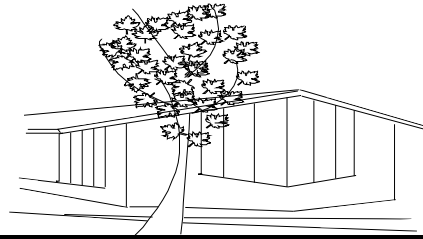


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Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella January 5 only.)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

9:45 AM Adult Forum

- Jan. 5, Open Discussion
- Jan. 12, The Communitarian Platform
- Jan. 19, Green Sanctuary
- Jan. 26, Impact of Antidrug Laws on Families, Guest speaker, Nora Callaban

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

11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.

6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

# The Meridian

## January Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Jan. 5 | Forgiveness, for a Fresh Start

I think this phrase would be a good marketing slogan for the New Year. I'll give you the good news about forgiveness, and also the voice-over (like in T.V.-toted prescription drugs: "May cause.... And.... Some patients report...."). Forgiveness isn't that easy, but it is what's needed.

**Rev. Amy**

### Jan. 12 | Martin and Malcolm as Models for the Spirit Life

An article in the *UU World* magazine puts it right out there: Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't a UU, but he maybe could have been. What a loss! I think both he and Malcolm X can still be models for our individual and collective faith. **Rev. Amy**

### Jan. 19 | Journey Toward Wholeness Sunday

Members of the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) will share thoughts on the UUCT progress on the Journey Toward Wholeness, the nationwide Unitarian Universalist movement toward become an anti-racist multicultural denomination of churches. There will be a special collection for the Whitney Young Urban Ministries, as one of UUCT's approved fund raisers for the year.

**Lay Leader: Nancy Bass**

### Jan. 26 | Believe and Act

So, what does your minister believe and how does that influence how she acts? This is a credo sermon, and a confession of faith...and doubt. I'm on the path, just like you, but we have also traveled different ways. I'll give you an overview and the few conclusions I've made so far. **Rev. Amy**

### Heart Beats Concert

♥ Saturday, Feb. 8, 7:00 PM

♥ Tickets: \$8

♥ Contact Ludy Goodson, (ludy8@juno.com, 531-9819)



## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

A new year, a new start. New stuff around church. New chairs, a new building starting to take shape, new stoles for the choir, and in the sanctuary up front, a new quilt on the right hand side. For a while, we'll display the chalice wall hanging that the K-1<sup>st</sup> graders ("Explorers") made for the congregation as they learned the history of the flaming chalice. We honor the history when we light our chalice each Sunday, and before each Board meeting. The chalice is a symbol of religious freedom, social justice and the light of truth and hope that sometimes flickers, sometimes blazes, in each of us. The people who made the chalice wall hanging were: Becky Hoskins, Claudia Joyner, Caroline Mooney and Cole Zelznak

(with help from teachers Pam Hoskins and Holly Mackie). The quilt that used to be in that spot is in my office for now. It was made and given to the congregation in 1987 by some people you know, and some you might not: Seth Clay, Patty DeTar, Elinor Elfner, Barbara Gearhart, Ruby Jackson, Peggy Lentz, Susan Osteryoung and Dorothy Robb. Thank you to creative people of all ages, who offer their gifts to the benefit of our church.

Soon we will think about what artwork and wall hangings to have in the new building. I'm aware that I used one of my precious "executive decisions" with the change of quilts, even if it turns out to be temporary. We will figure a way to include many more people (!) as we decorate and redecorate our sacred

and practical spaces. We got good chairs, and a great rug, a new sign, and plans for a whole new building. Now we move to the little details that mean so much. Try to think about what you want to see as you worship, learn, meet and grow. What would make it easier for you to welcome the new and make use of the truths you know? Words? Images? Vivid colors? Earth tones? Take a look around. Ask yourself how it feels to be in each room we now have and in time the ones we will have. We are stewards of the building and grounds, keepers of the flame, builders of the faith.

Happy New Year!

(Rev.) Amy

## Announcements



### Missing Hymnals

We're missing at least eight hymnals from the sanctuary. If you borrowed one at some point, please check at home to make sure it was returned. The hymnals are expensive to replace, and many that we have were gifts to the church by members, given in honor or memory of someone.

