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#### SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

Sunday, Jan. 7 "Messages from Ghosts:
New Beginnings" Rev. Amy

Sunday, Jan. 14 "Unlearning the Status Quo"
Rev. Amy

Sunday, Jan. 21 "Concern for Others" RCDC
(The Racial and Cultural Diversity
Committee) & Program Committee

Sunday, Jan. 28 "Finding Forgiveness Beyond
Ourselves" Rev. Amy

#### **EVERY SUNDAY:**

9:45 AM Choir Practice 10:45 AM OWL off-site Jan. 7 and 14 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM 11:00 AM Youth RE Program Classes for Pre-K through High School



#### IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

- Mid-January: Congregation mailed background material and a proposal for a Phase 1 building expansion and capital campaign.
- F Sunday, January 21, 12:30 PM: Congregational Discussion Meeting on Proposal
- F Sunday, January 28, 12:15 PM: Congregational Voting Meeting on Proposal

# "RACE" AND THE COMPLETE LIFE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

This is indeed the month of the Roman god Janus – the one with two faces, who looks both forward and backward. We are like that god. We look ahead to the new year and also back, to what has gone before.

Those who wrote retrospective holiday cards to family and friends gave some thought to the year gone by. In our congregation, we're looking ahead, behind, and all around as we consider making our mission more visible by building additional space (and perhaps adapting existing structures)... Look back, look forward – where are we going together?

This January, as a nation, we look ahead to a new presidential administration, and behind to the vision for the U.S. that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached. We might ask ourselves, is King's vision visible in the job appointments made by President-Elect Bush? Is it visible in our schools, restaurants, museums, congregations, homes? Is it visible in our choices and our actions? What else do we need to know to understand race, class and wholeness in the human family?

The Program Committee, the group I'm a part of that plans Sunday services, has decided to examine Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideas on "Three Dimensions of a Complete Life" through the prism of race, in a trilogy of services on 1/14, 1/21 and 1/28. The three dimensions (inward concern or the personal, outward concern or other people, and upward reach or God/the Ultimate) may sound familiar, especially to those who were a part of the UUCT Worship Workshop in August.

On January 24, 1954 "Rev. King" addressed the three dimensions in a sermon, saying:

"The Length of Life, as we shall use it, is not its duration, not its longevity. It is rather the push of a life forward to its personal ends and ambitions. It is the inward concern for one's personal welfare. The Breadth of Life is the outward concern for the welfare of others. The Height of Life is the upward reach toward God. These are the three dimensions of life, and, without the due development of all, no life becomes complete. Life at its best is a great triangle. At one angle stands the individual person, at the other angle stands other persons, and at the tip top stands God. Unless these three are concatenated ("linked together in a series"), working harmoniously together in a single life, that life is incomplete."

These three dimensions are common to every religion I can think of. In my Campus Crusade for Christ days, it was put like this: JOY is starting with J-esus, then attending to Others, then thinking of Y-ourself. Nowadays I take a different acronym and dump the strict hierarchy: YES! YES is Y-ourself, E-veryone else, and S-pirit of Life (or S-ome meaning beyond oneself).

For three Sunday services this month, we'll consider these dimensions through the prism of race. On January 14, I will speak about inward concern in a homily called "Unlearning the Status Quo" based on ideas from Thandeka's book, called Learning to be White. The Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) and the Program Committee are planning this month's lay-led service, January 21, entitled, "Concern for Others." The last service of the trilogy is on January 28, when I will speak about the Sacred dimension and "Finding Forgiveness Beyond Ourselves."

Won't you join us in exploring the whole of life, and gazing at it through the prism of race?

In Faith and Discovery, Amy

# TRAINING SEMINAR FOR LAY LEADERS

The Program Committee will conduct a training seminar at the church on Saturday, February 25th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon, with childcare provided. The purpose is to develop a cadre of members and friends whom we can call upon from time to time to help in conducting lay led services. The focus will be on how to plan, organize, set-up, and conduct a Sunday morning service. This does not require participants to be the guest speaker, only to learn how to manage the service and support the guest speaker. Both men and women are invited to participate. Women are especially encouraged, as they often have strong skills in this area but are less often asked to serve. You can expect to hear more about this as the date draws near. Meantime, if you have questions or would like to toss your name in the hat, contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748).

### **NEW HYMNALS**

Back in November, several people expressed interest in ordering their very own hymnal. After checking with the UUA Bookstore, we learned that a newly revised hymnal was about to be published, complete with corrections and guitar chords for some of the hymns. We have now received word that this edition will not be ready until late January, at the earliest, due to paper shortages. Our apologies to those of you who wanted to use these hymnals as gifts. We will

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(Continued from page 2) plan to go ahead and order them as soon as possible. If you would like to add your name to the list, look for the clipboard at the back of the church, or call Helen Falb (309-6853).

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Brandt

"I hope when we are given the choice to sit it out or dance, we choose to dance." "We can choose to grow, to witness, and to serve; or to die." "Off the sidelines and onto the main streets." "We, as a religious movement, have a better way. The world needs our good news." "We need to tell our stories, reach out to others, continue to give time and money, and live our faith."

Sound like slogans from a campaign? Could be. They're all quotes from candidates for President or Moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association, copied from my notes at the Florida District Candidates Day. And I must say that I found them inspiring.

