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SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

Sunday, July 1	“Spirituality and Men” Rev. Amy reports from General Assembly
Sunday, July 8	TBA
Sunday, July 15	“The Biggest Picture” Speaker: Pauline Masterton Lay Leader: Mary Millard
Sunday, July 22	“My Spiritual Revolution” Speaker: John Donaldson Service associate: Rev. Amy
Sunday, July 29	“The Good Life according to Jesus” Rev. Amy

EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice* & Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Summer Youth RE Program
- Classes for Pre-K through 5th grade
- Discussion Group for Middle School youth

*Only July 1, 8, & 15

Rev. Amy will be away July 6 - July 12. (For more about the minister’s summer vacation plans, go to p. 7)

UUCT FUND RAISING EVENT—SATURDAY, 7/28
A UU COFFEEHOUSE SUPREME! FROM 7:30 PM UNTIL?



Snacks and punch will be served.
 Coffee, tea available.
 Free-will donations accepted.



Musicians and poets of all ages are invited to do their thing, sing/play their songs, and read their original poems. Those desiring to read poems and/or sing and perform music should contact:

Will Adkins (385-5071; wma@post.harvard.edu)

RECEIVE MERIDIAN VIA E-MAIL?

**If you’d be willing,
See article on page 2.**

TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

**CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**

M-F - 7:00 - 3:30
 (Closed 11:00 - 11:30 AM)

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.electro-net.com/~uuct/

Note that our new zip code is 32308!

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

INVOCATION / MEDITATION FOR THE APRIL 10, 2001 MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND CABINET

When I showed the congregation who gathered for the 6/3 Sunday service the picture of me and Gov. Bush, I said I'd print the words I spoke at the Cabinet meeting. You may recall that I talked about my discomfort over speaking in that arena at the Flower Communion / Easter service; but I do thank Jane Anderson for the chance to wrestle with the assignment of bringing a liberal religious message and centering exercise to our elected officials (and to a room that has had many traditional prayers, and far more orthodox words, released into it).

I began with an invitation:

I'll ask you to indulge me, and your inner life, by closing your eyes and breathing. Now I'm not talking about the kind of breathing for when you feel the pressure, or are trying not to be noticed, or are talking... Close your eyes and breathe two times so your nearest neighbor can hear you...and you listen for their breath... [I thought this moment produced a depth and unity — that swiftly flew away— but was there!]

Now we will focus our hearts and minds as we address the Eternal One who listens and loves:

God of many names and no name, Strengthen our grasp of interdependence, and help us to find the next step on our journey together; Deepen our sense of creative purpose, and help us bring faith and hope to all that we do; Expand our hearts and help us grow in compassion, understanding, courage and love.

As we face the official business of the day, may we remember to: Reserve our laughter for joy and delight; not discomfort or cruelty; Reserve our silence for reflection and listening; not stewing or scheming; Reserve our words for communication; not attack; And reserve our thoughts and actions for the best and highest.

"Joy, delight, reflection, listening, communication, and the best and highest": Today we invoke these holy attributes.

As we prepare to turn toward the others gathered here with us, and to recite familiar words to the flag that flies over us all, may this peaceful, open moment fill the next moment, 'til all moments are filled with peace.

So may it be.

[Then we each placed our right hand over our heart, and pledged allegiance to the Flag...]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTRONIC MERIDIAN?

We would like to see if we can save money on *Meridian* printing and mailing costs by sending it to some people by e-mail instead of sending a printed copy by postal mail. E-mail subscribers could then print a copy if they wish, or simply refer to the electronic copy. Each monthly e-mail would contain three items - the church's web site address where the newsletter could be viewed; a plain text, unformatted copy pasted into the e-mail message; and an attached PDF file that is fully formatted for viewing or printing. Please send the e-mail address to which you want the newsletter sent to Kathie Mackie (uuct@electro-net.com) if you are interested in a trial subscription to the e-mail version of *The Meridian*. We will keep your printed copy coming until you tell us not to.

