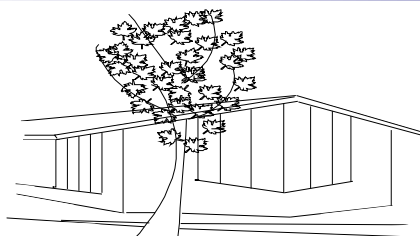


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The Meridian

July Sundays (11:00 AM)

July 6 | Patriot Sunday: Readings from the Founding Documents

Continuing the theme of words to live by, we recall key words and writings of men and women who formed the republic and the society we live in today. **Allen Turnage**, Lay Leader

July 13 | School of Americas; WHISC and the Columbia Connection

Having just served three months in prison for his part in protesting the School of the Americas, Bud Combs speaks about the ongoing connections between the renamed school (WHISC) and the guerilla war in Columbia. **Jim "Bud" Combs**, Guest Speaker; **Norene Chase**, Lay Leader.

July 20 | Immanence and Transcendence in a Religion of Nature

Belief in Nature without God or gods, essential to human life and benevolent to our survival. **Professor Donald Crosby**, Guest Speaker; Lay Leader TBA.

July 27 | Bring the Big Picture Home

General Assembly is the yearly gathering of Unitarian Universalists from around the country and around the world. It was probably gigantic! We were in the big city of Boston, MA, our headquarters. We rubbed elbows and lit chalices with the projected biggest gathering of Unitarian Universalists ever. We got wind of big ideas. We remembered that Unitarian Universalism is something much, much bigger than our personal path and way bigger than our congregation. We probably had big fun... Now we will apply what we learned and share what we were a part of with our hometown crew. **Rev. Amy McKenzie** and other **General Assembly Participants**

Every Sunday:

- 9:15 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella July 6 only.)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice - All ages (July 13 & 27 only)
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Summer Program for Pre-K - middle school.
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20. (July 6 & 20)

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- July 6: *Albert Starr book review*
- July 13: *Bud Combs, Speaker on the School of Americas*
- July 20: *Big Bend Sierra Club and environmental action*
- July 27: *TBA*



GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS

for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony

at summer's end.

For more information, see *June Meridian* p. 3.

Minister's Message: Humanism & Unitarian Universalism

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

After the Sunday service about Humanism one of you wished I had talked more about Humanism and Unitarian Universalism. So here's a brief sketch. Humanism has been redefined several times, and probably will be again. **The tree of Humanism is no one-stalk palm – Humanism's branches include Secular Humanism and Religious Humanism.** The branches are intertwined and as soon as one gains ascendancy, the other starts to rise.

Humanism is the core of 18th C. enlightenment rationalism (historians call those Humanists "Deists" – for example, Thomas Paine) **and 19th C. freethought movements** (Ralph Waldo Emerson [d. 1882] and the "Transcendentalists" are found here; Francis Ellingwood Abbot [d. 1903] was a Unitarian minister and a leader of the Free Religion Movement; Felix Adler [d. 1933] founded Ethical Culture in New York City – from Reform Judaism.) They were political and social activists. Some located God everywhere and rejected the distant judge image of the sacred. Some located God nowhere and rejected the supernatural aspect of the sacred.

Before Felix Adler founded Ethical Culture, he was a part of **the Free Religious Association**, organized in 1867 with Ralph Waldo Emerson's leadership when the American Unitarian Association tried to impose a test of belief. Emerson and the others would have landed outside that circle of inclusion. Unitarian "theological radicals" as well as non-Christian religious liberals were drawn to the Free Religious Association. The end to this conflict? The American Unitarian Association re-drew the circle of inclusion bigger, the Free Religious Association disbanded, and not only are all sorts of Humanists welcome in

the American Humanist Association, a great diversity of beliefs are welcome in the Unitarian Universalist Association (the Unitarians and the Universalists merged in 1961).

Of the 34 people who signed the Humanist Manifesto I of 1933, 14 were Unitarian ministers. The ones who launched it were Midwestern – the Chicago group.

Raymond B. Bragg organized that first manifesto when he was 30 years old. A graduate of the Meadville seminary in 1928, for two years he had a ministry in Evanston, IL. He was the associate editor of "The New Humanist" and Secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference.

Charles Francis Potter was a "catalyst" for the academicians who mulled over the idea of defining humanist ideas. Potter was a speaker and author who had served as minister of Unitarian Churches in Canada and the U.S.A. for years. He was helpful to Clarence Darrow and the defense during the Scopes trial as "librarian and Bible expert."

