

The Meridian

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Every Sunday:

- 9:30 AM zen/TAO/Buddhist Sangha (Meets at Lake Ella Feb. 3)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice & Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Program Classes for Pre-K-12 Grade High School meets off-site.

Sundays this Month

Sunday Services Begin at 11:00 AM

February 3 - Rev. Amy, "Creativity is 'Fire' Power" - Why was fire the element associated with poetry, smithcraft and healing? What do these creative endeavors have to do with fire?

February 10 - Rev. Amy, "Shall We Stand Idly By or Defend Human Rights?" - The title honors Elie Wiesel (Jewish theologian and Holocaust survivor) and William F. Schultz (former president of the Unitarian Universalist Association and now executive director of Amnesty International USA). Perhaps we can think of an answer to why it matters to people in the U.S. if (say) a group called the Taliban reverses the rights of women in Afghanistan. And now we wonder how to treat terrorists captured and held by our country. I'll talk about why Human Rights elsewhere matters to us right here.

February 17 - Cheryl Ward, "The Nature of Love" - Love. It seems a simple word, but its permutations and meanings are as varied as all of us. Each person has a different image or feeling

spring, perhaps unbidden, to mind when a conversation turns to love. The service this Sunday explores the dimensions of romantic love and some of its affects in our society.

February 24 - Rev. Amy, "Why 'Giving Freely' Makes Sense" - *Giving freely* may seem like an oxymoron—a statement that contains a contradiction. Doesn't giving include both costs and benefits? So it's not that free. But the freedom to make choices is a principle of our religion. James Luther Adams was a UU Theologian, who helped bring Paul Tillich's ideas to this country. Adams identifies "Five Smooth Stones" of religious liberalism. One of them is "mutual, free consent," not coercion. At the end of the homily I **WON'T** tell you what to pledge to the operating budget 'if you know what's good for you!' Like all UUCT services, this is a coercion-free Sunday.

- Heart Beats Concert
- ♥ Saturday, Feb. 9, 7:00 PM
 - ♥ Chili, Chocolate & Concert Event
 - ♥ Tickets: \$15
 - ♥ Contact Ludy Goodson, (ludy8@juno.com, 531-9819)



"Songs for The Earth" Concert

A Jim Scott concert, sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee. This event will be held in the sanctuary at 8:00 PM, Friday February 15, 2002. See page 8 for more details.

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

A Reluctant Activist Testifies at the Capital

Yes, I'm a reluctant activist. And yes some of you saw or heard news coverage of me speaking against a bill at "a committee on the hill." The Council for Lifelong Learning was set to push a bill through that would authorize district school boards to pass resolutions to allow student-led prayer at graduations, etc. Although the bill progressed (regressed?!), I took another step in speaking out for Unitarian Universalist religious values.

There's a theory that there are four spiritual paths; I'm traveling the path of the mystic. The other three paths are activist, intellectual and emotional. Even though I veer away from my comfort level when I take a jaunt on one of the other paths, I think it's my duty as a religious and spiritual seeker to participate in activities from each. Why? So I won't get caught in the pitfalls:

(Mystic) Private meditation may have even less influence than activism in keeping lawmakers from enacting divisive, unfair ill-conceived and unkind bills.

(Emotional) Talking one-on-one may not promote greater social change and communal action.

(Intellectual) Reading about ideas, studying social justice movements and perusing learned opinions may not

lead to intimate sharing with people or inspire righteous anger.

(Activist) And yet, without openness to the sacred, fostering right relationship, or studying the edges of an issue, our political efforts lack the grounding and perspective they require.

It doesn't bother me that UUCT is a religious and spiritual home to people on all four paths. It doesn't bother me that there will probably be dissenting votes for any issue on which we choose to vote. We pride ourselves on being a community of faith where our beliefs and political stances will not divide us, but rather strengthen us—because we choose to affiliate with one another in true freedom and in tenacious love.

Our religion has taken stands on many issues when congregational representatives gather at the annual General Assembly. A website listing them from 1961 to the present is at: uua.org → Diversity and Justice (under Main Menu) → Actions, Resolutions and Resources.

Here's what I said to the Council:

"Hello. I'm the Rev. Amy McKenzie, the minister serving the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee. I cannot speak for the congregation, but I can tell you my thoughts and the public stand of my denomination. Unitarian Universalists have spoken against prayer (or invocations and benedictions) in public

schools during every decade since we merged into one denomination in 1961. But also, in 1999 we stated that we wanted to move *beyond religious tolerance to interfaith cooperation*. How should this be done? Not through this bill. You shouldn't be surprised that I am in favor of prayer, in both times of trauma and in times of celebration. And I am also in favor of public schools. Yet I am here to speak against this bill. Let the laws that exist keep freedom of religion large...let the laws that exist keep public schools public, not private and religious...let the laws that exist keep prayer in the heart of the individual and in the mosque, temple or sanctuary of his or her religion. Thank you."

After the Council approved recommending the bill (oh well, it was expected!), I went over to the person who submitted the bill, looked in his eyes and shook hands as I said: "Congratulations, sir." What kind of activist does that?! The Unitarian Universalist kind, who's most comfortable on one path, but takes forays on each of them. I sure hope to meet you on each path—the road is less lonely when traveled together.

Yours in the Mystery, Intimacy, Action and Knowledge of which we are all a part,

(Rev.) Amy

Program Committee Invitation

Over the past few months, members of the Program Committee have talked about ways that our liberal, religious theology can be shared more directly within the congregation. Three of the resulting ideas are described here.

Chalice lighting. The Program Committee invites interested members

of the congregation to volunteer to light our chalice and offer a few words of welcome or reflection at the beginning of the service and to extinguish the chalice at its end. One person might share a poem; another may wish to talk about one of the principles of Unitarian Universalism; and yet another may offer

the traditional 'welcome' of "Come, come, whoever you are..."

