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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 3/6  
9:45 AM Adult Forum  
10:30 AM Child Care - until  
12:30 PM  
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Youth  
Group (Ages 12-20)  
11:00 AM Youth RE:  
Pre-K-Elementary

Adult Forum Topics:

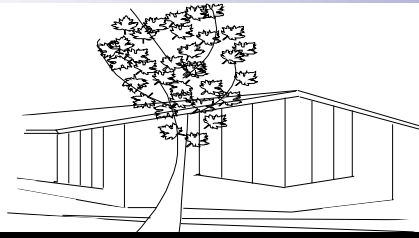
- Feb. 6, Joe Chulak, "My Life, Part II"
- Feb. 13, "Talk Back," our responses to Don Crosby's 1/16 homily of reflections on spirituality
- Feb. 20, Rev. Katherine Gesch, "UU Churches and the Environment"
- Feb. 27, Jim Dawson, "U.S. Foreign Assistance, an Historical Perspective"

February Highlights:

Church Leadership Available,  
Sun. 2/6 & 2/13, 12:15 PM

Heartbeats Coffeehouse,  
Sat. 2/12, 7:30 PM

Congregational Voting  
Meetings  
Sun. 2/20, 12:15 PM  
Sun. 2/27, 12:30 PM



# The Meridian

## February Sundays (11:00 AM Main Service)

### Feb. 6 | Bribery and the Judge of Life

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* As I start an inventory of my accomplishments and missed opportunities during the 7½ years I served this congregation as extension minister and then settled minister, I wonder who ends up judging our lives and our worth? Even though the Protestants got out of the habit of kicking in a few extra bucks to the church to earn God's favor, there was still the sense that if you kicked in a few extra hours of the Lord's work, it might bode well for your chances of gaining heaven. Who will judge? And do they take bribes?

**Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Feb. 13 | Millennium Goals and Our Global Conscience, UU-UNO Sunday

*The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.* Learn what the UU-United Nations Office is up to in Ghana, and why we're educating children there. Today we'll celebrate the good work of the United Nations and take a special collection to support its global mission. We'll also have a child dedication ceremony.

**Rev. Amy McKenzie and Neil Mooney (UU-UNO envoy to our congregation)**

### Feb. 20 | For Earth and Community: Celebrating Our Green Sanctuary

*Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

Join together in celebration of our accomplishments in the Green Sanctuary program. Our speaker will be Rev. Katherine Jesch, representing the Seventh Principle Project. (See *Green Corner* article for more on Rev. Jesch.) In her homily, she will reflect on how our faith helps us to maintain hope for a healthy future while we work to protect the earth and strive for justice that includes all life on earth.

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Katherine Jesch; Lay Leaders: Don and Pam Crosby**

### Feb. 27 | Reverse Installation, Our Minister's Last Sunday

*The inherent worth and dignity of every person.* All things come to an end, and this is ours. We'll take some of the language of the installation, when I was installed as the settled minister, and use it to release the ties that have bound us over the years. Also, I'll adapt the YRUU (youth group) ritual called "Unconditional Love" for a parting note.

**Rev. Amy McKenzie**

## February Sundays (7:00 PM Vespers Service)

### Feb. 13 | Forgiveness

A reading and reflection with discussion from *A Heretics's Faith* by Fredric John Muir, presented by Rod Oldenburg. Songs will be led by Peter, Paul and Mary.

### Feb. 27 | Intention

A reading and reflection with discussion on *The Power of Intention* by Dwayne Dyer, presented by Dick Lineberry. Songs will be led by Bob Dylan.

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

First of all, thank you so very much for your cards, emails, conversations, meals and coffee. They have been a beautiful part of our leave-taking. As this is my last *Meridian* message, I extend my gratitude forward, to thank you in advance for time to say goodbye and for feeding my body and soul so well.

On February 27, we will make a lasting goodbye, the type without a “next hello.” You may read of my next ministry in *The Meridian*, or maybe only in the *UU World* magazine; that’s what I can offer you as far as keeping in touch. No doubt we’ll see each other around town, or at our denomination’s yearly General Assembly, and that will be nice, but we’ll need some distance and time to let go of the pastoral bonds we’ve made.

## President's Message

By Richard Dempsey

In the Golden Age of Greece, philosophers struggled to understand change. And change seemed to be accelerating all around them. It was unsettling. Appeals to the gods for explanations came up with nothing to satisfy the yearning for stability and security. Oracles babbled nonsense. Sophists begged the question. The world around them rocked and rolled. How to make sense of it?

Our UUCT world has just been rocked by the resignation of Reverend Amy McKenzie. Right now we’re rolling with the aftershocks, checking the horizon for balance, trying to think ahead about what must be done to hold course and continue moving forward. We’ve grown accustomed to having details checked by Amy, having problems anticipated by Amy, relying on Amy to back us up. But there will be no Amy March 1, so it

We have shared the ministry in addition to a spiritual and religious path. But now, we are at a fork in the road. I will travel to other ministries, and you will invite other ministers to share the ministry with you. As we take up our separate journeys, of course I promise to hold in trust the confidences you told me over the past 7 ½ years, and I hope you will continue to grow strong and sure, individually and as a congregation. But church business and the mission and vision are yours now, not “yours and mine,” no longer ours.

