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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice exc. 2/11
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE,  
Preschool class, Rm C (2x/mon.)  
Elementary classes (K - 2nd,  
Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)  
Middle/ High School Youth  
Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Feb. 4, Sean Dennison, Taoist Tai Chi Society, "Taoism: Dual Cultivation of Body and Mind"
- Feb. 11, TBA
- Feb. 18, TBA
- Feb. 25, TBA

February Highlights:

- Events Sat. 2/10:  
Silent Auction, 5:00 PM  
Chili & Chocolate Dinner, 5:00 PM  
Live Auction, 6:30 PM
- Silent Auction  
Continues, Sun. 2/11,  
9:30 AM & 12:00 PM
- Rummage Sale, Sat. 2/24, 8:00 AM
- Asking Budget Voting Meeting, Sun. 2/25, 12:30 PM (Discussion 2/18)



# The Meridian



## February Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Feb. 4 | The Problem of Evil and Theodicy

Does the fact of evil in the world prove that God does not exist? Theodicy addresses the philosophical and theological problem of evil by attempting to justify the actions of God to man. From the earliest monotheistic religions, evil has been a severe problem: If our one God who is claimed to be all-good and powerful actually exists, why is there evil in the world? Who or what is the cause? If there is only one supreme power in the universe, evil must be laid at the hands of that power. If that power causes evil, why should we worship it?

**Speaker: Gary Stilwell (see below); Lay Leader: Brian Lee**

### Feb. 11 | Community, Abundance, and Neighborliness

"Community doesn't just create abundance," writes Parker Palmer. "Community is abundance." And neighborliness builds community, at home as well as down the road. **Rev. Meredith Garmon, co-minister, UU Fellowship of Gainesville**

### Feb. 18 | Crisis = Danger + Opportunity

The Chinese ideograph for the word "crisis" involves two other ideographs - for danger and for opportunity. How can a crisis become both? How can looking at crises in our lives in this way change our perspective on things? Rev. Lyn will be preaching from this Eastern perspective on things. **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

### Feb. 25 | Flower Communion Sunday — Intergenerational Service

Come and **bring a flower** to this intergenerational service celebrating our community together, celebrating hope and renewal as the springtime approaches, with much singing and participation by all. (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.) **Rev. Lyn Plumb**



**About the Feb. 4 Speaker:** Upon retirement from working in science, technology, and super computers at IBM, Gary Stilwell (Ph.D. in Humanities/Religion, FSU) began a second career of consulting and teaching. Combining experience in science with an academic interest in religion, Dr. Stilwell lectures on these subjects in the FSU Humanities Department and the FSU Academy. He has published two books and has a third nearing completion, *The Problem of Evil: Theodicy and Modern Science*.



## Rev. Lyn's Plumb Line

Mahatma Gandhi uttered quite a few pithy statements that tend to be repeated time and time again, for they do indeed speak to so many people. One of the most intriguing – and challenging – for me is when he said, “You must be the change you wish to see.”

It is challenging for me because I find it is so easy to criticize what I see as wrong with society today, to ridicule, to find fault, or to be just plain angry at the failures we see around us every day.

It is another matter to realize that I may very well be part of the problem as well, and that I have the grace and the power within me to be part of the solution to whatever is not right in the world. This is just as true with those in the farthest reaches of darkest Africa or Asia as it is true with my own failures and those of my closest associates.

If I am angry because someone is particularly irritating to me or has failed me somehow, I have the power to change not that person, but to change the way in which I respond to that person. And perhaps, a different response to that person, filled with care, love and respect, will be a catalyst for that person to change.

If I see social ills in my neighborhood or anywhere in the world, there are things I can do, perhaps only in a small way, but things that can contribute to changing that social injustice or problem. By changing my attitude from one of cynicism and helplessness to one of caring and reaching out, I could be well on the road to being the change I wish to see.

Could you see yourself as being the change you wish to see? Is this as much of a challenge to you as it is to me? Do you find it far easier to criticize, find fault or drop out than to pitch in and be part of the solution, the change needed?

When I see us here at UUCT come together to work out our challenges, with much good, honest conversation, much insight expressed, much thoughtful suggestion, I feel that we are accepting the challenge and doing well to meet it and benefit from it. And I have every confidence that we can continue to meet this “Gandhi” challenge, to be the change we wish to see for ourselves here at UUCT.

With deep respect, appreciation and love, *Rev. Lyn*

## Right Relations Covenant Workshop and Fiesta: March 31

How shall we be in right relation to one another, and thus be most effective and in the best harmony with one another in this congregation?

Rev Lyn, with the assistance of the Committee on the Ministry, will facilitate a workshop on **Saturday, March 31**, that will allow us to determine that for *ourselves*. The workshop will provide the content of a Covenant of Right Relations that will be *our* document, created exclusively by us. By working in both large and small groups at this workshop, all members are invited to participate in developing guidelines around how we will interact as members of the

congregation, with ourselves, with one another, and with our staff, our board, and the larger community.