Ray Wood Sellars was lecturing at the University of Chicago in the Fall of 1932; he prepared a draft of the manifesto from conversations that had been flowing for at least a year.

Curtis W. Reece grew up and was ordained Baptist. Later, he became a Unitarian. He was a founder of the American Humanist Association and its president for 14 years. In his professional career, he served Unitarian Churches in Alton, IL, and Des Moines, Iowa and like Potter, was Secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference. For most of his career, he was dean of the Abraham Lincoln Centre, Chicago, IL (1923-1957). In 1926 his book, "Humanism," was

published; in 1931, "Humanist Religion" was published. Note of Florida trivia: Reece and his wife moved to Kissimmee in 1957.

John H. Dietrich is known as the father of Religious Humanism. He was Mercersburg Academy's valedictorian in 1896 and a hard worker on his family's farm. He converted to Unitarianism from the Reformed Church, where his beliefs in Jesus' humanity and the fallibility of the Bible led to his trial for heresy. In his ministry with the First Unitarian Society of Spokane Washington (1911-16), the congregation grew from 60 to 1,500 members. In 1915 he preached on "The Right to Be Well Born", in favor of family planning.

Dietrich defined his religion as Humanism, following Frederick M. Gould's usage in the British Ethical Societies' London magazine, that is "in the sense of the belief and trust in human effort." From 1916-1938, Dietrich served as minister at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis. Dietrich was central to the defeat of legislation that would have stopped teaching evolution in Minnesota public schools. In 1927, Dietrich's sermons were published as texts in the monthly "The Humanist Pulpit." Dietrich died in 1957, and toward the end of his life he wrote, "I like to think of myself as both a theist and a humanist."

A comment about Emerson to close this article: in this 200th year anniversary of his birth, we have a resurgence of interest in Ralph Waldo Emerson's ideas, both mystical and humanist. Not long ago, the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, **William Sinkford**, wrote of the benefit of religious language. The debate reminds me of the response to then

Minister's Message (Continued)

president of the UUA, **William Schulz** in his 1990 article with capitalized words like Creation, Holy, Sacred, Divine, Profound and Grace. In 2003, what was released but...“Humanist Manifesto III”?! Unitarian Universalist ministers were among those who

signed on. Humanism is dead; long live Humanism!

In Praise of A UU Trinity: Diversity, Diversity, and Diversity,
(Rev.) Amy

Online biographical sources include:
www.uua.org/uuhs/duub (Dictionary of Unitarian and Universalist Biography)
www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/unitarians

President's Message

By Neil Mooney

It is humbling to have been selected by this congregation to serve as its Board President. I sincerely thank you for the opportunity, and promise my best efforts to warrant your confidence.

During the past year as President-elect I have attempted to sit in on at least one of as many Committees' meetings as possible. While I was not able to visit every Committee, the large variety I did manage to attend gave me a much deeper appreciation for our church as a whole. We are an incredibly diverse and active entity.

At the risk of omitting many wonderful efforts I point out that our activities include literal "brick and mortar" endeavors, admirable social justice undertakings, selfless organized efforts at caring for one another in times of need, dedicated persons undertaking complicated financial machinations, opportunities for prayer, reflection, and the exploration of many ethical philosophies, and the ongoing gentle religious education of our youngest, our youth, and our young adults.

Combined, we amount to a living, breathing organism with a higher purpose to which all members and supporting friends can proudly lay claim.

Luckily, we still have the opportunity to be better in almost every area via increased participation. This increased participation is for YOU to undertake as a gift to yourself. Your personal church offers dozens of ways for you to participate and take away the pleasure of camaraderie and/or a rested soul, of music or beautiful grounds, or almost any other spiritual or temporal gift one may obtain through the pleasure of participating.

I urge all of us, and especially the newer members, to look upon the many opportunities, including your pledged gift of self, as a promise to the other members and to yourself to become truly ACTIVE in several of the areas your church offers, to mutual benefit.

In Community,
Neil

Searching

All day, all night,
I searched meanings of truths
hidden in the folds of my mind.

One day it happened
Unitarian Universalist Church
opened doors to
Social Justice, World Forum,
Green Sanctuary And People

A church open to all
creeds and backgrounds
Following our own innate intuition
without fear or guilt

Attempting to make our world a
better place.

Yes, UUC has done it for me
as together we discover
the true meaning to life and living.

Gratia Ibárgüen (Pen name for
Grace Martin) 6/14/03

Note: On Sunday 6/14 Rev. Amy suggested that we bring poems for the next Sunday's service. Later that day, I sat down for an hour and wrote a free verse to read.