It’s best for us all if we move on separately, minister and congregation, traversing the divergent paths life will offer us and we will choose—not together, but richer for being together for a time. And what a time it was!

I wish you well, and goodness, and many blessings. You have my love,

has all shifted to us, collectively, to the members and friends of UUCT. I’m already starting to miss her.

Most of all I’m going to miss her caring for us. If you’ve gotten to know Amy at all you know how soft her heart is. How much she wants and wanted to care for us and to be cared for in return. That didn’t always show through well enough. She hasn’t worn her heart on a sleeve. But it was there, and I for one am grateful for having had the privilege of working with her on various committees and on the Executive Board. Believe me, this is a much stronger church because of her.

We’ll have a chance to say goodbye through most of February. Her last Sunday service will be February 27, and the evening before, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary, we will host a farewell

respect, and gratitude for all we accomplished together. As for the missed opportunities and hard times, I count myself lucky for the chance to participate in life and ministry as fully as we could—for “joy and woe are woven fine.”\*

You have some serious work ahead of you, and I know you’ll handle it admirably. The leadership of the church is committed to work for the good of the congregation, and they will make space for your thoughts and take steps to build unity—it’s serious work, but worthwhile. As you wend your way to a clearing, please remember one of your many gifts: enjoying each other’s company.

In Faith,  
(Rev.) Amy

\*William Blake, # 17 in the UU Hymnal

reception in Amy’s honor. I trust you will help us to make it more than a farewell, but a celebration of a faithful, hardworking, productive and memorable seven and a half years of service to our beloved community of faith.

And then we must dry our tears. There’s work to be done.

In faith and community,  
Richard

Note: Executive Board President Richard Dempsey and other church leaders will make themselves available to talk about the departure of Rev. Amy and listen to your thoughts and feelings about her resignation on Sundays, February 6 and 13, 12:15 – 1:00 PM, in Room C of the new building.

## President Elect's Message

By Christine Boczarska

I have been told that separating from a minister is like going through a divorce. That was the first sting I felt when I heard the news. Stunned. We have come so far together. From the time Amy was first considered as an extension minister, we, the UUCT, have had to organize our thoughts and decide what it is we wanted from ministry. We began to evaluate what was important to us as a community by first acting like a loving community without a minister, and talking to and actually listening to each other. We started looking at what was realistic to pay a minister that was right for us, rather than how little we could get away with. We understood that choosing a settled minister is a covenanting process, much as our forebears swore on their sacred honor in founding a new nation. We started acting like a church.

Since Rev Amy began with us, we:

1. doubled the annual budget,
2. increased the number of activities held at church on a regular basis by at least twofold,
3. hired a Director of Religious Education,
4. built a new modern facility,
5. built 2 new playgrounds,

6. re-landscaped our grounds,
7. became members of Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM),
8. joined with other church groups in outreach,
9. were represented in the community as a liberal voice,
10. established a campus ministry,
11. became a welcoming congregation,
12. shared our church with a new, growing congregation,
13. enlarged our church choir,
14. purchased a grand piano,
15. purchased new hymnals,
16. increased UUCT presence at General Assembly,
17. increased our District participation,
18. offered Harmony Camp in the summer,
19. remembered the passing of many older members,
20. refurnished the sanctuary with new carpeting, chairs, tables and platforms, and
21. wrote new manuals of bylaws and procedures.

There are many more things that occurred since 1997 than I can mention or even remember. We have remained hopeful, joyful, linked in community with others of like mind. Through these years Rev. Amy has been right there with us, full of optimism, hope and joy, helping us find our vision. She has been part of our dream building, and she let us work through our struggles under our own steam, with her guidance when asked. For Amy, this was truly shared ministry, and all of us who worked with her knew that. We were partners.

Divorce can be a good move allowing both parties to grow. Rev Amy will be ready for new and different opportunities, and we must be also. She leaves with enormous grace, dignity and unfailing intelligence. She has left our church in good shape. We hope she will say the same of us. So, let us acknowledge all we have become together and wish each other strength from the memories of good work done together. Let these carry each of us forward to meet the interesting challenges ahead.

In faith and community,  
Christine

## Canvass 2005-2006

By Isabel Sheridan, Cavass Committee member

To allow more time for members and friends to deal with matters surrounding Rev. Amy's leaving, the annual canvass has been moved to April. The pledging potluck will be immediately after the service, Sunday, April 10.

Linda Winn-Brown will coordinate the potluck; look for details in the March

*Meridian*. And look for the canvass packet and proposed Asking Budget in the mail the week of March 14. Here are the important dates:

March 14 - Canvass packets are mailed.

March 20 - Discussion of the Asking Budget after the Sunday service.

April 3 - Congregational Vote on the Asking Budget after the Sunday service.