The **workshop is tentatively scheduled to run from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Nursery care** will be available, and a program of **activities** will be provided **for youth** whose parents participate in the workshop. The afternoon will **culminate with UUCT's first ever "Fiesta Celebration"** including intergenerational activities and authentic, home-cooked Mexican fare. Tickets will be sold ahead of time for a modest price sufficient to cover costs. More details to follow.

The more members who participate, the more the Covenant

of Right Relations will be a document reflecting us all, and not just a few. Sooo, please *be there* for this important event - and encourage others to be there, too!!

If you would like to help out with the Fiesta or with organizing or managing the youth activities program, or if you have any questions, please contact Maria Mena ([mcmena@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcmena@ix.netcom.com), 907-0739). If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Rev Lyn.

Come for the Food! Come for the Workshop! It's the Right Thing To Do!





## UUCT Auction – Feb. 10-11



### 2nd Annual Chili & Chocolate Dinner – Feb. 10



**Come one, come all to the 2007 UUCT Auction!** Have you dreamed of an overnight at St. George Island or a guided hike on the Aucilla River? Does a tin of Biscotti or a Russian dinner make your mouth water? What about round trip rides to the airport, a knitted scarf or 2 hours of genealogy service? These are just a few of the items up for bid for this exciting church fundraiser. Full catalog available at church on Sun. 2/4.

#### **Bid on donated items Sat. 2/10:**

- ☐ **Silent Auction: 5:00–6:30 PM & 7:30–8:30 PM**, Rm. L. BUY-IT-NOW option back for many items – don't wait until Sun. to see if an item is still there!
- ☐ **Live Auction: 6:30–7:30 PM**, sanctuary (with our own Elinor Elfner).

**Also on Sat. 2/10: Chili & Chocolate Dinner, 5:00–7:00 PM**, sanctuary. Sponsored by UUCT Executive Board. Will include HOT chili, vegetarian chili, and regular meat chili with LOTS of condiments: cheese, onions, sour cream, etc. Plus fabulous chocolate desserts and drinks. Dinner prices: \$10/adult; \$5/child; \$30/family (2 adults & 2 or more children).

**Sun. 2/11: Silent Auction continues, 9:30–11:00 AM & 12:00–1:30 PM**, Rm. L.

**Questions about Auction?** Peggy Lentz ([peglentz@aol.com](mailto:peglentz@aol.com), 878-2226) or Jennifer Carver ([jzcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:jzcarver@earthlink.net), 212-6734). Please deliver donated items to UUCT after 1:00 PM on Sat. 2/10 or call Peggy or Jennifer to make other arrangements.

#### **Questions about 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili & Chocolate Dinner?**

Call Dick Leinberry ([rlibrary@nettally.com](mailto:rlibrary@nettally.com), 386-4977).



### UUCT Rummage Sale, Sat. 2/24, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM

Get your spring-cleaning done early this year! Start gathering donations for our Annual Rummage Sale: furniture, antiques, knick knacks, linen, clothing (no tears or stains, please and new shoes only), books, kitchenware, small appliances and yard/exercise equipment (in working condition), toys, lamps, etc. We need paper sacks for our \$3/bag sale which starts at noon on Sat., as well as regular plastic bags.

**Collection and set-up day is FRI. 2/23, 7:30 AM–6:00 PM.** Volunteers needed to work Fri. and Sat. We especially need a crew of people to set up tables at 8:00 AM Fri. morning and one or two persons with trucks or vans for hauling items. Please look for sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary on Sundays or call Maria Mena (907-0739). ALL VOLUNTEERS GET A 25% DISCOUNT OF FULL PRICE, except on furniture.

**MEMBER PRE-SALE:** UUCT members are our best customers; come in and purchase items on Fri.! Items must be purchased at full value, no discounts except for volunteers.

### Green Corner



By Elinor Elfner, Green Sanctuary Member

Do you believe in Green Living? What does it mean to you? Watch for announcements about these events:

- **UUCT GS Potluck**—Sat., Feb. 17, Noon, Sanctuary. Reports on solar installation at UUCT,

new energy audit, Taylor Energy Center, neighborhood areas, etc.

- **Big Bend Green Living and Energy Expo**—March 17 for workshops and 18 for tours of homes and organic gardening.

**Light Bulbs:** Have you changed all your incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescents (CFL)? Each CFL uses 75-80% less electricity. If not, look for sales at UUCT on Sundays.



## Settled Minister Search Committee

By Bob Deyle, Committee Chair

The SMSC has considered a total of 10 prospective settled minister candidates. We are told by Rev Lyn that we've done well to receive this many applicants based on her review of some of the other churches currently in search.

We have one pre-candidate confirmed for a neutral pulpit visit. We are very excited by her candidacy and at this time believe she would be an excellent fit with our congregation's needs.