MARK YOUR CHECKS

- Please note the purpose of every check written to the church in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, Shelter Meals, etc.)
- At this time of year, also indicate whether pledge checks are for FY 00-01 or FY 01-02.
- Write separate checks for the operating budget and Capital Campaign (Building Fund). They are handled by different people at UUCT and go to separate banks. Make checks for the Capital Campaign payable to *UUCT Building Fund* and checks for the operating budget payable to *UUCT*, with appropriate notation in the memo line.

GATHER WATER

All ages, whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water for our Ingathering and Water Ceremony at the end of the summer.

AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>
- **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- **UUCT T-shirt:** Order forms and sample shirts. (\$15/shirt)

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, June 11, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

- **UUCT B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU Bed and Breakfast directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).

COORDINATE DINNERS FOR 8?

The Membership Committee is looking for one or two people to coordinate Dinners for 8 for September – May of next year. This is a great way to help out if your volunteer time is limited to a few hours on evenings or weekends. There will be a host and hostess sign up party in late August or early September and on-going sign up for guests throughout the year. A key emphasis for the coordinator(s) will be contacting our newer members and inviting them to attend dinners with longer-term members, providing opportunities for us all to get to know each other better.

And we already have a volunteer to coordinate “Dinners for Families with Children!” Parents will be welcome to attend “Dinners for 8” also, but those dinners will be adults only. To volunteer or discuss volunteering, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057; gdeyle@juno.com).

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

Consider teaching a summer Youth Religious Education class! Volunteers don’t have to make a long term commitment. Each Sunday lesson or discussion is stand alone. We will continue our summer program through early September, and we still have teaching slots open.

The curriculum is filled with great stories and activities. Last year we had record attendance throughout the summer, averaging 12 – 15 each week. The age span was 4 years old

to 5th grade; quite a span! This year, we hope to offer two classes, lower and upper elementary. We can only offer two classes if we have enough people to sign up to teach each week. Our regular RE teachers have earned the summer off, yet many of them have volunteered for the summer!

There will also be a discussion group for middle and high school youth each Sunday throughout the summer for whoever is there on a given Sunday. Discussion leaders are needed for various dates. Here’s your opportunity to hear it from a young person’s point of view!

Please consider giving at least one Sunday to our youth! To teach the elementary children or lead a discussion with the older youth on a summer Sunday, contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREmaggie@aol.com) or stop by the RE Table on Sunday to sign up.

APPRECIATION

To **Linda Winn, Allen Turnage, Jean Chulak, Isabel Sheridan, Steve Urse, Fran Bridges, Annette Pearce, Elinor Elfner, and Tom and Katya Taylor** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings May 20 - June 10.

To **Victor Venos, Eleanor Moore, Byron Spice, Nina Cline, Jerri Lee Wagner, and Margaret Mooney and RE** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **those who helped** during potluck, from May 20 - June 10.

To **Karen, John and Johnny Mann** for faithfully continuing to coordinate our monthly meal preparations for The Shelter.

To the **members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee**, who are frequently working on our buildings and grounds at various times, in addition to workdays. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

To **Nancy Bass** for agreeing to chair the Florida District Social Justice Council.

To **Ken and Jean Wood** for donating the pig for the annual pig roast and also to Ken for all your hard work (especially for the waterslide).

Combined Campaign thank yous to **Barbara Lineberry, Peggy Lentz, Sue Snyder and Frank Deasy, Lois and Stan Bloom, Nina Cline, Betsy and Minel Borges, Linda Winn, Rosa Morgan, Elinor Elfner, Linda Oaksford, Sally Andersen, and Fran and Mary Bridges** for hosting tables at the Congregational Dinners.

LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION

A number of people in leadership positions move on to other duties this month. They deserve a big thank-you for serving in the following positions:

- * **Bruce Brandt** as President,
- * **Pauline Masterton** as President-Elect and Chairperson of both the Membership and LGBT Welcoming Congregation Committees,
- * **Trudy Deyle** as Past President,
- * **Linda Logan** as Secretary,
- * **Joan Patterson** as VP for Finance and Finance Committee Chairperson,
- * **Eric Draper** as VP for Religious Education,
- * **Jim Crews** as VP for Management,
- * **Nancy Bass** as Denominational Affairs Chairperson,
- * **Mary Bridges** as Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairperson,
- * **Jennifer Carver** as chairperson for the Social Activities and Nominating Committees,
- * **Walter Hoskins** as Social Concerns Committee Chairperson,
- * **Margaret Mooney** as Youth RE Committee Chairperson,
- * **Byron Spice** as Committee on Ministry Chairperson,
- * **Charlene White** as Adult RE Chairperson and LGBT Welcoming Congregation Committee Co-Chairperson.