All of the candidates impressed me with their potential to lead the UUA; but more than that, they convinced me anew of our potential at UUCT to be of service to the people in and around Tallahassee.

The members of UUCT have made major decisions in the past few years:

- to expand our program and the scope of our mission, and therefore to be part of the UUA's Extension Ministry program.
- to call Rev. Amy McKenzie as our settled minister.
- to buy into the concept of Shared Ministry.
- to stay at our present site.
- to create a Master Plan for expansion of our buildings and Strategic Plan for our whole program for the next five years

# BUDGET PLANNING MEETINGS FOR COMMITTEES

Don't forget the program and budget planning meetings which are being held on the evenings of January 16th and 17th at the church. Notices have been sent to all committee chairs about their group assignments and information about pre-planning. Groups A, B and C will meet on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30 PM and Groups D, E and F will meet on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:30 PM. It is important that each committee be represented so if the chair is unable to attend, we ask that a member of your committee attend to represent you and speak for your committee. January 21 is the deadline to receive budget requests for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

and beyond.

 to find out whether or not it is feasible at this time to raise the money to build all or part of the added space we need.

Each decision at a congregational meeting has been prepared for by groups of people working on details, committee and Executive Board discussions, and congregational surveys and discussions.

It has been a lot of work, it has gone on for a long time, and it's easy to get bogged down in the details or just tired of the whole process. But we must gather our wits and our strength for the next leg of the journey. We are approaching another big decision by the congregation at a called meeting on January 28th. We will decide at that time whether or not to embark on a capital fund drive to raise the money for the first phase of a building expansion, and if so, how much money to raise. We all need to become informed about the options and to share our ideas so that the decisions we make will be the best ones possible.

Let's keep our heads up and our hearts and minds focused on our visions as we struggle with the details. And let's all dance the dance that began on Wildwood and moved to Meridian - the dance of caring for each other and serving our community; whatever we decide.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHELTER MEAL.** Monday, January 9, 7:45 PM, we'll provide dinner for over 100 homeless people at The Shelter. To contribute or assist, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).

**SERVICE GREETERS NEEDED...** Each Sunday. Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

**HOST COFFEE HOUR!** Sunday coffee hour is an important gathering time for our religious community.

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## OUR HIDDEN YOUTH RE PROGRAM?

Which classes are present for the beginning of the Sunday service? The kindergarten through elementary

The kindergarten through elementary classes only!

## Who are we not seeing in the service?

- \* The nursery and pre-school children,
- \* The middle-schoolers, who are meeting off-site in members' homes this year, due to our space shortage, and
- \* The high-schoolers, who meet in Rev. Amy's office, with some usually sitting on the floor, and who prefer to start class right away so they'll have more time together. In addition, the high-schoolers meet for YRUU at church or in a home two Sunday evenings a month.

Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or publicize your committee/group. Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair, Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

#### FLORIDA DISTRICT UU NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE.

Copies of *The Sunshine* are available on the back counter of the sanctuary. You can also find *Sunshine* at the District website: http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/

# MOUNTAIN PROGRAM SCHEDULES and BROCHURES are on the back counter and bulletin board.

**UUSC** *GUEST AT YOUR TABLE* **BOXES.** Please bring the donations from your Unitarian Universalist
Service Committee (UUSC) "Guest at Your Table" boxes to church on January 7. Convert your change and bills to a check made payable to UUCT, identified for UUSC.

# **SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS.** A UUCT Silent Auction will be held from early February - early March. Are there goods and services you could donate to this important church fund-raiser?

#### CALENDAR YEAR STATEMENTS AVAILABLE. If

you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase will be happy to provide one. Contact him at 422-1985 or send him a written request at 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312 or via e-mail at twchase@tallynet.com.

#### WANTED: JAZZ CARTRIDGE!

Does anybody have an Iomega Jazz drive cartridge that they could donate to the church office? We would like to keep a copy of our computer hard drive, especially the financial data, off-site but we need another cartridge. We have two good ones,

#### T-SHIRT WINNERS

Congratulations to Christy Crandall and Mary Millard for their wonderful and winning t-shirt designs. As we announced on December 2, our three artist judges had a very difficult time selecting, so they recommended we take the center chalice design submitted by Christy and combine it with the lettering and wording submitted by Mary. Joe Kaiser, a professional graphic design artist, then took the two designs, combined them, touched them up and produced the final product.

Our thanks go to the three judges, **Ron, Jessi Lovano-Kerr, and Cynthia Hollis**, and to **Joe Kaiser** for donating their time and talent to this fund raiser. And a very special thank you to **Mimi Jones** who obtained the donation of their services.

A sample t-shirt is now being displayed at church and orders are being taken. The order forms are in a basket at the rear of the sanctuary, so get your order in soon.

but need just one more. They can only be purchased in sets of 3, and that would cost us almost \$300. If you can help, call Kathie Mackie at 385-5115. Thanks.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 99-00

**AVAILABLE.** Copies of the Annual Financial Report for the previous fiscal year, which ran from July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000, are available on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. This will give you a good overview of the financial status of the church as of June 30, 2000.

#### **APPRECIATION**

To Jean and Ken Wood, Barbara Sterling, Mary and Steve VanSciver, Elinor Elfner, Barbara and John Donaldson, Debbie Wolfe, Linda Oaksford, Jean and Dexter Easton for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings November 19 - December 17.

