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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice
(Optional 2/29)

9:45 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM

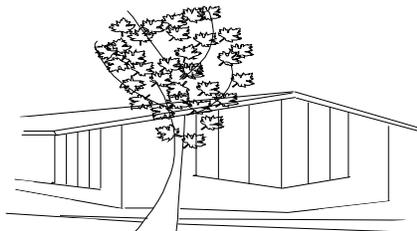
11:00 AM Youth RE for Pre-K -
Middle School

1st & 3rd Sundays:

6 PM Youth Group
for ages 12 - 20

Scheduled Adult Forum
Topics:

- Feb. 1 Earl Enge, facilitator -
What's in the News
- Feb. 8 Paul Normann, Dir. of
*Lotus Lake Buddhist
Community - Living Peace:
Creating a Nonviolent Society*
- Feb. 15 Green Sanct: Connie
Barlow - *We Are Stardust:
Science & Spirituality*
- Feb. 22 Howard Kessler -
*Impressions of a Green County
Commissioner*
- Feb. 29 Aaron Oldenburg -
*My Three Peace Corps Years
in Mali*



The Meridian

February Sundays (11:00 AM)

Feb. 1 | How Shall We Make a Joyful Noise?

Encouragement to spiritual growth. Many UUs are unsure about the music they want or think they want in worship. Some of this is because our members are all over the map theologically, and music is a part of our theology. Some is because of a lack of understanding of the role of music in worship as seen through the eyes of the church musician. We will explore these and other thoughts, including the why and wherefore of our only common UU text, "Singing the Living Tradition" - mostly exploring through singing, rather than just talking about singing. **Guest Speaker/Musician: Steve Finner (see p. 2); Lay Leader: Helen Falb**

Feb. 8 | Unitarian Universalists and Spirituality

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth. What experiences have spiritual meaning for us? What is spirituality? What is the goal of our own spiritual growth, the destination we seek in our spiritual journeys or quests? How can we encourage spiritual growth and support each other's quests? An intellectual and experiential exploration for the spiritually curious drawn from the writings of William Houff, Tom Owen-Towle, Scott Russell Sanders, and 33 UUCTers who contributed their thoughts on these questions. **Speaker: Bob Deyle; Lay Leader: Trudy Deyle**

Feb. 15 | The Epic of Evolution: A Bridge for UU Spiritual Diversity

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. The 14-billion-year story of cosmic, life, and cultural evolution presented as grand adventure, epic tale, and personal story. This shifts understanding from a mechanistic to a systems view of evolutionary processes and offers possibilities for common ground among theists, atheists, religious naturalists, pagans, and diverse spiritual seekers. **Guest Speaker: Connie Barlow (see p. 2); Lay Leader: Ed Oaksford**

Feb. 22 | Mitigating the Adverse Effects of Economic Globalization

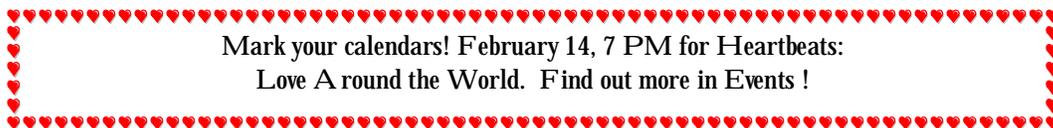
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence. This service is based on the Statement of Conscience on Economic Globalization adopted at the 2003 UUA General Assembly and on the many books, tapes, and articles read by UUCT's Economic Globalization Study Circle. The message will cover: inequities of power, global policy-making, moral ambiguities of economic globalization and challenges for action.

Speaker: Elinor Elfner; Lay Leader: Yvonne Worden

Feb. 29 | Leap into the Present Moment

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth. In this music program, we'll focus on the body, the breath, music, and silence to leap from ideas of the past and future into the beauty of the present moment. **Guest Speaker/Musician: Velma Frye; Lay Leader: Ludý Goodson**

Mark your calendars! February 14, 7 PM for Heartbeats:
Love A round the World. Find out more in Events !



Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Greetings from sabbatical land. I hope your needs are getting met and surpassed. I'm getting what I wanted out of the first half of winter session: reading, rest, reflection and running. Here's what I'm subjecting my self to in the name of theological study (one of the goals of this sabbatical):

"The prehensions in disjunction are abstractions; each of them is its subject viewed in that abstract objectification. The actuality is the totality of prehensions with subjective unity in process of concrescence into concrete unity." This quote is from the mind and pen of Alfred North Whitehead (*A Key to Whitehead's Process and Reality, edited by Donald W. Sherburne, p. 37*). Each underlined word has a paragraph or two in the glossary dedicated to explaining it!

Philosophy wasn't one of my college electives, so I look forward to learning more at Meadville Lombard Theological School's "Introduction to Process Theology" course. (I will have taken it by the time you read this.)

After that, it's back Down South to Norcross, GA for the Alban Institute seminar, "New Visions of the Long Pastorate." I wonder if perfect understanding of Whitehead is required for a settled ministry that continues to be creative over the years?!

You are on my mind and a big part of my meditations -- and even appear in my dreamtime. It has taken a couple of weeks to get used to this planned time apart, but the words of advice and encouragement you wrote in the Sun and Moon notebook have eased the sense of distance. I savor each page for a few days, so as to extend the number of weeks during which I get to consider what you want me to know, in your own words. Thank you for that thoughtful and useful gift.

Perhaps reading Whitehead and other process theorists meets the sabbatical goal of theological study, but I turn to another quote to further another goal of sabbatical: spiritual growth. This is from Rumi.

"Make me sweet again, fragrant and fresh and wild, and thankful for any small event."

Gratefully,
(Rev.) Amy

P.S. Because I have missed some significant age transitions these two months, I want to wish you Happy Birthday, and Happy Belated Birthday, if the date of your initial entry into the world and my sabbatical winter session have coincided.

