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**Office will be closed: 1/1 for New Year's Day and  
1/21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**Rev. Amy will be away 1/1, 1/21 and 1/7-13 (seminar).**

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

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 6</b>  | <b>"Chicken or Egg: Technology,<br/>Putting Ethics In the Mix"</b><br>Rev. Amy                              |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 13</b> | <b>"Remembrance and<br/>Reconciliation"</b><br>Guest Speaker, Dr. Marvin<br>Davies<br>Lay Leader, Bob Kenon |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 20</b> | <b>"Repentance and Restitution"</b><br>Rev. Amy   |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 27</b> | <b>"A Covenant to Live By" and<br/>New Member Recognition"</b><br>Rev. Amy                                  |

*For service topic details see p. 15.*

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

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|----------|--|
| 9:30 AM  | zen/TAO/Buddhist Sangha<br>(Meets at Lake Ella on Jan. 6)                            |
| 9:45 AM  | Choir Practice & Adult Forum   |
| 10:30 AM | Child Care - until 12:30 PM  |
| 11:00 AM | Youth RE Program<br>Classes for Pre-K-12th grade<br>High School class meets off-site |

  
  
**"Heartbeats"**  
  
**Saturday, February 9, 7:00 PM.**  
  
**Contact: Ludy Goodson**  
  
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**See page 15 for details.**  
  
  
  
  


# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

## IN PRAISE OF HEALTHY IMBALANCE?

Until mid-January I know I'll write the wrong year on my checks. There's no time to adjust before the change—at 11:59:59 PM it's 2001, after two clicks of the second hand it's 12:00:01 AM and 2002. There's no way to ease into it, and it's hard to remember changes that happen that quickly. I think I prefer the slow changes, like the seasons and love and spiritual lessons. But balance is rare during changes like that, so today I sing the glories of healthy imbalance. Being Centered is still a goal, but the other—Imbalance—is so much more common!

The Winter Solstice and the Summer Solstice are points of balance between lightness and darkness. The other 363 days of the year are off-balance, with light gaining minutes over dark (as it is now), or dark overtaking light. Without the imbalance of daytime and nighttime, we wouldn't get to stay up late playing softball without field lights or go home in the dusk of the early evening, sit next to a candle and reflect.

With my second attempt, I passed the motorcycle-riding test and am fully licensed to ride. Speaking of balance, there's one T-shirt I won't wear under my protective body armor anymore. The shirt has a very nice message: "Stay Centered," but that's not the advice a motorcycle rider needs! I wore that shirt when I wrecked in October—causing harm to both my pride and my motorcycle, but only bruising my ribs.

You'd think that staying centered is what it's about, when you're trying to *stay on top of things* like a motorcycle. Nope. And think about walking—that's often described as a

controlled fall—one leg catches the rest of you and you move ahead. With a motorcycle, acceleration and lean keep you and the motorcycle from parting during a turn. I think the same physics applies to bicycle riding.

If you try to sit upright, centered, you won't get around the next bend. It's counterintuitive, but staying centered may keep us from moving forward as we navigate the twists and turns of life.

I hope we'll all get a chance to visit the center balance point from time to time. But the rest of the time (as we forge ahead on our spiritual journeys, or grow in love, or travel through the seasons of life), let's remember to lean into the curves and accelerate through them. Don't get frozen in place. Don't be thrown off. Don't stray from the course.

Safe Travels and Happy 2001  
(oops! 2002)  
(Rev.) Amy

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pauline Masterton

As I write this, Christmas is still weeks away. I'm way behind in my holiday preparations. But I've made important strides in my Alternative Christmas Gift planning. Far away, the war in Afghanistan grows ever more violent, and nothing seems hopeful in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But here in Tallahassee, my family will be gathering for Christmas, and soon we will have comfortable new chairs in my favorite place for Sunday morning, our UUCT sanctuary--many from members of my church family's Christmas planning.

Unforeseen permitting requirements threaten to escalate site work costs for our church building project. But our construction manager is working hard to identify areas where adjustments

can be made to reduce costs, and news comes that the estate of our beloved Ralph Cook may send us almost double the generous amount expected -- a possible funding source should we need a little more to cover site work costs. We anticipate that construction will start on time.

Last week, we asked our committee chairs to review their sections of our Strategic Plan, and send us a short summary of what tasks they've accomplished this year. They also will need to review and update the goals and tasks anticipated in previous years, to help guide their activities in the coming year. Some of us will have to summarize the accomplishments in a brief Annual Report, and revise our Strategic Plan to reflect the wisdom from these working members of our church community. It's that Vision thing--we began drawing the outlines of what we wanted six years ago, and now it really is coming to pass, but we have to keep changing the details to reflect changing realities, **all the time keeping our eyes on the prize.**

Working in a leadership role with a very active church community takes a lot of time and effort. As Unitarian Universalists, we have our own ideas about what to do and how to do it. But we have an outstanding staff, and an amazing corps of volunteers, people who have helped us shape a community with a spirit of cooperation and civility in which things really do get accomplished, so that energy expended somehow also gets recharged.

I'm looking forward to the New Year. And I welcome everyone who wants to join--or continue--in shaping and refining our Vision. There's one on the horizon--it has to do with "Stewardship": we're not quite sure what that's all about but we'll be setting some goals and tasks sometime soon....Watch this space....

In Faith,  
Pauline

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLANNED GIVING

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

## ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue beyond the December holidays for memorial, birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day and any other occasion gifts! The chair under consideration is \$26.50 without arms and \$31.50 with arms. Look for a purple alternative gift form at the back of the sanctuary or contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or [jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu](mailto:jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu)) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or [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 (422-1985, [twchase@tallynet.com](mailto:twchase@tallynet.com), or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

## ELECTRONIC MERIDIAN

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

# COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please remember the following meeting and submission dates. For more details, refer to Jennifer Carver's 12/6/01 e-mail and Del DeTar's 12/9 memo - both sent to committee chairs.

**Wed., Jan. 16, 7:00 PM** - Meeting of committee chairs with VP for Finance Del DeTar to discuss committee budgets and the overall budget for the coming year (7/1/02 - 6/30/03).

**Sun., Jan. 20** - Committee budgets due to VP for Finance. Submissions should include:

- A brief explanation of how the requested amount will support your committee's mission,
- A list of proposed fund-raisers, being as specific as you can about the type of event proposed and its purpose.