To Leroy Gould, Betsy and Minel Borges, Jim Dawson, Julie Douthit, Linda Winn, and Leslie Eckhart for providing hospitality during the coffee hours from November 19 - December 17.

To Rod Oldenburg, Joe Lama and Rev. Amy for helping Charlie
Terrell donate the tree (after a strong prayer by Charlie, it was time to shout: "Timber!"). Thanks to Ed Oaksford for the use of his trailer and Hilary Oldenburg for her truck. At the church, Mary, Fran, Anna and Zachary Bridges (who sawed off 7 feet from the trunk), John Murphy and Will Adkins helped set up, and light the tree.

To **Sara Reece** for agreeing to be the new Campus Ministry Committee Chair.

To **this congregation** from Rev. Amy...thank you for the gifts of appreciation you gave to me during the winter holiday season. The bank notes, and the warm written notes in your holiday cards brought me great pleasure. All expressions of appreciation and delight are welcome!

Thank you from Rev. Amy to those who responded to the offer of adding to the balance of the Ministers Discretionary Fund. Your donations are most appreciated by those in the congregation who will respond to the offer of receiving a loan or grant from the fund.

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To **Bob Deyle** for driving and **Sara Reece, Pam Grigg and Joe Grigg** for driving and advising so that ten of our youth could attend the Sr. High Mountain Con in early December - ice, snow and all!

To Bruce Brandt, Jean and Joe Chulak, and Rev. Amy for attending the FL District Leadership Conference in December.

To **Sara Reece** for organizing our middle and high schoolers working at the Christmas Connection and to the **RE Classes** for the large box of food collected for the Christmas Connection.

To **William Adkins** for organizing our Winter Holidays Celebration in mid-December. (See Will's thankyou to everyone else below!)

# " WINTER HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION" HOW TO SAY "THANK-YOU"

HOW TO SAY "THANK-YOU"
TO SO MANY

who made it a reality & a wonderful night of festive feast & music?

Many, many of you UUs had an active mind and hand in bringing off our Friday night December 15th festival-party. Rather than fill half the newsletter up with names of all (and possibly miss mentioning a few), I want to let you know, here, how much I appreciate your great efforts and spirit of the season.

It was a totally new type of winter event, born out of the prior Madrigal Dinners, but full of new possibilities -- an ambience of hot wassails abrewing, potluck cookings everyone brought (with Eleanor Moore and Wes Van Sciver bringing the 20-lb turkey & ham), young families, children, babies, oldtimer-sharings of personal Christmas reminiscences,

multi-cultural and diversityembracing blends of story and music, an open door to all - no matter how rich or poor in December-pocketbook-thin times, and a closing circle of Peace/Love dancing.

And it even raised \$525.06 for the church budget in donations made as the basket was passed around! Our little church sanctuary was filled full to capacity (80+). The warm fellowship and joy of sharing the holiday season together with fellow UUs was what mattered, I think, for most of us. I hope we can do this again next year, in mid-December -- perhaps call it a *UU* WINTERFEST -- what it really was! Let us all, together, "go over the top" EVERYTIME we do one of these Ingatherings -- just giving everything we got-- to share, share, share -- giving our joys & talents. See you at the next special event, church-fundraising Ingathering! Will Adkins

### LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS FDUCATION

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEXT YOUTH RE COMMITTEE MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 9:45 AM

#### **YOUTH RE CONTACTS:**

Margaret Mooney, Youth RE Committee Chair (893-8250); Maggie & Scott Geraci, Nursery Sub-Committee Chairs (877-6301); and Michelle Buhite, Director of RE (553-4084).

## NURSERY & PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please don't wait to be asked to volunteer in this very important aspect of our church life. See Maggie or Scott Geraci (in the nursery) to sign up for a Sunday or three! You don't have to have a young child in the program to participate!

K-5 CLASSES. The Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will continue their "Living the Promise" curriculum on the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures). Look for the "RE Thought for the Day" each Sunday in the announcement sheet.

#### OWL CLASSES, JANUARY 7 AND 14, 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM.

Looking ahead to February, OWL will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11th and 18<sup>th</sup> of that month. Classes in January will be held at the Deyle's house. The OWL class will also have a lock-in at the church on Saturday, January 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM.

#### RE FAMILY POTLUCK, JANUARY 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Topic of Discussion: "Raising Liberal Religious Kids". Bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware provided. Contact Michelle Buhite (553-4084).

#### YRUU, SUNDAYS, JANUARY 7 AND 21, 6 - 8:00 PM. Both meetings will be at Jennifer and DeWayne Carver's house, 1608 Redwood Drive Bring \$3 for food

Redwood Drive. Bring \$3 for food. Contact: Jennifer or DeWayne (402-0622).

#### YRUU CON SCHEDULE. The FL

District and *Mountain* Con (Youth Conference) schedules for middle and high school for the winter follow. Contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

1/12-14: All Age Con, Gainesville 1/19-21: Jr High Mountain Con 2/2-4: FL Social Action Con 2/9-11: Sr High Mountain Con 2/23-25: Sr High Mountain Con 2/23-25: All Age Con, Lakeland

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ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 6:00 PM. Formed in association with UUCT and Attachment Parenting International, this group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT. Attachment parenting is a style of parenting that develops an infant or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. Meetings are open to members and friends of UUCT and to the community. Children, of course, are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or minilawyer@aol.com).

#### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ADULT RE CONTACTS:** Charlene White, Adult RE Committee Chair (562-8935); Michelle Buhite, Director of RE (553-4084).