Sabbatical Travel Plans

February 3-6, "The Sermon as Spiritual Direction," College of Preachers, Washington (D.C.) National Cathedral

Second week in February, three days in silent retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers, GA

February 20-22, St. Petersburg, FL, birthday weekend with family

About Our Guest Speakers in February

FEBRUARY 1

The guest speaker and musician for our February 1 service is Steve Finner, who is now the Director of Music at the Universalist Unitarian Church of St. Johnsbury, VT, a small and growing congregation of 45. He moved to Vermont after a twenty-three year career in higher education labor relations in New York and Washington, where he was also an active layperson in UU congregations. He is a composer whose music has been sung in many of our congregations and has served as an officer in the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network through which he met UUCT Music Director Helen Falb.

FEBRUARY 15

Connie Barlow, a well-known science writer and author of 4 books on evolution and ecology, will be speaking at both the Adult Forum and service. Her husband, Michael Dowd, who pastored Christian churches for 10 years, will be speaking at the United Church of Tallahassee.

In the American tradition of itinerant preaching, the couple have shed home and possessions and been living on the road for just under two years. They pursue what they regard as their joint "mission" in life - to tell the story of the universe in ways that deepen one's faith, build bridges between different faith perspectives, provide hope for the future, and motivate concern for the

well-being of the entire community of life. They sustain themselves on profits from book sales and by the grace of home hospitality offered by church members, teachers, and others. Weekdays often include speaking (free of charge) at colleges, high schools, grade schools, spiritual retreats, or environmental organizations.

Before hitting the road, the couple lived and worked just north of New York City. After the September 11 tragedy, they decided to pull up roots and follow their hearts, hoping to make a real difference in American culture by simply speaking to small groups of people. To learn more, about their unique itinerant ministry and the highlights of their travels, visit their website: www.TheGreatStory.org

Annual Canvass News

By Isabel Sheridan, 2004-05 Canvass Committee Chairperson

Canvass 2004-2005

By now you have probably signed up for a Canvass potluck. The Canvass Committee is excited about **raising our expectations** for this year's Canvass, the first one in which we will be paying the mortgage for our beautiful new building. Rev. Amy's first service after her sabbatical will be to open the Canvass.

Here is the schedule of key events in this year's Canvass. **But the really key event is your pledge of time and money.** Without you we cannot see our dreams come true.

If anyone would like a copy of your current pledge for 2003-2004 to refer to, please contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com). She will have Tom Chase put it in a sealed envelope, which will be included in your own Canvass packet.

Canvass 2004-2005 Calendar

All members and friends are invited to attend all meetings listed.

February 5 - Board, 7:00 PM, Room L: Discussion and revision (if needed) of Asking Budget Draft and Approval of Asking Budget

February 16 - Mailing of Asking Budget to congregation

February 29 - Congregational Forum on Asking Budget, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary

March 7 - Opening of Canvass with Sunday service, led by Rev. Amy; Congregational Vote on Asking Budget, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary; Canvass packets handed out; Kick-off Dinner for Major Contributors and Facilitators

March 10 - 27 - Canvass potlucks at members' homes (pledges of time and money for 2004-2005)

April 1 - 18 - Remaining members' and friends' pledges received

April 19 - 21 - Finance Committee develops 2004-2005 Final Budget Draft

April 25 - Church Council chooses outside causes for which to raise funds and recommends to Board, which recommends to congregation

April 26 - Finance Committee and Church Council, 7:00 PM, Room L: Discussion and revision of Final Budget Draft, if needed

May 6 - Board 7:00 PM, Room L: Discussion, revision (if needed) and approval of Fundraising List and Final Budget. Church Council members are invited to attend

May 11 - Mailing to congregation of 2004-2005 Final Budget, list of

proposed officers, and other business items

May 16 - Congregational Forum on 2004-2005 Final Budget and other business

May 23 - Annual Meeting of congregation: election of officers, vote on 2004-2005 Final Budget, and any other business

Canvass 2003-2004

Here is the final installment of the hopes and dreams shared at the Canvass potlucks last spring. What are your hopes and dreams for next year?

My hopes and dreams for this congregation are:

Broad based.

To see it continue building peace and tolerance in the community.

The continued sense of a strong community whose members seek growth and work towards it.

To be here for the liberal thinkers of this community.

To have enough money and caring to continue to reach our goals.

Interesting people to adhere to the 7 principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Continued growth both materially and spiritually – heavy concentration on our youth.

Keep going.

Announcements

UUCT Leadership School

If you are interested in attending UUCT Leadership School (as discussed in January's Meridian, see President's column) please respond to neilmooney@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Seating is limited to 12 persons, and eight are presently signed up.



VP for RE Vacancy

The VP for Religious Education position on the Executive Board has recently been vacated. If you'd like to be considered for the position or suggest someone to fill it, contact Board President Neil Mooney (893-0670, neilmooney@yahoo.com). Until the position is filled, President-elect Richard Dempsey is acting RE VP.

Photos Needed for Directory

Ken Wood is creating a UUCT Photo Directory and needs pictures of all members, friends and families. Place a high-resolution photo in the in-box on the sanctuary back counter or see Ken after the service on a Sunday to have a digital photo taken. See *January Meridian* article. Contact: Ken Wood (229-377-8739, caldy23@yahoo.com).

Announcements (Continued)

Pastoral Needs

As indicated in the *Sabbatical Handbook* received in November by all members and friends, three UUCTers who are or were professionals are available to talk with you should you have a pastoral need or find yourself in a crisis while Rev. Amy is on sabbatical: Nancy Bass (893-1806), Harold Hawkins (893-1331), and Byron Spice (668-6109). (Note: Additional copies of the *Sabbatical Handbook* are available at the Sunday Visitor table.)

Minister's Discretionary Fund

While Rev. Amy is on Sabbatical, disbursements from the Minister's Discretionary Fund for members and friends in financial need will be decided by the Chairperson of the Committee on Ministry, Christine Boczarska, (893-7079).

Phase One Final Report

The Capital Improvement Committee has prepared a brief final report on Phase One of completing our Master Site Plan. Copies are available as of 2/15 on the back counter of the sanctuary, from the church office or by contacting CIC Chairperson Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

UUCT 50th Scrapbook

A UUCT 50th Anniversary Scrapbook is in the works! Do you have pictures and/or memories of UUCT's first 50 Years? Collect your photographs and memories, and give them to Jennifer Carver (with a description of the event, people in the photo, etc.).

