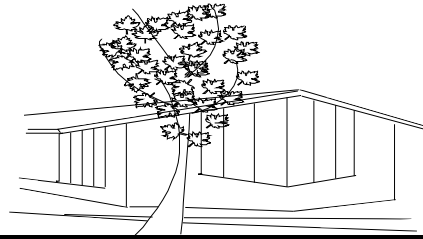


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The Meridian

Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

July 7 | **Properly Aimed, The Bullet Will Find Its Mark**

Some thoughts about cultural self-destruction in the South.

Guest Speaker: Richard Dempsey

July 14 | **A Program on the Homeless Shelter**

The issues, the opposition, and the need for a shelter.

Lay Leaders: Norene Chase and Sandy Smith

July 21 | **Weaving the Fabric of Diversity**


How do we achieve diversity and what does it mean?

Lay Leaders: Nancy Bass and the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC)

July 28 | **Walking on Sacred Eggs**

The danger and necessity of honest public statements about one's religious beliefs.

Guest Speaker: Ron Crowe



GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS

for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony at summer's end.

Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zenTAOBuddhist Sangha (Meets at Lake Ella July 7)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

9:45 AM Adult Forum

- July 14 - Elinor Elfner & John Whitton's trip to Cuba
- July 21 - Ed Oaksford, Green Sanctuary and the General Assembly
- July 28 - Allen Turnage, Libertarianism

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

11:00 AM Youth RE Summer Program for Pre-K - Middle School

"A World Transformed by Our Care"

These words quoted by our own Rev. Amy McKenzie aptly describe the changes going on in our little corner of the world. It is exciting to finally see some on-the-ground evidence of our efforts at "Building a Home for Liberal Faith." As our land is being prepared for our new building, driveways, and parking areas, we will, of course, experience some inconveniences, such as limited parking. Let's take this time to honor our surroundings, and, as Rev. Amy urged, "Let's get even more creative" about getting to church on Sunday. Take this opportunity to put a few more of our UU principles into your daily life, and if possible, find an alternate way to get here. Maybe there's a church member who lives near you that you'd like to get to know better (but not necessarily THAT well) -- a 15 minute ride each way to church would be a perfect opportunity to chat! You could also ride your bike (wearing a helmet, of course -- ask our own UU youth David Haldane who recently survived getting hit by a car on his bike about the importance of this one!), or even walk to church. And, if you have any questions about what's being done or why with any of the site work or building construction, please don't hesitate to ask Trudy Deyle, Elinor Elfner or me. If we don't know the answer to your question, we'll find it!

Thanks for your patience and creativity during this exciting time!

Your New President, Jennifer Z. Carver

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Like many of you, I'm taking a breather this summer. Will I lounge at poolside? Will I pack a suitcase and travel for a month? Nope. And I've noticed that my colleagues in Florida aren't planning four weeks of leisure either!

I will listen to my own advice about self-care and take two weeks to tackle a *beach themed* novel, and some projects around the house. Also on my list: a few blockbuster summer movies.

For the other two weeks, I'll organize my study, read some *ministry themed* books, and attend the first meeting of the new Board.

I'll miss you, but am sure you'll be just fine! The Program Committee will offer

four Sunday services in July. Youth RE classes have "teachers and students." Our Capital Improvement Committee construction co-chairs, Trudy Deyle and Elinor Elfner will work with Mad Dog to guide Phase One site work.

In August, when I start office hours again, I hope to: feel refreshed, find construction well under way, and See You In Church!

Call me if you need to talk with me, and email me if you need to write to me. I'll be around!

In Faith,
(Rev.) Amy

Minister's Discretionary Fund Is Low

It has been a difficult few months for some of our members. Thankfully, we could help meet their monetary needs through grants and loans from the discretionary fund. I (Rev. Amy) disburse up to \$100 as a grant, and up to an additional \$100 as a loan, (when it's paid back, a grant is made available for the next person.)