We have released seven of the other candidates based on their Ministerial Records, Information Packets, and/or telephone interviews. Two others withdrew before we scheduled interviews with them.

All of our eggs are, therefore, in one basket, unless we receive one or more late inquiries. While this is not an ideal state of affairs, we believe strongly that we should only seriously consider candidates who

will truly fulfill our needs.

It is a very tight market, so there is a chance that we may not succeed. If such a situation comes to pass, we are prepared to shift gears to searching for an interim minister for one more year. The deadline for submitting an application for that process is not until April 15, so there will be plenty of time to consider our options.

## Campus Question

By Charlotte Dudley, Landscape Coordinator

Q: UUCT has a beautiful campus including an entry garden on Meridian Rd., a new memorial garden, a native tree and plant area, two butterfly gardens, a vegetable garden, two liriopie beds, two playgrounds, plus countless camellias, azaleas, trees, and grass. Who takes care of all this?

Possible Answers

A1: The Landscape Coordinator - *(How much can one woman do?)*

A2: The Building & Grounds Committee - *(Don't they have enough to do w/ the buildings?)*

A3: The people who come to monthly work days - *(How long since you've been to a work day to see how many people show up?)*

A4: A hired caretaker or crew - *(Yeah, right.)*

A5: God/ Ground of Being/ Goddess/ Love/ Nature/ Providence/ Whoever - *(Are you*

*familiar with the term "cop out"?)*

A6: You don't mean . . . . us?

No UUCTer needs my special permission or an invitation to pull weeds and sticker vines or to put down mulch. You are not guaranteed to have a public *thank you* in *The Meridian* either. But you will have the satisfaction of contributing to UUCT putting its best foot forward to the community. The weeds are there. The mulch is there. Go for it!

## Announcements



- **Joyous Giving . . .** "makes me think of giving with your heart and taking joy in knowing all the good things that will come of it."

— A fellow member

- **Memorial Garden orders.** Cast-bronze plaque in memory of deceased member or engraved brick can be ordered any time. Forms/directions back of sanctuary. Put forms with payment in sealed envelope; drop in plastic box on sanctuary back wall or in Sunday collection basket.

- **Let's all be on time Sundays!** Members & Friends, try to arrive 10 - 15 minutes early for the Sunday service, in time to visit a minute, then take a seat before welcome and announcements. Sometimes only half are seated by then! Visitors must wonder where we are! Also, fill in center seats, so there are easy-to-reach seats left. Let's make it easier for our visitors and also cut down on the bustling once the service has started!

- **UU Principles & Purposes Review.** UUA Commission on Appraisal is conducting review, per UUA bylaws. Multiple venues for individuals to comment; congregational input also solicited. Congregations will receive booklets with workshop formats for children, youth and adults. Workshops to be conducted this spring or early fall. Proposed revisions come before 2009 General Assembly for 1st vote. Commission contact info.: [www.uua.org/coa/](http://www.uua.org/coa/) or [coa@uua.org](mailto:coa@uua.org).



## Announcements (Cont.)

### • Annual Meeting Elections.

Following positions on Executive Board & Nominating Committee to be elected at 5/20 Annual Congregational Meeting. Terms begin 7/1/07; all 2 years, except Pres.-Elect who continues as Pres. and Past Pres. for 3-year term.

- Pres. Elect
- Secretary
- VP for Finance
- VP for Religious Education
- Nominating Committee (2)

Current Nominating Committee members: Chairperson Don Crosby, Eliza Coyne, Howard Pardue, Linda Oaksford and Christine Boczarska, current past president. Per bylaws, 4 elected members choose 5th from among past presidents.

### • Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Signed by President Bush 8/3/06. Among provisions, one that

could provide **significant tax savings to certain individuals who hold Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA's) and who are at least 70 1/2 or older.** Allows your IRA administrator to transfer funds directly from your IRA to a bonafide charity (read church) or non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 designation. By doing so, these withdrawals will be entirely tax-free up to \$100,000. Provision expires at end of 2007, unless extended by Congress. Please check with your tax advisor for additional info.

### • Mountaincamp Scholarships.

\$450 total available in UUCT budget for scholarships to The Mountain, plus additional contributions to scholarship fund promised if needed. Brochure and registration 2007 Mountaincamp: [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

Deadline for scholarship requests:

2/28/07. Send letter with amount requested and why needed to UUCT: Scholarship Comm. or put in DeWayne Carver's box.

### • Kitchen Kontrollers needed.

March and April. Kontrollers are volunteers that oversee the kitchen and volunteers for a month.

Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, [npharv@aol.com](mailto:npharv@aol.com))

### • Transylvania Adventure for Youth.

Two-week cultural & service opportunity for high schoolers. Explore birthplace of Unitarianism & learn more about green practices. Flyer on sanctuary back bulletin board for details or [www.experience.green-agera.ro](http://www.experience.green-agera.ro).

### • February Trustee Tidbits.

FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted at the back of the sanctuary. Subject: the work of the UUA and its districts.