It's best to include original photos, so if we can keep them, that's great. If not, scan them (or we can do it) and send them by email. If you have stories, we'd love them too! If you want to help, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or phantomscv@yahoo.com).

Missing Hymnals

Sunday service attendance is up (102, 138, 112 and 135 on Jan. Sundays), and we do not have enough hymnals to go around! Our records show that through FY 1995 - 1996, UUCT had purchased 94 hymnals. The shelf count after the 1/25 service was 77. Where are the rest of the hymnals?

If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home to make sure it was returned. If you'd like your own, 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.

Hymnals can also be purchased and given to the church in memory or honor of a loved one or a fellow UUCTer.

Youth Welcome at Workdays

Several UUCT youth (Adam Donaldson and Austin and Pierce Mooney) have recently been a big help to the Building and Grounds and Landscaping Committees. The help of other UUCT youth is welcomed and encouraged - either accompanied by a parent or with supervision arranged in advance. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050).

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 (405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312, 422-1985, twchase38@earthlink.net).

UU World on Tape

Subscriptions to the *UU World* are free on audiotape for people who cannot read regular print materials. Simply contact Devorah Greenstein at the UUA (617-948-6451, dgreenstein@uua.org).



Auction Items Needed!

Plans are underway for the annual UUCT Live and Silent Auction, date to be announced. 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? Contact Joan Patterson (309-1248; patterson090@comcast.net).

UU Infidels Newsletter

The UII, Unitarian Universalist Infidels, is a UU-Related Organization whose purpose is to support and work to maintain a place at the UU table for atheist, agnostic, skeptic, and secular humanist UUs. This spring it will publish the first issue of a semiannual newsletter that will provide a voice for viewpoints and opinions not usually represented in *UU World* magazine. You can order this year's newsletters by sending your name, address and check for \$3.00 to UII, 16265-D Dahlgren Road, King George, VA, 22485. The newsletter will also be published on-line at www.uu-infidels.org, and you can join the UII discussion group by sending an email to uui-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Appreciation



- To:**
- * **Jean Wood, Jim Dawson, Barbara Sterling, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Peggy Lentz, Dave and Nancy Harvey, Del DeTar, Jean Chulak, Mary and Steve VanSciver, Mary and Francis Ventre, and Barbara Sterling** for greeting on Sunday mornings 12/28-1/25.
 - * **Pat Reidel, Dan Damerville, Debbie Wolfe, Kandy Crowe, Maria Mena, Nancy Bass and Rod Oldenburg** for hosting hospitality 12/28-1/25.
 - * **Don Weed, Norene Chase, Frank Deasy, Christine Boczarska, and Barbara Sterling** for being clean up "heroes" and **everyone else** who did clean up 12/28-1/25.
 - * **Elaine Comer, Patrick Lineberry, Nina Cline, Melissa Forgey, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, and Jacqueline Moller** for volunteering in the nursery recently.
 - * **Pat Farris, Dan Damerville, Joan Patterson and Erin Hamilton, Mary Persons, Dot Mann, and Mimi Jones** for helping with the December Shelter Meal.
 - * **Dan Damerville, Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder, Howard and Carolyn Pardue, Margaret and Neil Mooney, Pam and Don Crosby, Kathie Mackie, Cathy Briggs and Rebecca Briggs-Placier and Pam Harris** for helping with the January Shelter Meal, for about 200 recipients.
- Note:** Pat needs more volunteers for the upcoming meals. Contact her at 422-2847 if you can help in any role on the second Monday of the month.
- * **Rebecca Sager**, a new friend of UUCT, for sharing her time and talent with us in providing the music for the February 18 service - a very special Gift of Self.
 - * Belatedly, these additional people who helped with the UUCT Thanksgiving Day dinner and were not included in the January *Meridian*: **Eleanor Moore** and daughters **Shelly and Sara** for bringing the cooked turkey and ham and helping out in general, **Don Weed** for helping set up and decorate, **Randall Gann** for working in the kitchen, and **all others** who helped and have not been mentioned by name, including everyone who helped with kitchen-duty.
 - * From Barbara Lineberry to those who helped her through services, calls and support during her recent convalescence from surgery: **Mary Persons, Tom Chase, Richard and Ellen Dempsey, Joanne Taylor, Pauline Masterton, the Okay Chorale, Helen Falb, and Rev. Amy**, and the whole church in general. And to **Dan Damerville and George Knight** for helping Patrick Lineberry with moving.
 - * From the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) to **UUCT** for our December contribution of \$146 from our UUSC service.
 - * **Ken Wood** for building a book cart for the UUCT library.
 - * **Susan Angel** for serving as VP for Religious Education from July - December.
 - * **Annette Pearce and Byron Spice** for facilitating the January New UU sessions.
 - * **Joan Patterson** for hosting breakfast before the January New Member Recognition.
 - * **Melissa and Paul Forgey** for hosting an intergenerational dinner in January.
- ### January Workday Appreciations
- Thanks to Ken Wood, Tom Chase, and Pierce and Neil Mooney** for working on the *Richard Lee Play Structure* on the playground, **Dave Harvey** for hanging the chalk and bulletin boards, **Steve Urse and Joe Lama** for landscaping work, and **Austin and Pierce Mooney** for helping with shelving in the Mechanical/Electrical Room, with all helping reposition the playhouse on the playground - at the regular 2nd Saturday Workday.
- Also thanks to **Allen Turnage, Ken Wood, George Knight, Dave Harvey, and Neil, Austin and Pierce Mooney** for working on the play structure later in the month; **Austin, Pierce, Caroline and Margaret Mooney** for painting the driveway speed bumps; and **Austin and Pierce Mooney** for helping set up the sanctuary two Saturday mornings in January. Also thanks to **Adam Donaldson** for his volunteer work with the Buildings and Grounds and Landscaping Committees.

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, February 1, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kelleyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (877-6301, sgeraci10@comcast.net)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@comcast.net)**

Congratulations, Children!

The children of UUCT are the proud adoptive parents of a lovely manatee named Amanda. With some of the money raised at the October 5 Bake Sale, Youth RE has adopted this manatee and is supporting manatee conservation and education. She lives year-round at Homosassa Springs State Park and can be visited there. Look for Amanda's photo at church.