Lay leaders: We encourage people to volunteer as lay leaders. Lay leaders are the service 'guides', and work with Rev. Amy or a guest speaker to the extent that they feel comfortable. Lay leaders might offer the children's Reflection, or

readings, in addition to providing the verbal glue that holds the worship service together. (The Program Committee has a written guide to help lay leaders in planning as well.)

Committee-sponsored or lay-led services are a regular part of our yearly cycle at UUCT. The Program Committee invites proposals for these services from

committees or individuals, and will happily assist in whatever way requested.

We are presently compiling a list of volunteer chalice lighters and lay leaders. If you would like to be listed, please provide your name and contact information to the Chair, Program Committee, at the church office or call Richard Dempsey, 671-2748, or e-mail at

richardd@nettally.com. Also indicate your preference for chalice lighter and/or lay leader. Proposals for lay-led services should include the same information, the proposed topic of the homily and a brief description of it, two preferred dates when the program might be offered, and other relevant information you'd like us to consider.

Announcements

Planned Giving

The UUCT Planned Giving program encourages everyone to make a will and to consider including a bequest to the church by will, remainder annuity or some other instrument. All sizes of gifts are appreciated. If you have made a future gift to the church, we encourage you to fill out a form that can be kept on permanent file. For further information or to get a copy of the form, contact DeLos DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@tdo.infi.net).

Alternative Gifts

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue for memorial, birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day and any other occasion gifts! The chair under consideration is \$26.50 without arms and \$31.50 with arms. Look for purple or red alternative gift form at the back of the sanctuary or contact Joan



Patterson (309-1248, jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Giving Statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase (422-1985, twchase@tallynet.com, or 405 Castleton Circle, 32312).

Electronic Meridian

Thank you to all those who indicated your willingness to receive *The Meridian* electronically. We have stopped sending you a printed copy; please let Kathie Mackie know if you'd rather still receive it. If you are not on the e-Meridian list and are willing to be, let Kathie know (uuct@electro-net.com).

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?:

Be sure to check this bulletin board out each week for information on upcoming events.

Mark Your Checks

Please note the purpose of every check written to the church in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, shelter meals, etc.). Write separate checks for the operating budget and Capital Campaign (Building Fund). They are handled by different people at UUCT and go to separate banks. Make checks for the Capital Campaign payable to UUCT Building Fund and checks for the operating budget payable to UUCT, with appropriate notation in the memo line.

Start Planning for the Annual Auction!!!

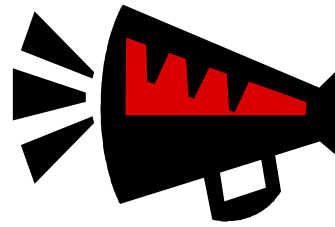


The annual auction will be Saturday night, March 16, beginning at 7 PM. We hope you have been saving up those nice, unused items in your china cabinets and storage spaces to donate for the auction. Very welcome and always popular are gifts of fun or service such as a gourmet dinner, carpentry work, a party, a massage, etc. Forms for your donation can be found in a basket at the rear of the sanctuary. On the back of the form are some ideas that might help you start thinking about what you can donate. Beginning in mid-February, please look for the list of all the items that have been donated, posted at the back of the church. The list will be updated weekly, so please take a look and see what items you may wish to bid on. This is a popular event each year and attracts people from outside the church. Linda Winn will again be our auctioneer, but we still need helpers for setup and assistance the afternoon and night of the auction. If you can help please call Joan Patterson (309-1248, jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu).

Announcements (Continued)

Two Services Discussion

The Two Services Task Force will meet in March, not February. Watch for announcements on a meeting date and refer to the January *Meridian* for information on the discussion to date. If you are interested in serving on the Task Force, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).



Please have your Meridian articles turned in or e-mailed to Trudy Deyle and Kathie Mackie no later than the second Sunday of the month.

Appreciation

To **Richard Dempsey, Linda Winn, DeWayne Carver, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Jean Chulak, Toni Latino, Barbara Sterling, Sheila Meehan, Eric Draper, Bob Deyle and Holly Mackie** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings December 23 - January 12.

To **Eleanor Moore, Isabel Sheridan, Dick Leinberry, Jane Findley and Barbara Sterling** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, December 23 - January 12.

To **Dave Harvey, Francis Ventre and Tom Chase** for helping at the workday on January 19.

From our UUCT staff to the **members of the congregation** who contributed toward the holiday bonuses this year.

To traveling UU **Jane Findley** for giving a New Year's Day workshop and to **William Adkins** for helping to organize it.

To **Beryl Cassidy** (Kathie Mackie's mother) for volunteering to help out in the office once a week.

To YRUU Advisor **DeWayne Carver** for taking YRUUers to the January Junior High Mountain Con.

To **Elinor Elfner** for letting the High School class meet in her home during January.

From Director of Religious Education Maggie Geraci to all the **children, friends, and members** who helped make the "Spirit of the Christmas Tree" Service on 12/23 a wonderful success. Special thanks to **Rev. Amy McKenzie, Helen Falb, Barbara Sterling, Fran Bridges, Christy Crandall, the O.K. Chorale, Julie Golding, Barbara Lineberry, Ludy Goodson, Ethan Deyle, Walter Hoskins, Holly Mackie, Jim Denny, Kellen Denny, Danny Geraci, Emma Denny, Devin Geraci, Maddie Golding, Delaney Watson, Becky Hoskins, Zachary Bridges, Sally Anderson, Nyssa Radel, and Eleanor Moore.** Thanks also to **all the people who donated items for costumes and props, to all the parents for bringing your children to rehearsal, and to all the kids for participating in song practice months before the event.** Your teamwork and effort really helped to create a memorable service.

