cavano, Ron and Kandy Crowe, Maria Mena, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, and Laura Cook** for clean-up from 10/27-11/17.
 - * **Kim Ross, Danny Lambert, Katie Chamberlain, and Tom Dutta** for helping with the Shelter Meal in November.
 - * **November Workday helpers Tom Chase, Randall Gann, Francis Ventre, and Don Berger** for applying fungicide and pruning sealer to roots exposed by the grading for our new driveway.
 - * **Victor Venos, Tom Chase, Helen Falb and Trudy Deyle** for moving the 180 new chairs into the sanctuary when they were delivered in November.
 - * **Barney and Laura Cook, Harold and Margaret Hawkins** for providing storage for the old sanctuary chairs until the new building is complete and **Tom Chase and Harold Hawkins** for loading and transporting the old chairs to the storage.
 - * **Annette Pearce** for facilitating the November New UU Sessions with Rev. Amy.
 - * **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for taking YRUU members to the Youth Con in Clearwater in mid-November.
 - * **Mary Millard** for organizing the Blue Moon Cafe coffeehouse November 9.
 - * **Everyone who gave** to the special Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) collection on November 17. \$224 was collected.
 - * **Sara Reece, Kim Ross, Annette Pearce, Marianne Peters, Jerri Lee Wagner, Marcia Murray, LaRae Donnellan, Sally Andersen and University UUs Katie Chamberlain, Pippin Whitaker, Van Fox, Chelsea Cline, and Nancy Ognenovski** for helping with the Campus Ministry Committee soup lunch fund raiser November 24.
 - * **Carolyn DuBard, Bruce Brandt, Richard Dempsey, Bob Deyle and Cheryl Ward** for computing and interpreting the results of the Evaluation of our Ministry Survey.
 - * **Cropwalk Walkers LaRae Donnellan, Rev. Amy, Pam, Walter, Becky and Katie Hoskins** plus all who pledged.

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM

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

Curriculum

See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for each age grouping, as well as names of teachers and descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

Fun Day: Sunday, December 1

The Sunday morning of Thanksgiving weekend, December 1, will be a Fun Day for the Kindergarten through Middle School classes. There will be games and special activities.

Kid's Fun Night/Parents' Night Out: Friday, December 6

Hey, Parents...now's your chance to get some early holiday shopping done or have that date you've been thinking about! On Friday, December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, bring your kids to UUCT for games, movies, and pizza...and you're free to leave! Adult supervision will be provided. Kids can bring games to share (please...games that more than one person can play, no *Game Boys*). We're asking for a \$3 donation for the pizza. If you're interested in having your kids participate, sign up with Maggie Geraci, DRE, at the RE table.

Would You Like to Hold the Baby? (Christmas Eve)

In a celebration of the season, UUCT will be holding an intergenerational worship service on Christmas Eve. *Would You Like to Hold the Baby* is a spiritual celebration of Christmas, written specifically for Unitarian Universalists. The service celebrates the spiritual truths and metaphorical beauty found in the Nativity story. If you enjoyed *Spirit of the Christmas Tree*, last year's intergenerational Christmas service, you're sure to love *Would You Like to Hold the Baby!*

Folks of all ages and talents are asked to volunteer their time and efforts towards making this a memorable event. If you're interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

Guest at Your Table

At the November 17 service, children and youth received Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) *Guest at Your Table* boxes. These are to keep on the tables where we eat throughout the holiday season, for making contributions to UUSC. Boxes are to be returned to church the first Sunday in January. If your family did not receive a box and would like one, see DRE Maggie Geraci or Norene Chase.

YRUU (Youth Group)

Meetings: Every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

FL District CONferences:

- * Jan. 17 - 19 All Age, Gainesville

Mountain Cons (in NC):

- * December 6 - 8, Sr. High
- * January 24 - 26, Sr. High
- * February 7 - 9, Jr. High
- * February 28 - March 1, Sr. High

Other:

- * January 17 - 19, Jr. & Sr. High - Remembering Martin Luther King, A Call to Action. (Registration deadline 12/16/02).