## December Board Actions

By Molly Schmid

Approved the consent agenda:

- a. Report from Committee on the Ministry,
- b. VP Management report (no action required),
- c. UUCT contracting with Keith McNeill Plumbing for \$5,100 sewer grinder pump system (\$4,900 Reserves, \$200 Bldgs./Grnds.).

Approved paying off mortgage on new building using \$88,000 from John Murphy bequest.

Approved setting up fund (John Murphy account) for monies received from John Murphy bequest.

Approved church executing "preferred customer agreement" with the City of Tallahassee.

Accepted 11/06 Treasurer's report.

Accepted minutes from 12/3/06 congregational meeting and 11/26/06 Executive Board meeting.

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Our Campus Ministry is going to be very fun in February, with a **Beach Retreat** tentatively scheduled for **2/23-25**. We missed having a beach retreat last year, and the UUUs are looking forward to returning to this great tradition!

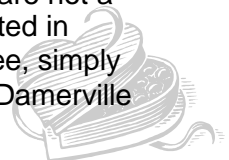
**Coffee Hour** will continue at **6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café, 903 Railroad Ave., one block south of

Gaines St. After coffee on Fri., 12/2, we will be checking out the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square.

For more info. on University Unitarian Universalists, contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee ([brianlee@hcsmail.com](mailto:brianlee@hcsmail.com), 877-1972). To sign up for email list send email to:

[UUUTallysubscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:UUUTallysubscribe@yahogroups.com).

**Sun., 2/11- Campus Ministry Committee** will meet concurrently with the potluck. Bring a plate of tasties to Rm K. If you are not a member but are interested in serving on the committee, simply join us, or contact Dan Damerville ([damervid@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:damervid@tcc.fl.edu)).



## Appreciation



- To:**
- **Sara Reece, Dottie & Tom Baldwin, Nancy Harvey, Michele Hope, Pam & Don Crosby, Barbara Sterling, and Francis and Mary Ventre** for greeting Sun. 12/31-1/21.
  - **Janet Kistner, Howard Pardue, Ruth Pestle, Mary Pope grattan, Jerri Lee Wagner, Tom & Linda Wheatley and kontroller Carolyn Pardue** for Dec. Sunday coffee and clean-up.
  - **Trudy, Bob and Ethan Deyle, Mimi Jones, and Tom and Judy Peelle** for clean-up after the Christmas Eve dessert potluck.
  - **Claudia Joyner and Anna Dempsey** for Jan. nursery help.
  - **Dan Damerville, Mimi Jones, Isabel Sheridan, Sally and Pete Andersen, Joan Patterson and Erin Hamilton,**
- Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Albert Starr** and University UUs **Brian Lee, Charles Starr, Kim Ross** (CM Committee), **Danny Apatiga, Brian Kilgore & Frank Green** for doing the Jan. Shelter meal.

### 1/13 Workday Thank You

Nine people had a fun time at the Jan. workday. Work included: leveling and smoothing the area where the new sewer grinder pump was installed, replacing latches on the restroom doors, replacing some incandescent bulbs with fluorescent ones and replacing burned out bulbs, clearing leaves and trash from driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots, finishing up installation of the digital projector, rearranging the mechanical room so that the solar panels can be stored there until they are installed, and additional landscaping and beautification tasks. Those who attended were **Mitch McDermott,**

**Tom Chase, Dave Harvey, Charlotte Dudley, Barbara Sterling, Don Berger, Steve Urse, Francis Ventre, and Jim Stangel.**

Don't forget: you can join the fun next workday 2/10, 9:00 -11:00 AM!

### DRE Thanks

The Curriculum Renaissance Module hosted by UUCT was a great success. Thirteen religious educators from Florida, Ohio, and Alabama, including DRE Maggie Geraci, participated in the weekend-long workshop. Thanks to **Trudy Deyle, Randall Gann, Isabel Sheridan, and Kelley Turnage** for helping with meal set-up and clean-up. Thanks to Trudy and **Joanne Taylor** for the loan of ice chests. Appreciation also goes to **Joan Patterson and Elinor Elfner and John Whitton** for hosting participants. They all seemed to enjoy their time in Tallahassee and at UUCT. There were lots of positive comments!

## Social Justice



### Harmony Camp 2007 News

Are you interested in being a part of UUCT's 4th annual Harmony Camp? Watch for the annual Harmony Camp Sunday on March 18. You'll hear from this year's co-directors, Terri Martin and Sally Andersen, who will share a vision for this year's camp and ways in which you may become involved. Enthusiastic participants from last summer's camp will be an integral part of the service. Save the date!

### Shelter Meal

Mel Eby reports there have been more people needing The Shelter's services lately, up to 200 or more homeless persons seeking food and accommodations some nights. This is more than UUCT has been

preparing dinner for every 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., so we need your help. Please donate what you can financially to help meet the greater need. If you can cook or serve once a month, contact Frank Deasy (907-1740) or Abbe Justus (668-4122).