**Sun., Jan. 27, 12:15 PM** - Church Council meeting. Bring an assessment of your committee's progress in Green Sanctuary efforts and activities. Refer to Ed Oaksford's 12/10/01 letter and background material to committee chairs.

Additional submissions requested:

- A paragraph on your committee's accomplishments this year and any updates for the section(s) of the Strategic Plan relating to your committee's work. E-mail to Pauline Masterton ([pauli1020@earthlink.net](mailto:pauli1020@earthlink.net)).
- Feedback from your committee on this year's fund-raising policy and suggestions for the future. E-mail to Joan Patterson ([jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu](mailto:jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu)).

## MUSIC COMMITTEE

We are looking for a few music-loving members and friends, especially those not in the choir, to meet two or three times a year to help plan priorities for the Music Program. Call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603) for details.

# AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- \* **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: [www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/](http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/)
- \* **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- \* **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Be sure to check this bulletin board out each week for information on upcoming events.

## ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU B & B directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, January 14, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** Or assist CROP by donating two or more tickets to a cultural event for a mentor and mentee. An example would be individual tickets that are part of a season subscription to FSU or FAMU events. Call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) at least two weeks in advance.
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or [jeanchulak@aol.com](mailto:jeanchulak@aol.com)).

## SUNDAY SET-UP

Five to ten people are needed to help set up the sanctuary chairs on Sunday mornings at 9:15. This is an opportunity to work on an important task and save the church some money (by doing it ourselves rather than paying a custodial service). To volunteer, contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com).

## APPRECIATION

To **Bruce Brandt, Matt Daniel, Jean Chulak, Nancy and Dave Harvey, Barbara Sterling, Carolyn DuBard, Jim Dawson, and Joe Chulak** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings November 25 - December 16.

To **Dick Leinberry** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, November 25 - December 16.

To **Don Berger, Dave Harvey, and Tom Chase** for helping with the workday on December 15.

To **our congregation** from the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office for our generous contribution of \$1,636.

To **Linda Oaksford** for driving YRUUers to the Jacksonville Youth Con in November.

To YRUU Advisors **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for taking YRUUers to the December Senior High Mountain Con.

To the **Turnage Family** for letting the High School class meet in their home during December.

To **Beth Cavano and Company** for raising \$400 for the church with a delightful, late November evening of *A Christmas Carol on the Air*.

To **Charlie Terrell** for providing another beautiful 12-foot Eastern red-cedar evergreen tree for our church; to **Rod and Hillary Oldenburg** for



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

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

cutting it down, trucking it from Charlie's tree-farm in Georgia, and setting it up; and to **Mary Millard** for many late-night hours of careful light-decorating.

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES! ...

*By Will Adkins*

This year, added to the everyday "magic" of Christmas, was a special, "magic" provided by all the people who worked so hard to create our winter holidays celebration with the theme *A Christmas to Remember... with Peace, Joy, & Hope into the New Year* on Friday night December 14th. To **Ed Oaksford** for his great Hot Wassail & cookie treats outside the church door entrance. To **Helen Falb, John Murphy, Dominique Matlow, and Earl and Eleanor Enge** for helping to set up and decorate our sanctuary so beautifully, for the festive potluck supper. To **Kathie Mackie** for printing up all our program notes and song sheets for the evening. To **Rev. Amy** for providing the warm welcome to everyone who came to our Winterfest. To **Barry McCarus** (guitarist/banjoist) and **Mike Powelson** (Irish fiddler), from Black Dog Cafe, for lively entertainment during supper. And a big, heartfelt, thanks to all who helped to create the evening's enchanting Christmas entertainment of music, poetry, dance, storytelling, and mythmaking: to **Ludy Goodson** for being our Mistress of Ceremonies,

to our church music director/pianist **Helen Falb** and her **O.K. Chorale** (who showed up in record number -- about 15 or more voices!), to **Jennifer Handel** (who created a special dance to "In The Bleak Midwinter"), to singers **Ludy Goodson, Pauline Masterton, Ron Crowe, John McDevitt, and Mary Millard** for songs, to young **John Mann V** (for his brilliant piano variation on "Up On The Housetop"), to **Yazid** and his young drummer children (**Kayla, Alex, and Chelsea**) for their Nigerian village drum-chant "Funga," to **Katya Taylor** for her timely "Winter Haiku," to **Ron Crowe** for his "My Christmas Goat" story, to **John Murphy** who played the role of "Jolly Ole St. Nicholas" (all dressed up in a German Weihnachtsman's suit, and ringing-bells walking stick), to **Tom and Katya Taylor** for our closing Peace on Earth Dance together, and to **Victor Venos** for the new improved microphones and for setting up the sound system for Winterfest. Thanks to all (especially the families & children) who came out to join & contribute to our great winter-holidays supper and to enjoy the entertainment. Thanks for your generous freewill donations to our supper-musicians and to our church. "Happy Christmas to all and to all, a good-night!" (*Editor's Note: And a great big thank you to William Adkins for providing the organization and inspiration for this event!*)

# LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NEXT YOUTH RE  
COMMITTEE MEETING:  
Sunday, January 6, 9:45 AM**

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

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

**JANUARY LESSONS.** The focus for the month will be justice.

**GUEST AT YOUR TABLE.** In November, children and youth received Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) *Guest at Your Table* boxes. Boxes are to be returned to church Sunday, January 6 or as soon after as possible.

**SPECIAL PEN PALS.** Once again during the month of February, adults and children who sign up to be Special Pen Pals will be paired and will write weekly letters to each other, sharing thoughts, poems, stories, and artwork. At the end of the month, identities will be revealed at a special party. See DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

**ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP.** Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community. Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

## YRUU

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds.

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

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

### Florida District CONs:

- \* *January 18-20* Gainesville
- \* *February 1-3* Spirituality Con
- \* *February 22-24* Lakeland
- \* *March 8-10* Social Action
- \* *April 12-14* Youth Caucus
- \* *April 19-21* Vero Beach

**Mountain CONs:** Registrations have gone in, and some YRUUs will be attending each of the winter cons - middle schoolers on January 18 - 20 and high schoolers on February 8 - 10 and 22 - 24.

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

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

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**CONTACTS:** Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075). Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREMaggie@aol.com; 877-6301).