If you would like a hymnal of your own, they are easy to order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM, [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore), or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). The current cost for a hymnal is \$28 plus shipping and handling.

### Missing Glass Coffee Cups

Anyone who might have taken home a glass coffee cup from the kitchen, please return it. Every week the church has fewer and fewer of them.

### Join Sunday Service Brigade!

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

### Sunday Service Participation

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

### Calling All Singers:

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

### New UUCT Directory

An updated UUCT directory for members and friends is available on Sundays in January. Look for Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or Greeter Coordinator Jean Chulak. Or you may stop by the office during the week and pick up your copy. At the end of the month, all undistributed directories will be mailed. If corrections are needed in your listing, including adding or deleting an e-mail address, please let Kathie know right away. Bi-monthly updates will be published.

## Announcements (Continued)

### Giving statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase (422-1985, twchase@tallynet.com, or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

### Reminder: Church Office Hours

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

## Appreciation



- To:**
- \* **Elinor Elfner, Ken and Jean Wood, Barbara Sterling, Mary & Steve VanSciver, Barbara Gearhart, Christine Boczarska, Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 11/24 - 12/15.
  - \* **Marty Beech, Jack Martin, Yvonne Worden, Deborah Wolfe, and University UUs** for providing hospitality 11/24 - 12/15.
  - \* **Linda Winn, Marty Beech, Norene Chase, Dexter Easton, Pauline Masterton, Bruce & Junelle Brandt, Grace Martin, Amy Mann, Carrie Sandahl, and University UUs** for clean-up from 11/24 - 12/15.
  - \* **Harold and Joe Hawkins and Tom Chase** for cutting up and splitting wood from dead and hazardous trees we had removed.
  - \* **Kim Ross and the University UUs** for preparing The Shelter meal in November.
- New Office Hours: Rev. Amy**
- Please note on the back page that Rev. Amy's new office hours are Wednesdays 1 - 5 PM and Thursdays 9 AM - 5 PM.
- At The Back of The Sanctuary**
- \* **The Sunshine:** 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?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.
- Mountaincamp 2003**
- If you are anxiously waiting to receive the Mountaincamp 2003 brochure and registration form in the mail, try going to The Mountain's website: [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org). The full brochure is there, with a link to download the registration form.
- Scholarship Awarded**
- A scholarship that will cover about half the cost of 2003 Mountaincamp has been awarded to a UUCT youth who is an active member of the YRUU group. Congratulations! We are grateful that former member Hazel Richards left the endowment making such scholarships to The Mountain possible.
- \* **Don Weed, John Donaldson, Jim Dawson, Beth Cavano, Jane Anderson, Joan Patterson, Erin Hamilton, and Brenda and Bob Glenn** for preparing The Shelter meal in December. (Are you interested in joining us? If so, call Isabel Sheridan: 668-0785 or [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com).)
  - \* **Art Fixel**, one of our church founders, for serving on the Endowment Committee for the past six years.
  - \* **Christine Boczarska** for the Creché under the sanctuary tree.
  - \* **Bruce and Junelle Brandt, Cathy Briggs, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, Barbara and Dick Gearhart, Peggy Lentz and Ray Tucker, Dorothy Mann, Margaret and Neil Mooney, Kelley and Allen Turnage, and Cheryl Ward and Jon Stern** for hosting dinners in November and December.
  - \* **Jean Chulak** for serving as Sunday Greeter Coordinator and for keeping the back of the sanctuary straightened.
  - \* **Jennifer Carver** for attending the follow-up session for the FL District Consultation on Youth.
  - \* **Trudy Deyle** for being an advisor for the December Sr. High Mountain Con.
  - \* **Christina Boczarska, Fran Boyle, and Jennifer Carver** for serving on the Scholarship Committee.
  - \* **Pauline Masterton** for purchasing and preparing the wonderful new stoles for the OK Chorale and **Barbara Solomon** for cutting out and gluing chalices on them.
  - \* The **Congregation** for being a sponsor for the singing group *Voces Angelorum* for their December 20th concert at UUCT and **Tom Chase** for his help in setting up for that concert.
  - \* **Kelley Turnage, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Bonnie Foster and Fran Boyle** for organizing and helping with the Yule Service on Sunday, December 22.