Let Charlene know your joys and concerns about Adult RE. This will help as we add classes this year and plan for next year.

#### WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY

**GROUP.** (Formerly "Rise Up And Call Her Name"). Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact Michelle Buhite. The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM at the church in Room 5.

**FULL CIRCLE.** Full Circle, our coed Earth Centered Spirituality Group, meets on or before each sabbat, for the purpose of deepening understanding of that celebration. The next sabbat is Imbolc on February 2. For more information, contact the church office.

#### **UUHUMANISTS**

UUHUMANISTS meet again -- on Sunday, January 14, at 1 o'clock in the front of the church sanctuary. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Fred Occam Falwell, who is Ralph Waldo Emerson Distinguished Professor of Magneto Gizmo Hydrodynamical UnitarianUniversalisms at the FSU School of Religions. He will share his thoughts on the topic of: "Why--I Think--I Am A UU Atheist." There will be an open discussion following his brief talk. All are welcome. -- Contact Will Adkins, 385-5071 or (wma@earthling.net).

#### SPEAK OUT!

The Freethinkers Forum at UUCT--meets again, at the end of the month, at an early-bird hour, 9 to 10:30 AM, on Sunday, January 28, in the front of the church sanctuary. Bring your favorite beef or controversial, or heretical, topic of the month & share with others in a five-minute opportunity. Open discussion will follow all the sharings. This is a lot of fun-- and educational too. Come join in our lively discussion, & come speak your mind! -- Contact Will Adkins, 385-5071 or wma@earthling.net.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

By Kim Ross Frichter Campus Ministry Coordinator

January 2001 Wow! I can't believe its 2001 already! We had a successful Fall semester. We had the Young Adult Con, Campus Ministry Sunday, the Crop Walk, Shelter Meals, and lots of interesting meetings. The students helped lead many of the meetings. Some students have come, some have gone, some have come back yet again. The students who have left will be missed.

Here is what Jeneen Hill, one of our students who left, wrote: "I truly cannot express how much it means to me to have been welcomed and included in the group, despite my frequent lack of participation. In undergrad at Michigan, I had been VERY active in my Catholic church (was the head altar server, did the scheduling and training for it, etc) and

I was not remembered at graduation. No good-byes, no recognition, nothing... it was devastating to me. I'd tried so hard for a sense of community and had felt shunned. Here in your group, I wasn't really sure what I was looking for, maybe just some new connections and conversation, and I was totally welcomed and included as part of your community. THANK YOU!!! I will miss you all, the members of our Con group, especially, and the community in general."

That's what our group is all about! We will begin meeting again on Mondays during the Spring Semester. We are meeting, for now, at the International Student Center on Wildwood. We are still searching for the perfect location to meet. The perfect location is on or near campus, available most evenings, has a nice ambience, and is not located very near loud music. If you have ideas, let me know. Also, be sure to call me if you're interested in attending our meetings, or if you'd like to be a guest leader at our meetings (562-7378).

## OUR UU HERITAGE: ORIGINS

Excerpts from A Faith People Make by Stephen Kendrick

"Unitarianism as an organized movement began in Eastern Europe over four hundred years ago after the invention of the printing press. People could then read the New Testament for themselves, and in the freer atmosphere of the Reformation, small groups began to form in an effort to "reform" orthodox Christianity. The Italian Fautus Socinus traveled to Poland and offered leadership to the Polish Brethren. After a successful beginning, they were ruthlessly persecuted and ordered into exile in 1638, after Socinus' death by natural causes - rare for a heretic.

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It is ironic that this banishment succeeded in spreading Unitarian ideas all over Europe. Our greatest figure then was Francis David, court preacher to young King John Sigismund of Transylvania (our one and only king). Under David's influence, King John ordered the first edict of religious toleration in history. Unfortunately, King John died young and, as in Poland, the orthodoxy struck back hard by persecuting religious liberals. Francis David died in prison in 1579. There is a happy ending, though: the churches that proclaimed Egy Az Isten (God is One) still survive in present day Hungary and Romania.

It is not clear where Universalism originated. As an organized movement, it has largely been American, though profoundly influenced by three Europeans - the English preacher James Relly; his follower, the Englishman, John Murray; and George de Benneville, a Frenchman who, after narrowly escaping beheading, started Universalist congregations in America."

Next month: Unitarians in England and America

# NOTES FROM THE MOUNTAIN

By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

#### ENJOY WINTER AT THE

MOUNTAIN! The Mountain Retreat & Learning Centers, which sit atop Little Scaly Mountain, just outside Highlands, North Carolina, gets the wonderful cold of winter but seldom sees snow. If it does, The Mountain has its own snow plow, and the Highway Departments do an excellent job of keeping the highways open.

The Mountain is surrounded by the

Nantahala National Forest— with on-site hiking trails and spectacular views of four states, which offer adventure as well as quiet spots to contemplate and enjoy nature's beauty. The accommodations are simple and comfortable, the food wonderful, the air fresh, and the staff committed to making your experience memorable. Consider the following:

# THE SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAIN: A CON FOR ADULTS, FEBRUARY 2-4,

**2001.** The staff and guest workshop leaders will lead morning and afternoon workshops that focus on spirituality, creativity, nature and community.