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

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

CURRENT CLASSES:

UUA Study / Action Issue. Study circles on economic globalization using the book *The Lexus and Olive Tree, Understanding Globalization* by Thomas Friedman are third Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM through January in Rm 2, or second Mondays, 7 - 9 PM through February in Rm 2. They may continue beyond the end dates, with further reading and discussion. Thursday facilitator Elinor Elfner (224-3651; eelfner@istal.com) and Monday facilitator Annette Pearce (386-4053).

The Artist Way: A Spiritual Path. Tuesday evenings. Facilitator: Amy Mann (222-1420 or amann@tdo.infi.net).

UPCOMING CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Evensong: A Series of Gatherings. New groups starting periodically. In eight gatherings, Evensong participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. Contact Sheila Meehan or Rev. Amy.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

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

Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory:

- *Conversations with the Bible: Spiritual Growth for Religious Liberals*
- *Siblings without Rivalry*
- *Evolution of the Psyche: The New Evolving Psyche*
- *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity: An Anti-Bias Program for Adults*
- *Faithful Choices - An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values.*

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

Are you a UU Zen Buddhist (without knowing it)? Come to the **zenTAOBuddhist Sangha** on Sunday mornings and find out more! We meet every Sunday -- from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM -- in Room 2 at UUCT (except for the first Sunday of the month, when we meet at Black Dog Café, deck or inside).

We practice Zazen meditation, do check-in, and share readings and discussion on topics of interest from

the teachings of Buddha, Taoism, Zen, and the thinking of great Wisdom Masters East and West. We are an eclectic, informal group, not connected to any Buddhist lineage, member-led. We like to say we are all Buddhas (!). You are welcome to visit us anytime or come join in our simple weekly meetings. If you would like to know more or have questions, please contact Will Adkins, Sangha coordinator and editor of the Sangha's e-mail newsletter *under the Bo-tree*, at (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

We now share this wise quote of the great 20th century Indian poet Tagore (who, from our hymnal, is often quoted in our UU services):

"The burden of the self is lightened when I laugh at myself."

Campus Ministry Corner

Campus Ministry Coordinator:
Kim Ross (kim@cennexus.com, 877-1972 or 509-0326)

This semester has just gone by so fast! We have had a wonderful year so far. We've prepared and served the Cold Night Shelter meal twice. We've met twice per week since August. We've supported the growth of at least 25 students and young people. We've made inroads into FAMU and have several students from TCC attending our meetings.

The following is a poem that came out of one of our recent meetings. Pippin Whitaker led a meeting on "What is Spirituality" and we wrote this group poem:

Spirituality

The sinking depth is in its essence.
Its roots dig deep so I cannot shake it;
instead I allow its sweet essence to
awaken my own soul.
Spirituality is undeveloped feelings
Floating on the incense of existence.
The essence of spirituality is in the
creation of the Universe,

Beyond physicality in non-rational meaning.

Spiritual meaning transcends experience.

Take it, and there is nothing but cubicles, BMWs, and the next one-night stand.

It is more than morality,

Although morality is its essence.

Heroic acts of right and wrong are the basis of its experience,

The reason for the soul feeling.

Light my flower, extinguish my reality.

What was, what is, what is to come at the end of the ages.

--Pippin Whitaker, Danny Lambert, Katie Chamberlain, Tom Dutta, Kim Ross

Look for us on December 8, as we lead the worship service. We plan to have a lot of fun with this year's service. Our topic is "Are You a Spiritual Chicken?"

Finally a piece of news. I have recently submitted my resignation to the Board because I accepted a full-time position with the Department of Revenue in Training and Staff Development. I will continue to lead the group through the end of 2002. I strongly encourage those that feel moved to apply for the position. It will be a blessing for you. I have thoroughly enjoyed working both with the Campus Ministry and with the UU Church of Tallahassee these past years.

I would like to thank the church for being an incredible support. I recently tried to explain the "Mind the Gap" campaign of the UUA to a new-to-UU member. I realized that it was difficult to point out the gap in ages that usually exists in UU churches, because there are so many young adults and college students in our church. Our church consistently nurtures its young adult and campus communities in a way that is an example to many churches across the nation. Thank you for all that you do.

Evaluation of Our Ministry

By Bruce Brandt for the Committee on Ministry

One of the responsibilities of the Committee on Ministry (CoM) is to review the quality of our church's ministry periodically. The review should include all aspects of our ministry to our members and friends and to our wider communities.