### UPCOMING CLASSES

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

***Déjà Vu UU.*** Taught by Rev. Amy and Steve Urse on Sunday, January 20 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM, this is an orientation session for those who are already UUs but new to our congregation or returning to us after a time away. Participants will share a little about themselves and learn about the history and current organization of UUCT. Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Contact the office (385-5115) or Steve Urse (385-2864), or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

***Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.*** A new series of eight gatherings led by Rev. Amy will begin at the end of January. Contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075 or smeehan@hklaw.com).

***How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen and Listen So Your Kids Will Talk.*** Facilitated by DRE Maggie Geraci, this will be seven 1.5-2 hour sessions, beginning in February on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Parents will be introduced to concrete skills for teaching children to

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

**New UU Sessions.** Facilitated by Rev. Amy and Elinor Elfner on Mondays, January 28 and February 4 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, these sessions offer an opportunity for newcomers to explore the history, philosophy and policies of our congregation and denomination, as well as to share a little about their own spiritual journeys. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864) or sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

**Weaving the Fabric of Diversity.** Facilitated by Mary Ventre, Nancy Bass and Maria Mena, this anti-bias, pro-diversity program for adults involves examining and challenging some of our "isms" - ableism, racism, heterosexism, ageism, and classism - in the safe, respectful environment of religious community. Participants will tell their stories, listen to others and engage in a variety of activities. Dates and times to be announced. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

### OPEN PARTICIPATION

**Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:45 -10:45 AM.** The forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. If you have ideas for programs, contact Norene Chase (422-1985) to schedule.

**UU Night at the Movies.** There will be movies and videos for viewing and discussing throughout the year. Dates and times TBA.

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

### ZEN/TAO/BUDDHIST SANGHA & PEACE WALK

zTB Sangha continues its ongoing every-Sunday meetings in Room 2, from 9:30 to 10:40 AM. We continue to grow in numbers and interest. Come join us for weekly *zazen* meditations, readings and discussion on anything-everything Zen, the Tao, Buddhism, and all subjects with an Oriental path to enlightenment focus. (A recent Sangha dealt with the concept of the human "shadow" from Carl Jung and Robert Bly.) On Sunday, January 6, we will be meeting at the Black Dog Café deck, at 9:30 AM for another *kinhin* Peace Walk around Lake Ella. Please join us whenever you can-- you are very welcome. For more information, contact Will Adkins (385-0571 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

### UUHUMANISTS & SPEAK OUT

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

UU Humanists is a study group to keep alive the spirit of modern humanism by providing opportunities to share ideas, knowledge and views about the current issues and controversial ideas of our modern life, religion and culture. Humanists vary widely in their beliefs, but generally regard our life on earth as all we have, as far as we know, and human beings as the final arbiters of their actions.

### CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

By Kim Ross

Campus Ministry Coordinator

We had a great Fall Semester and are now gearing up for the Spring semester. At the time of this writing, the meeting schedule has not yet been set. Chances are, we'll be meeting on Wednesdays at 7 pm, with Coffee Hour on the weekends. Be sure to call for more information: 385-6856. Our meetings will be taking more of a spiritual slant at the suggestion of the students, with meditation and singing being added to our evening gatherings. We will also be having times when different UUCT groups will join us. Please let me know if you'd like to participate. Finally, each month we'll be looking at different World religions and their practices. We've already looked at Islam by inviting the Muslim Student Association to come to one of our Fall semester meetings.

The Campus Ministry Committee is also becoming more active. We met in December during the potluck. We now plan to meet occasionally during potlucks since that time appears to work already for everyone's schedule. Some of the ways committee members help are by providing ideas and suggestions for group activities and fundraising, and by greeting students and young people after the church service. If you would like to be a part of keeping Campus Ministry alive and active in our church, contact Kim at 385-6856 or Sara at 309-1933.

# UUCT MOUNTAIN RETREAT

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 2, 2002

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

Programming decisions have not been finalized, so we welcome your suggestions; send them to Byron Spice. See the November *Meridian* article for more details on the retreat, including costs. Contacts: Overall Coordinator, Rosa Morgan (668-0885) Finances/Contract, Rod Oldenburg (297-0391) Program, Byron Spice (668-6109) and Tim Campbell (386-7085).

## THE MOUNTAIN

*By Jean Chulak  
Mountain Ambassador*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

#### **Adult CON**

January 25-27 (Fri-Sun)

Join the Mountain staff and guest workshop leaders for the first-ever Adult CONference. Morning and afternoon workshops.

#### **Italian-American: A Convergence of Food & Film**

February 1-3 (Fri-Sun)

Watch and discuss two different films, from different eras, that touch on how Italian-Americans are viewed - especially through the prism of food. Then go beyond spaghetti and meatballs to learn true Italian country cooking.

#### **Elderhostel: Homeland Appalachia Theme Week**

March 24-29 (Sun-Fri)

· Mountain People, Yesterday and Today, with Sheila Kay Adams, a seventh-generation Appalachian.

· Cherokee History, Culture, and Ongoing Traditions, with George Ellison, noted naturalist and Cherokee historian and friend.  
· The Civil War in the Mountain, by Jim Taylor, using historical narrative and authentic music.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

about specific programs or about The Mountain itself, see the bulletin board and/or blue notebook on the back counter or contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838. [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

## GREEN CORNER

*By Bob Deyle*

Now that the holidays are almost over and we're thinking of New Years Resolutions, maybe this would be a good time to contemplate our food consumption. The following are edited excerpts from the web page of ECO – Earth Communications Office ([www.oneearth.org/fs\\_index.htm](http://www.oneearth.org/fs_index.htm)).

The processing, transportation, and packaging of food has a pervasive effect on the environment. In the U.S., the consumer food chain uses 17% of total energy consumption. The typical U.S. meal travels 1,250 miles (2,000 km) from farm to plate. If all the world's people nourished themselves with the typical American diet of meat, heavily packaged and processed foods and drinks, and foods transported great distances, we would use more energy for food and drink than we currently do for all purposes.

Irrigated crop production accounts for 48% of all water use in the U.S. Animal wastes are responsible for about 16% of common water quality problems, and the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that pesticides contaminate the primary

sources of drinking water for more than half the country's population. Food packaging accounts for one fifth of municipal solid waste.

Even though the last half century has been dominated by food surpluses every year, the annual increase in grain production (which is used to measure the world food supply) has not been keeping up with increases in population, the first indication that our food surpluses may be coming to an end. Thirty-six percent of the world's grain supply goes to feeding livestock and poultry.