# WEAVE & WHITTLE YOUR WEEKEND AWAY, FEBRUARY 23-25, 2001.

Feeling crafty? Learn to weave a basket (and take home your own traditional egg basket) OR try your hand at whittln' (perhaps a walking stick or stand-up rooster).

For more information about specific programs or The Mountain itself, see the bulletin board and blue notebook on the back counter or contact Jean Chulak (385-2214); jeanchulak@aol.com or The Mountain, (828-526-5838); mountain@dnet.net; http://themountain.uua.org/mountain.

### UUCT BOARD ACTIONS

DECEMBER 7
Reported by Trudy Deyle,
Past President

To accept the Annual Financial Report for FY 99-00.

To appoint Marty Beech to serve on the Endowment Committee, taking Ralph Cook's place.

To award a Mountaincamp 2001 scholarship to a UUCT youth as

recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

To approve the postcard summary of our UUA Feasibility Study for distribution to the congregation.

If the congregation decides to have a combined Annual Canvass and Capital Campaign for a Phase 1 of additional facilities, to hire UUA fund-raising consultant Jerry King to help us plan and organize the effort, for a maximum in consulting fees of \$7000 to be taken from the Future Fund.

## DO YOU HAVE AN EMPTY ROOM?

We are looking for members and friends of UUCT who can offer a spare bedroom to out-of-town visitors and FSU alumni who will be coming to Tallahassee during the week of February 16-24, 2001 to attend performances of *The Seven* Days of Opening Nights. This is the third year of "Town and Gown" collaboration to bring the best of the arts to Tallahassee. This will be a fund raiser for the church because we are asking "renters" for \$35 a night (single) or \$45 (double) to stay in your home, with the proceeds going to the church.

Notices are being sent to all of the UU congregations in Florida, southeast Alabama and south Georgia so we expect that the respondents will be other UUs who share our values and love of music and the arts.

You do not have to provide transportation for your guests, but we do ask that you offer them breakfast each morning. It need not be elaborate, but juice, coffee, tea, cereal and toast would be nice if they express the desire for breakfast.

If you can help, please fill out the

form that can be found in the box at the rear of the sanctuary, or call Joan Patterson (309-1248). Thank you.

## CRUISE WITH

The UU Church of Fort Myers is planning a cruise to the eastern Mediterranean in May. It will bring UUs from Florida together in one place for exploring, sharing ideas, and developing new friendships. The benefit to UUCT is that we'll receive \$50 for each person who takes the trip. The Cruise is 14 days, departing from Rome on 5/4/01, going through the Greek isles, and ending in Istanbul. The cost is \$2349 for an inside room and \$2749 for an outside room per person and includes round trip airfare. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248).

# THE UUSC OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE: TODAY

Throughout the holiday season, many of us had UUSC "Guest at Your Table" boxes at our tables. The following article tells a little about the current and future work of the committee. It is excerpted from a recent letter to UUSC members from Valora Washington, UUSC Executive Director.

"Through the past year, the UUSC Board of Directors has reaffirmed UUSC as a membership organization that will remain an independent voice for human rights and social justice. To increase our visibility and impact, we will focus on several key areas in the coming decade:

- Empower women to build civil society and create change in their communities,
- Protect the rights of children on all fronts,
- Support and protect the rights of

- oppressed populations, particularly indigenous people and ethnic and racial minorities,
- Increase our impact on U.S. public policy,
- Train the next generation of social justice leaders, and
- Respond strategically to disasters specifically when human rights are threatened.

In everything we do, we will continue our tradition of partnership. We will also not accept government funding, protecting our reputation as an independent and trusted voice both domestically and internationally. And we will maintain our focus on creating systemic change.

Currently, UUSC funds some 50 partner organizations around the globe. Examples are: partner groups in India and along the Thai/Burma border who are working to diminish the effects of the caste system on women and to reduce the number of young girls sold into sexual slavery; and partners working with Kosovar refugees.

One major part of our work in Washington, D.C. this year has been the push to lift the embargo on food and medicine to Cuba. The UUSC was one of the first U.S.based organizations licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department to send funds directly to Cuban partners. Right now, our efforts are focused on improving the well-being of women and young children. Our work focuses on four projects with Cuban partners: pre and post natal care in poor villages; HIV education and prevention for women; gender sensitivity in health care; and family planning and education.

In the United States, through our Welfare and Human Rights Monitoring Project, we have documented the unintended consequences of U.S. welfare reform and worked to develop a strategy that shifts the focus from welfare reform to issues such as a living wage, affordable housing and quality child care and education. Also, during the past 15 months, more than 500 volunteers from across the U.S. participated in 11 unique UUSC workcamps which provided volunteers with skills to combat bigotry and poverty."

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

# STUDY/ACTION ISSUE RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION From the UUA Faith in Action Department

One of the current components of the **UUA Social Witness Process is** review of a possible 2001General Assembly Statement of Conscience on "It's Imperative for the Future: We Must Learn to Be Responsible Consumers" - comments due 3/1/01. We have received background material on this statement prepared by the UUA Faith in Action Department and also additional supplementary materials provided by the Center for a New American Dream. The Center is a national nonprofit group that helps individuals and institutions reduce and shift consumption to enhance quality of life and protect the natural environment.