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 29, after church, those participating in the Special Pen Pals program will meet for a party in Room L!

YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)

Meetings: First and Third Sundays of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 3&6) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

FL District Con Schedule Fall:

- February 27-29 All Age CON Lakeland
- April 16-18 District Youth Caucus
- April 30-May 2 All-Age CON Vero Beach

Mountain CON:

- February 27-29 Senior High CON

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or Howard Pardue (386-1494).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (blbrandt@earthlink.net; 893-5511)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREmaggie@comcast.net; 877-6301).**

The Adult Enrichment classes are described below. If you are interested in an upcoming or open attendance class, please contact the person listed for that class soon to express your interest. We would like to know how many are likely to attend.

Classes: Open On-going or Starting Soon

Articulating Your UU Faith: Mondays 2/2 - 3/1, 7 PM, Room K. Using a UUA curriculum, learn how to and practice talking about your UU faith, especially with those who don't understand it. Contacts: Trudy Deyle (422-1057), Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

The Artist's Way: Workshop meets Saturday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 AM. The class does not always meet in Room L, due to a metal-works project they're working on. Contact Amy Mann (amann@infionline.net or 222-1420).

Understanding the Bible - An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers and Religious Liberals: Continues Thursdays, 7 PM for February and March in Room C, with additional people welcome to join. Led by Rev. Harold Hawkins and based on the book of the same name by Rev. John Buehrens. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647).

Voluntary Simplicity: 1st and 2nd Saturdays of each month, 10:30 AM, Room C. Using Northwest Earth Institute discussion workbooks on Voluntary Simplicity and Choices for Sustainable Living, members will take turns preparing for and leading discussions centered on life style changes to reduce our impact on the earth. 10 participants maximum. Contacts: Kathie Mackie (385-5115) and Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

Wayne Dyer Discussion Group: Meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 12:30 PM in Room L. On 2/15, we'll view Dyer's "Ten Secrets of Success" tape and discuss afterwards. Dyer uses spirituality to help in counseling clients, drawing on the strong association between psychological well-being and mental health. Contact: Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

Future Classes

Evensong II: Wednesdays, March 17 - May 5, 7:15 PM. Get to know other UUCTers more deeply through readings, reflection and the sharing of our thoughts and stories. Similar in format to *Evensong I* but with different topics: childhood memory and knowing, scripture and story, prayer and spiritual practice, fear, generosity, hospitality and the stranger, being alive, and beliefs and actions. Open to all, regardless of whether or not you have participated in *Evensong I*. 8 participants maximum. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions are Mondays, April 5 and 12, 7-9 PM, Rm L, taught by Rev. Amy and a church member. Contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

UU BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

The UUBF (Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship) meets every first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We read and discuss books and are currently working on "When Things Fall Apart" by Pema Chodrin. Discussions tend to be about applying the principles discussed to real life situations. For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562-0739, wmpat88@att.net). Or just come and join in.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L. Open to everyone. See front page for topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

The University UUs are looking towards the future. We have plans and ideas that we hope to implement in the coming months and years, some of which are simple, and some of which are grandiose. The idea is to dream and see where it leads us. If it leads us to nothing, we're no worse off than we are now. Our hope is that it will lead us to becoming a strong group of young adults who not only support one another in spiritual growth and learning, but who also make a

noticeable impact on our community at large. Sometimes meeting our goals is a daily challenge. For now, we keep it simple and look ahead at what's to come.

During the spring semester, The University UUs meet at 6:00 PM every Wednesday at FSU's International Student Center and 6:00 PM every Friday at Javaheads on Railroad Avenue. We also set-up an information booth at FSU's Ogelsby Union every Wednesday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please consider joining us if you are

on campus during that time. In February we'll be preparing and serving the meal for The Shelter, which is always very rewarding. If you'd like to join us, please contact me by February 8. We'll also be planning our yearly retreat, which will hopefully happen in the early spring.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or willingness to help:
chelsuu@yahoo.com ~ 222-3931

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? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 23 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2004. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

The positions to be filled are: (VP = Vice President for)

- President Elect
- VP Church Community
- VP Management
- VP Worship
- VP Social Justice
- VP Religious Education (2nd year of current term)
- Nominating Committee (2 positions now held by Eric Draper and Sally Andersen)

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of the open positions, viewing any of the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, please contact any Nominating Committee member by April 1: Sally Andersen, Dan Damerville, Eric Draper, or Steve Van Sciver. Per our bylaws, these four elected members will choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

Green Corner

By Steve Urse, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair



Bulletin

1) Thanks to Eric Draper, UU and FL Audubon Policy Director, for providing a timely and informative article about water issues facing Panhandle Floridians. (See Below.)

2) If you want to be informed about environmental changes made at the federal level by the Bush administration, then the BushGreenwatch website and listserve is the way.

<http://www.bushgreenwatch.org/>

3) UUs have three opportunities this month to become educated about the combination of science and religion. Connie Barlow and Michael Dowd will illuminate us about the Great Story at both a Sunday Forum and Service and also at a Tuesday evening talk about "The Great Work of Ensuring a Just, Healthy, Sustainable World." Details are elsewhere in this *Meridian*.

4) Best management practices for an environmentally-friendly landscape would be a good practice for UUs and UUCT. To learn more about local practices, check the Leon County Extension/IFAS Website http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu/gardening_landscaping.htm and check out the once per year opportunity to sign up for the Master Gardener program, which begins in February. You may also call 487-3004. This winter is an excellent time to mow your grass once per month to mulch the leaves on the lawn and keep winter weeds under control. It is also a good time to spread mulch on bare ground and around plants and shrubs. Moisture and soil are retained. It is always a good time to remove exotic invasive plants.

North Florida's Water

By Eric Draper, FL Audubon Policy Director

High Stakes for North Florida's Water: Time for a New Panhandle Boosterism, reprinted from Apalachee Audubon newsletter

The very notion that economic growth in Atlanta and Tampa is more important than North Florida's rivers and springs rubs me the wrong way. There is a certain arrogance that is expressed in the idea that big growth economies are more desirable than those organized around hunting, fishing, boating and birdwatching.