To those who facilitated adult enrichment classes and New UU sessions last fall: **Elinor Elfner, Bonnie Foster, Pauline Masterton, Sheila Meehan, Rod Oldenburg, Annette Pearce, Sara Reece, and Rev. Amy.**

To Board members **Jennifer Carver and Linda Oaksford** for attending the FL District Healthy Congregations Training in January.

To **Del and Patty DeTar** for donating their piano to the church and to **Eleanor Moore** for donating a cover for it.

For helping out at the Christmas Eve Service: **Helen Falb, the O.K. Chorale, and Jack Martin** for music; **Victor Venos** for the sound system; **Helen Falb** for set up; **Ron and Kandy Crowe and Ruth Pestle** for hospitality including clean-up; **Richard Dempsey, Holly Mackie and Bob Deyle** for greeting; **Maggie and Scott, and Daniel, Devin, Dylan and Harper Geraci** for chalice lighting; and **Sheila Meehan and Rev. Harold Hawkins** for reading.

To **Deborah Wolfe** for material and for re-covering pillows from the nursery so they may be used by the middle schoolers who meet in Rev. Amy's office.

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting: On-Line or Rescheduled from 1st Sunday

YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Fran Bridges, Youth RE Committee Chair (894-2965); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, DRE [Director of Religious Education] (877-6301).

OUR CURRICULUM. The curriculum for this year includes series on justice, earth-based spirituality, and the UU principles. All classes, kindergarten through middle school, cover the same material, using age appropriate lessons. The High School class covers an eclectic mix of topics based on issues important to today's teens. See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for each age grouping, as well as descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

FEBRUARY LESSONS. This month's lessons will include a class on Imbolc, the sabbat in the wheel of the year signaling the reemergence of the earth after a time of confinement around the winter solstice.

Explorers, Artists, and Bridgers will be finishing up the curriculum on Justice, this month, and will move into lessons on UU Principles.

SPECIAL PEN PALS.

Beginning February 3, Special Pen Pals will write weekly letters to each other, sharing thoughts, poems, stories, and artwork. Mailboxes will be set up at the RE Table for the exchange of letters. On February 24, after church, those participating in the Special Pen Pals program will meet for a pizza party and then on to bowling! It will be lots of fun!

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP.

Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community. Beginning with the February 19 meeting, the focus will be on positive discipline after infancy and toddler hood and keeping the attached relationship with older children. The group plans to use materials and books focusing on positive parenting. Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

YRUU

YRUU is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds. No meeting February 24.

Meetings - Every Sunday evening, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, UUCT Room 4. Members take turns planning and leading meetings.

CONferences - YRUU *members** can go to Florida District CONs (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONs. (**YRUU members* come to meetings, but not necessarily every single meeting.) See the list of CONs below.

Florida District CONs:

February 1-3 Spirituality Con

February 22-24 Lakeland

March 8-10 Social Action

March 22-24 Transition-In Con #2

April 12-14 Youth Caucus Orlando

April 19-21 Vero Beach

May 3-5 Tampa

Other CONS/Gatherings:

March 8-10 Knoxville, TN

June 20-24 General Assembly, Quebec City

May 24-26 Mountain Weekend, 7th-9th Graders, a weekend of movement and body awareness. No movement experience required -- only your body, mind and spirit. \$85 fee. Contacts: Jennifer & DeWayne Carver (891-8090).



Nursery Volunteers Desperately Needed

Helping hands are desperately needed for our nursery/preschool kids. We have had large numbers of kids under the age of 4 in the nursery on Sundays. This is great, but a little hard on our nursery care provider, especially when many of the kids need a potty break at the same time! Helpers are needed to read stories, help put puzzles together, pour juice, clean up spills, push swings, etc. Great physical strength is not necessary, but a desire to see the smile on a child's face is. Please consider giving one Sunday a month or whenever you can spare one to our littlest UUCT-ers! Contact Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, Nursery Care Provider (sgeraci10@aol.com or 877-6301)

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Spring Fund Raiser - YRUU will hold a Prom for the congregation on Saturday, April 6 from 7-10 PM. See *Upcoming Events* for more details.

For more information about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver at 402-0622.

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment Contacts:
Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator
 (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075).

Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education
 (DREMaggie@aol.com; 877-6301).

UPCOMING CLASSES

Building Your Own Theology I & II.

Facilitated by Rev. Harold Hawkins. This class will have a minimum of 8 students and no more than 12, and will run for 10 sessions. A classic program for UUs to develop, understand, and articulate their own religious beliefs and values. The dates for the 10 sessions will be Tuesday evenings February 5 through April 9. Rev. Hawkins requests that only students that can commit to all 10 sessions sign up. Contact Harold (893-1331 or revhlhawk@aol.com) or sign up on the sheet at the RE table.

Evensong: A Series of Gatherings. A new series of eight gatherings led by Rev. Amy will begin on February 11. Contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075 or smeehan@hklaw.com).

How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen and Listen So Your Kids Will Talk. Facilitated by DRE Maggie Geraci, this will be seven sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, meeting weekly beginning February 27. Parents will be introduced to concrete skills for teaching children to

understand and communicate their feelings, for engaging children's cooperation, for disciplining without hurting or alienating, and for helping children develop a positive and realistic self-image. Contact Maggie (877-6301 or DREMaggie@aol.com) or sign up on the sheet at the RE table.

Weaving the Fabric of Diversity. This anti-bias, pro-diversity program for adults has been scheduled for 7:00 - 9:00 PM on alternative Tuesday evenings, beginning March 5. The class can accommodate up to 20 participants and a wide cross-section of church membership is desirable, including representatives from all of the church programs and activities. We will examine some of our "isms" -- ableism, racism, heterosexism, ageism, classism, and sexism -- in the safe, respectful environment of religious community. Mary Ventre, Nancy Bass, Maria Mena, and Howard Pardue will facilitate the classes. Sign up on the sheet at the RE Table or call Nancy Bass at 893-1806 or e-mail Nrbass@aol.com for further information.

