

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Renewing Vows

Please let me know if you are a couple who wants to renew a vow of commitment during the service on Sunday, 2/16; partners and spouses who have been together only a few years or over a few decades are welcome.

TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry)

After several years of planning with other religious leaders in town, this grassroots organization is finally about to sprout. On Saturday, 2/15 a number of UUCTers will get together with members of other congregations for a Faith In Action Workshop. It's not just for those active in social justice groups. I helped form TEAM so it could be an outlet for interfaith cooperation and city-wide congregation based social justice accomplishments.

This summer, TEAM member congregations (including liberal and conservative; Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, UU, hopefully Muslim; both primarily African-American and primarily European-American) will gather to select one specific and realistic issue to change within a year. Other groups like ours in other cities have secured public transportation for second and third shift jobs, ensured funding for education, and otherwise helped the elected or appointed "powers that be" implement changes.

On the TEAM agenda: changes will benefit people with few dollars or other resources. Another item: choose only one action per year to research and do. It's possible that some of us will find our own issues tabled or not taken up. A workshop at the Unitarian Universalist Association annual meeting noted that groups like TEAM may challenge our comfort level and

familiar methods since we like to decide things all by ourselves and we like to get a move on, anxious to Do Something. Remember, everything we need to know we learned in kindergarten ☺.

In addition to TEAM activities, UUCT has the second Monday Shelter Meal, the UUCT Social Justice group and the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC). UUCT groups allow us to pursue our own issues and to provide direct help, as well as work for social change.

Alternate Program Group

I and two members of the Board have met a couple of times with two members of the congregation about how to go about fulfilling "our vision...of a **growing**, caring congregation...which **welcomes** people of different racial, ethnic, and cultural groups..." In general and as a part of the Alternate Program Group (APG), I have to check my tendency to jump to conclusions and rush to answers (hey, I'm only human!).

The APG, the Board, and indeed all members and friends of the congregation, are "living the question" about membership growth and increased diversity as much as TEAM participants will before the vote at the summer gathering. Just as TEAM actions aren't decided ahead of time, the APG seeks a process by which we'll come to a decision; the APG agenda is not to propose, say, a Tuesday forum or Sunday afternoon second service.

Keep in mind: year long process; lots of info to get; many chances for input, and yes even more forays beyond our familiar ways. In the process, I trust and vow that we won't lose the **caring** aspect of our vision!

Sabbatical

When I first came here we agreed that if UUCT and I lasted for 6 years (ha, ha, ha!) UUCT would grant me one month for every year served for sabbatical. Sabbatical is time apart for both parties with benefits upon return for both. The UUA Sabbatical Handbook says: "sabbaticals are neither extended vacations nor tightly-structured, highly-focused study leaves..." During the proposed sabbatical (January and February 2004, and June-September 2004) I want to read and study, help other people, hone my ministerial skills, learn more about leadership, and after I rest a bit think about UUCT as a whole.

While I'm doing that, you will be sole proprietors of our shared ministry. We'll figure out what that entails together. Discussions have begun! I'm talking with the Committee on Ministry and a "Leadership Development" group -- of past presidents, the current president, president elect and others -- about how to plan and prepare for everyone to be able to offer his or her gifts of service and to grow as leaders. Conversations about lay leadership are of course ongoing.

There's more to discuss about sabbatical, and we will. If you have questions, please ask me or a member of the Committee on the Ministry, (chairperson Richard Dempsey, richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748; Christine Boczarska, 893-7079; Bruce Brandt, brandt@earthlink.net, 644-4068).

As I read through this message I think it's really all about commitment. Enjoy your commitments!

(Rev.) Amy

President's Message

By Jennifer Carver

Happy New Year! I know, it's already February -- but I'm still working on my New Year's Resolutions. One of them is to get organized, which I'm doing, albeit very slowly. It's a wonderful feeling to actually know where things are! Another resolution is to spend time on what's important to me -- my family and friends, my work, the UUCT Executive Board, YRUU, OK Chorale, and myself.

The list looks long, and I want to do it all -- and do it all WELL. What I've figured out (over and over again) is that until I take care of myself, I can't do any other things well. Many of us try to do too much, but sometimes we need help (and often that's hard to admit). Let's all look around and find out what others at UUCT are doing and how they're doing. I guarantee you'll find out new things about people you've known for years and certainly about those you've just met!

Finally, this month we've got special visitors from the Florida District: we'll have breakfast with the Florida District Board at 8:00 AM on February 22nd (see *February UUCT Events* for details), and UUA FL District Executive Rev. Mary Chulak Higgins will stay to participate in our Sunday service on February 23rd. See you there!

In community --
Jennifer Carver

Alternate Program Group

By Cheryl Ward, Board Member

Interested in exploring ways to increase diversity and membership in UUCT?

Look for a letter from the Alternate Program Group about how our church plans to gather information from members of our community. Small

focus groups facilitated by two or three UUCTers will talk about spiritual pathways and what it would take for non-members to consider becoming members of UUCT.

These groups include UUCT members and other UUs who currently do not

attend Sunday services, people of color, multicultural families, and people who don't know about Unitarian Universalism. We also want to know what you think, so look for our request for your help.

Announcements

Hospitality and Clean-Up

Please note that Sunday hospitality and clean-up are two different responsibilities. Volunteers are needed for both each Sunday. Please say yes to both when asked - for the same or different Sundays.