## Appreciation (Continued)

\* **Note** - A correction to December Appreciations: \$524, versus the \$224 reported, was collected for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) at the November 17 Sunday service.

### Thank you from Kathie Mackie and Other Staff

A big thank you to individual members of the **UUCT Congregation and Board** for the generous monetary gifts to staff at Christmas time.

### Holiday Ingathering Thanks

A hearty snowball and sleigh ride thanks to everyone-- named and unnamed (if so, sorry)-- for helping to put on our two annual holiday ingathering events -- Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 28th and the UU Winterfest Christmas Holidays Party on Dec.13th. Many UUs, young and old, were able to come to both events.

For Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to **Eleanor Moore** for cooking a big 25-lb turkey, to "Reverend" **Wes VanSciver** for saying grace, to **Mary Millard** for singing "We Gather Together," to **Kim Ross and Joan Patterson** for donating additional tablecloths, to **A Mystery Person (or Persons)** for

returning church tablecloths, to **Karen E. Share and Linda Logan** for creating beautiful table settings and decorations, and to all the hard-working hands who helped with clean-up afterwards (including **Nancy Bass** for cleaning the tablecloths).

For the UU Winterfest, thanks to **Ed and James Oaksford, Rod Oldenburg, and Joe Lama** for bringing back a 12-foot Christmas tree from Charlie Terrell's tree farm north of Cairo, Georgia (and to **Charlie Terrell** for donating this evergreen tree), to **Lois Bloom** for organizing the potluck supper and kitchen (including **Dave and Nancy Harvey, Tim Campbell, Jennifer Carver, Ben Beldock, and Lorin and Tom Pratt**), to **Annette Pearce** for table decorations and preparations, to **Eleanor and Earl Enge** for helping with kitchen clean up, to **Barbara Sterling** for bringing a big ham, to **Rod Oldenburg and Steve Urse** for the Hot Wassail and cookies, to **Tom Chase** for setting up sound equipment, to **Helen Falb, the OK Chorale** and the new UUCT singing group **One Okay Quartet (Ludy Goodson, Pauline Masterton, Jack McDevitt, and Ron Crowe)** for their Winterfest winter songs, and to other

musical performers **Mary Millard and Sara Straub** (from *Voces Angelorum*), **Yvonne Gsteiger** (hammer dulcimerist), **Howard Solomon** (guitarist with original songs), **Ludy Goodson** (singer), **Ron Crowe** (storyteller), **Jolly Ole St. Tim Campbell** (as our American mall Santa Claus), and to **Chelsea Cline** for turning on the Christmas tree lights. And thanks to **Reverend Amy** for her opening welcome to this 11th annual, winter party at UUCT.

And thanks to **William Adkins** for coordinating both events!

### Riley Center/Museum Rock-a-thon Thanks

Thanks to all UUCTers who donated time and/or money to Riley Center/Museum in its annual Rock-a-thon. The UUCT team raised \$359, which will be used to support the operating budget of the museum. Thanks to rockers **LaRae Donnellan, Holly Mackie and friend Kaleb Homan, Rev. Amy (and Precious), Susan Angel, Melissa Angel and friend Roxanne, Tina, Mikayla, Sierra, and Keelan Bush Rester, Annette Pearce, Joanne Taylor, Dick Leinberry, Isabel Sheridan, and Linda Miklowitz** (an honorary UUCTer for the day).

## Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

### Upcoming Programs

**January 24-26, 2003 - Robert Burns Scottish Weekend.** A celebration of all things Scottish. We'll start the weekend with a ceilidh, pronounced "kay-lee", the Gaelic word for a party. Saturday you have time to visit the Scottish Tartan Museum in Franklin, watch a Scottish movie, or go hiking. Or join in the cooking class and learn how to make Scottish specialties. Later we'll join the members of the local

Scottish Heritage Society for a Traditional Burns Night Supper.

**January 29-Feb 2, 2003. Dinner & a Movie Feast.** Treat yourself to a weekend of Indian film and cooking classes. Watch and discuss films of meaning and depth that intersect with the cuisine of the films. Then spend time with the chef in cooking class preparing a special dinner that your group will enjoy that evening.