How is the fund funded? Through donations from UUCTers and repayments of loans (interest free). When the fund drops below \$100, I let you know; thanks in advance for your support of this confidential aid. To donate to the discretionary fund, send your check, payable to "UUCT", with "Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. If you are in need, talk with me. If you have borrowed from the fund, I'll contact you about repayment options.

Announcements

Gather Water

As is the custom in many Unitarian Universalist churches, we will once again have an Ingathering and Water Ceremony Sunday, September 15, conducted by Rev. Amy as an intergenerational sharing time.

Here's why we're telling you this now: When you are visiting a place this summer, collect a small sample of water from a lake, river, ocean or other natural body of water. For the ceremony, we will say where our water is from and pour it into a common container. We'll

begin of the water with some communal from the prior eight year's ceremonies and then save some of the new communal water from this year for next year (microwaved and then frozen).

So, whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water! Each person in a family is welcome to gather a sample from the same or different places.

Electronic Meridian

Please let Kathie Mackie know if you want to be on the



e-Meridian list (uuct@nettally.com).

Alternative Gifts

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue for memorial, birthday, anniversary, holiday and any other occasion gifts! Chairs are \$26.50 without arms and \$31.50 with arms. Look for alternative gift forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Joan Patterson (309-1248, jpatters@mail.fsu.edu) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

At The Back of The Sanctuary

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

Announcements (Continued)

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check to UUCT in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, shelter meals, etc.).
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year, indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY 01-02 or FY 02-03.

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, via the church office, or contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

1997 UUCT Picture Directory

We still have copies of the 1997 UUCT Picture Directory. Some have left or are no longer with us. Others have come. And we've all grown older! However, if you have lost your copy or are a recent member and would like one, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (Sundays or 422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Appreciation



To:

- * **Dan Damerville, Isabel Sheridan, Jean Chulak, Bruce Brandt, Matt Daniel, Joan Patterson, Pam Hoskins, Pat Farris, Frank Deasy, Susan Snyder, Barbara Sterling, Katya Taylor, Elinor Elfner, and Dave & Nancy Harvey** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 5/19 - 6/23.
- * **Jean Chulak, Pam Hoskins, Sara Reece, RCDC, Pauline Masterton, Laura Cook, Isabel Sheridan, and Barbara Hines** for providing hospitality or clean up for 5/19 - 6/23.
- * **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Earl Enge, Eleanor Enge, Ed Oaksford, James Oaksford, and Francis Ventre** each took part in the June 8 Work Saturday. Sliding glass door screens were fixed,

- fire extinguishers checked, air filters cleaned, and invasive exotic plants pulled.
- * **Barney Cook and Ed and Linda Oaksford** for serving as delegates and alternates to the UUA General Assembly in June.
- * **DeWayne Carver, Dave Harvey, Francis Ventre and Tom Chase** for storing the 16 car stops by the future footpath and for moving the playhouse to a safe area of the playground.

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:

- **Pauline Masterton** as President,

- **Jennifer Carver** as President-Elect,
- **Bruce Brandt** as Past President,
- **Allen Turnage** as Secretary,
- **Linda Winn-Brown** as VP for Operations
- **Isabel Sheridan** as VP for Services
- **Jim Dawson** as Board Member-at-Large
- **Bruce Brandt** as Canvass Committee Chairperson
- **Annette Pearce** as Committee on Ministry Chairperson
- **Joan Patterson & Will Adkins** as Fund Raising Committee Co-Chairperson
- **Dick Leinberry** as Hospitality Committee Chairperson
- **Steve Urse** as New UU Coordinator
- **Kelley Turnage** as Nursery Sub-committee