Here is how the logic works. Atlanta is big and growing, and lots of people are making lots of money. North Florida is still mostly rural and, while pretty, doesn't have a lot of get-rich opportunities. Therefore, Atlanta should have first claim on most of the water that eventually drains into the Apalachicola River. Apply the same logic to Tampa and you get a similar conclusion, except with a pipeline to our springs.

One issue that unites residents of North Florida as much as any other is the claim made by our more populous northern and southern neighbors on the water that makes this area so special. That may be because many of us live in North Florida for very specific reasons that have little to do with the economic imperatives of the cities to our north and south.

For me bicycling, birding and boating make Tallahassee nature-based recreation ground zero. I can access the solitude of water and woods in almost any direction. Yes, there is a trade-off in reduced opportunity. No Underground Atlanta or theme parks for me. No problem.

North Florida is richer in culture, history and natural history than in investors and philanthropists. We are also richer in water. Thus, the water envy. Many of us want nothing of

Atlanta and Tampa. Yet, their boosters want cheap, accessible water that can continue their endless growth. A report by the major developer-led Florida Council of 100 even suggested paying North Florida communities for the water that the Council proposed taking to promote South Florida sprawl. How generous!

The recent water debate reminds me of Killlearn developer J.T. Williams' decision to abandon Tallahassee for Atlanta. After turning 8000 acres of swamps and woods into sprawling subdivisions - congesting roads, crowding schools, and polluting lakes in the process - Williams left unsatisfied with Tallahassee's business climate. Some people think Atlanta is a better fit for a company that takes credit on its website for "changing the way people live."

Atlanta-Tampa logic says sprawling, congested growth and the opportunity it provides is the ideal ultimate goal. That type of economy takes a lot of water from nature and gives it back as polluted runoff and sewage effluent. The economic boosters' logic of growth at all cost defies common sense.

Fortunately, Florida's laws guard our springs and rivers from both overuse and from long-distance transfer. The principle "local sources first" has become a rallying cry for North Florida. If you listen to the people making the noise, the reason becomes obvious. They will say that you can't fish in a dry river or drink from an empty spring.

That is Panhandle boosterism. Live here or visit for the natural beauty and outdoors recreation, but leave our water alone.

You can help protect Florida's water for nature. Visit the Audubon of Florida site www.audubonofflorida.org and sign up to receive the excellent Florida Conservation Action Network's Advocate reports.

From Our Music Director

By Helen Falb

We'd like to show our appreciation this month to a very special group of volunteers at our church, the **OK Chorale**. Our choir is an extremely dedicated bunch, rehearsing twice a week during most of the year.

Several of our members are charter members, founding the group approximately 13 years ago. These members are: Ludy Goodson, Pauline Masterton, Barbara Lineberry, Tom Chase, and Ron Crowe (John Murphy

also, 'though he's regrettably no longer singing with us).

Other members who have joined over the years are Lindsay Worsham, Barb Solomon, Sally Andersen, Bruce Brandt, Jack McDevitt, Howard Solomon, and Jeri Wagner. In addition, several choir members have come and gone over the years as their time demands have allowed (Jennifer Carver, Stan Bloom, and Mary Millard to name three).

We acknowledge and show our appreciation to each and every one of you! The next time you see one of these singing members, how about giving them a hug and telling them how much you value their special contribution to UUCT.

P.S. And remember - we always welcome new members!! We rehearse Wednesday night at 7:30 and Sunday morning at 9:45, in the sanctuary.

About the Committee on Ministry

By Christine Boczarska, Chairperson

While Rev. Amy is on sabbatical, the Committee on Ministry is the contact for pastoral needs and the Minister's Discretionary Fund. We thought this would be a good time to remind the congregation who we are and what our role is.

We are a board-appointed committee of three members, each of whom is a long-term member of the congregation and has served on other committees in the church. The term of appointment is 3 years with the last year of participation as chair. We meet once a month to work with the minister to help maintain harmonious professional relations between the congregation and the minister.

Typically what we do is:

- review what the minister has planned for the upcoming year or season,
- help her define her goals and the congregation's goals, such as for the current Sabbatical,
- suggest areas to address, improve, and/or possibly change,

-discuss problems we have encountered (both minister and committee) and help her work out a resolution,

-maintain confidentiality.

What we do not do is:

- tell the minister how and what to plan,
- define her goals for her,
- tell her what to do to improve and/or change,
- solve problems for her or for the congregation,
- take sides or present one person's specific problem to the minister in that person's place.

Our role is as an impartial intermediary to keep the dialogue continuing between the minister and all parties. We often need to refer to the contract and the Covenant that the congregation and the minister mutually agreed to for guidance. As the UUA has suggested in its Committee on Ministry workshop, we try to keep in mind and remind the congregation that

we cannot look to the minister as the source of our religious health. It must originate in each of us. The dialogue must be kept alive as we work for the UUCT.

When a member has a problem with the minister, it is of course, best if that member sees the minister for an honest open discussion. In the spirit of the Covenant, we remind ourselves that seeking a positive resolution is the aim of us all. Should a member request, any COM member will accompany the member to the minister to help put the dialogue in motion in a search for solution.

Your current committee members are:

Christine Boczarska - chair 2003-2004

Bruce Brandt - chair 2004-2005

Sara Reece

Please call on each or any of us to meet with you and assist you in any way we can.

In faith, Christine

Board and Congregational Actions in January

By Carolyn Dubard, Executive Board Secretary

January 15, 2004 Executive Board Decisions:

Approved the minutes of the December 4, 2003 board meeting, as amended.

Approved the formation of a subcommittee of the Youth RE Committee for the purpose of co-sponsoring the Spiral Scout activity on a one-year trial basis, provided that a covenant of mutual goals and responsibilities be accomplished between Scout leaders and the Youth Religious Education Committee.

UUA Trustee Tidbits

By Joan Lund, FL District Trustee

I appreciate the suggestions and ideas you have presented regarding topics for my monthly writing. Because of recently received correspondence, this month I will talk about the Commission on Social Witness (CSW).