Missing Plate and Cups

Kandy Crowe is missing a large glass plate with a Christmas tree etched and painted on the back, since the Thanksgiving Day dinner. And anyone who might have taken home a glass coffee cup from the kitchen, please return it. Every week the church has fewer and fewer of them.

Join Sunday Service Brigade!

Volunteers are still welcome to help set up chairs for Sunday services. You



will be called probably once a month to help with the set-up, and if called and you can't make it, no problem; we call the next person on the list until we have at least two people. Able-bodied folks who can spare a half-hour usually on Sat. or Sun. a.m. (about nine-ish) are urged to contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748, or richardd@nettally.com) with name and email or phone number.

Sunday Service Participation

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

Missing Hymnals

We're missing at least eight hymnals. If you borrowed one, please check at home to make sure it was returned. If you would like your own hymnal, order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM, www.uua.org/bookstore, or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). Current cost is \$28 plus shipping and handling.

Calling All Singers:

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

Announcements

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, Tallahassee, 32312).

Youth Mountaincamp 2003

For the Mountaincamp 2003 brochure, go to: www.mountaincenters.org. From the brochure, there is a link to download the registration form.

Reminder: Church Office Hours

Please keep in mind that the church office is open "for business" during the week but not on Sundays. When Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie is here on Sundays, she is attending the service, not working. Please refrain from asking her questions, etc.

Friends of the UUA


Friends of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) will be conducting a phonathon this winter and spring. Donations from individuals are a

crucial part of the UUA's operating budget. In the past year, the Friends of the UUA provided roughly 10 percent of the total UUA budget. If you are not already a Friend of the UUA, please consider becoming one.

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

Appreciation

- To:**
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- * **Elinor Elfner, Dave and Nancy Harvey, John and Barbara Donaldson, Nancy Bass, Barbara Sterling, Jean Chulak, Nancy Ognenovski, Kathryn Hansman-Spice and Byron Spice** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 12/22 - 1/19.
 - * **Linda Winn-Brown, Ben Beldock, Fran Boyle, Lorin Pratt, Dexter Easton, Mary Stewart, Nancy Ognenovski, Mimi Jones and Barbara Hines** for providing hospitality 12/22 - 1/19.
 - * **Kelley, Allen, Preston, Jackson, and Nolan Turnage, Mary Millard, Isabel Sheridan, Joanne Taylor, Dorothy Mann, Jean and Ken Wood, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Margaret, Neil, Austin, Pierce, and Caroline Mooney** for clean-up from 12/22 - 1/19. With a very special thank you to **Howard and Barbara Solomon, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Jean Chulak and Kelley Turnage.**
 - * **Jim and Cindy Miller** for the memorial poinsettias in December.
 - * **Rev. Amy, Maggie Geraci, Helen Falb, O.K. Chorale, UUCT Youth, Lindsay Worsham, Katie McAuley, Christine Boczarska, Barbara Sterling, Julie Golding, Tom Boen, Barbara Lineberry, Patrick and Kaitlyn Lineberry and Aubrey and Spencer Crafts, Nancy and Graydon Ball, Mary Millard, Ethan and Trudy Deyle, Erin Boggs, Scott and Devin Geraci, Holly and Kathie Mackie, Jackson and Preston Turnage, Neil and Caroline Mooney, Morgan and Madeline Stewart-Spiegel, Becky and Pam Hoskins, and Joe Lama** for participating in the Christmas Eve Service.
 - * **Jennifer Carver** for taking four UUCT Youth to the Gainesville Con in January.
 - * **Tim Campbell** for accepting a three year appointment to the Endowment Committee.
 - * **Lois Bloom, Chelsea and Nina Cline and Van Fox, LaRae Donnellan, Eleanor Enge, Danny Lambert, Kellen Denny and Sara Reece, Kim Ross, and Jerri Lee Wagner** for helping with the Jan. Campus Ministry Soup Lunch.
 - * **Bruce Brandt, Richard Dempsey, Rod Oldenburg and Steve Urse** for sanctuary set-up and **Victor Venos** for handling the sound system for Wes Van Sciver's memorial service in early January.
 - * **Keith Henry** for developing and then maintaining our UUCT website for the past few years and **Jack Martin** for taking over maintenance of the site. And **Keith** for his many hours of computer-related assistance to the church office over the past few years and for donating a new scanner to the church office.
 - * **Jonathan and Heike Sanford** for donating a television to the church.
 - * **Our congregation** from the UU United Nations Office (UU UNO) and UU Service Committee (UUSC) for special collections taken and sent to them last fall.

Lifespan Religious Education



Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, February 2, 9:30 AM

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

Curriculum

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

Special Pen Pals

During February, 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 23, after church, those participating in the Special Pen Pals program will meet for a party!

YRUU (Youth Group)

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

Social Justice: On Jan. 18 while attending a CON in Gainesville, YRUU members attended a peaceful demonstration against war in Iraq. They loved the chance to get out there and show people there's another way!

YRUU Fundraiser: On Saturday, April 5, from 7 - 10 PM, YRUU will hold the 2nd Annual Wildflower Prom for the congregation.