Thanks to **all who are taking their places or continuing on in their current leadership positions, as well as to all the faithful committee members**, our sincere appreciation!

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NEXT YOUTH RE
COMMITTEE MEETING:
Sunday, August 5, 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 Religion Education] (877-6301).

SUMMER PROGRAM. The upper and lower elementary classes are doing stories and activities. The middle and high school youth have a discussion group. Each Sunday is stand alone for each age group. Regular classes will resume in mid-September, with registration in late August and early September.

GOT ANY ROOM? After a meeting of the minds, it was determined that our best (although not perfect) solution for our upcoming space crunch, is to have the High School RE class meet offsite in member homes on Sunday mornings. We really hate to have to send any class offsite, but until we have more space, we're forced to do so. If you live in the vicinity of the church and have a room available that could seat up to a dozen young people, please consider volunteering your home for a month of Sunday mornings, so our High Schoolers have a place to meet. The time would be from about 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM, each Sunday. There would also be adult supervision at all times provided by the High School

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).

RE teachers. We hope to have enough homes that we can rotate monthly. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci. (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com)

REGISTRATION for the 2001-02 RE Program will be on Sundays, August 19 and 26, and September 2 and 9. Details will be in the August *Meridian*. The fall curriculum will begin on September 16, following the intergenerational *Ingathering Service* (with Water Ceremony) on September 9.

SUMMER YRUU. The Young Religious Unitarian Universalist (YRUU) Group for middle and high school youth will schedule occasional events during the summer. Watch your email and the Sunday announcements for definite dates. There is a canoe trip on Saturday, July 7. Contacts are the YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

YOUTH ADVISOR TRAINING. The annual Florida District Youth Advisor Training is the weekend of August 17-19 in Orlando. Only trained advisors may accompany our youth to District Cons. If you'd like to be considered for this training, contact YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, who will also be attending (402-0622), or DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com)

YRUU CON SCHEDULE. The FL District Con (Youth Conference) schedule for middle and high schoolers for summer and next fall follows. Contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

- u1 July 20-26 ConCon, Canada
- u1 July 28-August 3 Continental Youth Council
- u1 September 14-16 Tampa Con
- u1 September 28-30 Trans-In Con
- u1 October 12-14 Orlando Con
- u1 November 9-11 Jacksonville Con
- u1 December Social Action Con

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).

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT RE CONTACTS: Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair (668-5075); Maggie Geraci, DRE.

ADULT RE SURVEY. In April, the Adult RE Committee asked what kinds of programs we'd like for intellectual and spiritual growth and for ideas on a catchy name for Adult RE! Read the results of the survey -

distributed at the May 20 Sunday service and now available at the back of the sanctuary.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS, 9:45 - 10:45 AM. The Forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Watch for announcements of upcoming topics. Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. For more information about the Forum, contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP. Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact the church office (385-5115). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

SUMMER BREAK FOR SPEAK OUT! AND UUHUMANISTS

No meetings for July and August. We will start meeting again in September. Check your *Meridian* for future announcements. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or e-mail wma@post.harvard.edu).

HUMANIST QUESTION

FOR JULY: What does it really mean to be 'human'? (Who are we? Where did we come from? Where are we going? Why are we here?). What is our relationship to the Cosmos--the Natural World -- 'Nature' (all that is)? Are we human beings apart from, or 'outside' of, or 'above' Nature? Or is Nature inside of us? Or are we & Nature one-&-the-same thing? (Is 'Nature' another name for 'God'?). How much of our daily thinking fits into traditional dualistic mindset? And what if we could go beyond--or outside of--this peculiar way of seeing ourselves?