The CSW's mission is to help UUs put the Principles and Purposes into action and to assist congregations and the Association in expressing concern for social justice. The CSW is involved in all the steps of the 3-year process to adopt Statements of Conscience. Each year, the CSW receives proposals from congregations and districts for Study-Action Issues that they hope will be selected and eventually result in a UUA Statement of Conscience, as voted upon by the delegates at General Assembly after two years of study and action.

The Social Witness Process Review Panel - a group that has been studying our Social Witness process, particularly as it relates to General Assembly - has issued a report on "The Direction We're Going". It is available on-line in PDF format at

January 25, 2004 Congregational Decisions:

The purpose of the meeting was to consider three motions proposed by the Finance Committee concerning paying off the construction loan and meeting cash flow needs for doing so.

The following motions were considered:

Motion 1: The congregation reaffirms taking out a bank mortgage of \$100,000. Motion passed: Affirmative 68, Negative 1, Abstained 2.

www.uua.org/uuawo/new/article.php?id=146 or from me as a Word document via email (jlund@uua.org or lundjb@earthlink.net). There are some thought-provoking ideas in the report, and until the end of March, they are inviting opinion and input from interested individuals and groups.

The Panel believes that much more of the responsibility and ownership of the social witness process belongs in the hands of UU congregations. They feel that the current process is not engaged in sufficiently by congregations, either qualitatively or quantitatively. Changes are being recommended. They also believe there is not sufficient attention to implementation of statements once they are created and have recommended adding a fourth GA (third year) to the process - to take time to learn together how implementation of the statement is proceeding rather than rushing on to the next one. The Panel wants to remove amendments from the GA floor and take them into small group "mini-assemblies", to avoid the mass "word-smithing" that sometimes occurs.

Motion 2: The congregation approves taking an interest-free loan of up to \$140,000 from endowment funds. Motion passed: Affirmative 67, Negative 0, Abstained 4.

Motion 3: The congregation approves taking an additional short-term loan from the endowment of up to \$40,000 to meet cash flow needs. Motion passed: Affirmative 70, Negative 0, Abstained 1.

Significant changes to the process for Actions of Immediate Witness have been proposed, and they are considering a new type of witness that would allow the staff of the Association, as well as UUs and the public generally, to know our UU policies on a given issue without searching through a many-paged book of old resolutions. I strongly suggest you express your opinion to the Panel after reading the thoughts from the CSW Panel of Review.

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Tues., Feb. 12, 5:30-7:30 PM Foundation for Children Meeting (Rm L)

Church Community News

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline.net)

Our UU Caring Network

Please contact Joanne Taylor at 893-9024 if you have a need for any special assistance such as encouragement, meals, transportation, visits or anything else, or if you know of someone in our church who has a need to receive caring. Also let Joanne know of special joys and concerns that should be shared with the congregation. We all need to take unusually good care of each other while Amy is away on sabbatical. Thanks to all of you who do for all of us on a regular basis.

Getting the UUCT Word Out!

The recently revitalized Publicity Committee is busily spreading the word about UUCT to the greater community. Our Web page is looking snappier all the time, thanks to the untiring creative efforts of Webmaster Jack Martin and the input of other church members. We're recruiting members with cameras to photograph services and special events for a new Web page photo gallery.

The Publicity Committee also has redesigned the small weekly *Tallahassee Democrat* ad—again! We now have an ad that is visible to the naked eye and possibly even eye-catching! Check it out. Announcements of special February services will appear in the *Democrat's* religion calendar. We'll also submit articles to Religion Briefs, a first page column in the *Democrat's* Religion Section.

Social Justice

HARMONY CAMP NEWS

By Joanne Taylor

We are happy to announce that we raised \$1,516 during our January Harmony Camp service. That will go a long way toward meeting our UUA challenge grant and funding the camp at the level needed to charge only a

While we increase our exposure in the *Democrat*, we continue to establish new partnerships with alternative publications. So look for some large, attractive UUCT ads in the *Apalachee Tortoise* this spring, and notice our ad in the Center for Participant Education (CPE) Catalog in February. Other projects include exploring new ways to publicize events at FSU and planning special announcements for the "Heartbeats" concert.

Our Audio Tape Library May Help You

A note from Gwendolyn Waldorf, new audiotape coordinator at UUCT: "Tapes of the services are available for loan. There is a sign-out sheet with the tape collection." This growing collection of Sunday service tapes does not exist for encouraging you not to come to church on Sundays. After all, our church is a lot more than simply the Sunday service, and the tapes simply don't taste as good as our hot coffee & fresh baked cakes and goodies.

Searching for Peace Wisdom in Plains

At the web site -- <http://www.sowega.net/~alcrump/maranatha/> -- are Winter 2004 dates when Jimmy Carter will be giving his Sunday school class at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. Several UUs have expressed interest, and others have made their own one-day

pilgrimage north to meet Jimmy. On Sunday, January 18, Joe Lama and I went to Plains to see, hear, and meet Presidential hopeful Howard Dean and ex-President Carter. Predictably, Plains (including Jimmy's church) was swarming with news journalists and photographers, besides an overflow crowd of well-wishers for Dean. Not all Sundays are this politically charged and crowded. March 7, 14, and 28 are dates to consider. Let me know and perhaps we can plan a UU caravan trip from UUCT. The church line forms early (at 8:00 AM), so we need to be on the road by 5:00 am. (Imagine this at UUCT!)

Virginia Anderson Says Come Visit!

UUCT's oldest living member, Virginia Anderson, who just turned 95 on December 26, is eager for visitors from her church. She lives at Magnolia House in Room 133 at 1125 Ralph Strong Rd. in Quincy (near Gadsden Community Hospital). Her telephone number is 850-627-3001. Virginia wants to thank greatly all those UUs (including O.K. Chorale, Helen Falb, and Rev. Amy) who visited her on Saturday, December 20 to sing Christmas carols and Happy Birthday to her. If you are in the area, please drop by and see cheerful, philosophic Virginia.

\$10.00 registration fee for attending the week-long camp. Our thanks to all who contributed and to those who will contribute in the future.

Gifts for the camp will be received on an ongoing basis, as we want to have all funds needed prior to the camp and also have a good beginning toward funding for next year. All checks

should be to UUCT with a notation that they are for Harmony Camp.