### Social Justice Meeting

Kim Ross, chair, has set the meeting for **Wed. 2/21, 7:00 PM.** We'll discuss the focus of the Social Justice Committee and the surveys returned.

### Dept. of Corrections Donations

In August, the Dept. of Corrections sent our congregation a request to donate sporting equipment (used, repaired, or new). They are prohibited by law from purchasing any equipment for inmates but

may accept donations. There are approximately 90,000 inmates in over 50 major prisons, work camps, and annexes in FL. In spite of efforts in increased educational and vocational programming, many inmates are idle in recreational yards. Idleness can lead to ferment, misdirected activity, poor health, negative character development, and high degrees of security risks.

Donations can be given to Abbe Justus, VP for Social Justice, or given directly to the Corrections Foundation, 2601 Blairstone Rd. A letter acknowledging your tax deductible contribution is available through the Corrections Foundation – a 501(c)3 organization.



## Caring Network and Membership News

### Caring Ministries Network

Our hearts and minds are with:

#### Phillip, Logan and Gracie

**Thompson** as they rejoice over the birth of their daughter and sister, **Mae Runyon Thompson**, born Jan. 14, 8 lbs., 11 oz., 20 in.

**Joe Chulak** on the receipt of a pacemaker which is making him feel like a new person as he now has good circulation.

The family of **Eleanor Moore** as they grieve her loss. A memorial service celebrating her life was held Jan. 13.

The family of **Ann Conn** as they cope with the loss of **Ann's husband, Erling Hansen**, and recall the beautiful love they shared.

**Pauline Masterton**, whose mother, **Helen Merbitz**, was recently hospitalized in So. Florida following her 100th birthday celebration.

### Dinners for 8

It's time for the Winter series of Dinners for 8. Many are enthusiastic about this very enjoyable way of getting better acquainted with "newcomers" and "old timers." The only goal is delicious food and sparkling conversation with fascinating people. There are two dinner categories – Adults only and Intergenerational. Adults without children are welcome to sign up for intergenerational if they wish and adults with children can find a sitter and enjoy an adult evening. Hosts welcome guests to their homes, provide the main dish and contact the guests to complete the potluck menu. If you'd like to participate, contact Junelle Brandt ([junellebrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:junellebrandt@earthlink.net), 893-5511), or sign up on Sundays.

### Dinner - Intergenerational

Sat. 2/17, Jennifer & DeWayne Carver

### Dinners - Adults Only:

Sat. 2/17, Dave & Nancy Harvey  
Sat. 2/24, Steve & Mary VanSciver  
Sat. 3/3, Peggy Lentz & Ray Tucker  
Sat. 3/10, DeLos & Karla DeTar

### New UU Sessions

**Next sessions: Wed. 2/28 & 3/7, 7:00-9:00 PM.** Sign up at back of sanctuary, or contact the church office ([uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com), 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com), 422-1057). Childcare available on request.

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. Rev. Lyn co-facilitates.

### On-going Opportunities

- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, [berger-don@comcast.net](mailto:berger-don@comcast.net)).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net)).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Frank Deasy (907-1740, [deasyf@comcast.net](mailto:deasyf@comcast.net)).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** Contact February kitchen controllers Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) and Jean Wood (229-377-8739).

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/06) -174**
- **Current Membership - 175**
- **Current No. Friends - 52**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **December 2006: 106.6**
  - **7/06 - 12/06: 98.1**
  - **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)**
  - **1/07 - 28**
  - **9/06 - 1/07: 28.4**
  - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
  - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, [holt0119@earthlink.net](mailto:holt0119@earthlink.net)).

### 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](mailto:lloaksford@earthlink.net)).



## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Committee Meeting, Sun. 2/4, 9:30 AM, Rm. K**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair**  
([krelcoyne@gmail.com](mailto:krelcoyne@gmail.com); 877-5415 )
- **Vacant, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE),**  
([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)

#### January RE Classes

##### Explorers (ages 3 to 5)\*

- 2/4 "We Need Our Families"  
2/18 "We All Belong"

##### The Artists (grades K, 1, 2)

- 2/4 "A Time to Say I Love You"  
2/11 "A Time to Help Others"  
2/18 "A Time for Wondering"

##### The Bridgers (grades 3,4,5)

- 2/4 "And the Walls Come Tumbling Down"  
2/11 "Samson and Delilah"  
2/18 "David and Goliath"

##### All classes

2/25 Flower Communion — Intergenerational Service

##### Youth Group (grades 6 – 12)

Sundays 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, includes business meeting, discussion topics, and activities. Contact a Youth Group advisor for more details.