**February 7-9, 2003. Hardy Hikers Weekend.** Winter hiking and relaxing evenings by the fire.

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

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, January 5, 9:30 AM**

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

### Curriculum

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

### 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 5 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.

### YRUU (Youth Group)

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

### FL District Conferences:

- \* Jan. 17 - 19 All Age, Gainesville
- \* Mar. 28 - 30 SE Region, TBA
- \* Apr. 25 - 27 Youth Caucus, Oviedo

### Mountain Cons (in NC):

- \* January 24 - 26, Sr. High
- \* February 7 - 9, Jr. High
- \* February 28 - March 1, Sr. High

**For more information,** call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

#### CURRENT CLASSES:

**UUA Study / Action Issue.** Study circles on economic globalization using the book *The Lexus and the Olive Tree, Understanding Globalization* by Thomas Friedman are third Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM through January in Rm 2, or second Mondays, 7 - 9 PM through February in Rm 2. They may continue beyond the end dates, with further reading and discussion. Thursday facilitator Elinor Elfner (224-3651; eelfner@istal.com) and Monday facilitator Annette Pearce (386-4053).

**The Artist Way: A Spiritual Path.** Tuesday evenings, starting Jan. 14. Facilitator: Amy Mann (222-1420 or amann@tdo.infi.net).

#### UPCOMING CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

**Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.** New groups starting periodically. In eight gatherings, Evensong

participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. Contact Sheila Meehan or Rev. Amy.

**New UU & Déjà Vu, UU.** These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member. The next sessions will be on Sundays February 2 and 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM with a light lunch served at 12:30 PM. Childcare will be available if requested in advance. Sign up at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

#### Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory:

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

#### OPEN PARTICIPATION

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

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### **zenTAOBuddhist Sangha**

**Are you a UU Zen Buddhist? (but too schooled in Western ways not to know it?)**

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha of UUCT meets every Sunday morning (in Room 2) to give you a chance to find your long-lost Self! (Or some part of you missing.) You may not find your lost part -- but you may enjoy this time to sit quietly with others, while the rest of the maddening world rushes by -- to practice Zazen-- as a way of finding inner peace or your Inner True Being. Some UUs don't believe in an Inner True Being, which Mr. Buddha would probably agree with. (But, hey, you might find something!)

zTB Sangha meets from **9:00 - 10:30 AM** -- and on the first Sunday of the month, meets at the Black Dog Cafe on Lake Ella. We share readings in Buddhism, Taoism, Zen, and other meaningful stories from our lives.

If you would like to learn more, contact Will Adkins, Sangha coordinator and editor of the Sangha's e-mail newsletter *under the Bo-tree*, at 385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu.

To quote the Japanese Zen Master Dogen Zenji (1200-123), founder of Soto Zen: To study Buddhism is to study the self. To study the self is to forget the self. To forget the self is to be enlightened by all things. To be enlightened by all things is to drop off our own body and mind, and to drop off the bodies and minds of others. No trace of enlightenment remains, and this no-trace continues endlessly.

### **Campus Ministry Corner**

**Campus Ministry Coordinator:  
To Be Announced in Early  
January**

**Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM** at FSU's International Center, 107

S. Wildwood Drive. **Coffee Hour: Fridays at 6:00 PM** at Javaheads.

**Questions:** Sara Reece, Campus Ministry Chairperson (309-1933 or sarareece@earthlink.net)

### **From Kim Ross:**

Well, the semester is over, the year is through. It's time for me to say goodbye as Campus Ministry Coordinator. The students and I finished out the year with a goodbye party for those who are leaving. Katie Chamberlain is also leaving and will be missed deeply. She's actually been part of the group longer than I have. I was deeply touched by a gift from the students of a journal that was signed by past and present students. I am also grateful for thank yous from the church and its members. Most of all, I am grateful for the time I have spent, the things I have learned, and the people I have met through this job.

## *FY 2003 - 2004 Committee Budgets and Program Plans*

### **Needed from Committees**

By Del DeTar, VP for Finance

Attention to all who wish to have input into the 2003-2004 UUCT asking budget. The Finance Committee needs your help in determining what money is needed to support the programs of the church for next year. Each chair of a committee and anyone else whose work requires support from the operating budget needs to submit to me before January 17, 2003, a request in writing of amount together with a brief explanation. (E-mail is OK.)

At the January 12 Church Council meeting, committee chairs will have a chance to discuss their 2003-2004 program plans and budget requests with each other and with me.