In March of this year the CoM distributed a survey to all members and friends aimed at performing that evaluation. It also contained questions about respondents' feelings about Rev. Amy's ministry because her work is a significant, visible part of what we do. Sixty seven people returned their questionnaires. The survey results were carefully analyzed by Carolyn DuBard and reviewed by the CoM. The results are summarized below.

Overall Evaluation

The members and non-members surveyed were generally satisfied with the performance of the church and Rev. Amy McKenzie. That is, the average score on all questions was between Neutral and Agree.

Evaluation of the Church's ministry:

The people who returned filled out questionnaires were very satisfied with the church regarding:

- the music ministry,
- the religious education and nurturing for children and youth,
- and the opportunity for involvement and leadership in the church.

They were generally satisfied with the church regarding:

- welcoming of diversity,
- addressing social justice issues,
- inclusive decision-making,

- fostering a spirit of stewardship and giving,
- and providing opportunities for social interaction.

Some persons identified Sunday Services as an area needing improvement. The persons wanting change in Sunday services would like more vibrant Sunday services with more variety and a wide scope of spiritual life.

Evaluation of Rev. Amy McKenzie's ministry:

The members and friends who responded were very satisfied with her:

- availability,
- support for RE program for children and youth,
- ministry to children,
- performance of memorial services and rites of passages, marriages, etc.,
- involvement in interfaith activities,
- and participation in UU affairs, both district and national levels.

They were generally satisfied with:

- her leadership,
- sensitivity to people and their needs,
- participation in church activities,
- advancement of a sense of church community and caring,
- encouragement and guidance for congregation to expand horizons,
- way of working with the Board and committees,
- visitation of sick and homebound,
- representation of UU principles and diversity to the local community,

- promoting involvement of members in larger UU community,
- support for congregational decision-making,
- and personal and professional growth.

Those responding indicated that the Sunday service was an area for continued improvement.

One observation about the survey results is disturbing. Very few (6 out of 67) of the respondents said that they have children who participate in the RE program. It is not possible now to find out why, but we should be careful to ensure that our RE families respond if/when we do another evaluation of ministry.

Members of the CoM are Richard Dempsey, Chair, Christine Boczarska, and Bruce Brandt. They welcome your comments and questions about any aspect of UUCT's ministry.

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee Chairperson

BUILDING DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE. The projected move-in date for the new building is March 4, 2003! We are starting to put together a Building Dedication/Community Open House Sub-committee. If you'd like to serve on this sub-committee or be a helper for the dedication and open house, please contact me (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com). We could use your help!

PLANNING BASED ON NEEDS. The new building was planned based on definite needs - a larger nursery with its own bathroom, more bathrooms for the congregation in general, and multipurpose rooms for Youth RE classes, Adult Enrichment classes, committee and group meetings, smaller workshops, and activities such as choir practice. Storage space was also planned for Youth and Adult RE resources and materials, campus ministry files, choir music and the tables in

the sanctuary, although we will probably leave the tables where they are until the fellowship hall is built.

USE AND FURNISHINGS PLAN. The Board has asked the CIC to gather specific information on plans for using and furnishing the space in the new building, as well as plans for continued use of the current classrooms. We are requesting specific information from Youth RE, Adult Enrichment and the choir. The presumption is that other groups and committees just need general, multipurpose meeting or workshop space, with no special use or furnishing needs.

For Youth RE, the information will include details on which Youth RE classes will meet in which old or new rooms; where YRUU will meet; what furnishings and accessories are needed for each room, including the nursery; and what additional equip-

ment is needed for the regular and toddler playgrounds. The CIC will then put together an overall plan to propose to the Board. The Board would like to have a plan finalized by the time the new building is completed.

Regarding the current classrooms, it has been suggested that we may want to leave the paneled partitions separating each pair of rooms in place until we see how things are shaping up with the new space. We may decide some smaller space is useful. (The current classrooms are 200 sq. ft. each with the partitions, while the new multipurpose rooms are 400 sq. ft. each. Two of the new rooms will open into each other for one 800 sq. ft. room.)

If you have any thoughts you'd like to share on space use and furnishings for the new building, please let me know. Input is always welcome.

Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

If you skipped reading the November *Meridian* "Green Corner" article or have not yet had a chance to read it, please take a few minutes to do so. It is about UUCT Green Sanctuary Committee plans to recommend to our church Board that we vote as a congregation to initiate two household pledge programs: (1) a 1-2-3 Response to Global Warming pledge and (2) a Food for Thought (And Action!) pledge.

The programs would be modeled after initiatives taken by the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon. Adopting these pledges as a congregation would meet the requirements for one of the 17 initiatives a church must take to attain 'Green Sanctuary' status: to "pass an all-church resolution committing to an all-church environmental project for a year".

The focus of the 1-2-3 household pledge is on taking local action to help reduce global warming, widely acknowledged to be the most critical environmental threat of our generation. Each member household of the congregation would be invited to sign a 1-2-3 Pledge in which they commit to take as many as possible of the following actions to reduce global warming: adjusting their thermostat, reducing driving speed when traveling over 60 mph, and replacing some conventional light bulbs with more energy efficient ones. (See the November *Meridian* article for details on these possible actions and their effects.)

The Food for Thought (and Action!) household pledge concerns the choices we make about the food we eat. The pledge addresses three actions: (1) eat less meat, (2) eat local

produce, and (3) eat organic foods. According to a brochure published by the 7th Principle Committee of Portland's First Unitarian Church, these actions can not only save energy and thereby reduce global warming, they also can help to reduce air, water, and soil pollution, reduce water shortages, reduce world hunger, promote good health, and support local farmers. (Again, see the November *Meridian* article for details on the effects of these actions.)

When the time comes, please consider supporting a congregational vote to initiate similar pledge programs for our church. For more information about these proposals, please contact Steve Urse (385-2864, stevur@mindspring.com) or Ed Oaksford (422-0240, oaksford@hotmail.com).

Church Community

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community

The Search is On!

We need volunteers to fill Chairs in three important Church Community Ministries: *Caring Network, Publicity, and Audio Tapes Library*. Here it's December already and we are still in a state of limbo--looking for volunteers to take on leadership responsibilities at a

time when our church is growing and bustling as a church community.

Maybe you are the person we are looking for! If so, let us know and we will give you more details. Please contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net), or leave a message with Rev. Amy or Kathie.

The *Caring Network Committee* is our number one priority right now! (But you can volunteer for any one of the three ministries at this time.) Now is the time to get involved at UUCT -- and help us meet the needs of our congregation.

About Our New Members

Donald Crosby. Don was born in Mansfield, Ohio, but considers Pensacola, Florida his hometown. He has family in Tallahassee, Marianna, Fort Walton Beach, Gulf Breeze and Pensacola. He is a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Philosophy at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, having retired at the end of 2001 after teaching there for 36 years. Currently, he is an Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Philosophy at Florida State University. Don's hobbies are nature walking, swimming in the Gulf, reading, thinking, and writing. Don says, "My wife Pam and I are happy to have UCCT as our church

home." The things he values about UUCT are "its inclusiveness, its active involvement in social and ecological issues, its friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and the full participation of its members and friends in its Sunday services and other congregational activities".

Pam Crosby. Pam is from a rural Southern Baptist family in Crockett County, Tennessee. She is retired as director/founder of a high school alternative program for at-risk students in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is presently a student at Florida State University. Her hobbies are movies,

nature walks, reading, and writing. Pam says, "The UUCT inspires me to learn more about and appreciate others' viewpoints and experiences, to serve our local community, and to contribute to the whole of nature, as well as humanity." As far as what she hopes to be involved in at church, she says, "I enjoy the Adult Forum's informative programs and the Green Sanctuary's admirable goals. I also want to encourage others to become vegetarians as a means to protect and honor all life." Overall, Pam says, "We're excited to be a part of such an impressive church community."

FL District

Consultation on Youth

By Dave Haldane, YRUU Youth

What do you get when you mix one part minister, one part director of religious education, a handful of youth and adult representatives, and a LOT of passion? The First Annual Consultation on Youth, which was held at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando on October 4th and 5th. The Consultation sought to establish a new direction for Florida District youth programming, and despite some heated discussion, it laid the groundwork for important advancement of youth empowerment and education throughout the state. After listening to the issues brought by other delegates, the UUCT delegation

is fully convinced that every youth needs a congregation as fantastic as ours! A thousand thanks for the time and energy everyone donates to UUCT youth! Keep on Rockin'!