#### TIPS

Buy fresh, local produce and products as often as possible and avoid heavily packaged products.

Seek out and support local farmer's markets. They reduce the amount of energy required to grow and transport the food to you by one fifth and also reduce the amount of pesticides and fungicides used on foods to preserve them until they reach grocery stores.

Buy organic foods as much as possible. These foods are grown without the use of any chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or fungicides. If the average household switched entirely from conventional to organic fruits, vegetables and grains, reductions would be: 5 to 6% in water pollution, 9 to 12% in air pollution, and 24% in water use.

Eat less meat. Meat production causes more environmental harm than any other type of food production, and is responsible for about one quarter of the threats to endangered species. By reducing meat intake by just 10% (2 meat dishes a week), the savings in grain and soybeans used to feed cattle annually could feed 225 million people. By cutting meat consumption in half, food related land use and common water pollution would be reduced by 30 percent and 24 percent, respectively.

# DISCUSSION OF TWO SERVICES

*Reported by Jennifer Carver  
President Elect*

At the November Congregational Discussion meeting on the possibility of having two worship services at UUCT, a group of UUCTers discussed their hopes and fears related to the issue. A summary of the discussion and the issues raised is provided here.

The group discussed current pinches that might be relieved by two services, such as a lack of seating and parking, inability of Youth RE teachers to attend services, and lack of worship opportunities to meet the diverse needs of UUCT members and friends. The group identified concerns they had about what UUCT would be like if we offered more than one service. These concerns included changes in the character of our community, costs, lack of connection to others in the church, and logistical issues relating to Youth RE, music programs and worship programs.

Next, we discussed our vision of what UUCT would be like in five years under three scenarios: the status quo, the best case of two services and the worst case of two services. We then identified questions we felt needed to be answered before we could make a decision.

These questions included: finding out whether UUCTers need and/or want two services; researching the experience of other churches with moving to two services, both UU and others; identifying specific options for how two services would work at UUCT (logistics of programs, RE, music, parking, potlucks, coffee hour, etc.); deciding when the two services would be (might include a Saturday or Sunday evening service); and providing

many and varied opportunities for UUCTers to provide input into the decision-making process.

The next steps in the process are to form a Task Force which will answer the questions raised above, identify a process for making the decision, find various ways of providing and receiving information from members and friends, and identify specific proposals for discussion by the Congregation. If you would like to serve on this Task Force, please contact Jennifer Carver at 402-0622. The Task Force will begin meeting in February. If you'd like a complete record of the discussion, please contact Jennifer.

## 2002 - 2003 CANVASS BUILDING A HOME FOR LIBERAL FAITH

*By Margaret Mooney  
Canvass Committee*

We are Building a (bigger) Home for Liberal Faith. The three-year physical expansion program is well underway thanks to the hard work of our Capital Improvement Committee and the congregation's full support.

Just as important is the congregation's support each year of all our valued programs and services, which make up the heart of our church. We support these programs and services by giving of ourselves through volunteering our time and energies and giving financially. And the time is approaching to renew these pledges – YES! It's the annual canvass!

This year's drive is going to be "low-key" compared to last year's combined canvass. The canvass will mainly be conducted at a series of potluck dinners in member's homes during two weekends in early April. Below is a calendar listing the important canvass dates.

At this time we are looking for volunteers to help. Annette Pearce has agreed to organize and schedule the potlucks. If you are able to host a potluck, please contact her (386-4053 or [alpearce@earthlink.net](mailto:alpearce@earthlink.net)). We also are looking for someone to organize childcare at the church both weekends. Please contact Bruce Brandt (893-5511 or [bbrandt@magnet.fsu.edu](mailto:bbrandt@magnet.fsu.edu)) or Margaret Mooney (893-8250 or [margmooney@yahoo.com](mailto:margmooney@yahoo.com)) if you're interested in that task or others.

### Calendar and Timeline for Annual Canvass

January 16, 2002 - VP for Finance & committee chairs discuss 2002-03 program plans & budget requests

January 20, 2002 - Deadline for committee chairs to submit their 02-03 program and budget requests to Finance Committee

February 4, 2002 - Committee Chairs meet with Finance Committee to discuss the draft Asking Budget

February 11, 2002 - Finance Committee meets to review budget requests and finalize proposed Asking Budget

February 21, 2002 - Board approves Asking Budget.

February 26, 2002 - Asking Budget mailed to congregation

March 3, 2002 - Congregational Forum on Asking Budget (Sunday)

March 10, 2002 - Congregational Vote on Asking Budget (Sunday)

March 15, 16 or 17/2002 - Potluck, Training, and Pledging for Presenters/Requesters

April 5-7, 2002 - Potlucks

April 12-14, 2002 - Potlucks

April 15, 2002 - Church Council chooses outside causes for which to raise funds. Recommends to Board which recommends to congregation.



April 15-21, 2002 - Canvass Follow-up

April 22, 2002 - Finance Committee develops 02-03 Final Budget Draft and distributes it to Church Council members

April 29, 2002 - Finance Committee discusses 02-03 Final Budget Draft with Church Council & Board

May 2, 2002 - Board approves Final Budget for 02-03.

May 6, 2002 - Final Budget and other Annual Meeting items mailed to congregation.

May 12, 2002 - Congregational Forum on 2002-03 Final Budget and other business (Sunday)

May 19, 2002 - Annual Meeting of Congregation, election of officers, and vote on 2002-03 Final Budget (Sunday)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in social justice issues? UUCT now has four committees in one social justice cluster. Here are committees, what they do, and who to contact.

**Green Sanctuary** links our Seventh Principle and our environmental concerns with personal and congregational decision-making. Contact Ed Oaksford (422-0240).

**Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC)** fosters appreciation for all races and cultures by study and church- and community-based projects. Contact Nancy Bass (893-1806).

**Social Justice Committee** is an umbrella committee for all the other (over 15!) social justice activities UUCT does. It includes study of issues such as Alternative Drug Policy and Moratorium on the Death Penalty. Projects include Shelter meals, Cropwalk, ECHO, Habitat

for Humanity, mentoring middle and high school students, Alternative Gifts, and the Caring Connection. UUSC and UU-UNO are also under this wide umbrella. Contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067) or Bonnie Foster (539-5563)

**Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Welcoming Congregation Committee** works to welcome people of all sexual orientations. Anyone interested in reactivating this committee contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

Isabel Sheridan works with all these groups in her role as VP for Services.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

*News from the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC)*

### RILEY HOUSE By Isabel Sheridan

Thanks to all the UUCT members and friends who made Riley House Museum's annual Rock-a-thon last month such a success. The museum raised over \$8,500 for their Endowment Fund, which is only \$40,000 away from its goal of \$360,000 (to be matched by \$240,000 of state funds).