It will save committees time if they also think about and outline their accomplishments and vision reports (which are due to the canvass chair mid-February). Committees are especially reminded that Rev. Amy will be on sabbatical leave during part of the next fiscal year, and they should determine if extra funds will be needed. (See article below.)

Some activities are supported by collections or donations and do not appear in the operating fund. They are managed by "pass-through" accounts. Estimates of amounts for these accounts are also needed to provide a complete description of activities of the UUCT.

DeLos F. DeTar, VP Finance, ddetar@infi.net, or put letter in my mail box at the church.

### **Special Needs for Sabbatical Time**

By Richard Dempsey, Committee on Ministry Chairperson

Committee chairs need to be aware of Rev. Amy's upcoming sabbatical leave, which may impact their 2003-2004 budget planning. Her two-part leave will commence January 1, 2004 and include January, February, and June 2004 -- a total of three months for the fiscal year. Committees need to consider what effects, if any, Rev. Amy's absence will have on their work and whether they will require special funding to accomplish essential tasks. They should include such money in their budget requests for this next fiscal year. For more information, contact me (671-2748 or richardd@nettally.com).

## Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

The following is excerpted from the Union of Concerned Scientists "Greentips" website article for November 2002 entitled "Tree-Free Paper."

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From its invention in China in 105 A.D. until very recently, paper was made from non-woody plant fibers, like hemp and cotton, or from textile waste. That changed when the wood pulping process was invented in the 19th century, not because wood produced a superior product, but because it solved the problem of scarce raw materials. At the time, most paper in the Western world was made from rags, but supplies were hard to come by. Trees, on the other hand, were plentiful -- particularly in North America with its vast forests. It seemed like the perfect solution.

Today, we know differently. Many of the world's biologically-rich forests are disappearing at an alarming rate. Each year an area of tropical forest the size of New York State is lost. A major cause is the expansion of industrial tree plantations, which supply pulp to meet worldwide demand for paper products.

In developing countries, a third of the paper produced is already tree-free, and there is now a budding, if small, tree-free paper industry emerging in the West. The materials used are:

- **CROPS**, including kenaf, an African plant which makes an excellent paper pulp; hemp, a versatile plant and

a component in the first papers ever made; flax, the plant used to make linen; and cotton.

- **AGRICULTURAL RESIDUES**, or crop leftovers, such as rice and wheat straw, sugarcane bagasse, banana stalk fiber and grass clippings.

- **COTTON RAGS**, as in the days just before wood became the raw material of choice.

The benefits of using non-wood sources extend beyond saving trees and forest habitat. The production process is itself more environmentally sound, requiring fewer chemicals and less energy. [According to an article on the Betterworld.com web page by Chris Nedler, this is because of the lesser amounts of lignins in non-tree fibers. Nedler also notes that because most plant fibers are naturally a whiter color than wood, they require less bleaching and, in some cases, none. Less bleaching results in less dioxin and fewer chemical by-products being generated by the papermaking process.]

For this reason, it is important to not only look for tree-free paper products, but chlorine-free ones as well. There are two chlorine-free designations:

- **TCF**, or *totally chlorine free*, meaning paper that is made without chlorine or chlorine derivatives. This applies to virgin paper.
- **PCF**, or *processed chlorine free*, which means much the same as TCF, except that it applies to recycled paper.

Many tree-free papers are actually blends of non-wood fibers and post-consumer waste (recycled) paper. This is a good thing. Using recycled paper to create new paper saves both water and energy, and helps keep pollution down.

*So, next time you shop, seek out the tree-free blends marked PCF -- they're the best paper products you can buy. Don't forget to encourage your office supply store to carry these papers if they don't yet. Let the publishers of the magazines you subscribe to know you care, too. That's how to be a real engine of change.*

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For an extensive listing of tree-free papers see the Conservatree.com web page:  
<http://www.conservatree.com/paper/PaperGuide/TreeFreeTable.shtml>.

For example, Nedler reports that Bandelier Designs Inc. of Santa Fe, New Mexico, offers several lines of tree-free papers made from banana sludge and seaweed that are marketed to stores such as Waldenbooks and Barnes and Noble. Even the national office products stores like Staples (Tree-Free Recycled Multipurpose Paper: 90% post-consumer and 10% hemp; chlorine content not indicated) and Office Depot (several types of Southworth paper: 25% Cotton Paper and a mix of recycled and post-consumer fibers; chlorine content not indicated) offer tree-free papers.