New UU and DeJaVu, UU. The next *New UU* sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, April 24 and May 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM and will be facilitated by Rev. Amy and Annette Pearce. Additional sessions will be added before then if there is interest. If you are a new member or thinking of joining UUCT, these sessions offer an opportunity for newcomers to learn about the history, philosophy and policies of our congregation and denomination, and also share a little about their own spiritual journeys. *DeJaVu, UU* is a single session about our congregation for UUs new to UUCT. A session was offered at the end of January, and another will be scheduled this spring if there is interest. For the upcoming *New UU*, sign up on

the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864). To indicate an interest in *DeJaVu, UU*, use the same contacts.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:45 -10:45

AM. The forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. If you have ideas for programs, contact Norene Chase (422-1985) to schedule.

UU Night at the Movies. Look for monthly movies and videos for viewing and discussion to begin again in the spring, once Adult Enrichment raises the money for a big-screen TV. Dates and times will be announced.

Women's Spirituality Group. Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

Zen/Tao/Buddhist Sangha & Peace Walk

The UUCT **zen | TAO | Buddhist Sangha** meets every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:40 in room 2 (in the back of the church), except for the first Sunday of the month when we practice a peripatetic meditation (*kinhin*) -- a **Circle of Peace Walk at Lake Ella**, starting at Black Dog Cafe at 9:30 AM. All are welcome, young & old. Please come & join us anytime. Our non-lake meetings include *zazen* (sitting) meditation, check-in, and readings in Zen, Taoism, Buddhism or other East (or West) Enlightenment literature, with group discussion (led by a Sangha member, or guest). Here is our tentative February-March schedule of Readings

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participants:

Sun 03 Feb -- **Circle of Peace Walk**

Sun 10 Feb -- Kristin King

Sun 17 Feb -- Jon Sanford

Sun 24 Feb -- Katya Taylor "On the Art of Writing Haiku"

Sun 03 Mar -- **Circle of Peace Walk**

Sun 10 Mar -- Sandi Milligan

Sun 17 Mar -- Stewart Zaritsky

Sun 24 Mar -- Konrad Plendl

Sun 31 Mar -- Mary Millard

For more information, contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

UU Humanists & Speak Out

SPEAK - OUT! and UUHUMANISTS are now turned dormant, looking for new leadership. Are you interested? Contact Board member: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

UU Humanists is a study group to keep alive the spirit of modern humanism by providing opportunities to share ideas, knowledge and views about the current issues and controversial ideas of our

modern life, religion and culture.

Humanists vary widely in their beliefs, but generally regard our life on earth as all we have, as far as we know, and human beings as the final arbiters of their actions.

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross
Campus Ministry Coordinator

University UUs are currently meeting for worship and programs on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at the International Center (107 S. Wildwood, on FSUs campus). That meeting may change to Monday nights during the month of February because of schedule problems, so be sure to call or check the weekly calendar to come. Our coffee hour remains the same -- it's at Black Dog Café on Lake Ella on Fridays at 6:00 PM. We welcome any students, young adults or other church members who want to come by and say hi. For more information or meeting topics, call Kim Ross (385-6856).

UUCT Mountain Retreat Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2002

We have already sent a deposit. However, if you would like to be included, we can reserve a place for you. See Rod Oldenburg or Rosa Morgan and submit \$20 for each adult, checks only, payable to UUCT (with "Labor Day Mountain Retreat" on the memo line).

Programming decisions have not been finalized, so we welcome your suggestions; send them to Byron Spice. See the November *Meridian* article for more details on the retreat, including costs.

Contacts:

Overall Coordinator, Rosa Morgan
(668-0885)

Finances/Contract, Rod Oldenburg
(297-0391)

Program, Byron Spice (668-6109) and
Tim Campbell (386-7085).



Nominating Committee

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role in our church? Want to have more of a say in how things operate around this place? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 19 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2002. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect which continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Vice President for Services
- Vice President for Management
- Member-at-Large
- Nominating Committee (2 positions)

If a proposed Bylaw change is approved by the congregation in March, the slate for May will also include a Vice President for Social Justice.

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of the open positions, viewing the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members by April 1: Bob Kenon, Chair (878-3647), Sally Andersen, Ron Crowe, and Peggy Lentz. Per our Bylaws, these four elected members will choose a fifth member from among the past presidents of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee with them.

Building a Home For Liberal Faith

Upcoming Canvass 2002-2003

The process of producing a budget to support all the activities of our busy congregation is in full swing. The Canvass Committee's part in the process is to prepare to offer all of us the opportunity to make our beliefs real by giving our energy, imagination, and money to those activities.

We hope that some people will choose to spend some of their energy on the

canvass process itself. We can offer meaningful work in a pleasant environment with a wide variety of skills needed, time required, and so forth. Do you like to write? Design brochures? Talk on the phone? Can you spend two hours a month? A couple of hours here and there throughout the year? Sustained attention for a couple of years? Would you like valuable

leadership experience? Please don't wait to be asked. Choose the task that would best suit your interests and grow your spirit.

Please contact Bruce Brandt (893-5511 or blbrandt@earthlink.net) or Margaret Mooney (893-8250 or margmooney@yahoo.com). They're eager to help you find the job of your choice.

Green Sanctuary Update



By Ed Oaksford

February is Green Sanctuary Event Month

First, there's the John Perkins lecture sponsored by Southern Springs and Heart of the Earth. This event will be held at **Unity Church of Tallahassee** off Crowder Road at **7:00 PM Friday, February 8**. John Perkins will share his experiences with indigenous shamans from the Amazon, Andes, Siberia, Guatemala, Himalayas, Southern Africa, and other cultures. He will describe how he has applied those experiences in his work with people and organizations around the world to create a new dream – the foundation of reality -- of living in harmony with the earth and each other. Perkins will discuss how the shamans' teachings relate to medicine, education, business, social issues, and our individual lives. Most important, Perkins will illustrate how we can transform our lives and our world by transforming our dreams.