FL District CONferences:

- * Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 All-age, Lakeland
- * Mar. 28 - 30 Transition-In (Ages 12 - 14), DeLand
- * Apr. 25 - 27 Youth Caucus, Oviedo
- * May 2 - 4, All Age, Tampa

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622), Rod and Jan Oldenburg (297-0391), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

CURRENT CLASSES:

UUA Study / Action Issue. A single study circle on economic globalization will continue meeting monthly. Anyone is welcome to attend the discussions. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 PM in Room 2 to discuss the *No-Nonsense Guide to Globalization* by Wayne Ellwood. On Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 PM, the group will discuss *One World: The Ethics of Globalization* by Pete Singer. Facilitator: Elinor Elfner (224-3651, eelfner@istal.com).

The Artist Way. Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the sanctuary or a classroom. Facilitator: Amy Mann (222-1420, amann@tdo.infi.net).

New UU & Déjà Vu, UU. These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member. The next sessions will be on Sundays February 2 and 9 from

1:00 - 3:00 PM with a light lunch served at 12:30 PM. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) immediately if interested.

Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory:

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

OPEN PARTICIPATION

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

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

Meets every Sunday morning 9 to 10:30 AM -- in Room 2 (on the first Sunday, at Black Dog Cafe, Lake Ella).

Come join us for *Zazen* meditation, check-in, also readings & discussion of subjects of interest in Buddhism, Taoism, Zen, and life in general.

Also join us for an evening with Ram Dass: "Conscious Aging" to be held at the Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 PM. Advance tickets \$20.00. For more information, check out: www.southernsprings.org/index.htm

Campus Ministry Corner

Committee Message

From Sara Reece, Chair of the Campus Ministry Committee

Once again the wheel turns, and we find ourselves ending and beginning chapters in the story we are writing on campus ministry. It is with sadness that we end Kim Ross's tenure. She served very ably for three years, but we are happy for her that she has found meaningful full-time employment. My joy is that she will continue to assist the effort by serving on the Campus Ministry Committee!

I like beginnings, and it is an exciting time to welcome Chelsea Cline to our fold. As you will read in her introduction, she comes to us well grounded in the UU tradition. This coming year we hope to build on Kim's foundation and work to get the word out at TCC and FAMU that we exist and to increase membership in the mostly FSU group.

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Staff Message

From Chelsea Cline, the new Campus Ministry Coordinator

Greetings! I have recently assumed the position of Campus Ministry Coordinator -- to follow three years of

outstanding, dedicated service by Kim Ross. I have been involved with the University UUs since late 2000, and I am a student at Tallahassee Community College preparing for a career in Secondary English Education. I have a 7 1/2 month old son, Sebastian, and I am to wed a fellow University UU in March, Van Fox.

I grew up in the Washington, DC area and attended Friends Community School, a small private Quaker school, until age 12. My parents attended a local UU church, but I identified with the Religious Society of Friends.

When I was in middle school and high school, I participated in YRUU (Youth Group) quite regularly, but in my first years of college in Baltimore my association with UUs ceased. It was then that I noticed a part of my life was missing, the spiritual aspect. I sought out the young adult community at my local Quaker meeting house.

When I decided to move to Tallahassee, my mother (UUCT member Nina Cline) encouraged me to attend some of the University UU

meetings. I was reluctant at first, but the group soon revealed itself abundant in many things including friendships and engaging discussion, and also became a place where I could explore and express my spirituality in a supportive environment.

That was over two years ago, and in that time I have seen the group grow and change in many different ways. Core members of the group have graduated and moved away; some have found new ways of exploring their inner selves, and the most obvious development has been the recent change in leadership.

It is my hope that the support, warmth and acceptance that was so abundant in the campus ministry when I arrived can continue to grow, benefiting each new member. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the church, the community and the campus ministry. If there is anything that I can do for you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Contact information for Chelsea: 878-6737, chelsuu@yahoo.com.

Church Community

By Will Adkins, VP for Community

UUCT Caring Network Still Searching...

See the article in the January 2003 *Meridian* about a need to fill two Co-Chairs (or Joanne Taylor plus one more person) of the Caring Committee at our church. If you would like to consider helping UUCT in this important way of service to our fellow UUs, please contact me (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net).

Here's an insight from *How Can I Help?* by Ram Dass and Paul Gorman. See if you don't agree!

"Caring for one another, we some times glimpse an essential quality of our being. We may be sitting alone, lost in self-doubt or self-pity, when the phone rings with a call from a friend who's really depressed. Instinctively, we come out of ourselves, just to be there with her and say a few reassuring words. When we're done, and a little comfort's been shared, we

put down the phone and feel a little more at home with ourselves. We're reminded of who we really are and what we have to offer one another."

"When the experience of helping seems so natural, it's not surprising we find ourselves wishing or wondering if things could be like that more or even most of the time."

Growing A Home For Liberal Faith

FY 2003-2004 Annual Canvass

By Margaret Mooney, Canvass Committee Chair

Growing: to increase in a measurable way. The Canvass Committee chose this as our theme because that is what our congregation is up to - in bricks and mortar, in membership, in diversity, toward realizing our shared vision and what we are called to do in this world.

The Annual Canvass can be thought of as the congregation's prayer for the new year. All the committees of the church have met and discussed their vision for the next fiscal year and submitted budget requests. The Finance Committee will pull these together into one document that will become the Asking Budget, to then be discussed and voted on by the congregation.