April 10 - Pledging Potluck immediately after the Sunday service.

## Announcements



### Office Closed Some Mondays

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days on several Mondays each month from now through the end of 2005. Kathie has vacation days left to use from previous years! If you plan to stop by the office on a Monday, call first or check *The Meridian* calendar. This works out well for Kathie, as she is taking on-line courses to complete a business degree and could really use the extra study time!

### Yard Sale Saturday, March 12

Start cleaning your attics and garages, our Annual Yard Sale Extravaganza is coming up on Saturday, March 12!! As in prior years, we will need lots of volunteers, donated goods to sell, as well as lots and lots of items (including plants) for the yard sale. We will take in items all day on Friday, March 11.

Take a good, hard look around your house and find those items you no longer need, have been meaning to get rid of, or perhaps would be getting rid of later. NOW is the time, soon it will be Spring... time to Clean Up!

Furniture items bring us the most income, but we have limited space to store these items. We prefer to have them delivered on Friday. However, if you have a storage problem or need transporting help, contact Maria Mena (907-0739, [mcmena@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcmena@ix.netcom.com)).

### Wear Your Heart This Month

Wear your heart on your sleeve! Volunteer in the nursery for one hour during services. Share the care and come play. Sign up in the nursery or contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182, [georgiaackerman@earthlink.net](mailto:georgiaackerman@earthlink.net)).

### Recipes & Volunteers

Shelter Meal Coordinator Carla Conaway is looking for very easy, inexpensive, and healthy recipes, including vegetarian ones, for the meal we provide at The Shelter on the second Monday of every month. She also needs cooks, servers and shoppers for upcoming meals. This is a rewarding way to take positive action in our community! Contact Carla (264-3249, [carlaconaway@hotmail.com](mailto:carlaconaway@hotmail.com)).

### Ongoing Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** Contact Ed Tribble (877-1845, [cbfia@earthlink.net](mailto:cbfia@earthlink.net)).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, [npharvey@aol.com](mailto:npharvey@aol.com)).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For February, contact Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651, [eelfner@istal.com](mailto:eelfner@istal.com)).

### Accomplishments & Goals 2/15

For this year's canvass, the committee accomplishments and goals document will be much more concise, so committees need to be concise also. The deadline has been extended. Please email the following by 2/15 to [IASheridan@nettally.com](mailto:IASheridan@nettally.com): a one-sentence description of what your committee does, no more than 5 bullets on your accomplishments over the past year, no more than 5 bullets on your goals for FY 2005 – 2006, and names of committee members and contact information for the committee.

### Audio Tapes

Audiotapes of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info. and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf ([dcbgbw@comcast.net](mailto:dcbgbw@comcast.net), 668-3346).

### Trustee Tidbits Posted

February's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on a sanctuary bulletin board, or you can email Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

### Giving Statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase ([twchase38@earthlink.net](mailto:twchase38@earthlink.net), 422-1985, or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

## Executive Board Actions for January

By Carolyn DuBard, Secretary

At their January 19, 2005 meeting, the Executive Board approved:

- the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet as of December 31;
- the setting up of a fund for the purchase and installation of a new sound system in the sanctuary;
- the setting up of a fund for the purchase and installation of a commercial dishwasher in the existing kitchen;
- the recognition of donors to the piano fund by publication in the *Meridian* of names of donors in a list subdivided according to levels of giving;
- the proposed Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Asking Budget;
- the use of the entire church facility for Harmony Camp during August 1-5, 2005.

## Caring Network and Membership News

### Caring Network

The Caring Ministries Network provided an excellent program on mental health issues at its annual luncheon on January 29, with 15 UUCT members and friends in attendance. Guest speakers from NAMI, founded in 1979 as the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, were Pat and Dick Stephens. They spoke about NAMI support groups (Family to Family and Peer to Peer) and care of family members and church members who are diagnosed with a severe mental illness. UUCT members Nancy Bass, Mary Ventre (mental health professionals), and Sally Andersen formed a panel as the group talked about the role of the congregation in providing education and support. Peggy Lentz and Ruth Pestle were in charge of set up and clean up. The NAMI website is: [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

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

Jack Martin, as he copes with the loss of his mother.

Mary Stewart, as she grieves the loss of her father.

LaRae Donnellan, who lost her nephew over the holidays.

Laura Cook, who is at home as she continues her rapid recovery following a hip replacement. She welcomes cards, calls and visitors.

Joanne Taylor, following Laura's lead as she, too, recovers from a hip replacement.

Pat Farris, as she deals with the healing of a broken wrist.

*Congratulations to Jean and Joe Chulak on their 60th wedding anniversary on January 29. Also, we hope Joe's current state of remission will be long lasting!*

### Caring: End of Life Choices

The Caring Ministries Network announces that End-of-Life-Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) will hold an information meeting on Saturday, February 12, 2:00 - 4:00 PM in Program Rm. B of the downtown county library. Faye Gersh, former organization president, will speak. All who are interested in end of life decisions are invited to attend. For information, contact Robert Rivas (412-0306).