## Social Justice

### Book Signing at the Black Archives

For all you who read *The Pain and the Promise*, Patricia Stephens Due and her daughter will be in town to sign their new book, *Freedom in the Family*. Patricia is one of the Stephens sisters from FAMU who started the

Tallahassee bus boycott. The event will be held Tuesday, January 7 from noon to 3:00 PM, at the Black Archives (the old Union Bank) at Apalachee Parkway and Calhoun Street. The event is free and is sponsored by Riley Center/Museum. Questions? Call Isabel Sheridan at 668-0785.

### Blended Lives

Riley Center/Museum and Goodwood Museum are teaming again to present an expanded, four-day series of events on Reconstruction in Leon County. The series, January 29 through February 1, 2003, will begin with an all-day Symposium and end with a new bus

## Social Justice (Continued)

tour. These events are open to the whole community. January 30 and 31 will be devoted to tours of both museums and the Knott House for

Leon County fourth graders. Members of UUCT have been active in planning the series of events. Brochures will be available at church early in January.

Questions? Call Isabel Sheridan at 668-0785.

## Church Community

By Will Adkins, VP for Community

### Caring Co-Chair, Where Art Thou?

Are we, the very active community of fellow Unitarian Universalists known as UUCT, a "caring" church? (I ask.)

Of course, we are! This is one of the most caring churches I have ever known in my life. As a UU community, I see us, above all other attributes we possess (like our tremendous love for singing and talent at it, and our great sense of humor) interested in one another and each other's welfare.

So why can I not find new Co-Chairs -- after Peggy Lentz stepped down last summer -- to head up the Caring Network Committee of UUCT?

I need others to help me "network" among ourselves -- Board members and anyone else interested in helping me search -- to ask around to see if anyone feels the need as many who are so active in the church see it.

So far, **Joanne Taylor** has agreed to be our new "Co-Chair" (Thank-you, Joanne!)-- but only if it is with someone else. So where is that 'Someone Else'? A job description would help! What's involved?

Well, mainly a Co-Chair for Caring is a "Contact" person at the center of UUCT's "Web" (or "network") which includes virtually everybody who is a church member. If someone in the church has a "need" which we can deal with, the Co-Chair will know who to call, who can help with what. (We have data base lists, needing updating all the time, in our church computer! The Co-Chair asks around, does surveys, updates who can do what, if called upon.)

What kinds of "needs" come up which our church can help with?

1. Giving someone a ride to church on a Sunday (or to a committee meeting or other event at UUCT).
2. Helping someone meet a doctor's appointment or get to a hospital.
3. Visiting a person who is sick in the hospital, bringing them flowers, etc.
4. Taking someone to pick up a prescription at a drugstore.
5. Helping to organize and run the reception after a "Memorial Service" when the need arises.
6. Sending a Get Well card or Thinking Of You card to someone who has not been awhile to church.

The Co-Chairs will, in time, begin to "sense" the many types of little needs which are part of our lives and which we, as a church, might be able to help out with.

The Church Office does get phone calls from folks in need. It would be good if Kathie Mackie or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or Rev. Amy could pass along these "calls of need" to a "Core Group" of Caring Network UUs (or their Co-Chairs) to look at, to check out our rich data base of "Gifts of Self," and to determine who might be able to come to the rescue.

Helping friends in need at UUCT is a truly immeasurable "gift of self", far more meaningful than going to church on Sundays. You may know this already! For example, on Saturday morning Dec. 7th, I went with Joe Lama, Ed Oaksford (and his son James), and Rod Oldenburg up to Charlie Terrell's tree farm to find a Christmas tree. Coming home, Ed

treated us to a meal at a little pig-out restaurant on the road south of Cairo. That morning and afternoon -- out with The Guys -- was (is), for me, what the joy of being a UUCTer is all about. Pure Saturday Fun!

Helping another person, or a friend, in need at church is a human experience of powerful, positive spiritual growth, whenever we get a chance for it. Extending a helping hand is a meaningful way of affirming the interdependent web of all being (which we UUs call one of our 'Principles'). It is way of making "connections", of "staying connected." Caring expands one's Universe!