##### \*Explorers Class Change

One of our dedicated Explorers teachers, Amy Hall, has been offered the chance to live abroad in France from January to April. We

will miss Amy, but we're thrilled for the adventure she is embarking on. In Amy's absence and due to small class size, the Explorers class (ages 3 to 5) will meet twice a month. On the Sundays the class does not meet, these children can attend the nursery or stay in the service with their parents. Eliza Coyne and Maria Mena continue on as Explorers teachers.

#### Special Pen Pals

February is Special Pen Pals' month! Children and adults from the congregation were matched up under aliases to correspond with each other during the month. They are sharing letters, stories, poems and drawings. Pals who are participating, don't forget to leave a correspondence in one of our Special Pen Pals' mailboxes on the RE welcome table on Sunday mornings! Email or snail mail correspondence works, too! And certainly don't forget the revealing party to be held on Sunday, March 11, after the church service in Room L. Pizza provided!

#### Feb: WOOHOO Wednesday!

February's Woohoo Wednesday will occur on the **FOURTH Wednesday, 2/28, 6:30 PM**. We'll begin in the sanctuary for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. After dinner and clean-up, we'll move on to Room L for some quality time together. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!** Contact DRE Maggie.

#### FL District CONS

Youth Group and advisors decide which FL District CONS to attend. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district CONS. Schedule: 2/16-18 Transition-In Con, TBA

3/16-18 Social Action Con, TBA  
4/27-28 Youth Caucus, Clearwater  
5/4-6 All Age Con, Tampa

#### \*2006-2007 MT. CON Schedule\*

2/16 - 18 Elementary

3/2 - 4 Senior High

For more info. or to volunteer to take a group, contact DRE Maggie.

#### Adult Enrichment

##### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator**  
([iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com), 668-0785)
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education**  
([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)

#### Intergenerational Coding

In an effort to address the needs of all our congregants, find the following codes at the ends of some classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers welcome to come w/ parents, who assume responsibility for them.

Childcare provided – Childcare has already been lined up for this.

Childcare available upon request – Let contact know childcare needed; s/he will arrange for it at or near gathering.

In addition, transportation can be arranged upon request for those who cannot or prefer not to drive. Please contact the Adult Enrichment coordinator for assistance.

#### Details on Classes

Classes with an asterisk following class name have more detailed info. available at Sun. Lifespan RE table or church website:

[www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct) (Adult Enrichment Offerings or Religious Education - Adult Programs).





## Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

### Current Classes & Opportunities

#### Exploring Spiritual Practices.

Newcomers of all ages are welcome! Join us on our journey, by exploring some simple spiritual practices. Led by Rev. Lyn. Class meets in the sanctuary at **7:00 PM on Thurs. Feb. 8 and 22**. Will continue 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. through March. Contact Rev. Lyn (671-2634, [LynPlumb@aol.com](mailto:LynPlumb@aol.com)).

### Future Classes and Opportunities

The following classes will be offered in the winter and spring. Visit the Sunday Lifespan RE table for the latest information and to sign up for classes.

**Evensong.** This 8-session course is designed to promote a deeper sense of community in a small group setting that allows deep listening and knowing of each other. We're offering multiple groups of ten with a facilitator for each. First two classes begin in February. The first starts **Sun. Feb. 4, 7:00 PM, running eight consecutive Sun. evenings, Rm 3/6**. The second class is forming now, to be scheduled at participant convenience. To sign up, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)), or visit RE table any Sun.

**Practicing Right Relations\*.** Started **Tues. Jan. 30, 7:00 PM**. Will continue every Tues. through Mar. 6. Want to sign up for the next course? Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

### Monthly Potlucks & Discussions for Parents\*.

Will begin in the **spring of 2007**, depending on interest. UUCT parents would come together to share a meal. After the meal, the discussion would center on *Parents as Resident Theologians*, a UUA-published parenting course which helps adults articulate their religious experiences and beliefs in order to more effectively respond to children's religious questions. Would occur monthly throughout the year, with parents of all ages welcome! Contact DRE Maggie for more information.

### UU Parent Support Group.

Several parents have expressed an interest in forming a parent support group. Participants will play a role in planning the format and topics discussed. Sign up at the Sunday RE table or contact Cathy Briggs (219-3637, [cbriggs@nettally.com](mailto:cbriggs@nettally.com)).

### UU Committed Couples

**Enrichment Program\*.** A new, 20-hour, UU principles- and values-based enrichment program designed for married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional fulfillment. To be offered as a series of short workshops or as a more intensive retreat-type program. **Currently seeking volunteer couples to facilitate some or all of the course.**

Contact Kim Ross (877-1972, [kim@associatedadvocates.com](mailto:kim@associatedadvocates.com)).

### On-Going Opportunities

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

**The UUCT Book Club.** Meets at **7:00 PM the 2nd Tuesday** of every month in Rm. C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford ([lloaksford@earthlink.net](mailto:lloaksford@earthlink.net), 422-0240). Childcare available upon request.

2/13: *Saturday* (paperback), Ian McEwan.