### Pictures Taken Sundays

Immediately following the service on Sundays she is present, Mary Van Sciver will be asking members and friends to have their pictures taken for UUCT's future photo-directory. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to be dressed up. In order to have a more uniform look and photo quality, we will only be using pictures taken at church. For questions, please contact Mary (893-0353) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

### Sign Up Now - Dinners

"Dinners for 8" is a popular way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. One of the main purposes is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal.

At this time, nine hosts have volunteered and chosen the following dates for this Winter Series:

Fri. 2/18, 6:30 PM – Adults-only, Hosts Peggy Lentz & Ray Tucker

Sat. 2/19, 6:30 PM – Singles-only, Host Leslie Wurster

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 178**
- **Current Number Friends - 57**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - Dec. 2004: 96.5
  - July - Dec. 2004: 105.9
  - July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4
  - July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5
- **RE Enrollment: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
  - Jan.: 37
  - Sept. - Jan.: 37.2

Fri. 2/25, 7:00 PM – Adults-only, Hosts Sara Reece & Jim Denny

Sun. 2/27, 5:30 PM – Adults-only, Hosts Elinor Elfner & John Whitton

Fri. 3/4, 7:00 PM – Adults-only, Host Pauline Masterton

Sat. 3/5, 5:00 PM - Intergenerational, Hosts Kelley and Allen Turnage

Sat. 3/5, 6:30 PM – Adults-only, Host Mimi Jones

Sat. 3/12, 6:30 PM – Adults-only, Hosts Dave & Nancy Harvey

Sat. 3/12, 6:30 PM – Adults-only, Hosts Dorothy & Amy Mann

Additional dates may become available.

Check your calendars now. Look for sign-up sheets at church. You may also sign-up by contacting the Dinners' Coordinator, Junelle Brandt (893-5511, [junellebrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:junellebrandt@earthlink.net)).

## Appreciation

### To:



- For greeting on Sunday mornings – 1/2 - 1/30, **Sara Reece, Howard Pardue, Melanie Brooks, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Nancy Harvey, Junelle and Bruce Brandt, Pam and Don Crosby, Carolyn DuBard, Nancy Harvey, Randall Gann, and Judith Taps.**
- For providing hospitality and clean-up after our Sunday services in December, **Georgia Ackerman, Sally Andersen, Ruth Pestle, Nancy Bass, Connie Beane, LaRae Donnellan, Terry Martin, Kelley Turnage, Carolyn and Howard Pardue, Linda Oaksford, Tim Campbell, Jerri Lee Wagner, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Dan and Susan Damerville, Steve Urse, Mary Janik, and the UUCT youth group.**
- For serving as Dec. Kitchen Kontroller (volunteer recruiting and overseeing), **Carolyn Pardue.**
- For volunteering in the nursery, **Patrick Leinberry, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, Nina Cline, and Georgia Ackerman.**

- For helping with the January Shelter Meal, **Gwendolyn Waldorf, Dana Bryan and Cate Bryan, Susan Snyder, Dick Leinberry, Chelsea Fox, Carla Conaway, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, and Margaret and Caroline Mooney.**
- For setting up the sanctuary, **Dan and Susan Damerville, George Knight, Jeanne Ryder, John Whitton, Randall Gann, the Mooney family, Mimi Jones, the Oaksford family, and Elinor Elfner.**
- For donating candle lighters, **Ellie Whitney.**

### Building and Grounds Thanks

At the church workday on January 8, we had a really good turnout of volunteers. Thanks go out to the following for the work accomplished: **Allen and Preston Turnage, Eleanor Enge, Dorothy Mann, Michele Hope, Helen Falb, Dave Harvey, Mimi Jones, Bill Brubaker and Steve Urse** for removing weeds and putting down mulch for the plant beds and playground; **Earl Enge, Dick**

**Leinberry, and Randall Gann** for raking leaves and placing them in plant beds for mulch; **Dave Harvey** for removing mildew and mold from the concrete on the west side of the new building and applying poison to a red ant hill; **Tom Chase and Allen and Preston Turnage** for hauling decayed and unwanted lumber to Tom Chase's van prior to taking it to the city dump; **George Knight** for blowing leaves from the sidewalks and driveways; and **Don Berger** for adding additional bars to some of the storm drains for safety reasons.

Other time and effort was spent outside of the church workday. **Tom Chase, Dave Harvey, George Knight, Steve Urse and Francis Ventre** helped with watering the new grass sod. **Barbara Sterling** planted snapdragons and pansies in the garden by the front sign. **Steve Urse** spread oak leaf and pine straw mulch that had been left at the side of the road and mowed the courtyard lawns to mulch the leaves. **Joe Lama** replaced a front sign light and added silicon protectors.

## Social Justice

By Isabel Sheridan

### Harmony Camp

Thanks to all who contributed to Harmony Camp at the January 23 service. You were so generous; \$1,511.65 was collected. If you could not attend the service, you can contribute any time. Just write the check to UUCT, with a note on the bottom line: Harmony Camp 2005.