Voces Angelorum Women's Chamber Choir of Tallahassee, performed at **UUCT Friday, May 31st** in a joint fund-raiser that was very successful, thanks to you, our audience. *Voces Angelorum* ("Voices of Angels") brought UUCT classic choral music of excellence. Works by Purcell, Pergolesi, Schubert, Brahms, Casals, Szymko, Thomas and Walker were sung. *Concert proceeds went jointly to Voces Angelorum and UUCT; the church made \$170.00!* As a regularly attending member of UUCT and the concert scene in Tallahassee, I knew we had many classical music lovers in our congregation. It was a thrill to see a "full house!" Thank you so much for coming out to support the arts in Tallahassee — and our church. — *Mary Millard*

Appreciation (Continued)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson • Karen and John Mann as Shelter Meal organizers • Bonnie Foster as Social Justice Committee Chairperson • Bob Kenon as Racial & Cultural Diversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chairperson • Fran Bridges as Youth RE Committee Chairperson | <p>positions, as well as to all the faithful committee members, our sincere appreciation!</p> |
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To all who are taking their places or continuing on in their current leadership

Lifespan Religious Education



Youth Religious Education

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

SUMMER R.E. CLASSES. Summer RE classes are now in session. We give the school-year teachers a well-deserved break for the summer and ask for volunteers from the congregation to lead summer classes. Usually, we have two classes - kindergarten through 2nd grade, and 3rd grade through 5th grade. This year, we will also offer a class for Middle Schoolers, if there is interest. We're using a Dr. Seuss curriculum for the elementary students. The Middle School curriculum will be announced. If you are interested in teaching one or two Sundays during the Summer, please sign up at the R.E. table or contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

REGISTRATION FOR 2002-2003.

There will be some changes to the registration process for the 2002-2003 RE year. In an effort to be more in line with the school calendar, we will begin RE classes on Sunday, August 18. Therefore, registration began earlier on June 2 and will end this month. For currently registered students, the information we have on file has been mailed to parents. Please update the information and return the form to DRE Maggie Geraci, along with your registration fee. We hope this process will eliminate the need for parents to fill out a new card each year and allow us to streamline the registration process. Registration fees for 2002-2003 will be \$25 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

How Will You Help Shape the Future?

As the song says "I believe the children are our future...teach them well and let them lead the way." UUCT offers you the opportunity to shape the future, to make a difference in the lives of our kids. By teaching a religious education class, you will make your mark on future generations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by! Experience is not necessary, but we do ask that you have a passion for helping kids be the best they can be. Our teaching team concept allows our volunteers to rotate their teaching duties, usually requiring commitment to every third Sunday. Curricula and all teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net).

YRUU

YRUU is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds.

Meetings: YRUU will not meet regularly in July. The group resumes meeting every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, on August 4 (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking 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 meeting.)

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

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).

ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS

During the summer months we will be compiling a list of courses and programs for the "Lifespan Religious Education Directory — 2002-2003" to be published in the fall. The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has exciting and diverse curricula from which lay people can choose to teach and learn. One wonderful thing about the resource guides is that they almost always provide all the information you might need to lead a class — even if you have never led one before.

We have compiled a list of the courses and programs we have in the UUCT Library and a brief explanation of each. A few of them were designed by our members, but most are from the UUA. The descriptions include what you need to know about leading the program and how often the class is expected to meet. The majority of programs meet for six to eight sessions. **Please take the time to review the list which is available at the back of the Sanctuary and see which topics interest you.** Are there any issues that hold a particular fascination for you? Is there something you might want to explore in more depth with your friends and colleagues here at UUCT? We need people to lead classes every year. You should be one of those leaders! You will get an enormous amount of satisfaction from guiding others while you learn. Perhaps you can lead a course yourself or maybe you can lead one

with a friend. No one is an expert on life's lessons. We all learn together.

If you are interested in leading or taking any of these programs, please contact Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw.com or 668-5075) or DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@comcast.net).

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Evensong: A Series of Gatherings. New classes starting periodically. See *Lifespan RE* Brochure for details. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075).