CAMPUS MINISTRY

University UUs continue to meet Thursdays at 8:00 PM at the Black Dog Cafe. Contact: Kim Ross

Frichter, Campus Ministry Coordinator for other social activities and a summer retreat (kim@cennexus.com; 443-4361).

GREEN CORNER

By Bob Deyle

Measuring your ecological footprint: In case you missed the Earth Day service or misplaced the insert, here is the Redefining Progress web address for calculating the ecological footprint of your household: www.rprogress.org/progsum/nip/ef/ef_main.html [note underscore between "ef" and "main"].

The ecological footprint is a measure of the amount of productive habitat needed to sustain any group of people, with a given lifestyle, regardless of where they live on Earth. There are two ways you can do this at the Redefining Progress website: (1) respond to a series of 13 questions for a quick estimate of your footprint, or (2) complete a more detailed spreadsheet that documents your monthly consumption of food and energy.

When I did the first method for the Deyle household (4 persons, 3 cars, etc.) our footprint came out to 33.5



GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony Sunday, September 9, 2001

acres per person. If every household on the Earth was like ours, we would need 8 earths for us all to co-exist!

Coming next: *ways to reduce your footprint.*

BOARD ACTIONS

MAY 3 & 17, 2001

To approve motions and items for congregational consideration at the May 20th Annual Meeting .

To appoint Christine Boczarska to the Committee on Ministry for a three-year term starting July 1, 2001.

Per the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Committee, to have the Board President appoint a task force to begin exploring the possibility of having two services on Sundays, in order to make sure we have enough sanctuary space to accommodate a larger congregation in the years prior to enlarging the sanctuary. (Note: The UUA guidebook for this process recommends at least a year of study and congregational discussion.)

DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

SUUSI, JULY 22-28 (SUN.-SAT.)

Join 1,000 people of all ages in Blacksburg, at the Virginia Tech Campus, for the 51st Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI). The theme is "The Interdependent Web", with workshops, worship, outdoor adventures, dancing, singing, and much more. Contact: info@suusi.org, Cathy Ring or the church office.

JULY 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, July 14	Private Union Ceremony (Sanctuary)

CONTACTS FOR UUCT

Adult Religious Education

Sheila Meehan 668-5075

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Chairperson needed

Campus Ministry Committee

Sara Reece 309-1933

Caring Ministries Committee

Peggy Lentz 878-2226

Capital Improvement Committee

Trudy Deyle 422-1057

Choir

Helen Falb 309-6853

Church Council

Becky Welty 422-3317

Combined Campaign

Trudy Deyle 422-1057

Elinor Elfner 224-3651

Denominational Affairs

Bruce Brandt 893-5511

Finance Committee

Del DeTar 385-3332

Forum on Sunday

Norene Chase 422-1985

Full Circle/CUUPS

Contact Church Office 385-5115

Fund Raising Committee

Will Adkins 385-5071

Joan Patterson 309-1248

Green Sanctuary Committee

Ed Oaksford 422-0240

Kitchen Sub-Committee

Volunteer Needed

LGBT Welcoming Congregation Committee

Chairperson Needed

Call Jennifer Carver 402-0622

Membership

Trudy Deyle 422-1057

Mountain Ambassador

Jean Chulak 385-2214

Multicultural Families

Sandy Neidert 656-7894

Parenting Support Group

Maggie Geraci 877-6301

Planned Giving Committee

Del DeTar 385-3332

Publicity Chair

Barbara Hogan 668-6899

Program Committee

Richard Dempsey 671-2748

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC)

Bob Kenon 878-3647

RCDC Book Discussion Group

Isabel Sheridan 668-0785

Shared Ministry Committee

Becky Welty 422-3317

Shelter Meals

Karen or John Mann 562-4781

Social Activities

Chairperson Needed

Social Concerns Committee

Lorin Pratt 893-3067

Bonnie Foster 504-2963

Speak Out! & UUHumanists

William Adkins 385-5071

YRUU (ages 12-20)

402-0622
Jennifer & DeWayne Carver

Youth Religious Education

Fran Bridges 894-2965

Workdays

Tom Chase 422-1985

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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

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.”

MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, July 29, during the service.

UUCT NAME TAGS

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

DINNERS FOR 8

Will resume in September.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

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

BABY, WHAT’S FOR DINNER?

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

ADDRESS CHANGES

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

Kim Ross Frichter
839 Portland Ave. #2
Tallahassee, FL 32303
Phone: 443-4361

UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

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

LOST AND FOUND

We have many items in the lost and found right now, including two folding chairs from the Pig Roast. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library.

ADDITIONAL THANK YOU'S

To 6/16 work day helpers: **Anna, Zachary, Fran and Mary Bridges; Dexter Easton; Don Berger; and Tom Chase.** They mowed the lawn, washed the pod windows, and swept the walks. Special thanks to Zachary for mowing the soccer field and Don for mowing the upper parking lot.

To those who visited with **Margaret Hawkins: Rev. Amy, Susan Angel, Jean Easton, Kandy Crowe, Jean Chulak, Christine Boczarska, and Norene Chase.**

JOYS AND SORROWS

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

Jim Dawson whose mother died recently.

Congratulations to our graduates (mid or end of year):

High School: **Hilary Oldenburg and Amelia Jones.**

College: **Aaron Oldenburg and Larissa Oaksford,** and University UUs **Eric Primack, Jeneen Hill, and Katie Chamberlain.**

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry is:

Chair: Annette Pearce
(386-4053);

Richard Dempsey (671-2748);
Christine Boczarska (893-7079).
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

REV. AMY'S

VACATION SCHEDULE

This year, I'll take a week off in July, in August, in September and in October, rather than grouping four weeks together in July or August.

Next year, though, I plan to take the advice of the Committee on Ministry and try the *Month of Rest and Renewal* option. I'll see you at church, 'round about town, and maybe on the highway or in the airport lobby. Happy Trails!

Rest and Renewal to us all,
(Rev.) Amy

CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01)	158
Current Membership	171
Current Number of Friends	38
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. RE Attendance (5/20 - 6/3)	20
Avg. Sun. Attendance (5/20 - 6/3)	85

JULY UUCT EVENTS

YRUU CANOE TRIP, SATURDAY, JULY 7. Contact: YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, JUNE 10, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share!

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SATURDAY, JULY 14, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The group's annual trip to St. George Island for the day. Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

CIC MEETINGS, THURSDAYS, JULY 12 & 26, 7:15 PM, RM 4. Throughout the summer the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) will be reviewing and discussing building materials and methods for cost reduction, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness. All interested members of the congregation are invited to attend; different perspectives are welcome. Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 21, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come enjoy the fellowship of working together on the numerous chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985).

STUDY/ACTION GROUP MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY , 7:00 PM, RM 4. To continue discussions on "An Alternative to the War on Drugs". Contacts: Allen Turnage (224-3231) and Toni Latino (402-2900).

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, JULY 19, 6:00 PM. See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

RACIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 7:00 PM, RM 4. Contact Bob Kenon (878-3647).

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, SUNDAY, JULY 22, 12:30 PM. In the sanctuary, a presentation by the Capital Improvement Committee on their exploration of building materials and methods in terms of cost reduction, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness. Questions and discussion will follow. All members of the congregation are urged to attend - in preparation for our decision-making in mid-September on a Phase One scope. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK FOR KATHIE, TUESDAY, JULY 31, NOON AT UUCT. Cook or buy something simple, and join us for a birthday potluck appreciation for our UUCT Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie. We'll keep it to an hour, so those on lunch breaks can join us. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

BE OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

If you'd be willing to organize the quarterly calendar of social events, former chair Jennifer Carver will provide guidance (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

UUCT EVENTS AFTER JULY

RE & ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Our usual monthly workday, plus a special Youth RE Workday to get our classrooms and play areas ready for the new church

school year. We need a great turnout. Please come! Contacts: Tom Chase (422-1985) for regular chores, DRE Maggie Geraci for RE work.