The message Perkins brings is not new. In fact, it is timeless. It is a message of intimate human connection to the earth, an acknowledgement of who we truly are as one species among many, an

affirmation of our ability to transform our lives individually and culturally, and a responsibility to honor and sustain the earth --- and thereby ourselves. *Tickets cost \$15. Tickets for members of Southern Springs and Heart of the Earth are \$10, and for students and seniors \$8.*

Second, there will be a Green Sanctuary Potluck/Workshop on Friday, February 15, facilitated by Jim Scott, co-author of the UUA's Seventh Principle Project Green Sanctuary Manual. This event will precede the concert described below and will be held in our sanctuary. **The potluck will be held between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM and the Green Sanctuary Workshop will be conducted between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM.** Jim will focus on aspects of ecospirituality but will address other components of the Green Sanctuary Program as participants desire. Come with the intent of staying for the wonderful concert that will follow.

Third, there's the Jim Scott concert, "Songs for the Earth", sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee. This event will be held in the

sanctuary at 8:00 PM, Friday, February 15. Jim Scott is an exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace. Jim makes an impact on hearts and minds across the world. Jim's concerts are a celebration of the common humanity of all cultures – our connections with each other and with the earth. His music has taken him around the world as he makes his case for harmony with well-crafted, intelligent and humorous songs, poetry, and stories. His guitar fluency comes from a classical and jazz background, and he uses it well with classical and steel string acoustics.

In his years as guitarist for the Paul Winter Consort, Jim's clear voice lead thousands in the song "Common Ground" and his own eco-anthem "A Song for the Earth". He was co-composer of the Consort's monumental choral work, "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass", and recorded "A Concert for the Earth" in the great Hall of the United Nations. While a member of the Paul Winter Consort, Jim also wrote several PBS soundtracks and composed and

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arranged an entire concert for the group with the Indianapolis Symphony. Don't miss it. *Advance tickets are on sale at the UUCT office, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students with ID. Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the performance.*

Green Corner

By Bob Deyle



Spring is in the air, or at least winter seems to no longer be in evidence. Here are some tips on natural landscaping taken from the May 2000 issue of the Union of Concerned Scientists *Greentips* newsletter (www.ucsusa.org).

We're back in the yard -- our very own bit of nature. Trouble is, so many of the things we do to make it beautiful cause problems outside the fence. Pesticides and fertilizers pollute our swimming holes and drinking water. Lawnmowers cloud our air with smog. Luckily, there are better ways to garden!

1. Landscape to minimize mowing, watering and fertilizing needs:

- Plant grass/flower mixtures that grow slowly.
- Switch to alternative ground covers.
- Grow less grass and more shrubs and trees.
- Cultivate plants native to your area.
- Practice companion planting for flowers and vegetables.

Fourth, there will be a start-up meeting for the Choices for Sustainability Study Circle on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 PM in Room 4. We will discuss and plan this eight-week study circle sponsored by UUCT and Heart of the Earth.

2. Enrich your soil by adding compost (self-made or bought). For extra nutrients, use organic fertilizers, such as bone meal and fish emulsion.

3. Control weeds, and improve soil even more, with organic mulches.

4. To reduce pests, cultivate plants that attract beneficial insects, such as ladybugs.

5. Keep your mower in good repair:

- Change oil regularly.
- Clean or replace air filters regularly.
- Get periodic tune-ups.
- Maintain sharp blades.

6. Get rid of your gasoline-powered yard tools altogether. Either replace them with electric ones or -- even better -- go manual.

For local information on native landscaping visit Native Nurseries on Centerville Road.

Materials from Northwest Earth Institute will be used, with a \$12 materials charge. Call Ed Oaksford (422-0240) for more information.

See also these web pages:

BUYER'S CHECKLIST: PLANNING TO LANDSCAPE

<http://www.ucsusa.org/vision/index.html?gregshop.html#landscape>

GREEN LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

<http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/>

HOME COMPOSTING

<http://oldgrowth.org/compost/home.html>

MULCHING

<http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/CCS/Mulching.html>

ATTRACTING BENEFICIAL INSECTS

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/departments/envirohort/factsheets2/insectpest/jan94pr1.html>

SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES & FERTILIZERS

<http://es.epa.gov/new/contacts/newsletters/shopping.html#link11>

YOUR YARD AND CLEAN AIR

<http://www.epa.gov/>

[Omswww/19-yard.html](http://www.epa.gov/OMSWWW/19-yard.html)

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle for the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC)

TOUGH DECISIONS. Construction drawings for the new building are nearly complete, and our construction manager has done detailed cost estimates based on the drawings and the site plans. We already knew that the total cost for site work had increased due to the additional requirements imposed by the City in permitting. The construction drawings represent CIC, architect and construction manager collaboration; reflect the building we feel will meet our program needs for the immediate future; and also pave the way for future building phases. For example, stubbed in plumbing has been added for the sprinkler system we will eventually be required to have; bathrooms are the sizes required for future square footage; and the electrical system is being planned to meet our total load when all phases of our master plan are complete.

Elements such as additional exit doors to meet fire codes have also been added beyond our original vision, and walls and roofs are being designed so that the fellowship hall can easily be added to the building in a later phase. The result is that the building has grown slightly in square footage and complexity, and the estimated cost is now higher than it was last September when we voted on a funding package for Phase One.

The Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) will propose to the Board a combination of cost cutting and additional funding. In some cases, the cost cutting will be going from commercial quality features to high quality residential features. In other cases, the cost cutting will be deferring building elements until later. Examples are postponing installing aluminum canopies and lighting over walkways and ramps and postponing the

purchase of a moveable divider to separate two of the multipurpose rooms.