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 in either a single or double session. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

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. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- ***Women's Spirituality Group.*** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

Our zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

Continuing to meet during the summer, every Sunday morning 9 AM to 10:45 AM in Room 2 at UUCT. Come join us anytime for a *zazen/kinhin* meditation lasting about 40 minutes, along with a time for personal check-ins and discussion on some aspect of

Buddhism, Zen, and/or Taoism. On the first Sundays of the month (July 7, August 4, September 1), we will meet at Black Dog Cafe, at Lake Ella, for an informal coffee party & get-together.

Also, on Labor Day weekend (Saturday & Sunday, August 31 - September 1), Tibetan guru Wimi-neng (*aka* Will Adkins) will lead a *Zen at Dawn* Sangha after breakfast, on the Lodge "Sally Bellamy Deck" at the UUCT's annual church retreat at "The Mountain," near Highlands, NC. (Please check with Nancy Bass on registration if you'd like to attend this 4-day-long, Friday - Monday, ingathering.)

If you would like to receive the sangha's frequent e-mail newsletter under the Bo-tree, please write or call Will Adkins, zTB coordinator & newsletter editor, (wma@post.harvard.edu or 385-5071).

Campus Ministry Corner

Our group will be meeting once per week over the summer, Friday evenings at 6:00 PM at Black Dog Café. We will have a combination of Coffee Hour and Discussion, with students bringing a discussion topic to the meeting. Call or email me for more information, and for other special events. Contact Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com).

And members of the congregation, if you have connections with FAMU and TCC, please contact me. Also you can join the Campus Ministry Committee; spread the word through flyers, other publicity and sitting at an information table during orientation; create welcome baskets for incoming students, etc. Join the Campus Ministry team today!

Notes From The Mountain



By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

You may want to consider one of these for your July and August plans:

July 14-19 (Sun-Fri), MountainScape Paddling & Hiking Adventure in the Appalachians! This week will provide non-stop fun for a group of adventurers on area rivers, lakes and trails. You will be able to canoe; "ducky" the scenic Nantahala river (rubber kayaks); raft the Chattooga river; hike the Appalachian Trail; and enjoy evening programming.

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), 2002, Awakening the Storyteller: Building a Storytelling Tradition in Your Family. There is a natural storyteller inside each of us. Sharing and listening to stories develops our connection with others. In the "good ole days", family ties were nourished when the clan came together to laugh at tall tales, pass on ancestral history, and learn about life by swapping stories.

August 30-September 1 (Fri-Sun), Yoga -- A Journey Within. Certified Kripalu yoga instructor, Rocky Beeland will lead us gently into the postures and teach us how to use breathe and body awareness to see ourselves in a different way.

INFORMATION: Jean Chulak (385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com); Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838; www.mountaincenters.org).

Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

While UUs may not subscribe to the Puritan maxim that "cleanliness is next to godliness," for those of you who do consider personal hygiene a virtue, consider this admonition from the Union of Concerned Scientists Greentips webpage (August 2000).

The last few years have seen a rash of antibacterial products in the US and Japan, from soaps and lotions to keyboards and steering wheels. [Marshall Brain's "How Stuff Works" website reports that about 75 percent of all liquid soaps currently on the market in the US claim to be antibacterial.] There's no evidence that they keep you healthier. But there is reason to worry that they are contributing to the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria -- those so-called "superbugs" that resist medical treatment. Some researchers believe they may also be contributing to an increase in asthma and allergies. [And a recent study by the US Geological Survey, published in the March 13 Web edition of the peer-reviewed journal *Environmental Science & Technology*, identifies triclosan, the active disinfectant in most antibacterial soaps, as one of 95 emerging water pollutants.]

So, there is such a thing as being too clean after all.

Face it -- you neither can nor should eliminate germs from your life. In fact,

you are currently living on excellent terms with hordes of them. Some perform useful functions, like assisting with your digestion. Others go about their business without giving help or harm. All try to hold their ground against newcomers, some of which would surely be less benign. And even the baddies may do some good by triggering your immune system to work the way it should. (This is especially true for kids.)