The Center offers numerous resources and has issued two publications that may interest UUs. The first is a discussion guide for parents interested in examining the harmful effects of excessive materialism and advertising on children and youth. The second is a report summarizing the environmental and social costs of

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excessive consumption, entitled Why
Consumption Matters. For more
information on their resources,
contact the Center for a New
American Dream: 6930 Carroll Ave.,
Suite 900 Takoma Park, MD 20912
or email to
newdream@newdream.org or tollfree at 877-68-dream.

And for more information on the UUA Social Witness Process or to get involved, contact Rev. Amy, Board President Bruce Brandt (893-5511), or Denominational Affairs Chairperson Nancy Bass (893-1806).

## FLORIDA'S PLACE IN THE JOURNEY TOWARD WHOLENESS

Early in 2000, the Florida District Racial Justice Task Force (with UUCT's Nancy Bass as a member) asked all congregations in the district to complete a survey aimed at determining how far the district was in implementing the anti-racism and anti-oppression vision set forth in the UUA's Journey Toward Wholeness. The results of the District Congregational Racial Justice Assessment have been published and the key findings are as follows:

- \* 81% of Florida congregations lack a mission or vision statement that reflects an explicit commitment to dismantling racism.
- \* Congregations do not share a common understanding of the definition of racism.
- \* A large majority of congregations have a positive institutional history regarding racial concerns.
- \* The 6 ethnic groups listed in the survey comprise approximately 5.3% of the Florida District membership.
- \* Approximately 10% of the children attending RE programs are of those 6 ethnic groups.
- \* 85% of congregations have no anti-

racism or racial justice committee.

- \* 85% of congregations have no funding for racial justice in their general budget, although 52% report committing time and financial resources to support community groups working against racism.
- \* 88% of congregations felt that they support their minister when s/he takes a stand in support of achieving racial justice.
- \* Only 11% of congregations reported that they have studied the 1996 report of the UUA Racial and Cultural Diversity Task Force, "Journey Toward Wholeness", and have participated in the congregational Reflection and Action Process outlined in that report.

# KEEPING THE CALENDAR

There have been some problems recently with the church calendar - conflicts, important meetings or events not written in or written in without Kathie being told about them, etc. As Administrative Assistant, Kathie is the keeper of the "official" church wall calendar. We can help avoid problems if all of us (staff, board members, committee chairs, and members of the congregation) remember to do the following:

- \* Finalize dates after first checking with Kathie, even if the calendar looks clear.
- \* Rather than writing directly on the calendar, leave Kathie a note in her box or on her desk asking her to write in the date or meeting on the calendar, so that she knows everything that is going on it.
- \* Even if a date or dates are listed on a timetable, in minutes, in a Meridian article you submit, etc., give Kathie a note asking her to put

the date or dates on the calendar.
Kathie has a lot to keep track of!
\* Inform Kathie of any arrangements
which have been made with regularly
scheduled groups to switch their
meeting time or place.

Thanks for your cooperation!

# FROM SUNSHINE, THE FLORIDA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER, AUTUMN 2000

MARY'S WISH FOR US. "This is my wish for you this year: I wish you to look deep inside you and find ways to let go of visions that serve the past, not the future. I hope your congregation will risk letting the larger world know we exist. I wish for you a deepening of your religious community that looks for ways to open yourselves to the joys of diversity, not the threat. I hope that each of you will find ways to remember the shared values that hold us together when you find yourself angry at another. I hope that civility and compassion will be the watchwords that guide you in the year ahead." - Rev. Mary C. Higgins, District Executive

ED ON GIVING & RECEIVING. "I have had leadership roles in all three churches and two fellowships of which I have been a member over the last 39 years. Why on earth do I do it? The primary reason is because Unitarian Universalism is something I really believe in. But, I must confess, perhaps equally important is the fact that I get so much out of it..... Why and how do you serve? Do you get as much out of it as I have? My experience supports the old saw that you have to give in order to receive. I have received far more than I have given. Do you want to receive more from your church membership? Could you be doing more? Think about it! - Ed Porteus, District Board

### OUR CONGREGATION

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Rev. Amy.

#### **NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

The next time we'll welcome new members will be Sunday, January 28.

#### **UUCT NAME TAGS**

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members will be presented with nametags. Others may order nametags using the sign-up sheet and payment envelope for chalice name tags (\$3.50 each) in the foyer.

#### **DINNERS FOR 8**

Sign-up for HOSTS AND GUESTS is on-going. Hosts will cook main dishes, and guests will bring the rest. Look for the sign up sheet on Sundays or call the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

#### **NEW MEMBER PROFILES**

If you missed a new member recognition and want a copy of the introduction of each of our new members, contact the church office, 385-5115.

#### **DRIVERS WANTED**

Several of our members and friends are able to attend church on Sunday mornings only if transportation is provided. If you live in or pass by the following areas on your way to church and can help, please contact Caring Ministries Committee Chairperson Peggy Lentz (878-2226; peglentz@aol.com).

Sungate Apts. (Tennessee and Pensacola), Westminster Oaks (Dempsey Mayo and Mahan), Capital Circle and Centerville.

# JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Elinor Elfner** who is recovering from surgical removal of a small skin cancer, and an 8-inch scar.

**Trudy Deyle**, as her mother and brother are both going through a tough time.

The Manns: John, Karen and son John. John Sr.'s mother died last month.

Linda Winn's father died.

Congratulations to **Melissa and Paul Forgey**, new parents to a son, **Aidan Mcquire**, born on 11/18/00.