3/13: *Diary*, Chuck Palahniuk

4/10: *Broken for You*, Stephanie Kallos

The rest of the year: TBD.

Suggestions: Julia Childs' latest book or another Louise Erdrich book.

**Freethinkers' Forum\*.** Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion, including the contributions to civilization of freethinkers across the ages, the history and evolution of religious mythology, and the effects of organized religion on our democracy and the world's civilizations. Meets **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Rm. L**. February will continue Great Courses tapes on Ralph Waldo Emerson and David Hume. Contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

**Knitting for All\*.** Meets **Thursdays at 7:00 PM** in Rm. 3/6. Contact: Chelsea Fox (421-1575, [chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com)). Baby-friendly.

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** Will resume when Anne Rudloe is again able to lead the group, anticipated to be in **Spring 2007**. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, [rudloe@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:rudloe@bio.fsu.edu)).



## Events: UUCT, District, The Mountain, National

### Upcoming UUCT Events

#### Peace Dances, Saturday, Saturday, Feb. 3, 7:30 PM.

Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

#### All-Church Workday, Saturday, Feb. 10, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, bergerdon@comcast.net).

#### Auction, Chili & Chocolate Dinner, Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 10 & 11. See p. 3.

#### Second Sunday Potluck, Feb. 11, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

**Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, Feb. 18, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

**Woohoo Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 PM.** A communal meal in the sanctuary followed by quality time in Rm. L. See *Youth RE*. All welcome! Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (dremaggie@earthlink.net, 877-6301).

#### UUCT Rummage Sale, Saturday, Feb. 24. See p. 3.

**UUCT Memorial Day Retreat, May 25-28.** Join fellow UUCTers at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers! People had so much fun last year we voted to continue the Memorial Day weekend event. Interested? Contact: Charlotte Dudley (668-7126, lcdudley@yahoo.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

More info.: Contact church office, see Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entrance sanctuary), or visit [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org).

**District Youth Ministry Gathering, Sat. 2/10, Tampa, FL.** Creating a vision for local youth programs.

**Creating a District Legislative Ministry, Sat. 2/10, Clearwater.** With UUA organizer Fred Seidl, on forming steering committee to explore how FL UUs may be present in public square to ensure human dignity and justice concerns considered. Contact Fred Seidl (716-465-7230, Fseidl@uua.org).

**Social Action Workshop, Sat. 3/3, with UUSC President Charlie Clements, Clearwater.**

**Our New DE & a Famed Humanist,\* Sat. 3/17, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Rockledge.** AM talk by FL District DE Rev. Kenn Hurto on his vision district & NE cluster; PM talk by Ed Doerr, board member or president of American Humanist Association for over 50 yrs.

**Our New DE & Rev. Dr. William Murray,\* Sat. 3/24, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Jacksonville.** AM by Rev. Kenn Hurto (see 3/17); PM on humanism by Meadville-Lombard Theological Sch. past pres. Rev. Dr. William Murray.

\*To register: Larry Rayner (lrayner@cfl.rr.com, 321-752-4140).

**District Annual Assembly, Fri. - Sun. 4/27-28, Clearwater.** "Congregational Cornerstones & Cupolas."

### National Events & Programs

More info.: Denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

**Cherry Blossom Festival, 4/13 – 4/15.** B & B and transportation by Cedar Lane UU Church. Information: [www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival](http://www.cedarlane.org/cbfestival).

**Wine Country Excursions.** Mid-May through mid-October. 2 days touring, 2-3 nights home hospitality. UUs of Napa, CA. Contact: Iris Barrie

### Budget & Canvass Dates

Proposed 2007-2008 Asking Budget has been developed and reviewed by Church Council, Finance Committee and Board. Following events in Feb.:

**Fri. 2/9:** Proposed Asking Budget distributed to church members & friends via email or regular mail.

**Sun. 2/18, 12:30 PM:** Congregational discussion meeting on asking budget.

**Sun. 2/25, 12:30 PM:** Congregational voting meeting to adopt the asking budget.

Mark these meetings on your calendar, along with the all-important **Pledge Sunday party and potluck, 3/11.** Canvass materials will be distributed or mailed to all members and friends beforehand. Questions? Tony Lloyd, Canvass Committee chairperson ([lloyd@rose.net](mailto:lloyd@rose.net), 229-226-6479).

(707-265-6926, [barrie001@comcast.net](mailto:barrie001@comcast.net)).

**UU University.** Tues. & Wed. 6/19-20. Portland, before GA. Featuring Gil Rendle, author of *Leading Change in Congregations* and *Holy Conversations*.

**UUA General Assembly.** Thurs. - Mon. 6/21-25. Portland. Open to all! Registration begins 3/1 at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).

### Programs at The Mountain

**Elderhostels** throughout the year. Spring Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, Mark Twain, nature.

**Mountaincamp** registration open.

For more info., contact The Mountain (info@mountaincenters.org, 828-526-5838) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net) or visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).