This month we will be interviewing for paid staff. February 5 there is a Pizza Party in the sanctuary, from 1:00 to

3:00 PM, for any children interested in the camp. As we mentioned last month, the age range will be entering first grade through fifth grade. The dates of the camp are August 1 – 5, 2005. The fee is \$75, with scholarships available.

Want to share in the fun? Volunteer your skills and time with the children. Our next meeting will be potluck Sunday in March. Questions? Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

### RCDC Trip Postponed

The RCDC trip to civil rights sites in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, scheduled for the weekend of February 19, has been postponed. The trip will be rescheduled for sometime later in the year. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Jonathan Leib ([jgleib@comcast.net](mailto:jgleib@comcast.net), 894-8643).

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, February 6, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; [kelleturnage@hotmail.com](mailto:kelleturnage@hotmail.com))**
- **Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (894-0182; [georgiaackerman@earthlink.net](mailto:georgiaackerman@earthlink.net))**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or [dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net))**

#### Special Pen Pals

From early February through the first Sunday in March, Special Pen Pals will write weekly letters to each other, sharing thoughts, poems, stories, and artwork. Mailboxes will be set up at the Sunday RE table for the exchange of letters. Sign up on Sunday, February 6, completing the form in the Order of Service and dropping it off at the RE table outside. On March 6, after church, those participating in the Special Pen Pals program will meet for a party in Room L.

#### Mountain Cons

Parents interested in taking a group from UUCT to a Mountain Con this winter should contact DRE Maggie Geraci. Interfaith youth cons will be:

- 2/4 - 6: Sr. High
- 2/18 - 20: Elementary
- 3/11 - 13: Jr. High

#### UU Youth Group

Youth, from grades 6 to 12, are invited to join us in Room 3 on Sunday mornings (11:00 to 12:30) for our UU Youth Group. As a group, we plan social events, educational experiences, social action, and lots of

fun! Check us out! For more information, contact advisors Scott Geraci ([sgeraci68@yahoo.com](mailto:sgeraci68@yahoo.com), 877-6301), John and Barbara Donaldson ([johnt0148@comcast.net](mailto:johnt0148@comcast.net), 878-5521), or Chelsea Fox ([chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com), 421-1575).

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

**Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator ([blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net); 893-5511)**  
**Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education ([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); 877-6301).**

#### NEW CLASS

**Global Warming Study Circle.** Meets second and fourth Mondays of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Rm. K, to study, recommend UUCT action, and comment on the 2004-2005 UUA Study/Action Issue, the threat of global warming. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651, [eelfner@istal.com](mailto:eelfner@istal.com)).

#### CONTINUING CLASSES

**Choices for Sustainability.** Meets first two Saturdays of the month at 10:30 AM in Rm. C, through February. Contact Kathie Mackie (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)).

**Understanding the Bible.** Meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 PM in Rm. L, through February. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647, [rkenon@aol.com](mailto:rkenon@aol.com)).

**Short Stories, Deep Thoughts, Good Talk: Literature for the Attention Span Challenged.** Meets at 7:00 PM on Thursdays through February, in Rm. C. Copies of stories provided at cost. Contact Dan Damerville (576-5380, [DAMERVID@tcc.fl.edu](mailto:DAMERVID@tcc.fl.edu)).

#### FUTURE CLASSES

**New UU sessions** are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions will be from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Tuesdays, February 22 and March 1. Subsequent sessions are scheduled for Mondays, April 25 and May 2. Both sets of sessions will be taught by church members. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. You may also contact the church office (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

**How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen and Listen So Your Kids Will Talk** will be offered again later this spring by Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [DREMaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:DREMaggie@earthlink.net)).

#### ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

February's book will be *The Death of Vishnu: A Novel* by Manil Suri.

March's book will be *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, by Mark Haddon. "A rather strange and captivating novel, which is part detective story, part social drama and part encyclopedia - - Christopher is fifteen years old and suffers from Asperger's Syndrome. As the novel is written entirely from his perspective, we are brought into an unusual world where rules, although arbitrary, are of paramount importance."

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

**UU Buddhist Fellowship:** Meets every first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for Jan. - Apr., after that in Rm. 3. Contacts: Anne Rudloe (984-5204) and William Riedell (562- 0739, [wmpat88@att.net](mailto:wmpat88@att.net)).

For Jan. - Apr., UUBF will present a series of talks on Buddhism by Anne Rudloe, Ph.D. The talks are free and open to all. Newcomers are especially welcome. Topics will include: who was the Buddha and what did he teach; Zen meditation—what is it and why do it; the nature of consciousness; the teaching of rebirth; Buddhism in

America; Buddhism and Christianity; spiritual ecology; a new scientific and religious synthesis?; and actualizing spiritual practice in daily life.

Anne Rudloe is a Senior Dharma Teacher in the Kwan Um School of Zen and has practiced Buddhist meditation for 18 years. She is the author of *Butterflies on a Sea Wind: Beginning Zen* and co-author of *Priceless Florida: Natural Ecosystems and Native Species*.