Editor's note: And anyone who attended the November Sunday service planned and conducted by YRUU, with assistance from Rev. Amy, will agree that UUCT is lucky to have such a dynamic group of youth!

District Trustee Election

From Kathy Converse, FL District Board President

At last summer's General Assembly, the UUA by-laws were changed to give both the Florida and Mid-South UUA Districts their own UUA Trustee, rather than having one trustee represent both

districts. The current trustee lives in the Mid-South District, so the Florida District needs to elect a trustee to serve two years until the next regularly scheduled election. Terms will then be for four years.

Each congregation in the Florida District may nominate one candidate. To propose a name for UUCT to nominate, contact President Jennifer Carver (402-0622, jzadwick@tfn.net). Nominations must be received at the district office by February 20, 2003.

Candidates must be a member of a UUA congregation within the district and reside in the district. Having experience in congregational, district and denominational affairs is helpful, but not required.

Welcome As Members

- Pam Crosby
- Don Crosby
- William Riedell (Re-join)



Welcome As Friends

- Amy Mann
- Cecile Rosser
- Pat Riedell

Membership

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

UUCT Name Tags

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members will be given nametags. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.75 each).

New Member Recognition

A Sunday in February.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Megan Bakan (216-0510). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families during the first days of parenthood, contact Megan.

Directory Changes Joys and Sorrows

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

On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) for refreshments, Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, December 9, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts... University UU member, **Chelsea Cline**, who lost her father on Nov. 13 after a long illness.

Congratulations to **Laura and Barney Cook** who are grandparents for the third time. **Thomas Matthew Richards** was born at the end of October. **Isabel Sheridan** whose step-daughter **Jennifer Ann Stefanisko and Jay-Gould Stuckey** were married in Thirty-Nine Palms, CA, Sept. 21.

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 and *Dinners for Families with Children* will run through May. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest.

Dinners for 8 is adults only, with all parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. If you are a newcomer or you missed the sign-up for guests or hosts and are interested, contact Barbara Gearhart for *Dinners for 8* (386-7378) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

The Committee on Ministry

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

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 49**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of October 2002 - 93.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - October - 95.9**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45 (Incomplete)**

December UUCT Events, Social Activities, Events After December

December UUCT Events

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

SPECIAL DECEMBER SERVICES, WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 4, 11, & 18, 6:00 - 6:45 PM. "Conversations with the Bible: Birth, Hope and New Life." Led by Rev. Amy with congregational sharing. We'll study and reflect on a few passages from the Bible, share conversation, warmth, and a Christmas carol during this brief evening service.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 7:30 PM. Simple meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In sanctuary. For more info, call Tom or Katya Taylor at 656-9321, or e-mail Katom@istal.com.

RILEY HOUSE ROCK-A-THON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9 AM - 2 PM. Riley House/Center is Tallahassee's African American Museum. This is a scheduled fundraiser for our church, and UUCT has its own rocking chair. The Rock-a-thon will be part of Tallahassee's Celebration of Lights. There will be entertainment and prizes throughout the day. This year the preferred way to be a sponsor is to become a member of Riley House / Center. But you can also make a donation of any amount. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, DECEMBER 8, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share!

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

YULE RITUAL, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 9:00 - 9:45 AM. For the Winter Solstice. The earth-centered CUUPS spirituality group called Full Circle hasn't met in quite some time. However, if you are excited, spiritually nurtured, or intrigued by the following words, see you there!: opening the circle, calling the directions, making and blessing an altar. Former members of Full Circle and Rev. Amy will create the ritual.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 PM. Our traditional intergenerational service. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for and participate in the service. See article on p. 5 for details. The evening's offering will be given to ECHO, a local organization supported by churches and helping those in need. Also bring clothing, blankets and canned goods for ECHO to give to those needing them.

Events After December

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 3:00 PM. The annual covered dish, new-year get-together at the home of Nancy Bass. Call Nancy (893-1806) for more information and directions.

"HEARTBEATS" CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 PM. It is never too early to begin planning for Valentine's Day, so mark you calendars now to attend this enchanting evening of wonderful music. Tickets will be \$8.00 for this annual UUCT fund raiser. A variety of helpers are needed. Contact Ludy Goodson to volunteer (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com).