Meanwhile, the Canvass Committee has been meeting to contemplate the details of the pledge drive. The '03-'04 Canvass is again going to be conducted mainly at a series of potluck meals in members' homes. Members and Supporting Friends who attended the potlucks last year reported enjoying them very much. We hope more people will be able to participate this year. Following is a timeline listing the important dates.

To lead the congregation through this annual process of evaluation and renewal is an honor. We have a terrific team assembled: Sally Andersen, Bruce Brandt, Margaret Mooney,

Annette Pearce and Isabel Sheridan. If there's anyone who'd like to join us, there's plenty of engaging work to share. Please contact Margaret Mooney (893-8250, margmooney@yahoo.com) or Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Calendar and Timeline for 03-04 Annual Canvass Activity

- Feb. 16, Church Council (committee chairs) send to Canvass Committee Chair their summaries of accomplishments in 02-03 and visions for 03-04.
- Feb. 17, Finance Committee meets to review budget requests and develop Asking Budget
- Feb. 20, Board approves Asking Budget
- Feb. 24, Asking Budget mailed to congregation
- Mar. 2, Congregational Forum on Asking Budget
- Mar. 9, Congregational Vote on Asking Budget (2nd Sunday potluck moved to 3rd Sunday - 3/16)
- Mar. 14, Training and Pledging Potluck for Facilitators
- Mar. 28-30, Canvass Potlucks
- Apr. 4-6, Canvass Potlucks
- Apr. 11-12, Canvass Potlucks (not Sunday of this weekend)
- Apr. 13, Church Council chooses outside causes for which to raise funds. Recommends to Board which recommends to congregation.
- Apr. 14-16, Finance Committee develops 03-04 Final Budget Draft and distributes it to Council members
- Apr. 21, Finance Committee meets with Council to discuss Final Budget Draft, if necessary
- Apr. 24, Board approves Final Budget, Council Members invited to attend
- Apr. 28, Mailing of 03-04 Final Budget and other Annual Meeting items.
- May 11, Congregational Forum on 03-04 Final Budget and other business
- May 18, Annual Meeting of Congregation, election of officers, and vote on 03-04 Final Budget

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

Upcoming Programs

February 7-9. Attention Hardy Hikers! Experience your views from the trails with Mountain hiking. This has proven to be a favorite for serious hikers. With leaves off the trees, clear views are a bonus in the beautiful Appalachians. Earn your hot cocoa and warm fires with day time hiking adventures.

April 24-27. Embracing Our Lesbian Identity Retreat. Two and three night options available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION check the bulletin board or the Mountain notebook at the back of the sanctuary. Or contact Linda Winn-Brown, 562-4755; lwinn41@earthlink.net or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838 or www.mountaincenters.org.

Social Justice

By Isabel Sheridan and Lorin Pratt

Prayer Vigil for Peace

The Social Justice Committee encourages the UUCT community to attend an Inter-Faith Prayer Vigil for Peace in Iraq to be held Monday, February 3 at 7:00 PM at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral, corner of Woodward and Tennessee streets. Monthly prayer vigils will be ongoing, moving from place to place. Through our Social Justice Committee, UUCT is offering to host the vigil in March or a later month, with Rev. Amy leading the vigil. Contact: Lorin Pratt (893-3067) or Norene Chase (422-1985).

Shelter News

Two teams of adult UUCTers (and their children) and the Campus Ministry Group take turns every third month preparing and serving a dinner at The Shelter. At potlucks in January each adult team planned responsibilities for the coming year. Dexter Easton (385-2381) has agreed to serve as coordinator of the Blue Team. The Green Team will soon have a coordinator. Chelsea Cline, newly appointed Campus Ministry Coordinator, leads the campus group. If you would like to help four times a year or once in a while call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

The Shelter has a monthly tour and luncheon for visitors who would like to find out more about its programs. Contact: Dexter Easton (385-2381).

A Religious Perspective

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Remarks made at the Tallahassee NOW Candlelight Vigil, outside the Governor's Mansion, on the 30th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Shelter Thanks

Thanks to the Blue Team for The Shelter meal on January 13. Carolyn Pardue shopped; Laura and Barney Cook, Dorothy Mann, Margaret Mooney, and Debbie Wolfe cooked; and Debbie Wolfe, Pam and Don Crosby, and Brenda and Bob Glenn (Mary Bridges' parents) served. Thanks to Dexter Easton for agreeing to be coordinator for the Blue Team. Dexter's dear late wife, Jean, was the person who began UUCT's involvement in The Shelter years ago.

RCDC Thanks

Thanks to the following UUCTers for volunteering in the recent *Blended Lives: Reconstruction* program, a four-day series of events co-sponsored by Riley House Museum and Goodwood Museum: Howard Pardue, music as part of the educational days for Leon County fourth graders; Joanne Taylor, guide on the Saturday trolley tour of historical sites; Elinor Elfner, museum interpreter at Goodwood and registration; and Isabel Sheridan, curriculum writer for fourth grade lessons and guide at Riley House.

Riley House Museum has sent UUCT a letter of appreciation for our contributions (of rocking power as well as money) to the annual Rock-a-thon. The letter is posted on the Social Justice bulletin board.