UUCT, the only church who participated, raised \$525. About 25 members and friends rocked and/or sponsored rockers.

UUCT's support of Riley House Museum includes year-round volunteering, too. Those who visited the museum for the Rock-a-thon may have had a tour led by Elinor Elfner. If you would like more information about Riley House Museum, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Mary Millard (980-8980).

## RCDC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

*By Annette Pearce*

To complement the "Blended Lives" program sponsored by the Riley House and Goodwood Plantation, RCDC invites you to attend a unique two-part program. On Monday, January 7 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary, we will show the video "Loyalties". The video is about the relationship of two ancestors from the same plantation in South Carolina: a white woman descended from the owners and a black woman descended from a slave. This is a thought-provoking and incisive true story.

The other event parallels the theme of the video with a discussion of the book "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. This is a fascinating fictional account of a modern black woman's involuntary journey back to a slave-holding plantation. Seen through modern eyes, yet concurrently through slave eyes, the book reveals a story of complex relationships and social justice issues still relevant in its current impact. The discussion will take place on January 22 at 7 PM in classroom 4. Please come to either or both. Contact Annette Pearce (386-4053) for details.

## CITY OF TALLAHASSEE STUDY CIRCLES

*By Annette Pearce*

The City of Tallahassee is again sponsoring its Study Circle activity marking the Martin Luther King holiday. The theme for this year is "Race and Religion". The Study Circles consist of small groups of diverse city residents who meet together for five weeks for a weekly discussion around a particular theme. It will be organized slightly differently this year. The initial event will be on January 15 from 7 PM to 9 PM in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall, with a discussion on the topic. After this

discussion, participants will have the chance to join a study circle for further small group discussion. For further information, contact Adeola Fayemi or Janet Hinton at the City at 890-8290.

## DEATH PENALTY MORATORIUM WALK

*By Nancy Bass*

As you may be aware, there are movements underway to seek state-legislated moratoriums on the death penalty. Nationally, this is called The Moratorium Campaign. In Florida, the movement is being spearheaded by Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, under the leadership of Abe Bonowitz. The Unitarian Universalist Association has a strong history of opposition to the death penalty and has passed 5 different Resolutions on the subject dating back to 1960. UUCT is in process of considering its first church resolution and it is on this subject. The Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) following presentation by Norene Chase, former Social Concerns chairperson, has sponsored the resolution. The UUCT resolution review process began in June and the resolution has been revised and strengthened as a result.

Beginning January 21, 2002, FADP and other concerned persons will begin a 243-mile walk from Starke, Florida, where the death penalty is carried out, to the State Capitol. The Moratorium Walkers will bring the petitions that have been collected over the past year and present them to Gov. Bush. The last day of the walk is to be Saturday, February 2, 2002. As the incoming chairperson for RCDC, I plan to participate in this walk and I invite as many church members as possible to join me. The Walk will leave at 10:30 AM from Temple Israel and will be led by Death Row survivors. We will walk three miles to the Capitol

where after delivery of the petitions, there will be a press conference and rally.

## ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Ed Baseheart.** Raised Catholic, Ed has been a UU for about 20 years, first in Kirkland, Washington and then in Portland, Oregon and Lexington, Kentucky. He says he likes everything about Unitarian Universalism - its philosophy, its freedom, its liberal outlook, and what it stands for. Ed is retired from working, mostly in the area of education; he has worked as a teacher, federal employee, small business owner and also in sales. Most recently he spent time as a Vista worker recruiting senior citizens to work with third graders. Ed moved to Tallahassee last spring to re-marry his former wife, who has been in Tallahassee for about fifteen years. Rev. Amy officiated at their wedding. Ed loves to travel and camp in the great outdoors; he and his wife recently bought a camper van and are looking forward to exploring together.

**Dan Damerville.** Dan is an English professor at Tallahassee Community College. He was raised in Winter Park, FL, near Orlando, and has lived in Tallahassee for fourteen years - thirteen of them with his wife, Susan. Dan has many interests: reading, psychology, philosophy, science, literature, writing, mythology, travel, hiking, climbing (mainly out West), running, tennis, and basketball. He also loves talking with people. He was drawn to UUCT because he admires the questing, open-minded spirit of the members. He looks forward to the opportunity to learn, grow, share and serve with somewhat like-minded people.

**Norma Sansevero.** Norma grew up on Staten Island and has lived in a

number of different places. She lived in Tallahassee for about ten years in the 1980's and early 1990's and returned here about a year ago from Springfield, Vt., to be near family due to her health. Although she was raised Catholic, the church doctrine she learned was supplemented by her mother, who was a spiritualist and liberal in her religious views. Norma tried various churches, became an agnostic, and when she finally found our church during her earlier time in Tallahassee, "wondered where it had been all her life". Norma has retired from her career as a registered nurse and now spends her time as an artist. She has six grand nieces and nephews, including three who attend UUCT - the Bush-Rester children. Norma lives at Lake Ella Manor, and we are hopeful we can provide her regular rides to church on Sundays. Please contact Peggy Lentz (878-2226 or [peglentz@aol.com](mailto:peglentz@aol.com)) if you could help out.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

*By Trudy Deyle, Membership  
Chairperson*

**UUCT STRATEGIC PLAN.** The preface to our *Strategic Program Plan* sets forth the following "Covenant of Growth":

"We believe that Unitarian Universalism represents a way of life that is of enduring worth. We believe that we and our children, our church, and the larger society around us, will benefit from the growth of our congregation. We are committed to steady, balanced growth in the four dimensions of church life: spiritual growth as individuals; organizational growth as a religious community; outward growth as a positive force in the Tallahassee area and the larger society; and numerical growth in activities, programs, budget and members."

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SECTION.** The Membership Committee is largely responsible for implementing the *Membership Growth* section of the plan. The opening statement for this section is:

"Our vision for the membership of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee is to provide a community for existing and potential UUs and to have a sufficient number of members to provide a full range of programs and services and to spread the influence of the church within the Tallahassee metropolitan area. To do this we expect to retain current members and attract new ones."