Our next planning meeting for Harmony Camp will be at **12:30 PM on Sunday, February 8**. Plan to be in the beginning of the potluck line and bring your plate to the meeting, so we can start by 12:15 PM and finish on time.

New Member Recognition

Sunday, April 18

Membership

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

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 receive nametags. Contact office for replacements (\$3.75 each).

On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** February Hospitality Chair: Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755).
- **Music Committee:** Members needed - anyone who loves music. Contact VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, February 9, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).
- **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).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts... **Don Crosby**, who is recuperating from colon surgery on 1/26. Don is out of ICU and in Room 533 at Capital Medical Center (formerly Tallahassee Community Hospital), and can have visitors.

The family and friends of former member **Dorothy Robb**, who died in January.

And we are happy that **Joan Patterson** is feeling much better.

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (Adults Only or Intergenerational) will be happening this winter and spring. We have plenty of hosts; they will be choosing their own dinner dates and contacting both newcomers and longer-term members and friends about attending. If you want to be sure to attend a dinner, please contact Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Intergenerational Dinners are for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend Adult Only Dinners. A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set menu, providing main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring rest.

New Arrivals

If you or another UUCTer is expecting or adopting a child, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you'd like to prepare meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

Directory Changes

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

Our Board

- * Neil Mooney, President
- * Jennifer Carver, Past President
- * Richard Dempsey, President Elect
- * Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
- * Dexter Easton, VP for Operations
- * Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- * Annette Pearce, VP for Social Justice
- * Del DeTar, VP Finance
- * Vacant, VP for Religious Education (Richard Dempsey, Acting)
- * William Adkins, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- * Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- * Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- * Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer

Rev. Amy McKenzie

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact **Scott Geraci**, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301 or **Holly Mackie** hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497)

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)

Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Sara Reece (309-1933)

Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

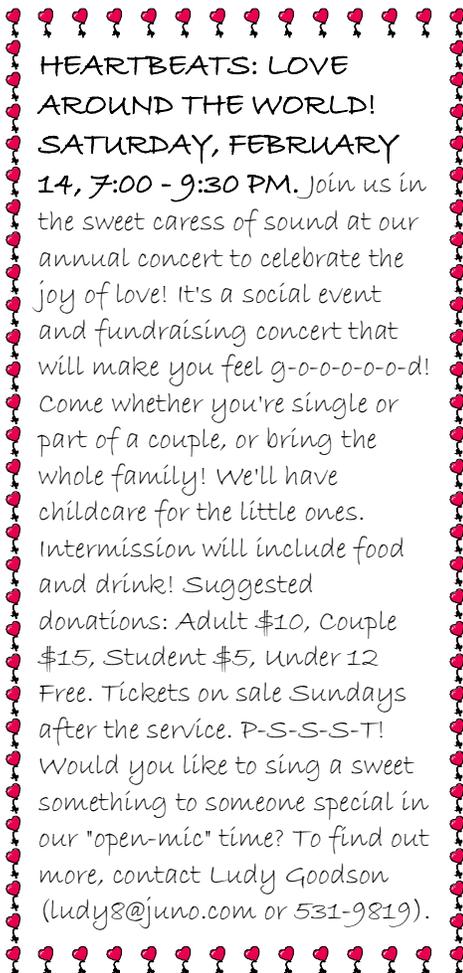
- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) -178**
- **Current Membership - 178**
- **Current Number of Friends - 49**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of December - 100.3**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July - December 2003 - 101.9**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 47**

February UUCT Events, Social Activities, & Events After February

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

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested. 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 14, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050, MFVentre@aol.com).

 **HEARTBEATS: LOVE AROUND THE WORLD! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 7:00 - 9:30 PM.** Join us in the sweet caress of sound at our annual concert to celebrate the joy of love! It's a social event and fundraising concert that will make you feel g-o-o-o-o-d! Come whether you're single or part of a couple, or bring the whole family! We'll have childcare for the little ones. Intermission will include food and drink! Suggested donations: Adult \$10, Couple \$15, Student \$5, Under 12 Free. Tickets on sale Sundays after the service. P-S-S-S-T! Would you like to sing a sweet something to someone special in our "open-mic" time? To find out more, contact Ludy Goodson (ludy8@juno.com or 531-9819).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 11:00 AM. At the Unity in the Community Celebration, Kleman Plaza downtown. Bring folding chair or blanket. We'll be in front of center stage. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885, www.multiculturalTal.org).

GREEN SANCTUARY TALK, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow will present and discuss "The Great Work of Ensuring a Just, Healthy, Sustainable World" in the UUCT sanctuary. This environmentally friendly topic follows the Sunday 2/15 Forum and service by Connie. Contact: Steve Urse (385-2864).

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 7:30 PM (USUALLY FIRST SATURDAY). Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

CAMPUS MINISTRY SOUP LUNCH, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 12:30 PM. Stay after the service for delicious soup and fellowship. Donations accepted to benefit UUCT operating budget and campus ministry. Contact: Chelsea Fox (222- 3931, chelsuu@yahoo.com).

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 12:30 PM. An opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the Asking Budget, with background material mailed in advance. Contact: Neil Mooney (893-8250, neilmooney@yahoo.com).

VISITOR INFORMATION SESSION, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 12:30 PM. In Room 2, an opportunity for visitors to ask questions and learn a little about our church and Unitarian Universalism, before attending New UU sessions. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

SPECIAL PEN PALS PARTY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 12:30 PM. The special gathering where pen pal identities are revealed. See *Youth RE*. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREmaggie@comcast.net).

UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note on a Sunday) about possible UUCT Social Events. **Check Social Activities section of UUCT website for more activities: www.nettally.com/uuct.**

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wed. Feb. 4, 11:30 AM
- Isabel Sheridan's 60th birthday potluck celebration, Sat. Feb. 7, 7:00 PM, UUCT sanctuary - All invited!
- Second Sunday Potluck, Feb. 8, 12:30 PM
- Heartbeats, Sat. Feb. 14, 7:00 PM
- Peace Dances, Sat. Feb. 21, 7:00 PM
- Soup Lunch Fundraiser, Sun. Feb. 22, 12:30 PM

Events After February

UUCT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM. A special celebration of our past and a welcome of the start of our 51st year. We are preparing a gala program of story and song and a display of scenes and mementos from our history as a liberal religious community in Tallahassee. If you have photos, memories, or mementos to share, or would like to help with decorating, contact Barbara Sterling (bsterling@hcsmail.com, 386-8704). To help with the program or with refreshments, contact Pauline Masterton (pauli1020@earthlink.net, 385-2879).