Shall we come together for a moment of silence to hear the truth of our hearts? (Pause) First, I want to acknowledge and welcome the many voices along the continuum whose endpoints are named "pro-choice or

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee

The RCDC will hold its monthly meetings on the **first Tuesday of each month**. This new date accommodates the schedules of our regular members. Join us Tuesday, February 4, in Room 4 at 7 PM. We will be planning a general meeting for all members of the congregation in response to interest expressed at the January 19 RCDC "Journey Toward Wholeness" Sunday service.

Social Justice Cluster Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Social Justice Cluster (Social Justice, Green Sanctuary and Racial and Cultural Diversity Committees) at a mutually convenient time in February. Watch for a meeting notice from VP for Social Justice Annette Pearce (386-4053). Note: The Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender (LGBT) Welcoming Congregation Committee, which is currently not active, is also a part of the Social Justice Cluster.

Pro-Choice Vigil

Rev. Amy was a featured speaker at the Pro-Choice Candlelight Vigil to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. It was held on January 22 across from the Governor's Mansion. Several UUCT members were also present. Rev. Amy's remarks are printed in the next section entitled "A Religious Perspective".

abortion rights" and "pro-life or anti-abortion."

On this 30th anniversary, I look back to a resolution made by my denomination—it wasn't 30 years ago

A Religious Perspective (Continued)

though, it was 40 years ago, in 1963. What happened was: a religious group voted for making abortion legal. Okay, but I'm here to say that if your profound spiritual belief affirms reproductive rights, you don't need to convert to Unitarian Universalism. For, there are humanists including atheists who are pro choice, Christians both Catholic and Protestant who are pro choice, as well as groups in both the Jewish Conservative and Reform movements. People of faith are diverse, and there is no monotone in monotheism, no drone in Christian denominations.

Some things I cannot do:

I can't serve or preach a God who sends women to Hell for choosing to end a pregnancy;

I can't tell you the precise moment that groups of cells can be called human beings;

I can't reject either the value of life itself or the quality of individual lives;

I can't decide for anyone else whether to become a parent...

But I can call sacred: free will, the dignity of individuals, the urge for holiness, and the right to choose. Women have the ability to reason, pray, discuss and decide about this moral choice. To get to the core of their faith and the center of their lives. To include their partners. To make the most conscientious and life-affirming decision.

Women have the ability to choose consciously, and the ability to feel. To

feel relieved, confused, angry. To feel sad. To feel both resolved AND regretful.

And so I could provide spiritual counsel for a couple who is trying to decide or a woman who has to choose whether to end a pregnancy, or to raise a child, or to grant a child to an adoptive family. I would say: search your heart and appeal to the source of meaning in your life for the best answer. What does your god say? What does your gut say? What is your intuition and the advice of your intimates?

And then, if abortion is your choice, I would ask: what will promote healing? Not physical healing, as was needed when abortion was illegal, but spiritual support.

What promotes healing? It is the word or deed that takes us from the present moment to meaning in the next moment. It's the heartfelt prayer and the joyful song. It becomes the will to reach out for the next moment. Human beings usually have to practice the journey from moment to moment, as we tend to jump around from memories of the past to projections about the future.

The past does matter though. And there are religious leaders like me who honor why ending a pregnancy may be the ethical way. We want to know: why are you pregnant? Not the biology of it. But the conditions. Unprotected intercourse? Or in spite of your best efforts, birth control that didn't. Or did violence lead to pregnancy? Did circumstances, like

economic stability or a willing partner or good health, suddenly change this month to make last month's decision to conceive ill-conceived? That's the past.

The future matters too. Imagine. What family do you want your children to grow up in? What plans do you have for yourself? What hopes, fears and dreams do you attach to a group of cells or a fetus? Is economic stability in reach? What's the image you carry of you as a mother? Is the future you imagine today full of potential or empty of possibility?

In my opinion, religion only works when it answers despair with hope; overcomes hurt with healing; challenges agitation with peace, and inequality with social justice; replaces hate with love and power-over with the power to choose.

This is my prayer. May you find people of faith and established religions to meet you in the fullness of your choice to end a pregnancy or continue it. May you find hope, healing, peace, justice and love when you seek spiritual support from clergy and religious leaders. May you come to terms with the past and embrace the future. Always in community. Always with freedom AND responsibility. And even, for some, secure in the presence of the Great Mystery at the heart of Life. God of many names and no name. Source of Meaning, Creator, Sustainer, Friend.

So may it be.

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee Chair

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: It's certainly great to see the vertical dimension of our new building taking shape. And yes, those are the correct

heights for the walls. Remember that the exterior walls facing our current buildings will eventually be the high, interior walls of the fellowship hall. The

roofs of the classrooms will slope down from these higher walls to standard wall height; classroom ceilings will all be standard height.

Facilities Update (Continued)

Between holiday time-off and the ground being so saturated from heavy rains that cement and delivery trucks could not get in, we are now about a month behind schedule. The current substantial completion date is in early April - plenty of time for a deliberate and well-planned move-in prior to next fall. The CIC and Youth RE Committee have been busy developing a use plan for current classrooms and the new building. It is exciting to finally be so close to not only having more spaces but also having larger spaces than our current classrooms.

Look for the first layer of asphalt to go down on the new driveway soon. This

will carry construction traffic and will be covered at the very end with a second layer, once all construction is done.