The CIC will most likely propose several possible, additional funding options to the Board, with one being the use of additional endowment monies we will be receiving from the estate of long-time member Ralph Cook. (Current estimates from his executor are that we will receive at least twice as much as we originally thought.)

Ralph was an invaluable member of the precursor to the CIC - the Long-Range Planning Physical Facilities Task Force, which I also chaired. The congregation and CIC have followed the facilities planning steps proposed by the Task Force, and Ralph was instrumental in developing these steps, based on his experiences serving on the building committee for the new Tallahassee Little Theatre. Having also served with Ralph on the Finance and Planned Giving Committees and the Bylaw Revision Committee for the current set of Bylaws, I continue to feel that Ralph would be delighted his financial resources were enabling his beloved community to grow!

DISCUSSION AND VOTING

MEETINGS. By the end of February, the CIC, with board approval, will have developed a package of proposed Phase One cost cuts or deferrals and also proposals for additional funding. Members and friends will receive these in the mailing for the March 10 voting meeting. There will be an opportunity to discuss them with the CIC on Sunday, February 24 and also again at a more general discussion meeting Sunday, March 3 on all items to be considered for vote. The CIC will continue to have a table on Sundays. Be sure to stop by to look at

site work plans, construction drawings and exterior renderings.

BUILDING SHIFT TO WEST. In the time since our property survey and master site plan were done, one of our oak trees has become a patriarch (36" diameter and over). We want to be sure not to encroach on its critical protection zone (the drip area under it) but also have enough room for our future administration building and the courtyard that will be bordered by our buildings on three sides. Therefore, the CIC, with Board concurrence, has decided to shift the entire Phase One building back or west on our property 20 feet -- the maximum amount allowed without re-permitting. This will mean that parts of the current playground will be covered by building. The CIC is proposing that we extend the remaining playground around the end and sides of the current classrooms. The playground will no longer have all 90-degree corners, but it will probably be a very interesting place to play, with a more free-form perimeter!

PERMITTING. Environmental permitting is still in progress, and approval should be received soon. Once it is received, site work can begin, and we can also move to the building permit stage for the new building. Because doing the site work is a given first step, the Board approved the CIC recommendation that we proceed with site work as soon as possible and before the March 10 vote on overall funding for Phase One.

INTERIM SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS. The Capital Improvement Committee is experimenting with north-facing seating options for Sunday services, particularly studying their effect on the sound system, the

Facilities Update (Continued)

location of the choir, and the visibility of those in the pulpit or in front of it. Please do not hesitate to give us your feedback! Once some decisions are made about locations and heights for the future, a timeline for the in-

terim sanctuary improvements will be developed and shared with the congregation. To save money, we will be taking up the old carpet ourselves, so we'll definitely be asking for help with that task when the time comes!

To ask questions about or give feedback on any CIC plans, visit our Sunday table or contact CIC chairperson Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Annette Pearce (386-4053)
 Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
 Christine Boczarska (893-7079)
 Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Social Justice

Death Penalty Resolution

On Sunday, February 10 following the potluck, there will be a discussion meeting on the proposed congregational resolution on a "Moratorium on the Death Penalty". UUCT members will then vote on whether or not to adopt this resolution at our voting meeting March

10, 2002. The resolution was developed by a committee consisting of Sandy Smith, Steve Urse, and Norene Chase and is being sponsored by the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee. The resolution as it is to be considered by the congregation was

published in the November *Meridian*. Copies will also be available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays. Contacts are Sandy (297-0012), Norene (422-1985) and Steve (385-2864).

Lost and Found

We have many items in the lost and found. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library. Items not claimed for at least two months will be sent to ECHO.

About Our New Members

Jennifer Handel. Jennifer is a MFA graduate student in dance at FSU. After graduating in June, she plans to stay on to earn a doctoral degree and/or teach modern dance and ballet at a university or in workshops. She has danced with a ballet company in Ohio and a modern dance company in Los Angeles. Jennifer was born in Sacramento, CA and grew up in Lawrence, KS. She remembers going to a UU church in Lawrence some while growing up and liked the music. She did not attend church for many years, finding spirituality being out in nature. What brought her to UUCT? Jennifer says, "I followed my feet, which are usually pretty good decision-makers." And what can the church do for her? "Be there." Jennifer's interests include wildlife, learning about Florida, gardening, reading, music, art, dance and peace. She is mom to Chloe Field (age 11) and Max Field (age 4). Chloe is in 6th

grade here at the Magnolia School and likes writing, drawing and doing computer graphics. She's a vegetarian like her mom.

Kae F. Moore. Kae is the Vice President for the Campaign for Florida State University at the FSU Foundation. He is a native of southern Indiana and has degrees from the University of Evansville and Miami University (Ohio). He was a basketball coach for ten years at both the high school and college levels and has been involved in college fundraising for 22 years. Before coming to FSU, he was the Assistant Dean at Purdue's School Of Management, West Lafayette, Indiana. Kae grew up as a United Methodist and has also attended Lutheran and Presbyterian churches. He joined the Lafayette UU church in the early 90's and served as canvass chair for three years, on a capital campaign, on

the board of trustees, and as a first grade RE teacher (the toughest job!). He's not quite sure why, but he stopped attending about 1997. He has always enjoyed UU spiritual freedom, the constant learning, and the search for truth. So far he's enjoyed the people and the ideas shared at UUCT. He looks forward to being involved in both a spiritual journey and assisting in the operation of the church. Kae likes to be outdoors - hiking, walking the dog, beach activities, and golf when possible, and also enjoys theatre, music, and singing in the Tallahassee Community Chorus. Married for 27 years, Kae has been divorced for the past four. His daughter, Lindsey, recently graduated from college, moved to Tallahassee, and is working at the Leon County Juvenile Assessment Center. Son Scott is a UU and works in Frankfurt, Germany for an international bank.