**Free-Thinkers' Forum.** Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM for 90-minute discussions. The book being studied in February will be *Freethinkers: A*

*Secular History of the United States* by Susan Jacoby. Contact: Harold Hawkins (893-1331, [revhlhawk@aol.com](mailto:revhlhawk@aol.com)) or Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

**Knitting.** Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Rm 3. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (339-9103, [chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com)).

**Women's Spirituality Group.** Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563, [dbdfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:dbdfoster@yahoo.com)).

## *Campus Ministry Corner*

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson

Wow! Our Campus Ministry Coordinators are starting off the semester with a bang! I hear rumors of about 13 active members and 8 – 10 students and young adults coming to Friday coffee hours. The Campus Ministry is serving its function of providing a liberal voice on campus and a supportive environment for students and young adults.

The coordinators have plenty of fun planned for the month of February, including a Valentines-themed evening for February 14 and looking at

“balance” on February 21, with 1/2 hour of yoga to incorporate this topic at a more intuitive level.

The Campus Ministry Committee will be meeting on February 6 after church to talk about supporting the program and assisting with an upcoming Campus Ministry Sunday, among other things. Please come if you can help or provide input.

Meeting times for the group are:

**Coffee hour: Every Friday, 6:30 PM** at All Saint's Cafe. The cafe is in the

building that was once called Javaheads, 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines Street.

**Weekly meeting: Every Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM** at FSU's International Student Center.

Contact coordinator Diana Bell for details (222-0399, [ladydibell@hotmail.com](mailto:ladydibell@hotmail.com)) or assistant coordinator Melissa Forgey (229-228-7981, [lovecats@rose.net](mailto:lovecats@rose.net)), or check the UUU web-site ([www.uuutally.org](http://www.uuutally.org)).

## *Mountain News*

By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

It's that time of the year again! Yes, if you are planning to send a child to Mountaincamp, this is the time for registration. The camp fills up fast, so don't hesitate. Contact The Mountain at [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org) and click on camp information. You will find the registration form there.

The Mountain is desperately in need of volunteers for 2005. If you have thought about spending some time in

the cool mountains, then maybe this is your year to volunteer. Depending on how many hours a day you volunteer, you can potentially earn free rooming and meals for the time you are there. The Mountain is also offering a wide variety of Elderhostel programs from March – June and August – October.

We have been invited to attend a Winter Revival benefit for The Mountain at the UU Church of Atlanta

on Saturday, February 12. Flyer posted on bulletin board in back of sanctuary.

For more information on The Mountain and its programs, check the bulletin board or Mountain notebook at the back of the sanctuary. Or contact UUCT Mountain Ambassador Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)) or The Mountain directly (828-526-5838, [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org)).



## Green Corner

By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

UUCT's Green Sanctuary Committee and Heart of the Earth are co-sponsoring a conference on global warming and climate change. The conference will be held in the UUCT sanctuary from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday, February 19.

Keynote speakers for the conference will be Dr. Jeff Chanton, a local government commissioner, and Rev. Katherine Jesch. Dr. Chanton, a professor in FSU's Department of Oceanography, has developed expertise in the science of climate change. His work on the greenhouse gases methane and carbon dioxide led to his concern about their effects on climate and to his involvement with Heart of the Earth, a local citizens' group that promotes environmental education and sustainable lifestyles.

Rev. Katherine Jesch is director of Environmental Ministry for the Seventh Principle Project (SPP) of the UUA. The SPP actively promoted the selection of global warming as a topic for study at GA and as a moral issue that calls for a religious response. (See below for more on Rev. Jesch.)

## 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 22 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2005. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

The keynote speakers will make presentations and take part in a panel discussion. Join us for a full morning of study, discussion, and intelligent sharing.

A donation of \$10 per adult and \$5 per youth (age 20 and under) is suggested. Registration includes continental breakfast, which begins at 8:15 AM. Child care will be available on request.

To register contact Michele Hope ([michele\\_hope@yahoo.com](mailto:michele_hope@yahoo.com), 894-0976).

### More on Rev. Jesch

The Rev. Katherine Jesch is director of Environmental Ministry for the Seventh Principle Project, the UUA affiliate organization that encourages us to develop a healthier relationship with the earth and to act on environmental issues as a way of living out our faith. She coordinates the Green Sanctuary program, helping Unitarian Universalists address environmental issues in a faith context. Before entering the ministry in 2003, Katherine worked for twenty years in

public land planning and environmental management. She believes that the church as an institution must be a leader in transforming our environmental thinking and in identifying and exploring possibilities for the future that can grow out of our shared understanding of our Seventh Principle.

### Recycled Cartridges

UUCT has once again received a check (for \$53.35) for our Green Sanctuary Committee from Northcoast Ink and Office Supply for your used ink and laser cartridges. Thank you and keep them coming!

As far as we know, they don't accept fax machine ink cartridges. So thank you for donating them, but we couldn't use them.