BUILDING DEDICATION: We have decided to schedule the building dedication for mid-September, in conjunction with the In-gathering Service we have each year. President Jennifer Carver inquired about the possibility of having UUA President Bill Sinkford attend our dedication, but he has no current plans to visit north Florida again after his visit to Gainesville in early February. We'll have to celebrate on our own!

CONSTRUCTION ZONE. All adults of the church, please set a good example for our children by not entering the construction zone on Sundays and also help keep any children out. Mad Dog, has seen evidence that people have entered the construction zone on Sundays, and they are very concerned that someone might be hurt. If you want to take a better look at progress, walk around and view the building from the upper drive. Also, after the service each Sunday, a CIC representative will be outside the current classrooms--for answering any questions and providing information about the new building. Look for the person wearing a hat.

Executive Board Actions

By Jennifer Carver, President

December actions:

1. Based on a proposal brought to the Board by Bob Kenon, approved exploration of a focus group and timeline for discussions on developing an alternate program to increase diversity and membership.
2. Approved a \$450 scholarship to provide assistance for one youth to attend MountainCamp this summer.
3. Appointed Joan Patterson and James Dawson as agents on UUCT's Schwab One Account.

January actions:

1. Based on a proposal for a congregational resolution from the Green Sanctuary Committee, directed the Green Sanctuary Committee to move forward in the process of getting congregational approval for the resolution.
2. Approved Chelsea Cline as the new Campus Ministry Coordinator, pending clearance on an FDLE background check and positive responses from references. (Both conditions met.)

3. Authorized a suitable plaque in recognition of Ralph Cook's bequest to UUCT (details to be determined later).
4. Accepted the December 2002 Treasurer's Report.
5. Approved portions of a revised policy on Facilities Usage: the Information for Users of Facilities, the Agreement for Use of Church Facilities (based on a review of UUCT's insurance policy), and the Equipment Use Policy. The Policy on Usage of Church Facilities is still under review.

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 18 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2003. All terms are for two years, except for the President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

The positions to be filled are:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Vice President for Finance
- Vice President for Religious Education
- Nominating Committee (2 positions)

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: Ron Crowe, Chair (997-5307 or rongcro2@juno.com), Sally Andersen, Eric Draper, 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 committee with them.

Green Corner

By Ed Oaksford, Green Sanctuary Chair



UUCT Chance to Curb Global Warming

The Green Sanctuary Committee is proposing a UUCT resolution to adopt two environmental programs addressing global warming. The church-wide action called for in the resolution will fulfill one of the fundamental requirements for UUA Green Sanctuary certification: to "pass an all-church resolution committing to an all-church environmental project for a year". We will vote on acceptance of the resolution at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for March 9.

A summary of the two environmental programs and the proposed resolution are given below. To learn more about the programs and the resolution:

- Visit the Green Sanctuary table on Sundays after church,
- Attend the information and discussion meeting on Monday, February 17 at 7:00 PM,
- Contact Ed Oaksford (422-0240, oaksford@hotmail.com) or Steve Urse (385-2864, surse2@earthlink.net)

Following the February 17 information and discussion meeting, the proposed resolution will be edited if necessary by the Green Sanctuary Committee and then forwarded to the Board for approval and inclusion in the materials to be mailed to the congregation prior to the March 9 voting meeting.

Also, members of the Green Sanctuary Committee will be attending a regional Green Sanctuary Conference in Atlanta in mid-February. They will report on this meeting at the Adult Forum on Sunday, February 26 at 9:45 AM in Room 4.

Programs To Be Adopted

The environmental programs to be adopted in the proposed UUCT resolution are household pledge programs: (1) a 1-2-3 Response to Global Warming pledge and (2) a Food for Thought (And Action!) pledge.

For the first pledge, each member household of the congregation would be invited to sign a 1-2-3 Pledge in which they commit to take as many as possible of the following actions: adjusting their thermostat, reducing driving speeds over 60 mph, and replacing some conventional light bulbs with more energy efficient ones.

The Food for Thought (and Action!) household pledge addresses three actions: (1) eat less meat, (2) eat local produce, and (3) eat organic foods. (Visit the Sunday table or see the November *Meridian* "Green Corner" article for details on the pledges.)

A UUCT Resolution to Meet Green Sanctuary Requirements

Whereas:

Global warming, accelerated by atmospheric accumulation of CO₂ from excessive burning of fossil fuels, is perhaps the most significant current environmental threat to planetary stability and has the potential to seriously disrupt ecosystems everywhere [and that]

Transportation, food, and household activities collectively account for the creation of 80% of greenhouse gases, 77% of common air pollution, 67% of common water pollution, and 75% of common habitat alteration [and that]

Average household cars are responsible for 3.7 tons of greenhouse gas emissions--just over one-fourth of all greenhouse emissions linked to household purchases [and that]

Food also has a pervasive impact on our environment with sixty percent of our country's land area devoted to either crops or grazing with other significant impacts of agriculture including fertilizer and pesticide use, handling of animal wastes, water quality degradation and erosion, and air pollution and greenhouse gas emission from energy use and ruminant livestock [and that]

Meat and poultry consumption in particular have a large impact on common water pollution, water use, and most important, land use [and that]

The following three areas of household operations: 1) heating, hot water, and air conditioning; 2) appliances and lighting; and 3) water, sewage, and solid waste disposal, place the greatest burden on the environment. The first two of these categories contribute the most to greenhouse gas emissions (31%) and common air pollution (24%)* [such that]

We now therefore resolve, that the friends and members of the UUCT congregation pledge as individuals and households to adopt the following programs:

- 1) 1-2-3 Response to Global Warming
- 2) Food for Thought (And Action)

over the course of the next year in order to meet critical Green Sanctuary requirements and make a conscious commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming and the associated impacts of air/water pollution and habitat alteration.