Our Congregation

Welcome New Members

Jennifer Handel
Kae Moore



Membership

If you wish to explore being 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. Others may order them (\$3.50 each); contact the office.

New Member Recognition

A Sunday in early May during the service.

UUCT Classifieds

For \$2 per month (3 month minimum), *members and supporting friends* may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board near the north sanctuary doors. *Available to others* for \$5 per month. Submit ad with check to church office.

Dinners

Dinners for 8 (adults only) and *Dinners for Families with Children* will resume soon. A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-

term members and friends of the congregation. Watch for Sunday announcements on guest sign-ups for specific dinners. Contacts: Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

Contact Kelley Turnage (553-9416) to help us provide dinners for Megan, Michael and Isaac Bakan while new arrival, Miriam Leah gets settled in. Also, we'll need dinners for another of our families, Heike, Jon and Sarah-Meike Sanford, while their new arrival, Julian Max settles in -- contact Pam Hoskins (893-5039)

UUCT Directory Coming

Watch for Sunday announcements in mid-February on the distribution of a new UUCT directory to all member and friend households. Distribution will be on Sundays, with a follow-up mailing to anyone missed. The Membership Committee hopes to publish an in-house directory with digital photos before too long! If you'd be interested in helping with that project, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Address Changes

When you have address and phone number changes please let the office know. Changes will appear in bi-monthly directory addendums, unless you direct us otherwise.

Joys and Sorrows

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

Ceremony for Jean Easton

You are invited to attend a ceremony honoring Jean Easton, Wednesday, February 13, 2 PM, Dorothy Oven Park, 3205 Thomasville Road. This is the date of Jean's birthday and the League of Women Voters is planting a camellia in the park in memory of Jean.

Congratulations to the **Bakan family** on their new arrival, **Leah Miriam Bakan** and to the Sanford family on their new arrival, **Julian Max**.

On-going Opportunities

- **B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU B & B directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers,

especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603).

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, February 11, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

February UUCT Events

CHURCH COUNCIL AND FINANCE MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7:00 PM. An opportunity for committee chairs to review the draft asking budget for next year with the Finance Committee. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895).

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 11:30 AM. Held the first Wednesday of the month at Jacob's Doubletree Inn downtown, this is a new, monthly lunch gathering 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).

GREEN SANCTUARY LECTURE EVENT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 PM. John Perkins lecture at Unity Church of Tallahassee, off Crowder Rd. Tickets available at the door. See *Green Sanctuary Update* for details. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. We will be hosting an informational booth at the annual **Unity in the Community Festival**, sponsored by the Tallahassee Urban League, Inc. Downtown at Kleman Plaza. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

"HEARTBEATS", SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:00 PM. This major UUCT fund raising event will fill your spirits and appetites with delight -- romantic melodies, spicy chili and yummy chocolate. We'll begin with the concert and feature the food starting at intermission. The concert is planned, rehearsed, and emceed to let the musical notes and lyrics flow and "speak" for themselves. Don't miss it! Bring your sweetheart, best friend or neighbor and come celebrate Valentine's Day! Tickets are \$15 and available at the door.

Contact: Ludy Goodson (ludy8@juno.com or 531-9819).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, FEBRUARY 10, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share.

DEATH PENALTY RESOLUTION DISCUSSION, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1:00 PM. An opportunity for the congregation to discuss this proposed UUCT resolution. See separate article under *Social Justice*. Contact: Sandy Smith (297-0012).

GREEN SANCTUARY POTLUCK, WORKSHOP & CONCERT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 5:30 PM. In our sanctuary. Potluck at 5:30. Workshop at 6:30. Concert at 8:00, with tickets available Sundays or at the door. See *Green Sanctuary Update* for details. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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).

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 12:15 PM. In Room 2. Anyone interested in social justice work at UUCT is urged to attend this meeting. Attendance has been light for evening meetings; it's hoped that meeting Sunday after the service will increase it. Come give your ideas, energy and time to this important area of work. Contacts: Bonnie Foster (539-5563) and Lorin Pratt (893-3067).

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 12:30 PM. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to be informed about and discuss with the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) the latest in site work

plans, building plans, and project financing prior to voting March 10 on an additional source of funding for Phase One. See *Facilities Update* for more details. Contact: CIC Chairperson Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

SPECIAL PEN PALS PARTY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 12:30 PM. The special pizza and bowling party where pen pal identities are revealed after a month of corresponding. See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@aol.com).

GREEN SANCTUARY STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 7:00 PM. A start-up meeting for the Choices for Sustainability Study Circle. See *Green Sanctuary Update* for details. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

UUCT Events After February, District & National Events

DINNERS, THROUGH MAY. Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children. See *Our Congregation*.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 12:30 PM. An opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the items to be voted on the following Sunday. Background material on the items will be mailed to all members and friends the week of February 25. Contact: Board President Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 12:15 PM. (Please note that the Sunday Potluck this month will be the third Sunday.) This will be an important meeting to vote on the FY '02-'03 asking budget, additional funding for our master plan site-work and phase one building, bylaw and articles of incorporation revisions, and a UUCT resolution on a moratorium on the death penalty. Please plan now to attend this meeting; a quorum of 40% of qualified members (members of over 30 days) and a 2/3 majority vote are required for some of the items. Childcare and playground supervision will be provided. Contact: Board President Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

ANNUAL UUCT AUCTION, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 7:00 PM. Plan now to attend this major fund-raising event. See article in *Announcements* for ways to help out now. Contact: Joan

Patterson (309-1248).

ST. PATRICK'S SUNDAY POTLUCK, MARCH 17, 12:30 PM. Due to having a voting meeting the second Sunday of the month, we will have a special St. Patrick's Sunday Potluck in March on the third Sunday! Think Green!