If you are a computer-friendly person who is people-friendly also, then becoming a Co-Chair of the UUCT Caring Network committee may be the way you may best serve your church! And then you, along with Joanne Taylor, will become our *Ambassadors of Caring* here. Think about it! And let me know-- Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net) or call Rev. Amy or Kathie Mackie at the Church Office (385-5115).

### New Publicity Chair

**Mary Millard**, graphics artist *excelsior par excellentie* (see her wondrous graphics for the *Voces Angelorum* (Voices of Angels) all women's choir, of which she is a very active member), has agreed to be the Publicity Chair of UUCT. With her eye for detail and beauty, she will be a great asset to the promotion of our church, in a graceful, strikingly attractive way. Give Mary a big thanks for volunteering for this challenging job in the coming year. We are blessed!



## Membership

To explore becoming 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 and supporting friends will be given nametags. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.75 each).

## New Member Recognition

A Sunday in February.

## Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

## Non-UUCT Events

- Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Jan. 11, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 7 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)

## On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) for refreshments, Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, January 13, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

## Lost and Found

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

## Joys and Sorrows

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

**Will Adkins**, whose mother, **Lou Ann Adkins**, died in December.

**Mary and Steve Van Sciver and Eleanor Moore** on the death of **Wesley Van Sciver**, before Christmas morning.

**Marcia Murray**, who is recuperating at home after a brief hospital stay for treatment of a common heart condition.

**Richard Chackerian**, who is having radiation therapy in California.

## Dinners In Homes

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

*Dinners for 8* is adults only, with parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. If you are a newcomer or you missed the sign-up for guests or hosts and are interested, contact Barbara Gearhart for *Dinners for 8* (386-7378) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

## The Committee on Ministry

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

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 49**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of November 2002 - 93.3**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - November - 95.4**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45 (Incomplete)**

## January UUCT Events, Social Activities, After January, District & National

### January UUCT Events

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 3:00 PM.** The annual covered dish, new-year get-together at the home of Nancy Bass. Call Nancy (893-1806) for more information and directions.

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 11:30 AM.** First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

**DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 7:30 PM.** Simple meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In sanctuary. Contacts: Tom or Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 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).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, JANUARY 12, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 12:30 PM.** In addition to reviewing plans for the next quarter, we will discuss FY 2003-04 budget requests and program plans. Contact Neil Mooney (893-8250).

**RCDC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP.** Since two groups have been meeting to discuss Thomas Friedman's book on globalization, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, RCDC's Book Discussion Group will not be meeting for awhile. Thanks to Marcia Murray, who has graciously and creatively led the Book Discussion Group for two years.

### Events After January

**"HEARTBEATS" CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 PM.** A pre-Valentine's Day enchanting evening of romance and wonderful music by talented UUCTers and others. Tickets will be \$8.00 for this annual UUCT fund raiser. A variety of helpers are needed. Contact Ludy Goodson to volunteer (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com).

**SECOND ANNUAL WILDFLOWER PROM, SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00 PM.** Plan now to attend this delightful fund raiser by our YRUU Youth Group.

### UUCT Social Activities

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

- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, Jan. 4, 7:30 PM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 11:30 AM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, Jan. 12, 12:30 PM

### FL District Events

**WOMEN & RELIGION CONFERENCE, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 - 19.** Unitarian Universalist Center, Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, FL. "Spirituality - The Search for the Beloved" with Dr. Gloria Wright. Contact: UUCT's Fran Boyle (422-2250; boylef@worldnet.att.net) or Dee Powers (904-384-2353; crone60@aol.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.** At First Unitarian Church of Orlando. The topics will be the two current study/action issues for the UUA Commission on Social Witness: Economic Globalization and Civil Liberties. Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch: \$20

adult and \$10 youth by 1/29/02 postmark, \$30 adult and \$12 youth after. Home hospitality and scholarships available. Registration forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Nancy Bass (893-1806, nrbass@aol.com).

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

**DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT UUCT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22.** We will host the District Board and get to show off our almost completed new facilities.

**DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - 27.** Held at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL near Orlando, this gathering is open to all interested.