One of the main goals of the *Membership Growth* section is "to build the number, diversity and commitment of our membership, as a result of pre-membership activities and a vibrant and diverse program". The Membership Committee, with the help of the entire congregation, is responsible for the pre-membership activities; a number of other church committees are responsible for the vibrant and diverse program. The five other membership growth goals are:

Provide many warm and caring welcomes for visitors.  
Provide a continuum of activities leading to membership.  
Involve new members in the on-going activities of the church.  
Provide formal opportunities to learn about UU history and principles.  
Reach out to the community.

**JOURNEY TO MEMBERSHIP.** As part of developing actions to implement the membership growth goals, the committee has been reviewing and discussing UUA and interdenominational materials on the "**Journey to Membership**" and thinking about UUCT's journey. **The four basic steps in the journey are: testing the waters, making**

**connections, making the commitment (joining), and deepening the commitment.** Here are some good quotes we've found about the different steps. If you have any thoughts and ideas in reaction, please share them with us! Send them to Trudy Deyle via her mailbox at church or email: gdeyle@juno.com.

**TESTING THE WATERS.** "The essence of recruiting lies in having something to offer. If the church has something to offer people will beat their way in. If the church does not have a special identity, an enthusiastic heart, a healing elixir, whatever is done to increase the visibility, advertise, to recruit will mean little. What makes most successfully growing congregations work is that the church doesn't assimilate people; they assimilate themselves." (From *The Inviting Church: A Study in New Member Assimilation*)

**MAKING CONNECTIONS.** "Underlying the ability of a prospective member to connect with the congregation is whether they can answer the question, 'Do I belong here?' Knowing the kind of congregation you are and want to be deepens your current membership's commitment and greatly clarifies things for new people exploring congregation membership. People want to join an exciting, relevant community that speaks to their hearts, minds and souls. If you aren't clear about who you are, people will be hesitant to join you." (*UUA Congregational Handbook*)

**MAKING THE COMMITMENT.** "People are more likely to join a congregation if they already feel a part of it. They will make better members if they understand the congregation's principles and see them in action. When people have friends and ties to a congregation, it

becomes theirs and they want to participate and contribute. In other words, they are ready to be members." (*UUA Congregational Handbook*)

**DEEPENING THE COMMITMENT.** "New members become 'seasoned' members when they are included in the activities and life of the church. Churches need many places for people to connect. More and more, people are looking for social and spiritual engagement. Committee work, while essential to running a church well, cannot replace the power of really getting to know someone at a deep level. This kind of knowing takes place best in an affinity group or class, not at a committee meeting." (UU Minister Barbara Wells)

**DEEPENING THE COMMITMENT.** "Too often, people who are put to work in our churches, say, on a committee, find themselves unhappy with the mundane aspects of the day-to-day duties of keeping a church afloat. Instead, have every group that meets and every committee that organizes understand itself as a part of a ministry. Take time before working to energize each other with caring and sharing.....When a person sees greeting a visitor as a ministry, they are much more likely to view themselves and the person they are helping as in relationship. It is in relationship that holiness is found and the divine is known. Seeing every function of the church as a ministry empowers the people in tremendous ways." (A combination of quoting and paraphrasing UU Minister Barbara Wells)

**CLOSING WORDS.** "Treat new members with love and respect, and the returns will be great. Your congregation will be stronger, have less attrition, and grow in spiritual depth and commitment!" (*UUA Congregational Handbook*)

# FACILITIES UPDATE

*By Trudy Deyle, CIC Chairperson*

**PERMITTING.** Our required zoning change to a PUD (Planned Unit Development) was finally approved by the City Commission on November 28. Our phase one site plan had been approved by city staff two days earlier, with several minor adjustments required. Our civil engineers have been working out these adjustments and have submitted the final site plan. They have also filed for the environmental permitting needed for our project. **Once this is received in mid-January, site work can begin, and we can also move to the building permit stage for the new building.**

**SITE WORK PLANS.** The additional requirements imposed by the city before approving our site plan, as detailed in last month's update, have increased our site work costs. However, our construction manager, Mad Dog's Curtis Whigham, is working hard to identify areas where allowable changes can be made to reduce costs, without sacrificing quality. The site work contractor chosen, Dixie Paving, submitted the lowest bid. Mad Dog has worked with them before, and their work has met Mad Dog's standards.

**CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS.** Meanwhile, the Capital Improvement Committee and Mad Dog have finished an intensive review of the architect's construction drawings and choices for materials, hardware, equipment and accessories. The architects are now incorporating feedback received and finalizing the drawings. In addition, cost-saving alternatives are being identified, should they be needed. Walls and roofs are being designed so that the fellowship hall can easily be added to the building in a later

phase. Until then, we can use the fellowship hall area as an outdoor gathering space. **If site work can begin in mid-January, work on the building can begin in late February or early March.** The CIC Sunday table will be starting up again in January. Be sure to stop by to look at site work plans, construction drawings and exterior renderings.

**FINANCES.** A sub-committee of the Finance Committee has been working on putting together information for applying for a construction loan and a long-term mortgage of \$100,000, as approved by the congregation. A letter introducing our project will be sent to local banks, followed by visits in early January to those banks indicating an interest in financing our project.

**INTERIM SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS.** The Capital Improvement Committee has tentatively settled on the chair receiving the highest rate of approval from the congregation. It is manufactured by Church Chair Industries of Rome, GA - a company dealing directly with churches from their factory, eliminating field sales and middleman costs. They have sent us two free samples - one "tarragon" (dark green) with arms and one "quartz" (rose-gray) without arms. We will get a combination of chairs with and without arms - fewer with arms. If we get enough alternative gifts in addition to the sanctuary improvement money we already have for chairs, we will be able to replace all the sanctuary chairs and use the current ones in the new building. Meanwhile, the CIC is discussing the dimensions and mechanics of a moveable stage that would have two smaller pieces which could be added to it, as needed. All three stage pieces will be covered in the new carpet chosen for the sanctuary.

JANUARY NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Every Thursday (Sanctuary)	6:00 PM Intro. to Zen 7:15 PM Zen Meditation
Every Sunday	6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4) 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
Every Wednesday (Rm. 2)	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender
Saturday, Jan. 5:	7:30 PM Peace Dances (Sanctuary)
Saturday, Jan. 12 & 26:	6 PM Spiral Scouts (Rm. 4)
Sunday, Jan. 13:	2 PM MCC Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, Jan. 22:	7 PM Audubon (Sanctuary)
Monday, Jan. 28:	6 PM Sierra Club (Sanctuary)

# OUR CONGREGATION

## OUR MISSION

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed Baseheart  
Dan Damerville  
Norma Sansevero



## MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore being a member or friend of our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

## UUCT NAME TAGS

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as “HOST”. New members will be given nametags. Others may order them (\$3.50 each); contact the office.