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

- President Elect
- VP Finance
- VP Religious Education
- VP Social Justice
- Secretary
- Nominating Committee (2 positions now held by Dan Damerville and Steve Van Sciver)

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: Chairperson Steve Van Sciver, Dan Damerville, Barbara Donaldson, William Riedell, or Neil Mooney, who is the past president serving on the committee. Per our bylaws, the four elected members choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

## Planned Giving

By Dave Harvey, Planned Giving Committee Chairperson

Exactly what is planned giving? You might have heard this term used in conversations but weren't exactly sure what it meant. That was the situation several months ago when I was talking to my brother-in-law. He had recently made some planned giving decisions and explained the concept to me. Before, I just thought it meant providing for a legacy gift in a will. It is actually much more than that. There are other ways to leave a legacy besides wills that might be more attractive to you.

In recent years, what have become more popular are mechanisms provided in tax laws passed by Congress that make it more attractive to give to a charitable organization. Annuities are an estate planning tool that allows you to "have your cake and eat it too." For instance, if you own some stock that doesn't produce very much income but you would incur a very large capital gains tax if you tried to sell it, then one of the programs described below might just be what you've been looking for.

Annuities are legal documents that are usually funded by shares of stock or sometimes real estate property. You set up an annuity with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) where there are two beneficiaries - the income beneficiary (you), who receives a fixed or variable amount from the annuity, and the church, which receives the assets of the annuity

when the beneficiary dies. Annuities can be set up for one life or two lives, where the income continues until the second person dies.

Legacy gifts that you can set up for the church are managed, at no cost to our church, by the UUA in Boston. They set up and manage the annuities on behalf of our church. The UUA has two programs for setting up a legacy gift. One is called Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). This program provides a fixed percentage income from the initial assets of the annuity. The other program is called The Pooled Income Fund Gift. Under this, the assets you give are pooled into a common trust fund. The income from this varies from year to year and has the capability to grow. In both programs, your age and the age of the second person (if there is one) determine what the income will be.

Legacy gifts as described above have many advantages.

1. The rate of return is very attractive compared to other financial markets. Currently, for an older person, it runs around 5% to 6%.
2. You receive regular quarterly payments.
3. In the case of the Charitable Gift Annuity, the amount of your income payments is fixed at the beginning of the annuity and remains the same throughout your lifetime.

4. For both programs, the term is for the life of one or two adults.

5. The program is managed by the UUA and backed by the assets of the Association.

6. When you set up a gift legacy with the UUA, you get an immediate tax deduction and, in the case of the CGA, a portion of your income is also tax deductible.

7. Signing up for a Charitable Gift Annuity or the Pooled Income Fund is very simple with one form to fill out.

8. You received the spiritual satisfaction that you are providing for continued support of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee.

If you would like to find out more about planned giving to the church, contact me or one of the other members of the Planned Giving Committee. We have information provided by the UUA that goes into more detail about the annuities.

Dave Harvey, Chairperson (668-9096, [daveharv@mac.com](mailto:daveharv@mac.com))

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## Monthly Planner

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## Events: Upcoming UUCT, Social

### Upcoming UUCT Events

**Peace Dances, Saturday, February 5, 7:30 PM.** In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

**Church Leadership Available, Sundays, February 6 and 13, 12:15 - 1:00 PM.** Executive Board President Richard Dempsey and other church leaders will make themselves available to talk about the departure of Rev. Amy and listen to your thoughts and feelings about her resignation, in Room C of the new building. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-6748, richardd@nettally.com).

**All Church Workday, Saturday, February 12, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

**Heartbeats Coffeehouse, Saturday, February 12, 7:30 PM.** Mark your calendar and bring a special someone to this annual fundraiser featuring lots of great music, delicious food and socializing. Childcare will be available. This year's celebration will be a little less formal, more of a coffeehouse than a concert. Tickets will NOT be sold; instead, we'll take up donations.

If you or someone you know might be interested in participating during this celebration of Cupid's Day, please contact Music Director Helen Falb (pianoskin@comcast.net, 309-6853). We're looking for a wide variety of entertainers of all ages. Peggy Lentz has agreed to help coordinate food, which will feature desserts, fruit and other delicacies. Please contact Peggy to offer your yummy, finger-food contribution (peglentz@aol.com, 878-2226). If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Helen.

**Second Sunday Potluck, Sunday, February 13, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**Global Warming Seminar, Saturday, February 19, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.** In the sanctuary, co-sponsored by UUCT's Green Sanctuary Committee, with presentations and a panel discussion by guest speakers. See *Green Corner* article for more details and registration information. Contact: Michele Hope (894-0976, Michele\_hope@yahoo.com).

**Congregational Voting Meeting, Sunday, February 20, 12:15 PM.** We will have a quick vote on our Florida District Trustee and then review and have an opportunity to ask questions about the history of Rev. Amy's resignation and the congregational assessment process. Details in official meeting notice on p. 13.

**UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, February 20, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

**Farewell Reception for Rev. Amy, Saturday, February 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** Come celebrate Rev. Amy's shared ministry with us and bid her a fond farewell at this intergenerational event in the sanctuary. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share -- finger-food preferred. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

**Congregational Voting Meeting, Sunday, February 27, 12:30 PM.** We will vote on items related to the professional ministry at UUCT. Details in official meeting notice on p. 13.

**An Invitation from Our Muslim Friends, Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 PM.**

The FSU Students for Tolerance and Dialogue are co-sponsoring a performance of the Whirling Dervish of Rumi from Konya, Turkey, accompanied by Sufi Musicians, held in Ruby Diamond Auditorium. Tickets are available at Crystal Connection, Honey Tree and the FSU Fine Arts Box Office beginning February 1.

**Fun in the Sun, Saturday, May 14.** Mark your calendars now for this revamped Pig Roast fund raiser! A fun day and good food for all ages. Details in coming months. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248, patterson090@comcast.net).

### UUCT Social Events

See *Upcoming UUCT Events for details.* Contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 2/5, 7:30 PM
- **Annual UUCT Heartbeats Concert**, Sat. 2/12, 7:30 PM
- **Second Sunday Potluck**, Sun. 2/13, 12:30 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 2/20, Afternoon
- **Farewell Reception for Rev. Amy**, Sat. 2/26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
- **Fun in the Sun**, Sat. 5/14, Day

### February Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Wed. 2/9, 6:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)
- Tues. 2/22, 6:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)

## *Events: FL District, Beyond*

### **District Events**

Info. at back of sanctuary or in office.

- Healing the Interdependent Web...Let It Begin with Me, Margot Adler, Fri.-Sun., 2/18-20, Ft. Myers
- District Annual Assembly with UUA President Bill Sinkford, Fri. & Sat. 4/8-9, Oviedo
- Deep Caring & Risk Management Workshop, Sat. 4/16, Gainesville
- Roots Hold Us Close: An All - Age FL UU Fest, Fri. - Sun., 5/27 - 29, Oviedo (worship, share, explore, sing, laugh)

### **UU in Pines Elderhostels**

Our UU conference center in west-central Florida is offering an Elderhostel, "Explore Florida's Ecosystems from the Water Up: Canoeing Three Rivers," Feb. 13 – 18, Feb. 27 – Mar. 4. Contact Elderhostel (toll-free 877-426-8056, fax 877-426-2166, on-line [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org), or by mail to Elderhostel, 11 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111-1746).

### **UU Niagara Experience**

If you have ever wanted to visit Niagara Falls or if it is already one of your favorite places, this is a chance to experience the wonder of Niagara Falls, including some great educational opportunities, while in the company of UUs from around the country. The UU Church of Niagara is conducting a four-day UU Niagara Experience, July 17 - 20, 2005. For information visit our web site: <http://www.uunex.net/> or contact us ([info@uunex.net](mailto:info@uunex.net), 716-791-4453).

## *Notices of Congregational Voting Meetings in February*

### **CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 12:15 PM.**

A special meeting of qualified members is called following the Sunday service for the purpose of electing the Florida District Trustee to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The candidate is Joan Lund, who is well known to UUs active in District affairs and who is currently serving her first term as Florida District Trustee. This special election meeting is made necessary by the short time-frame in which results must be collected and forwarded to the UUA. The election is the only agenda item for this special voting meeting, so the meeting should take no more than five minutes. Your support is requested and urged by the Executive Board.

Following this voting meeting, all are invited to stay for President Richard Dempsey to review the history of Rev. Amy's resignation and for the Committee on Ministry to describe the congregational assessment process. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the resignation and the assessment process. The actual results of the Congregational Assess-

ment of Church and Minister 2004 will be presented at the meeting the following week, with a summary of the results mailed to the congregation the week of February 21.

### **CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 12:30 PM.**

The agenda for this already scheduled meeting will be as follows:

1. Approving the minutes of the 5/23/04 Annual Meeting and the 2/20/05 Special Meeting;
2. Review of the results of the Congregational Assessment of Church and Minister 2004;
3. Accepting Rev. Amy's resignation;
4. Approving the settlement with Rev. Amy (payment of six months of the total cost of ministry package at the current rate from March 1 - August 31, 2005);
5. Deciding whether the congregation should seek an Interim Minister for the period September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

A packet of background information for this meeting will be mailed to all members and friends during the week prior

to the meeting. An original agenda item, approving the Asking Budget for 2005-2006, will be postponed until April 3, since the annual canvass has been postponed one month.

Copies of the detailed results of the Congregational Assessment will be available for reading at the meeting and will continue to be available for reading at UUCT for as many weeks afterwards as are needed for everyone who wishes to read them to have the chance to do so. Sharing copies at church is necessitated by the length of the complete assessment results.

Contact for both meetings: Richard Dempsey ([richardd@nettally.com](mailto:richardd@nettally.com), 671-2748).

Note: Qualified members, those able to vote, are those who have been members for at least 30 days at the time of the meeting.

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

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