Which is not to say that some germs aren't very dangerous. Do take ordinary precautions against them. And don't forget the most basic of all: wash your hands! Not with antibacterial soap (unless you're caring for someone who's ill), but with regular soap and warm, running water. And when you do it, do it right. Rub all parts of your hands vigorously for 15 seconds or more (including the backs, fingers and wrists). [In fact, Marshall Brain reports that for antibacterial soaps to work they must stay in contact with your skin for 2 minutes!]

The important times to wash are:

BEFORE
eating or preparing food

AFTER

- using the bathroom
- changing diapers
- handling garbage

- handling raw meat, fish or poultry
- sneezing, coughing or blowing your nose
- playing with animals

BEFORE AND AFTER

- tending the sick
- treating cuts or wounds

On a day-to-day basis, that's probably the single most useful thing you can do to keep from spreading, and catching, germs. As for antibacterial products -- forget about them.

Lest you think this is belaboring the obvious, consider the findings from a recent study by the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) as reported in a September 2000 article at the *Scientific American* website: Although 95 percent of those surveyed in four major US cities claimed to wash their hands after using a public restroom, actual observations reveal that on average, only 67 percent of public restroom users actually do so. Broken down by city the rates varied from 78 percent in Chicago to 36 percent in Atlanta. New Yorkers were only somewhat more cleanly at 43 percent while New Orleanians came in at 55 percent. So "keep it clean" and "keep it green!" All you need is soap!

Welcome New Friends On-going Opportunities

- ☺ **Katie Chamberlain**
- ☺ **Betse Davies**

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 will be given nametags. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.50 each).

New Member Recognition

Late summer or early fall.

Dinners

Dinners for 8 (for adults) and *Dinners for Families with Children* will resume in September. A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of the congregation.

Directory Changes

If your mailing address, phone number or email address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in bi-monthly directory updates.

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Mary Millard (980-8980) for refreshments and Ed Baseheart (386-6223 or ebaseheart@aol.com) or Eleanor 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 Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, July 8, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **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).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Joys and Sorrows

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

- **Dave Haldane** who is doing fine after a bicycle accident last month.
- **Virginia Anderson** has moved to Magnolia House in Quincy, where she can be reached at 627-3001.
- **The Bush Rester family: Tina's aunt, UUCT member Norma Sansevero,** died in June.
- **Katya, Tom, and Alana Taylor.** Katya's mother, Rose, died in June.

Congratulations:

- **Nina Cline** is a grandmother! -- Sebastian was born on June 4 -- his parents are Nina's daughter, **Chelsea,** and **Van Fox** (University UU people)
- Great grandparents **Jean and Joe Chulak** -- on 5/24, granddaughter Stephanie, had Jackson

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, 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.

The Committee on Ministry

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

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 near the kitchen or in the kitchen on cart near the refrigerator. Items not claimed for at least two months will be sent to ECHO.

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Youth Membership - 2**
- **Current Number of Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of May - 92.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance 7/1-5/31 - 101.3**
- **RE Enrollment - 84**

July UUCT Events, Events After July, & National Events

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 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).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 13, 9:00 AM -

1:00 PM. *Workdays have changed to the second Saturday of the month.* 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, JULY 14, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SATURDAY, JULY 13,

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Pool Party. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

**UU LUNCH BUNCH, THURSDAY,
JULY 25, 11:30 AM.** At Golden Corral buffet on North Monroe across from Lake Ella. All are welcome, especially if you are a Super Adult (a part of UUCTs "wisdom circle" AKA senior citizens).

BIRTHDAY POTLUCK FOR KATHIE, WEDNESDAY, 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).

Events After July

SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUSTER

**RETREAT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3,
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM.** The retreat will be held at the Magnolia Leaf Retreat Center in Thomasville, GA. Please join the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee, Green Sanctuary, and the Social Justice Committee as we plan for the next fiscal year at our first annual retreat. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) for details. We need prepaid reservations by Sunday, July 28. The cost for continental breakfast, lunch, and beverages throughout the day is \$20. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) for details.

85TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JOHN MURPHY, AUGUST 10, 1:00 PM AT WAKULLA SPRINGS.

Party will be in the Edward Ball Dining Room. Please come join friends of John Murphy, Esquire, to help him once again celebrate another happy birthday (John will be 85 on Sunday Aug. 11th) down at the lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park. We have a reserved long table. (You will order and pay for your own meal there. The menu is varied and a real treat! To gain free entrance to the park, let the entrance gate know your destination.) See you there! For more information, please contact Will Adkins (wma@post.harvard.edu or 385-5071).

National Events

UUSC WORKCAMPS, JULY 15 - 21

AND 22 - 28. UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) North Carolina summer farm worker camp in Greenville. uusc.org/involved/summerworkcamp061501
uusc.org/involved/ncworkcamp011502

UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

See events write-ups for details. To spread the word to our UUCT community about social activities, contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note given to her on a Sunday.)

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, July 3, 11:30 AM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, July 14, 12:30 PM
- UU Lunch Bunch, Thursday, July 25, 11:30 AM
- Birthday Potluck, Wednesday, July 31, Noon

And now, a word from your Kitchen. *He-e-e-e-el-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l-l!* Kidding...but only partly. **Thanks largely to the Kitchen Ministry's terrific "right arm," Lois Bloom, we have a great list of volunteers to bring snacks.** For all those who have brought snacks or offered to do so, *Mille Grazie!* Lois is now working on volunteers for September. If you have not brought snacks in six months or more, we hope to induce you to volunteer. Dick Leinberry says if everybody does his or her part, each person should only have to host every nine months or so. If you're on our "Little List" come get a sheet on "How to Host," or call Mary Millard at 980-8980, or Lois Bloom at 402-9044.

Important Note: *Kitchen Host and Clean Up duties are now separate.* Call Ed Baseheart at 386-6223 to volunteer, or talk to Eleanor Enge, his able assistant. **Clean-up helpers are always greatly appreciated, so please do your part!**

July 2002

"Every Sunday"
activities, see the
front page.

Note: Many
activities described
in other sections.

Note: No
Choir Practice
July or August.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Comm. (Rm 4)	2	3 11:30 AM Downtown Chow- Down (off-site)	4 OFFICE CLOSED (No Board Meeting)	5 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	6
7	8 7 PM Finance, Rm 4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Comm., Rm 5 7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)	9 7 PM RCDC	10	11 7 PM Board, Rm 4 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Committee (CIC), Rm 2	12 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	13 9 AM - 1 PM Workday 11 AM - 3 PM Multicultural Families Group (off-site)
14 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline	15 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:15 PM Program Committee	16	17	18	19 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	20
21 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary / Social Justice, Rm 4	22 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)	23	24	25 11:30 AM UU Lunch Bunch (off-site)	26 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	27
28	29 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)	30	31 Noon Birthday Potluck for Kathie Mackie			

NOTE:
*Rev. Amy will not be keeping
office hours July 8 - 31.
You may reach her at 383-9186.*

Meridian Schedule:
*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.*



Non-UUCT Events

- Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Intro. to Zen; 7:15 PM Zen Meditation
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepard Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, July 13, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)

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"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. 4).

- * YRUU meets regularly again starting Sunday, 8/4, 6-8 PM.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 4)

- * Women's Spirituality, Every Mon. 7:15 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- * Thurs. 7/11, 7 PM.
Pres. Jennifer Carver (402-0622)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Open to All Interested

- * Buildings & Grounds, Mon. 7/1 & 7/8, 7:30 PM
- * Capital Improvement, Thurs. 7/11, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * Committee on Ministry
Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * Finance, Mon. 7/8, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- * Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice), Sun. 7/21, 12:30 PM.
Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- * Membership, next meeting in August.

Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- * Program, Next meeting July 15, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * Racial & Cultural Diversity, Tues. 7/9, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- * Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary), Sun. 7/21, 12:30 PM. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563) or Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- * Youth RE, Sun. 7/7, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)