After February, District & National Events

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 7, NOON. An important meeting to vote on the FY 2004 - 2005 Asking Budget. Plan on attending. Childcare will be provided. Contact: Board President Neil Mooney (893-8250, neilmooney@yahoo.com).

CANVASS POTLUCKS, MARCH 10 - 27. In members' homes. See *Annual Canvass News* p. 3. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053).

GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 10:00 AM. Join members of the Green Sanctuary Committee and Jack and Anne Rudloe at the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Aquarium in Panacea for a three-hour tour of the aquarium, the dock, and the marsh. For all ages, with the cost \$9.00 per person and children under 3 free. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com). For Marine Lab information, call Jack or Ann (984-5297) or visit their website at www.gulfspecimen.org/ecotourism/fieldtrip>adventure.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, MAY 8. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event in the great outdoors of southern Georgia, hosted by Ken and Jean Wood.



GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 15 & 16. An overnight field trip to Little St. George Island, with a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 15. We'll arrive by 10 AM Saturday at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) and take a boat to the island. Once there, we'll learn about the area's history, ecology and environmental sensitivity. There's a nice cabin, with a kitchen and several big bedrooms. We will need to plan food, snacks and any group activities to supplement the ANERR staff's workshops. These trips fill up six months in advance! To sign up, contact Steve Urse (surse2@earthlink.net) or Lorin Pratt (prattl@talgov.com).

District Events

THE TAO OF AGING, FEBRUARY 28, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Come gather in Vero Beach with other UUs to consider the spiritual dimensions of aging. Led by the UUA's Rev. Pat Hoerdoerfer. Registration \$20 (includes breakfast, lunch and materials). Forms in church office.

MEMBERSHIP PRACTICES WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MARCH 13. All-day workshop at the UU Church of Jacksonville with Rev. Anne Odin Heller, author of *Churchworks*. Contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle if interested (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

SOUTHWEST CLUSTER WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MARCH 13. Held in Clearwater, the topic will be "Separation of Church and State: Meeting the Challenge to Tear Down Jefferson's Wall". Contact church office for information (385-5115).

RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, APRIL 3. Conducted by FL District Executive Mary Chulak Higgins and addressing all types of church risk. Held in N. Palm Beach by the Southeast Cluster. Contact: Steve Jens-Rochow (954-463-2085, SJensRochow@comcast.net). Note: A similar workshop will be given in northern FL later this year.

DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, APRIL 16-18. To be held in Oviedo. Open to all interested.

WOMEN & RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 25. Held at The Pines Conference Center in Brooksville, FL.

National Events

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 28. The annual gathering of UUs, held this year in Long Beach, CA. All are welcome to attend. Detailed information and registration forms at www.uua.org/ga or by contacting the UUA GA office (617-948-4209, gaoffice@uua.org).

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

Elderhostel Programs begin in March 2004.

Spring / Summer program schedule posted on bulletin board in rear of sanctuary.

2004 UUCT Mountain Retreat Labor Day Weekend! Would you like to help with the planning? I will be seeking volunteers in the next few months.

For more information, check the bulletin board or Mountain notebook at

the back of the sanctuary. Or contact Linda (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838, www.mountaincenters.org).

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Rev. Amy McKenzie is on sabbatical until 2/29/04.
UUCT member Rev. Byron Spice (668-6109 or church office) will have office hours at UUCT. Nancy Bass (893-1806) and Harold Hawkins (893-1331) are also available for pastoral care.

Kathie Mackie, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

Helen Falb, Music Director, 309-6853;
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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."

ADULT ENRICHMENT

- * **Articulating UU Faith**, Every Mon., 7:15 PM. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Artist's Way**, Every Sat., 10 AM. Amy Mann (222-1420)
- * **Evensong**, Every Thurs., 7:15 PM. Bruce Brandt (893-5511)
- * **Understanding the Bible**, Every Thurs., 7 PM. Bob Kenon (878-3647).
- * **UU Buddhist Fellowship**, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM. Anne Rudloe (984-2504)
- * **Voluntary Simplicity**, 1st two Sat. of month, 10:30 AM. Kathie Mackie (385-5115).
- * **Wayne Dyer**, Sun. 2/15, 12:30 PM. Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

- * **Women's Spirituality**, Every Mon., 7:15 PM. Bonnie Foster (539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs., 2/5, 7 PM. Pres. Neil Mooney (893-8250)

COMMITTEES MEET

- * **Adult RE**, 2/15, 12:20 PM, Rm 2. Bruce Brandt (893-5511)
- * **Buildings & Grounds**, Mon., 2/2, 7:30 PM. Francis Ventre (402-3050)
- * **Committee on Ministry**, Tues., 2/3, 7:15 PM. Christine Boczarska (893-7079)
- * **Finance**, Mon., 2/16, 7:00 PM. Del DeTar (878-7895)
- * **Endowment**, TBA. Jim Dawson (383-1213)

- * **Green Sanctuary**, Wed., 3/17, 7 PM. Steve Urse (385-2864)
- * **Harmony Camp**, Sun., 2/8, 12:30 PM. Joanne Taylor (893-9024)
- * **Membership**, Wed., 2/4, 7:15 PM. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Music**, TBA.
- * **Personnel**, Tues., 4/6, 11:30 AM. Margaret Mooney (893-8250)
- * **Program**, Mon., 2/23, 7:15 PM. Eric Draper (668-5075)
- * **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, via e-mail. Isabel Sheridan (668-0785)
- * **Publicity**, TBA. Kristin King (425-4658)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun., 1/4, 9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage (553-9416)
- * **YRUU Youth**, 1st & 3rd Sun., 6:00 PM