Reference: "The Consumers Guide to Effective Environmental Choices – Practical Advice from the Union of Concerned Sciences" by Michael Brower and Warren Leon.

Welcome As Friends

- *Bob Beiseigel*
- *Judy Taps*



Membership

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

UUCT Name Tags

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

New Member Recognition

A Sunday in March.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4 or next available room)*
- *Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)*

On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** To bring refreshments, contact Lois Bloom (402-9044).
- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

Lost and Found

Look for missing items on top of the the wooden table in the mailbox room or in the kitchen on the cart near the refrigerator. Items not claimed for two months will be sent to ECHO.

Joys and Sorrows

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

Pauline Masterton, whose uncle died of heart failure in early January.

Barbara Lineberry, whose father, Tom Boen, is in Hospice House.

Leslie Wurster, whose mother died recently.

Best wishes to Keith and Lauren Henry on their move to Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. Daughter **Robyn** is staying in Tallahassee to attend FSU.

Congratulations to Karen Mann on being Godby High School's Teacher of the Year.

Dinners In Homes

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

Dinners for 8 is adults only, with parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term

members and friends. If you are a newcomer or you missed the sign-up for guests or hosts and are interested, contact Barbara Gearhart for *Dinners for 8* (386-7378) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

The Committee on Ministry

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

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) - 174**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of December - 96.4**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - December - 95.6**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45**

February UUCT Events, Social Activities, After February

February UUCT Events

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 7:30 PM.

Simple meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In sanctuary. Contacts: Tom or Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

COMMUNITY PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7:00 PM.

Held at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral. See *Social Justice*. Contact: Lorin Pratt (893-3067).

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 11:30 AM.

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

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11 AM.

We will be staffing a booth at *Unity in the Community* until 4 PM at Kleman Plaza downtown Tallahassee. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, FEBRUARY 9, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

TEAM (TALLAHASSEE ACTION EQUALITY MINISTRY) MEETING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1:00 - 6:00 PM. Faith in action workshop, Easthill Baptist Church. Contact: Rev. Amy, 383-9186.

GREEN SANCTUARY RESOLUTION DISCUSSION, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM.

Held in the sanctuary, this will be an opportunity to ask

questions and discuss the UUCT resolution being proposed by the Green Sanctuary Committee to adopt two environmental programs addressing global warming, to be voted on by the congregation March 9. See *Green Corner* article for details. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

BREAKFAST WITH FL DISTRICT BOARD, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 8:00 AM.

UUCT Members will be providing a potluck breakfast for the members of the UUA Florida District Board in the sanctuary before their meeting. All are welcome to attend and get to know members of the Florida District Board. Call Jennifer Carver (402-0622) to get more information or provide food.

SPECIAL PEN PALS PARTY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 12:30 PM.

The special party where pen pal identities are revealed. See *Youth RE*. Contact: William Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net).

UUCT Social Activities

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

- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, February 1, 7:30 PM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, February 5, 11:30 AM
- "Heartbeats" Concert, Saturday, February 8, 7 PM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, February 9, 12:30 PM

Events After February

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 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

HEARTBEATS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7 p.m. This is our 5th annual UUCT Valentine's concert and fundraiser, celebrating romance and the spirit of love. Ludy Goodson will be our chief muse, Helen Falb will accompany many of the vocals, and other musicians will perform. We will have music and song from pop to opera and Broadway to blues, from humor to passion, from UUCTers and friends, from soloists-duets-quartets-groups, and from the hearts of young and old. At intermission, we'll have a feast of finger foods and a drawing for a lucky ticket-holder! Whatever your age, whomever you love, celebrate with us! Donations: \$8 adults, \$5 students, \$3 children. You can get tickets from Ludy Goodson, Mary Millard, Sally Anderson, or at the door. Childcare will be available from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Mary, 980-8980, or Ludy, 531-9819, ludy8@juno.com.

members and friends the week of February 24. Contact: Board President-Elect Neil Mooney (893-8250).

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 12:15 PM.

(Please note that the Sunday Potluck this month will be the third Sunday.) An important meeting to vote on the FY '03-'04 asking

District & National Events

budget and a UUCT resolution to meet UUA Green Sanctuary requirements for church-wide environmental action. Please plan now to attend. Childcare and playground supervision will be provided. Contact: Board President Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

ST. PATRICK'S SUNDAY POTLUCK, MARCH 16, 12:30 PM. Due to having a voting meeting the second Sunday, we will have a St. Patrick's Potluck on the third Sunday! Think Green!

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1 PM. Round table discussion on raising families in the Tallahassee community. Rosa Morgan (668-0885).

SECOND ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PROM, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00 PM. Plan now to attend this delightful fund raiser by our YRUU Youth Group. Tickets go on sale Sunday, 2/9.

PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1:00 PM. Mark the tentative date on your calendar for this annual event. Contacts: Ed Oaksford (422-0240) and Steve Urse (385-2864).