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 7:00 PM. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to discuss Phase One scope and financing options with the Capital Improvement Committee. Members and friends will be mailed background information the last week in August. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 12:30 PM. A second opportunity for discussion on Phase One scope and financing options prior to voting the following Sunday. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 12:15 PM. To make a very important decision about our Phase One scope and financing. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

CANOPY CONNECTION DINNERS & CONVERSATION

The LGBT (Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender) Welcoming Congregation Committee encourages UUCT members and friends to attend the monthly Canopy Connection Dinners and Conversation. Canopy Connection is Tallahassee's HIV/AIDS Interfaith Network. All Dinners begin at 6:30 PM, and all are welcome. Call 656-2437 for more information.

July 19	<i>St. Stephen Lutheran</i> 2198 N. Meridian Rd.
August 23	<i>Faith Presbyterian</i> 2200 N. Meridian Rd.
September 20	<i>To be announced</i>
October 18	<i>United Church</i> 1834 Mahan Dr.
November 15	<i>First Presbyterian</i> 110 Adams St.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
WORKING ON BEST OPTIONS**

The CIC is working hard this summer to prepare a few reasonable construction options for the congregation to consider at our voting meeting in September. Before UUCT contracts for the working drawings from Architect Andy Welch, we need to consider the most economical approaches using the resources available. The Capital Campaign resulted in pledges totaling \$474,187. A Finance Sub-Committee is looking at other possible sources of funds and developing a schedule of construction expenditures.

Knowing we cannot build all of Phase I (about \$1 million), the CIC is working with our architect and Mad Dog Construction to consider many design options that would save costs and be environmentally friendly. The most critical need is still for two more meeting spaces for our Youth RE (Religious Education) Program.

The basic assumptions are that we will follow the Master Plan adopted by the congregation and will make accommodations for a complete build out of that plan, even though only a portion of Phase I will be built when construction starts about February 2002.

The table printed below shows the cost

estimates for various options. In addition, the committee has asked Mad Dog to identify what would be possible with only \$500,000. Regardless of which rooms will be built, the construction specifications will take into account the future addition of other rooms, and we will do all the site work (storm water retention, driveways and parking), environmental permitting, etc. that will be needed for the entire Master Plan. This is really the only way that we can do it, and this will save considerable future construction costs as we grow into our vision of Building a Home for Liberal Faith.

DESCRIPTION AND COSTS FOR VARIOUS OPTIONS

*OPTION	REST ROOMS	COVERED WALKWAYS	**NURSERY WITH RESTROOM	**FELLOWSHIP HALL COMPLETED	FELLOWSHIP HALL SCREENED	**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS (3)	KITCHEN WITH CABINETS & APPLIANCES	**KITCHEN WITH ONLY STUBBED PLUMBING
#1A TOTAL \$ 957,917 Preconstruction 108,583 General Req. 101,258 Site Work 167,803 The Building 580,273	X	X	X	X		X	X	
#1B TOTAL \$ 887,220 Preconstruction 104,425 General Req. 100,969 Site Work 167,803 The Building 514,023	X	X	X		X	X	X	
#2 TOTAL \$ 885,008 Preconstruction 102,530 General Req. 98,967 Site Work 166,803 The Building 486,708	X	X	X	X				X
#3 TOTAL \$ 792,150 Preconstruction 98,832 General Req. 98,724 Site Work 166,803 The Building 427,791	X	X	X		X			X
#4 TOTAL \$ 663,119 Preconstruction 91,242 General Req. 100,052 Site Work 165,803 The Building 306,022	X	X				X		
#5 TOTAL \$ 679,525 Preconstruction 92,207 General Req. 95,089 Site Work 166,303 The Building 325,926	X	X	X					X

* Mad Dog is working on a \$500,000 option for consideration.

**Can be used for Youth Religious Education space.

Preconstruction includes Architectural, Mad Dog, Civil Engineering, and Geotechnical fees, and environmental permit.
General Req(uirements) include building permit, management & supervision, utilities, supplies, cleanup, and insurances.

Site Work includes site preparation, storm water retention, sewer, paving, parking, landscaping & irrigation.
The Building includes electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems for future build-out of Master Plan, as well as contingency, overhead & profit.