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, January 27, 2002  
during the service.

## UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

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

## DINNERS

*Dinners for 8* (adults only) and *Dinners for Families with Children* will resume in January. A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of the congregation. Watch for Sunday announcements on guest sign-ups for specific dinners. Contacts: Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

## BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

*Are you expecting or adopting a child?* 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 during the first days of parenthood, please contact Megan.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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

Bonnie Foster  
2902 Tallavana Trail  
Havana, FL 32333  
850-539-5563

Del & Patty DeTar  
4449 Meandering Way, 524 OS  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
850-878-7895

## LOST AND FOUND

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

## JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Bruce Brandt** whose mother died;  
**Carrie Sandahl and Randal Svea** as Randal recovers from surgery;  
**Joan Patterson**, whose aunt died;  
**Pat Farris** who broke her ankle; and  
**Barbara Leinberry** who was in a minor car accident and has two broken ribs.

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Amy McKenzie's office hours at church:** Monday & Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. *These and others by appointment.*

E-Mail: revamq@earthlink.net  
Home Study: 383-9186  
Cellular Phone: 850-566-1388

**Kathie Mackie**, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

**Helen Falb**, Music Director, 309-6853; helen@townbeacon.com

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

**Kim Ross**, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 443-4361; kim@cennexus.com

**Scott Geraci**, Nursery Worker, 877-6301; sgeraci10@aol.com

## CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01).....	158
Current Membership.....	180
Current Youth Membership.....	2
Current Number of Friends.....	42
Average Church Attendance for November .....	95
RE Enrollment .....	84

## THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

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

# JANUARY UUCT EVENTS

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 3:00 PM.** This will be a covered dish celebration dinner for the new year at the home of Nancy Bass. In February, the group will have a booth at the Unity in the Community event in downtown Tallahassee. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

**VIDEO "LOYALTIES", MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 7:00 PM.** In the sanctuary. See article on Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) Book Group for details. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053).

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 11:30 AM.** Held at Jacob's at the Doubletree Inn downtown, this is a new, monthly lunch gathering for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Held the first Wednesday of the month, except for this month. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, JANUARY 13.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**CHURCH COUNCIL AND FINANCE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM.** A meeting to discuss next year's budget. See committee chair article in *Announcements*. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895).

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

**STUDY ACTION GROUP, JANUARY 21, 7:30 PM.** Open to all interested, this group meets to study and discuss alternatives to the war on drugs. Contact: Toni Latino (402-2900, tlatino@gate.net) or Allen Turnage (553-9416, akt@nettally.com)

**RCDC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7:00 PM.** In Room 4. A discussion of the book "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. See article on Book Group for details. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053).

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:15 PM.** In Room 4, the quarterly meeting of committee chairs to share and discuss plans for the upcoming quarter. This meeting will also include committee reports on progress made in Green Sanctuary activity areas. See committee chair article in *Announcements*. Contact: President Elect Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 12:15 PM.** In Room 2. Anyone interested in social justice work at UUCT is urged to attend this meeting. Attendance has been light for evening meetings; it's hoped that meeting Sunday after the service will increase it. Come give your ideas, energy and time to this important area of work. Contacts: Bonnie Foster (539-5563) and Lorin Pratt (893-3067).

**YOUTH EVENTS**  
*See Youth RE (p. 5).*  
\* **YRUU Meets** Sundays, 6-8 PM.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**  
*See Adult Enrichment (p. 5)*  
\* **Attachment Parenting Support Group,** Every Third Tues., 6:00 PM  
\* **Déjà Vu UU,** Sun. Jan. 20, 12:30-3:30 PM

- \* **Evensong Gatherings,** Group #1: 2nd & 4th Thurs. Eves. Group #2: TBA
- \* **New UU,** Mon. Jan. 28 and Feb. 4, 7-9 PM
- \* **Rise Up & Call Her Name,** Resumes Wed., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM
- \* **Women's Spirituality,** Every Mon., 7:15 PM.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Capital Improvement,** Thurs. 1/10 & 1/24, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Finance,** Mon. 1/14, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- \* **Green Sanctuary,** Sun. 1/20, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- \* **Membership,** Mon. 1/7, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Program,** Mon. 1/14, 7:00 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* **Racial & Cultural Diversity,** Tues. 1/8, 7 PM and Sat. 1/12 off-site. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- \* **Social Justice,** Sun. 1/27, 12:15 PM. Contacts: Lorin Pratt (893-3067) & Bonnie Foster (539-5563).
- \* **Youth RE,** Sun. 1/6, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER JANUARY

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

**MORATORIUM WALK, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 10:30 AM.** Join RCDC members as they take part in the final day of the Death Penalty Moratorium Walk, starting at Temple Israel and walking three miles to the Capitol. See separate article on the walk. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806).

**"HEARTBEATS", SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:00 PM.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend this evening of good food and wonderful music. See *UUCT Social Activities* for more details. Contact: Ludy Goodson (ludy8@juno.com or 531-9819).

## DISTRICT EVENTS

**THE REVEREND JOHN REX INSTALLATION CEREMONY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 4:30 PM.** The First Unitarian Church of Palm Beach County, 635 Prosperity Farms Road, North Palm Beach. RSVP to their church by January 7. (561-627-6105; uniuni1@juno.com)

**WORKSHOP ON HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, GAINESVILLE.** Led by FL District Executive Mary Higgins, the workshop will cover such issues as anxiety and church systems, congregational decision-making, characteristics of healthy leaders, and leadership versus management. If interested, contact President Elect Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

**FL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 12 -14.** Held at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL near Orlando, this annual gathering of FL District UUs is open to all interested. It features workshops, shared meals, worship, the District annual meeting, and plenty of time to relax and get to know others. Watch the back counter of the sanctuary for more information.

**ELDERHOSTEL AT UU IN THE PINES, JANUARY - APRIL.** Specific dates are: January 20-25, February 17-22, March 17-22, April 7-12. See the Community Bulletin board for more details. Contact: Elderhostel, 1-877-426-8056 or uupines@bellsouth.net.

## UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Please check the Social Activities Calendar at the back of the sanctuary for the list of events for singles, nonsingles, and newcomers. The following events are the major highlights for January and February. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**JANUARY:** This month our UU lunch has been shifted to the second Wednesday, January 9. For details, see *January UUCT Events*. Another major event will be a "*Tallahassee Hotspots*" tour. If you are new to Tallahassee and want a tour of the "hot spots" or want to help with such a tour, contact Ludy Goodson at 531-9819 or ludy8@juno.com. We might start with a progressive snack from someone's home and then move on to Tally-town places.

**Film Discussion:** Starting in January, this group will meet in the late afternoon one or two Fridays a month to attend a twilight movie showing, followed by refreshment and discussion. Contact: Dixon Chandler (219-9604 or dchandler@nettally.com).

**FEBRUARY:** Next month, mark your calendars, tune-in your ears, and bring your taste buds to the "Heartbeats" concert where you'll find romantic melodies and spicy chili and chocolate. We'll begin at 7:00 p.m. on February 9 with the entertainment and will feature the food starting at the intermission. This concert is planned, rehearsed, and emceed to let the musical notes and lyrics flow and "speak" for themselves. If you want to be well fed and entertained with featured musicians and vocalists, then this is your concert. This major fundraiser event, at a cost of \$12, will fill your spirits and your appetites with delight. It will be a fun-filled and heart-filled "happening" here at UUCT!

## MORE ON SUNDAY TOPICS

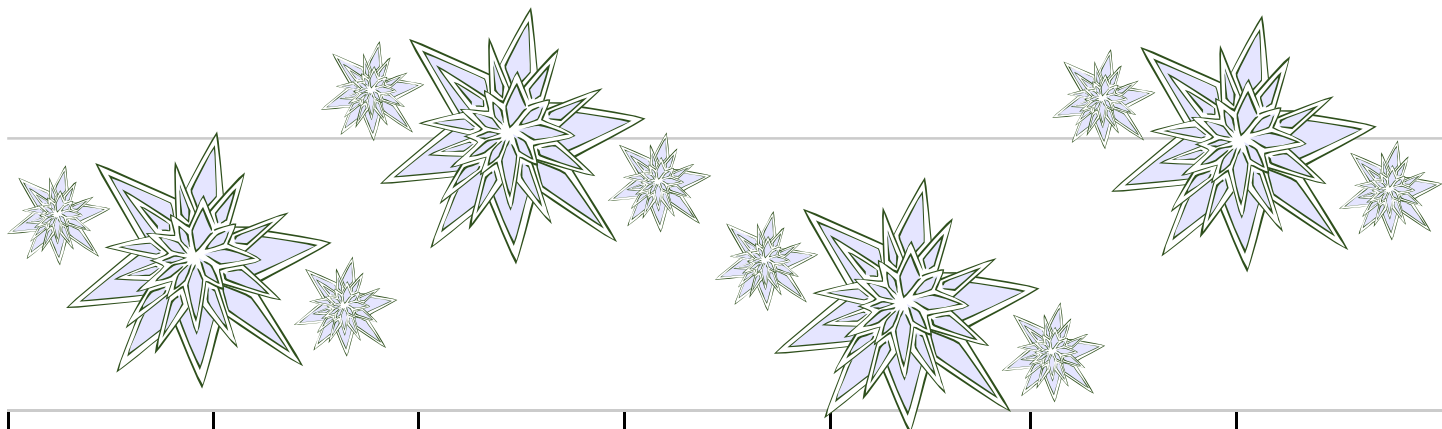
**Jan. 6 - "Chicken or Egg: Putting Ethics in the Mix", Rev. Amy** - Science catches us off guard with its discoveries and inventions and then moves forward while many of us are still trying to decide if we ought to be poking around in the mysteries of life. Yet we must apply ethics to progress and in time we do, simply because we're human.



**Jan. 13 - "Remembrance and Reconciliation"** - Remembering is important, but it's not enough. Guest Speaker Dr. Marvin Davies is Minister of Unity Church in St. Petersburg, CEO of the Institute for Healthful Living, co-founder of the Martin Luther King Foundation of Florida, and former aide to Senator Bob Graham and to Governor Lawton Chiles.

**Jan. 20 - "Repentance and Restitution", Rev. Amy** - Along with remembrance and reconciliation, embracing the future relies on the dynamic duo of repentance and restitution.

**Jan. 27 - "A Covenant to Live By" and New Member Recognition, Rev. Amy** - We say we are a religion of deeds not creeds -- we may also say we are a congregation gathered by covenant not creed. On this day to welcome our newest members, we'll also consider the deed of conforming to covenant.

# UUCT Calendar of Events January 2002



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>For sermon titles &amp; "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.</b></p>	<p><b>University UUs meeting schedule to be announced. FSU classes start 1/7.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Office Closed Rev. Amy Away</p> 	<p><b>2</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7 PM Board (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4) Return Guest at your Table Boxes.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7 PM RCDC Video (Sanct.)* 7:15 PM Membership (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) <i>Rev. Amy (away)</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 PM RCDC (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 11:30 AM Lunch (off-site)* 6:30 PM Rise Up &amp; Call Her Name, Rm 5 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b> Eve Evensong I (Rm 3) 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>12 RCDC Meeting at Elinor Elfner's Oyster Bay Beach House Fix a dish for</p> 
<p><b>13</b> 12:30 PM Potluck &amp; Meridian Deadline 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4) <i>Rev. Amy Away</i> →</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7 PM Finance (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Program (Rm 2) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Rm 4)*</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7 PM Church Council with VP Finance (Rm 4)* 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7 PM Board (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 9 AM - 1 PM Workday*</p>
<p><b>20</b> 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary (Rm 4) 12:30 PM Déjà Vu UU * 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Rev Amy Away</i> - Office Closed 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group 7:30 PM Study/Action Group (Rm 4)*</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7 PM RCDC Book Discussion Group (Rm 4)*</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>24</b> Eve Evensong I (Rm 3) 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27</b> 12:15 PM Church Council (Rm 4)* 12:30 PM Social Justice Committee Meeting (Rm 2)* 6 PM YRUU</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7-9 PM New UU* 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry</p>	<p><b>*Details on another page.</b></p>	<p><b>For contacts for committees, events, and classes, see appropriate articles inside.</b></p>