# February 2007

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Monday                                                                                                                                                   | Tuesday                                                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p>4<br/><b>9:30am</b> Youth RE Committee, Rm K<br/><b>9:45am</b> Adult Forum, Rm L<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Program Committee, Rm L<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Evensong, Rms 3/6</p>                                                                       | <p>5<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Bldgs. &amp; Grnds. Comm., Rm C</p>                                                                                               | <p>6<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Practicing Right Relations, Rm L</p>                                                                                           | <p>7<br/><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Practice, Sanctuary</p>                                                                                               | <p>8<br/><b>12:00pm</b> Personnel Committee, off-site<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Exploring Spiritual Practices, Sanctuary<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p> | <p>9<br/><b>6:30pm</b> University UUs, Off-site</p>                                                                                 | <p>10<br/><b>9:00am</b> All Church Workday<br/><b>5:00pm</b> Silent Auction, Rm L until 8:30 pm<br/><b>5:00pm</b> Chili/Chocolate Dinner, Sanctuary<br/><b>6:30pm</b> Live Auction, Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>11<br/><b>No Choir Practice 9:30am &amp; 12:00pm</b> Silent Auction Rm L<br/><b>9:45am</b> Adult Forum, Rm C<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Campus Ministry Comm., Rm K<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Potluck, Sanctuary<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Evensong, Rms 3/6</p> | <p>12<br/><b>3:00pm</b> Memorial Garden Committee, Sanctuary<br/><b>5:00pm</b> University UUs, Off-site<br/><b>7:15pm</b> The Shelter Meal, Off-site</p> | <p>13<br/><b>6:30pm</b> Committee on the Ministry, Rm K<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Practicing Right Relations, Rm L<br/><b>7:00pm</b> UUCT Book Club, Rm C</p> | <p>14<br/><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Practice, Sanctuary</p>                                                                                              | <p>15<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Meridian Deadline<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting for All, Rm 3/6<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L</p>                                                                       | <p>16<br/><b>6:30pm</b> University UUs, Off-site</p>                                                                                | <p>17<br/><b>12:00pm</b> Green Sanctuary Potluck &amp; Meeting, Sanctuary</p>                                                                                                                     |
| <p>18<br/><b>Afternoon</b> Movie Discussion Group, Off-site<br/><b>9:45am</b> Adult Forum, Rm L<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Congregational Discussion Meeting, Sanctuary<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Evensong, Rms 3/6</p>                                      | <p>19<br/><b>Meridian Workday 3:00pm</b> Finance Committee, Rm C</p>                                                                                     | <p>20<br/><b>Meridian Workday 7:00pm</b> Practicing Right Relations, Rm L</p>                                                                         | <p>21<br/><b>Meridian Workday 7:00pm</b> Social Justice, Rm L<br/><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Practice, Sanctuary</p>                                      | <p>22<br/><b>Meridian Workday 7:00pm</b> Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Knitting for All, Rm 3/6<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Exploring Spiritual Practices, Sanctuary</p>                                | <p>23<br/><b>Meridian Workday 7:30am</b> Rummage Sale Prep, Sanctuary, until 6:00 pm<br/><b>6:30pm</b> University UUs, Off-site</p> | <p>24<br/><b>8:00am</b> Rummage Sale, Sanctuary, <b>until 1:00 pm</b></p>                                                                                                                         |
| <p>25<br/><b>9:45am</b> Adult Forum, Rm L<br/><b>12:30pm</b> Congregational Voting Meeting, Sanctuary<br/><b>5:00pm</b> Executive Board, Rm L<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Evensong, Rms 3/6</p>                                                        | <p>26</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p>27<br/><b>7:00pm</b> Practicing Right Relations, Rm L<br/><b>7:30pm</b> Publicity Committee, Rm C</p>                                              | <p>28<br/><b>6:30pm</b> Woohoo Wednesday, Sanctuary (Rm L, 7:30 pm)<br/><b>7:00pm</b> New UU, Rm C<br/><b>7:30pm</b> Choir Practice, Sanctuary</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.”**

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| <p><b>Our Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* DeWayne Carver, President</li><li>* Christine Boczarska, Past President</li><li>* Steve Urse, President Elect</li><li>* Molly Schmid, Secretary</li><li>* Dave Harvey, VP for Management</li><li>* Charlotte Dudley, VP for Worship</li><li>* VP for Social Justice, Abbe Justus</li><li>* Jim Dawson, VP for Finance</li><li>* Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education</li><li>* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community</li></ul> | <p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer</li><li>* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer</li><li>* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer</li></ul> <p><b>The Committee on the Ministry</b></p> <p>Bob Deyle, chair<br/>Maria Mena<br/>Tony Lloyd</p> <p><b>Directory Changes</b></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><b>Membership Notes</b></p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Lyn Plumb, Membership chair Trudy Deyle or president DeWayne Carver.</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: This spring</p> <p><b>Mark Your Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)</li><li>• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.</li></ul> |
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