SPRINGTIME UU COFFEEHOUSE FOR POETS, WRITERS & MUSICIANS, SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 13. We encourage and promote original poems and songs to be created and read or performed for these candlelight gatherings in the church sanctuary. "Spring is Sprung!" will be the theme. Gather up your wit and wisdom and talents-- call the Muses to inspire, and come fill the warming night air with your voice and presence! Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

District Events

FL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY, APRIL 12 - SATURDAY, APRIL 13. Held at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL near Orlando, this annual gathering of FL District UUs is open to all interested. The theme will be "When the Ground Gives Way, Will Unitarian Universalism Harbor Me?" Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, President of the Starr King School for the Ministry, will be the keynote speaker. We'll

gather in large and small groups facilitated by the ministers from our District (including Rev. Amy) to talk about our deepest hopes and dreams for our faith community. There will also be shared meals, worship, the District annual meeting, and plenty of time to relax and get to know others. Watch the back counter of the sanctuary for more information.

FL DISTRICT SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, APRIL 27. Held in St. Augustine, this will be a workshop on community organizing. Watch for more information at the back of the sanctuary. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806).

National

UUSC WORKCAMPs, MARCH 17-30 AND JULY 15 - 21 AND 22-28. UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) alternative spring break work camp, will take place March 17-30 on the La Jolla Indian Reservation and the UUSC North Carolina summer farm worker camp will be held in Greenville, from July 15 - 21. Contact::

uusc.org/involved/
summerworkcamp061501
uusc.org/involved/
ncworkcamp011502

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - MONDAY, JUNE 24. Held in Quebec City this year, the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists. All welcome.

Current UUCT Stats

- * **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- * **Current Membership - 172**
- * **Current Youth Membership - 2**
- * **Current Number of Friends - 42**
- * **Average Church Attendance for December - 108.6**
- * **RE Enrollment - 84**
- * **Average Sunday Attendance - 7/1 - 12/31 - 101.6**

UUCT's First Ever Wildflower Prom!



Saturday, Apr. 6, 7:00 PM.
Tickets: \$10
Contact: Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).
Look for more details in the *March Meridian*.

February 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
“Every Sunday” activities, see the front page.	*Details on another page.	University UUs meeting schedule to be announced.	Coffee hours continue Fridays.		1 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	2
3 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)	4 7 PM Church Council & Finance Comm.* 7:15 PM Membership Comm. 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality	5 Building Your Own Theology (Rm 5)*	6 11:30 AM UU Lunch (off-site) 7:30 PM Choir	7 7PM Board (Rm 4)	8 6 PM University UUs (off-site) 7 PM Green Sanc. Lecture (off-site)*	9 11 AM Multicultural Families - Booth* 7 PM Heartbeats ♥ Concert*
10 12:30 Potluck & Meridian Deadline 1 PM Death Penalty Moratorium Forum* 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)	11 7 PM Finance Committee 7:15 PM <i>Evensong II</i> 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:45 PM Shelter Meal	12 7 PM RCDC (Rm 4) Building Your Own Theology (Rm 5)*	13 7:30 PM Choir	14 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)	15 6 PM University UUs (off-site) 5:30 PM Green Sanctuary Potluck & Workshop* 8 PM Songs for the Earth* Concert	16 9 AM - 1 PM Workday*
17 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary (Sanc.) 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)	18 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-sites)	19 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Rm 2) Building Your Own Theology	20	21 7 PM Board (Rm 4) 7 PM <i>Evensong I</i> (Rm 2)	22 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	23
24 12:15 PM Social Justice Comm. (Rm 4) 12:15 PM Social Justice Comm. (Rm 4)* 12:30 PM Disc. w/CIC (Sanc.) 12:30 PM Special Pals Party (Rm 2)*	25 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:15 PM Program Comm. (Rm 4)	26 Building Your Own Theology (Rm 5)*	27	28 6:30 PM Rise-Up (Rm 5) 7:PM Sustainability Study Circles* 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 2)		

Schedule of Non-UUCT Events

- Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM *Intro. to Zen*; 7:15 PM *Zen Meditation*
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM *Urantia* (Rm 5); 7:00 PM *Gentle Shepard Metropolitan Community Church* (Sanctuary)
- Every Wednesday (Rm 2), 7:30 PM *Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender*
- Saturday, Feb. 2, 7:30 PM, *Peace Dances* (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Feb. 9, & 23, 6:00 PM, *Spiral Scouts* (Rm 4)
- Monday, Feb. 18, 6:00 PM, *Sierra Club* (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Feb. 23, *Private Wedding Ceremony*
- Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7:00 PM, *Audubon* (Sanctuary)

UUCT Social Activities

- Check the Social Activities Calendar at the back of the sanctuary for the list of events for singles, non-singles, and newcomers.

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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** Sundays,
6-8 PM, 2/24.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 7)

- * **Attachment Parenting Support Group**, Every Third Tues., Feb. 19, 6:00 PM
- * **Building Your Own Theology**, Tues. evenings, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26
- * **Evensong Gatherings**, Group #1: Thurs. 1/21, 7 PM; Group #2: Mon. 2/11, 7 PM
- * **Rise Up & Call Her Name**, Wed., Feb. 28, 6:30 PM

- * **Women's Spirituality**,
Every Mon., 7:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- * Thurs., Feb. 7, 21, 7 PM.
Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Open to All Interested

- * **Capital Improvement**, Thurs., 2/14 & 2/28, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Finance**, Mon., 2/11, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- * **Green Sanctuary**, Sun., 2/17, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- * **Membership**, Mon., 2/4, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Program**, Mon., 2/25, 7:00 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, Tues., 2/12, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- * **Social Justice**, Sun., 2/24, 12:15 PM. Contacts: Lorin Pratt (893-3067) & Bonnie Foster (539-5563)
- * **Youth RE**, On-line or TBA. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)