Nancy Bass is a grandmother! Daughter Mignon and son-in-law Uchenna delivered their daughter, Ezinne ("Eh-zin-eh") Fara on 11/26/00.

**Becky Welty** has a new granddaughter.

If you know of other Joys and Concerns, or have noticed that someone has not been around for awhile, please tell Rev. Amy or Peggy Lentz, Caring Ministry Committee Chair (878-2226). Please let us know even if you ask that the information not be published here or in the Sunday Order of Service.

#### BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? The Caring Committee would like to help you keep well nourished in those wonderful first days of parenthood by bringing a meal to your home. If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, please contact Megan Bakan (216-0510, dixon@psy.fsu.edu). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families, please contact Megan.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

When you have address and phone number changes please let the office know. We will also print changes in *The Meridian*, unless you direct us otherwise.

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Bob Garland 2073 Sandcastle Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308-4864

Karen Moody 819 Miccosukee Road Tallahassee, FL 32308

# THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry is:
Chair: Byron Spice
(668-6109), Annette Pearce
(386-4053); and
Richard Dempsey (671-2748).
Rev. Amy is a non-voting
member.

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Certified Membership (as of 1/00)	165
Current Membership	.170
Current Number of Friends	43
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. RE Attendance (11/19 - 12/17)	20
Avg. Sun. Attendance (11/19 - 12/17)	86

CONTACTS FOR	RUUCT	Barbara Hogan	668-6899	
Annual Canvass:				
Trudy Deyle	422-1057	<b>Publicity Chair:</b>		
Elinor Elfner	224-3651	Barbara Hogan	668-6899	THE R
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Mary Bridges	894-2965	Shared Ministry Con	nmittee:	
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<b>Campus Ministry Co</b> r Sara Reece	309-1933			
		Shelter Meals: Karen or John Mann	562-4781	
<b>Caring Ministries Co</b> Peggy Lentz	mmittee: 878-2226		302-4701	
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		ELLEN DEMPSEY Treasurer	671-2748	
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Program Committee:		Secretary	575-2780	
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**OUR STAFF** 

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY:
1:00 - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY,
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AND BY APPOINTMENT

Rev. Amy's cell phone: 850-566-1388

### JANUARY UUCT EVENTS

TIBETAN MONKS PERFORMANCE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 7:00 - 10:00 PM.

Held at UUCT and sponsored by Southern Springs and our church, this performance of a cultural pageant is a fund-raiser for the Drepung Gomang Monks of Tibet. It will feature harmonic overtone chanting of traditional prayers and playing of temple instruments, accompanied by delicate hand gestures and other movements. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Contact: Kaity Power (668-9419) or www.SouthernSprings.org.

YRUU MEETINGS, SUNDAYS, JANUARY 7 AND 21, 6:00 - 8:00

**PM.** See *Youth RE* for details. Contact Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

## STUDY/ACTION GROUP, MONDAY, JANUARY 8,

**EVENING.** The initial meeting of this Study/Action Group on "An Alternative to the War on Drugs". See article in December Meridian for background. Contacts: Allen Turnage (224-3231) and Tony Latino (402-2900).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 12:30

**PM.** Remember to bring your favorite dish to share!

**UUHUMANISTS MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 1:00** 

**PM.** See separate article for details on this month. Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@tdo.infi.net).

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 6:00 PM. See

Youth RE for details. Contact Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or minilawyer@aol.com).

2001-2002 PROGRAM/BUDGET MEETINGS, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 &

17, 7:30 PM. In small groups by related activities, Committee Chairs will share with each other their committees' program and budget plans for the upcoming fiscal year. For the date by committee, please refer to the November 16 memo from VP for Finance Joan Patterson (309-1248).

RACIAL/CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 7:00 PM. Contact Bob Kenon

(878-3647).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Come enjoy the fellowship of working together on the numerous chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985).

**RE FAMILY POTLUCK, JANUARY 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.**See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: Michelle Buhite (553-4084).

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 12:30

**PM.** Prior to our voting on Sunday, January 28. Contact: President Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

CHURCH COUNCIL 1/21/00 MEETING RESCHEDULED.

Due to the Congregational Meeting 1/28, the Church Council has been rescheduled to 2/4.

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21. Contact Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

SPEAK OUT! FORUM, SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:00 -10:30 AM. See special article for details. Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@tdo.infi.net).

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY

28, 12:15 PM. To consider a proposal on a Phase 1 building expansion and capital campaign, with the proposal and background materials to be mailed to the congregation in mid-January. Contact: President Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

RCDC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 6:45 PM, ROOM B, MAIN BRANCH OF THE

LIBRARY. Come join your friends to discuss Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China by Jung Chang, the acclaimed novel about three generations of a family in 20th Century China during Mao's revolution and excesses. The main characters are grandmother, mother, and daughter. The 524-page book is available in paperback (\$15.25) and on audio tape from Amazon.com. Call Elinor Elfner (224-3651) for details. Later in the year we will have a "Night in China", hosted by UUs who have been to China.

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER JANUARY

**DINNERS FOR 8, THROUGH** 

**MAY.** Sign-up is on-going on Sundays for hosts and guests, dinner by dinner. Contact Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

"HEARTBEATS" CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7:30

PM. This evening concert and sing along for love and romance is an event not to be missed, with outstanding entertainment. Plan now on attending and also helping out in some way with this magical UUCT fund-raiser: bake, setup, decorate, cleanup, play or sing some musical love notes, make fortune cookies or sell tickets! Contact: Ludy Goodson

(531-0895).