### National Events

**JIM SCOTT VALENTINE CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7:30 PM.** Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. An exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace. \$12 adults; \$7 students/children (www.uuca.org or 404-634-5134 for directions).

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

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

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Note: Many activities described in other sections.

## January 2003

For "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Meridian Schedule:</b>                      Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</p> 			<p>1 Office Closed                      No office hours for Rev. Amy                      3 PM Multicultural Families (off-site)</p> 	<p>2 7 PM Board Meeting (Rm 4)</p>	<p>3 6 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>4 Afternoon: Memorial Service for Wes Van Sciver                      7:30 PM Peace Dances (sanctuary)</p>
<p>5                      9:30 AM Youth RE Committee                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>6                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)                      7:30 PM Building &amp; Grounds Committee (Rm 4)</p>	<p>7                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>8                      11:30 AM UU Chow Down (off-site)                      7:30 PM Choir (sanctuary)</p>	<p>9                      FL UU Ministers Mtg, No Office Hrs. for Rev. Amy                      7 PM RCDC (Rm 4)                      7:15 PM CIC (Rm 2)</p>	<p>10                      6 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>11                      9 AM - 1 PM Work-day</p> 
<p>12                      12:30 PM Potluck &amp; Meridian Deadline                      12:30 PM Church Council (Rm 4)                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>13 6:30 PM                      Music Committee 7-9 PM (Rm 4)                      Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2)                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)                      7:15 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)</p>	<p>14                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)                      7-9 PM The Artist Way (sanctuary)                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group on Ministry (Rev. Amy's Office)</p>	<p>15                      7:15 PM Membership (Rm 4)                      7:30 PM Choir (sanctuary)</p>	<p>16                      7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2)                      7 PM Board Meeting (Rm 4)</p>	<p>17                      6 PM University UUs (off-site)                      Committee Budget Requests Due Before Today</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19                      12:30 PM Green Sanctuary &amp; Social Justice (Rm 4)                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>20                      Office Closed                      7 PM Finance Committee (Rm 4)                      7:15 PM Program Committee (Rm 2)                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p>21                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)                      7-9 PM The Artist Way (sanctuary)                      7:15 PM Leadership Development Mtg. (Rm 4)</p>	<p>22                      7:30 PM Choir (sanctuary)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24                      6 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26                      12:30 PM Campus Ministry Soup Lunch (sanctuary)                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>27                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p>28                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)                      7-9 PM The Artist Way (Rm 2)</p>	<p>29                      7:30 PM Choir (sanctuary)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31                      6 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	

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**Our Mission:**

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

**YOUTH EVENTS**

See *Youth RE* (p. 5).

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

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

See *Adult Enrichment* (p. 5)

- \* **Globalization Study  
Circles**, Mon. 1/13, 7  
PM. Contact: Annette  
Pearce (386-4053).  
Thurs. 1/16, 7 PM.  
Contact: Elinor Elfner  
(224-3651).
- \* **The Artist Way**, Tues.  
14, 21 & 28, 7 PM.  
Contact: Amy Mann  
(222-1420)
- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Bonnie Foster  
(539-5563)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- \* Thurs. 1/2 & 1/16, 7 PM.  
Contact: Pres. Jennifer  
Carver (402-0622)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon. 1/6, 7:30 PM.  
Contact: Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)
- \* **Capital Improvement**,  
Thurs. 1/9, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)
- \* **Committee on Ministry**  
Tues. 1/14, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Richard  
Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* **Finance**, Mon. 1/20,  
7 PM. Contact: Del  
DeTar (878-7895)
- \* **Green Sanctuary  
(& Social Justice)**, Sun.  
1/19, 12:30 PM.  
Contact: Ed Oaksford  
(422-0240)

- \* **Membership**,  
Wed. 1/15, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)
- \* **Music Committee**,  
Mon. 1/13, 6:30 PM.  
Contact: Cheryl Ward  
(668-5024)
- \* **Program**, Mon. 1/20,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Richard Dempsey  
(671-2748)
- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, Thurs. 1/9,  
7 PM. Contact: Nancy  
Bass (893-1806)
- \* **Social Justice (&  
Green Sanctuary)**,  
Sun. 1/19, 12:30 PM.  
Contact: Lorin Pratt  
(893-3067)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 1/5,  
9:30 AM. Contact:  
Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)