WINTERFEST CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 - 9:00 PM.



Hot Wassail & Cookies for the earlybirds (outdoors) ~

A Christmastide Potluck Dinner, begins at 6:30.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree ~

Entertainment will begin at 7:30: Secular & Sacred Songs of the Season by the Okay Chorale with Helen Falb & others ~ Christmas Caroling & Drumming ~ Winter Poetry & Dancing ~ Storytelling & Merry-Making for All (including especially the children!) (Santa Claus is rumored to be making an appearance.)

We are still looking for Entertainers, Storytellers, & Poets.

Why not get involved? Please contact Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net).



UUCT Social Activities

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

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11:30 AM
- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 PM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, Dec. 8, 12:30 PM
- Winterfest Christmas Holidays Party, Dec. 13, 6:30 PM

December UUCT Events, Events After December (Continued)

FL District Events

COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Held at the First Unitarian Church of Orlando (1901 E. Robinson St., 407-898-3631). "Taking the War Out of Our Words" is a free workshop with UU Sharon Ellison. Sharon will be available an extra hour (11:30 - 12:30) for those who can stay for continued discussion. She is an international communication consultant who will show us how to communicate non-defensively even when we do not have other people's cooperation. You will learn how to: ask disarming questions which prompt others to open up; state

your opinion with clarity and passion (without being judgmental) so others can genuinely hear what you say; and set clear boundaries that cause others to give you increasing respect.

S.W.I.M. (UU SOUTHEAST WINTER INSTITUTE), DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1. Takes place in Miami and is an annual UU Retreat and Family Camp for UUs and like-minded people of all ages. For more information go to www.swimuu.org or write to 40 Pearl Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711 for a brochure.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8. To be held at First Unitarian Church in

Orlando, the topics will be the two current study/action issues for the UUA Commission on Social Witness: Economic Globalization and Civil Liberties. Watch for registration forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Nancy Bass (893-1806, nrbass@aol.com).

National Events

UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2. Held at Universalist National Memorial Church in Washington, D.C., the theme is "God's Presence in Our Troubled World". For more details, contact the UUCT office or visit the Fellowship webpage (www.uua.org/uucf).

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

December 20-22 (Fri-Sun), Gifts of the Solstice—Sources of Light. We'll work with the Sun, Moon, Stars, and Self as we explore sources of light. All are welcome at this intergenerational circle, a nature-based cornucopia of spirit, song, story, creativity, and sacred space.

December 23-26, (Mon-Thu), Christmas on The Mountain. A quiet, spiritual, noncommercial Christmas: crafts for all ages, and decorating the tree; caroling at a local nursing home; a candlelight Christmas Eve dinner followed by a meditation service with The Mountain Quartet and Jim Short; a "Yankee" gift exchange; and plenty of free time.

December 29-January 1 (Sun-Wed), Singing, Moving & Dancing: Breathing Life into a New Year. Through singing and movement, service projects, worship, outdoor meditation and play, this program will inspire and offer respite and hope in this precarious world. We're honored to bring extraordinary guest artists and friends, Ken Nafziger and Robin Becker, to help us all create a remarkable experience together.

Coming up in January and February:

January 24-26, Robert Burns Scottish Weekend

January 31-February 2, Dinner & a Movie—Masala Movies

February 7-9, MountainScape: Hardy Hikers—a winter hiking experience

FOR MORE INFORMATION about these programs or The Mountain itself, check the bulletin board to the left of the pass-through at the back of the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter, or contact Linda Winn-Brown, 562-4755; lwinn41@earthlink.net. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838 or www.mountaincenters.org.

Campus Ministry Schedule

Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at FSU's International Center, 107 S. Wildwood Drive. (In December, first two Tuesdays only).

Coffee Hour: Fridays at 6:00 PM at Javaheads. (In December, every Friday except 12/27).

Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, Dec. 14, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)*
- *Monday, Dec. 16, 5:30 PM Girl Scout Board of Directors' Dinner (Sanctuary)*
- *Friday, Dec. 20, 8 PM, Voices Angelorum Concert (Sanctuary)*
- *Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10 PM, Gentle Shepherd MCC Service (Sanctuary)*



Hannukkah began
Nov. 29, Sundown



Winter begins,
Dec. 22



Christmas, Dec. 25



Kwanzaa begins, Dec. 26



December 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 RE Fun Day for classes 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>2 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site) 7:30 PM Building & Grounds (Rm 4)</p>	<p>3 7-9 PM The Artists Way (Sanc.) 7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>4 11:30 AM UU Chow-down (off-site) 6 - 6:45 PM Conversations with Bible (sanc.) 7:15 Membership (Rm 4) 7:30 PM Choir (Sanc.)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6 PM University UUs (off-site) 6-9 PM Parents Night Out (classrooms)</p>	<p>7 9 AM-2 PM Riley House Rock-a-thon (off-site) 7:30 PM Peace Dances</p>
<p>8 9:30 AM Youth RE Committee (Rm 2) 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>9 7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2) 7:15 PM Program Committee (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Shelter Meal (off-site) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site)</p>	<p>10 7-9 PM The Artists Way (Sanc.) 7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>11 6-6:45 PM Conversations with Bible (sanc.) 7:30 PM Choir (Sanc.)</p>	<p>12 7 PM Board (Rm 4) 7 PM RCDC (Rm 5) 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 2)</p>	<p>13 6 PM University UUs (off-site) 6:30-9 PM Winterfest (Sanc.)</p>	<p>14 9 AM-1 PM Workday</p>
<p>15 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary & Social Justice 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>16 7 PM Finance Comm. (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site)</p>	<p>17 7-9 PM The Artists Way (Sanc.) 7 PM Canvass Comm. (Rm 2)</p>	<p>18 6-6:45 PM Conversations with Bible (sanc.) 7:30 PM Choir (Sanc.)</p>	<p>19 7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2)</p>	<p>20 6 PM University UUs (off-site) 8 PM Voces Angelorum (Sanc.)</p>	<p>21 </p>
<p>22 9 -9:45 AM Yule Ritual (Sanc.) 3 - 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Rehearsal 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>23 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site)</p>	<p>24 7 PM Intergenerational Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p>25  Office closed No office hours for Rev. Amy</p>	<p>26  No office hours for Rev. Amy</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>30 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site)</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>"Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.</p>	<p>Note: Many activities described in other sections.</p>	<p>Meridian Schedule: Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</p> 	

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Our Mission:

"The mission of
UUCT is to be a
liberal religious
presence that
supports
individual spiritual
quests and service
to others in a
community of
open hearts,
minds, and doors."

YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 5).

- * YRUU meets regularly
Sundays, 6-8 PM.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 5)

- * **Globalization Study
Circles**, Mon. 12/9, 7
PM. Contact: Annette
Pearce (386-4053).
Thurs. 12/19, 7 PM.
Contact: Elinor Elfner
(224-3651).
- * **The Artist Way**, Tues.
12/3 & 12/10, 12/17,
7 PM. Contact: Amy
Mann (222-1420)
- * **Women's Spirituality**,
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.
Contact: Bonnie Foster
(539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs. 12/12, 7 PM.
Contact: Pres. Jennifer
Carver (402-0622)

COMMITTEES MEET

Open to All Interested

- * **Buildings & Grounds**,
Mon. 12/2, 7:30 PM.
Contact: Francis Ventre
(402-3050)
- * **Canvass**, Tues. 12/17,
7:00 PM. Contact:
Margaret Mooney
(893-8250)
- * **Capital Improvement**,
Thurs. 12/12, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Trudy Deyle
(422-1057)
- * **Committee on Ministry**
No meeting Dec.
Contact: Richard
Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Finance**, Mon. 12/16,
7 PM. Contact: Del
DeTar (878-7895)
- * **Green Sanctuary
(& Social Justice)**, Sun.
12/15, 12:30 PM.
Contact: Ed Oaksford
(422-0240)
- * **Membership**,
Wed. 12/4, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Trudy Deyle
(422-1057)
- * **Program**, Mon. 12/9,
7:15 PM. Contact:
Richard Dempsey
(671-2748)
- * **Racial & Cultural
Diversity**, Thurs. 12/12,
7 PM. Contact: Nancy
Bass (893-1806)
- * **Social Justice (See Gr.
Sanc.)**, Sun. 12/15,
12:30 PM. Contact:
Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun. 12/8,
9:30 AM. Contact:
Kelley Turnage
(553-9416)