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 12:15 PM, ROOM 4. The quarterly meeting of Committee Chairs to share and coordinate plans for the next three months. Contact Board Member-at-Large Becky Welty (422-3317).

LAY LEADER TRAINING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 9:00 AM - NOON. A training class for all who are interested in being a Lay Leader for Sunday services. See article on page 2. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).

# DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

"RELIGIONS IN DIALOGUE: FROM CONFLICT TO TRUST", FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 12-14, ST. PETERSBURG, FL.

Held at the UU Church of St. Petersburg, this will be a celebration and multicultural interfaith experience presented by the World Congress of Faiths (WFC) and the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF). It will feature distinguished speakers from WFC, the Council for a Parliament of World Religions, the World Faiths Encounter, and other organizations. Registration: \$100 adults, \$50 students, \$40 Saturday only (including dinner). See the Denominational Affairs bulletin board. Contacts: Rev. Dee Graham (727-898-3294) or Rev. Abhi Janamanchi (727-531-7704; abhi4169@aol.com).

"PLANNING FOR GROWTH & VITALITY" WORKSHOP, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - 4, DAYTONA BEACH. For small congregations of up to 150 members, the workshop will be led

by Rev. Larry Peers of the UUA Extension Education Office. Congregations will work as a team to identify current strengths and determine strategic directions for further growth and vitality. Topics will include: incorporating new members and visitors, connecting mission and vision with programs and outreach, and addressing specific areas of concern such as volunteer recruitment, finances, quality of worship, and programs. Registration: \$175 per team. Deadline: January 15.

FL DISTRICT SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM,

**LAKELAND.** Held at the Lake Region UU Fellowship, the subject is "Drug and Prison Reform". The focus for the morning will be "Changing the Direction of the Wind: the Death Penalty at a Crossroad" featuring Abraham J. Bonowitz, Director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. The afternoon will focus on "An Alternative to the American Drug War" featuring John Chase, an Advisory Board Member of the November Coalition, an organization dedicated to drug law reform. Registration (\$20 before 2/6/01; \$30 after) includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Child care available for \$20 per child; home hospitality also available. See Denominational Affairs bulletin board.

ADULT PROGRAMMING SEMINAR, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 & 24, DELAND. Congregations are encouraged to send a team including staff, Adult RE Committee members, and any others interested in small group ministry. Led by Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, the UUA Adult Programs Director, the agenda will

## JANUARY NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday:

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6:00 PM Intro. to Zen 7:15 PM Zen Meditation

Every Sunday:

6:30 PM Urantia 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church Ī

Yoga (Sharon Reiter): 5-9 PM Mon., Jan. 8, 22, & 29.

Yoga Co-op Seminar

Fri., Jan., 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM & Jan. 20, 9:30 AM -4:30 PM

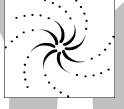
Sierra Club:

Mon., Jan. 15, 6 PM Audubon:

Tues., Jan. 23, 7 PM

include: resources for adult programs, Adult RE philosophy and theory, how to start a dynamic program, and achieving balance with available resources and other activities. If you might be interested in attending, contact DRE Michelle Buhite (553-4084) or Adult RE Chairperson Charlene White (562-8935). Registration: \$25 before February 1.

FL DISTRICT ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 8. The theme
will be "Growth SpUUrts: Flowing
Toward Wholeness". Workshop and
Display proposals are due January 10
(on a District form) to Sandy
Pollock, 2021 Oregon St., Orlando,
FL 32803; email at
san8888@aol.com; or fax to 407895-5145.



## January UUCT Calendar Of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For sermon titles, see the front page.	1 OFFICE CLOSED REV. ALM Vacation 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Committee Meeting	3 ADMIN. ASST. Vacation 7:30 PM Choir	4 7 PM Board	5	6 7-10 PM Tibetan Monks*
7 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee Meeting 10:45 OWL (off-site) 6 PM YRUU (off-site)*	8 UUs at FSU 5-7 PM Committee on Ministry 7:15 Program Committee 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group 7:45 PM Cold Night Shelter Eve: Study/Action Group*	9	10 7:30 PM Choir	7:15 Capital Improvement Committee Meeting	12	13
14 10:45 AM OWL (off-site) 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian deadline 1 PM UUHumanists	15 UUs at FSU 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group 7:15 PM Finance (off-site)	16 6 PM Parenting Support Group 7:30 PM Committee Chairs Planning & Budgeting Meeting*	17 7 PM RCDC* 7:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Committee Chairs Planning & Budgeting Meeting*	18 7 PM Board	19	2O 9 AM - 1 PM Workday* 6-8 PM RE Potluck*
21 NO OWL 12:30 PM Multicultural Families Support Group 12:30 PM Congregational Discussion Meeting 6 PM YRUU (off- site)*	22 UUs at FSU 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group	23	24 7:30 PM Choir	25 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Committee Meeting	26	27 10 AM - 5 PM OWL Meeting - Lock-in
28 NO OWL  9 AM Speak Out* 12:15 PM Church Council* (NOW 2/4) 12:15 PM Congregational Voting Meeting	29 UUs at FSU 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group	30	31 7:30 PM Choir 6:45 PM RCDC Book Disc. Group (off-site)*	See page 11 for UUCT Contacts for events.	*Details on another page.	