Florida District Events

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. At First Unitarian Church of Orlando, the focus is Economic Globalization and Civil Liberties. \$30 adult and \$12 youth. Contact Nancy Bass (893-1806, nrbass@aol.com).

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11:00 AM. The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville will celebrate their 50th anniversary by welcoming UUA President, Rev. William Sinkford.

WILLIAM SCHULTZ SERMON, SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 10:30 AM. At the UU Fellowship of St Augustine, located at 2487 A1A South and Florida Avenue, 3/4 mile south of Route 312. Dr. Schultz was President of the Unitarian Universalist Association

(UUA) and has been Executive Director of Amnesty International USA since 1994.

BUILDING COVENANT GROUPS WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. Held at the UU Friendship Fellowship of Pineda in Rockledge, Florida and sponsored by the District's Living Tradition Council and Northeast Cluster. Covenant groups meet monthly to pursue spiritual development and a deeper sense of community. Participants will learn how to begin and sustain a group and be given resource materials. Registration: \$10 per person. If interested, contact Rev. Amy.

DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - 27. Held at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL near Orlando, this gathering is open to all interested. It features workshops, shared meals, worship, the District annual meeting, and plenty of time to relax and get to know others.

National Events

REGIONAL GREEN SANCTUARY CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15. Held at the UU Congregation of Atlanta this is an opportunity to learn and to network with like-minded individuals. Breakout sessions include the environmental aspects of building considerations, religious education, social justice, policy formulation and more. Members of UUCT's Green Sanctuary Committee will be attending. For information and to register, visit www.uuca.org or contact lynconley@earthlink.net. UUCT contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

JIM SCOTT VALENTINE CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. An exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice,



Auction Items Needed!

Plans are underway for the annual UUCT Live and Silent Auction, which will be held this year on Saturday evening, May 10. This is a major fundraiser for the church, so please start looking through your china cabinets, closets and garage for nice items which we can sell at the auction. Particularly welcome are porcelain, china or glass collectibles, silver, sculpture, good jewelry, paintings and other art items. Also, watch for flyers and handouts on Sunday for ideas of services which can be offered. If we can get at least one item from each of our members, we can have a very successful auction. Questions? Offers of donations? Call Joan Patterson at 309-1248 or Dorothy Mann at 222-6166, or email Joan at jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu.

and peace. \$12 adults; \$7 students/children (www.uuca.org or 404-634-5134 for directions).


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

MIDSIZE CONGREGATIONS CONFERENCE, MARCH 6-9. In Kansas City. Congregations send teams. If interested, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 26 - 30. Held in Boston this year. All are welcome to attend.

February 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 7:30 PM Peace Dances
2 9:30 AM Youth RE Committee 12:30-3 PM New UU, Rm 2 4:30 PM Leadership Development Mtg., Rm 2 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	3 7 PM Community Prayer Vigil for Peace, off- site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Comm., Rm 4	4 CHURCH IS POLLING PLACE 7 PM RCDC, Rm 4	5 11:30 AM Chow-Down, off- site 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:30 PM Choir	6 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm 4	7 6 PM University UUs, off-site Set up for Heartbeats Concert	8 9 AM-1PM Workday 11 AM-4 PM Multicultural Families Booth, Unity in the Community 7 PM Heartbeats Concert, sanctuary 
9 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 1-3 PM New UU, Rm 2 6 PM YRUU,	10 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	11	12 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:30 PM Choir	13 7:15 PM CIC, Rm 4	14 6 PM University UUs, off-site	15 1-6 PM TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) Faith in Action workshop at East Hill Baptist Church
16 12:30 PM Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) follow-up to 2/15 workshop 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	17 7 PM Green Sanc. Resolution Dis. Mtng, sanc. 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm 2	18 11:30 AM Personnel Committee, off- site	19 12:00 PM Membership Monitoring (Rm 4) 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM Membership Comm., Rm 4 7:30 PM Choir	20 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm 4	21 6 PM University UUs, off-site	22 8 AM Breakfast with District Board, Sanctuary District Board Meeting, Sanctuary
23 12:30 PM Special Pen Pals Party 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	24 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site	25 CHURCH IS POLLING PLACE 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry (COM), Rev. Amy's ofc.	26 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:30 PM Choir	27 7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2	28 6 PM University UUs, off-site	

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

YOUTH EVENTS

See *Youth RE* (p. 5).

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See *Adult Enrichment* (p. 5)

- * **Globalization Study Circle**, Thurs. 2/27, 7 PM. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651)
- * **The Artist Way**, Mondays, 7 PM. Contact: Amy Mann (222-1420)
- * **Women's Spirituality**, Every Mon. 7:15 PM. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs. 2/6 & 2/20, 7 PM. Contact: Pres. Jennifer Carver (402-0622)

COMMITTEES MEET

Open to All Interested

- * **Buildings & Grounds**, Mon. 2/3, 7:30 PM. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050)
- * **Capital Improvement**, Thurs. 2/13, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Committee on Ministry**, Tues. 2/25, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Finance**, Mon. 2/17, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- * **Green Sanctuary**, No Feb. meeting. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- * **Membership**, Wed. 2/19, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Program**, Mon. 2/17, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, Tues. 2/4, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- * **Social Justice**, Feb. meeting TBA. Contact: Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun. 2/2, 9:30 AM. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416)