Announcements



Butterfly Gardeners Wanted

Butterfly Gardeners Wanted. The children will plant a butterfly garden in the new courtyard in August. Help is needed in July and August in the planning, preparation, and planting. Also, donations of plants and materials are welcomed. Please call Pam Hoskins at 893-5039 if you can donate help or materials.

Summer Singing Fun For All Ages!

Have you or someone in your family thought about singing in our church choir, the O.K. Chorale, but been reluctant to make the commitment due to lack of time or some other reason? Well, here is your opportunity to sing joyfully on Sunday morning, with no strings attached! On three upcoming Sundays - **July 13, July 27, and August 3** - we'll meet at 9:45 Sunday morning (no Wednesday night rehearsals in July).

We'll warm up briefly, then prepare a fun song, and we'll sound **great** in one hour or less! Guaranteed! This is also a chance for parents to come with a child who loves to sing. Hopefully we'll have an intergenerational choir that adds immeasurably to the worship service. Call Helen at 309-6853, or e-mail (helen@townbeacon.com) with questions. We need your voices!

Piano Fund Donations

Our Piano Fund is a great giving opportunity to honor someone, to memorialize a special loved one, or just to celebrate a special someone or something here at UUCT. You may make a donation at any time (just specify Piano Fund on your check), and you will be making a lasting contribution to the church and its future.



Reminder: Church Office Hours and Work Order Forms

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.

Board officers, committee chairs, etc. if you need Kathie to do something for you and she is not on duty (such as Sundays), please fill out a work order form - located on the hook behind the copy machine in the office. Either leave it on her desk or in her mailbox.

Children and the Office

Parents, please do not leave your children (younger and older ones) unattended in the office on Sundays. We've had problems with children getting into office supplies, playing with office machines, including the computer, and being disrespectful to adults when asked not to.

Policies and Procedures Manual

The Manual is available to members in hard copy or on a CD (PDF version). Contact the church office for a copy. We also hope to make it available on the UUCT website.

Building Fund Donations

The program for our New Building Dedication on September 14 will list all who have given toward their Capital Campaign pledges, with an asterisk next to those who have completed them. This is your chance to have your name added to the list or an asterisk added to your name! ☺

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year please indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY02-03 or FY03-04.

Donations of Stock

To give a donation to UUCT in the form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mailier.fsu.edu) or Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infi.net). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge, your pledge for the Capital Campaign, or for any special church fund. Gifts of equities or bonds are particularly appropriate if you wish to take advantage of tax-related deductions.

City of Tallahassee Energy Assistance Program

The Energy Assistance Program was established to provide payment assistance from June 2003 through March 2004 for customers who may experience difficulty paying their monthly utility bill. Qualifying customers will receive a \$15 payment towards their utility bill each month.

See community Bulletin Board for more details.

Harmony Camp 2004

A planning meeting will be held at 12:30 PM, Sunday, July 13, in Room 4. Please bring your potluck plate with you so we can start and end on time. Come even if you haven't been to the earlier meetings. We need YOU!

Questions? Call Joanne Taylor (893-9024).



Appreciation



- To:**
- * **Neil Mooney, Isabel Sheridan, Jean Chulak, Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder, Carolyn DuBard, Elinor Elfner, John and Barbara Donaldson, and Don and Pam Crosby** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 5/25 - 6/15.
 - * **Peggy Lentz, Helen Falb, Barbara Lineberry, Sheila Meehan, Mary Ventre, and Nancy Harvey** for providing hospitality - 5/25 - 6/15.
 - * **Nancy Harvey, Grace Martin, Tom and Katya Taylor, Norene Chase, Peggy Lentz, Karen Mann, Dan Damerville, and Eleanor and Earl Enge** for being clean up "heroes" 5/25 - 6/15 and **everyone else** who helped with clean up.
 - * **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Dave Harvey, George Knight, and Francis Ventre** for moving cabinets donated by the Mooneys; **Tom Chase** for installing a new lock on the Room 4 door; and our apologies to **Francis Ventre**, who was not included in the workday appreciation list last month.
 - * **Neil and Margaret Mooney** for giving their former kitchen cabinets to the church and for putting up without a garage until there was room to move them to UUCT!
 - * **Mary Stewart** for serving as a RE teacher this past year. (The *June Meridian* listed Mary as Pam Stewart!)
 - * **Tom and Norene Chase, Trudy Deyle, George Knight, Steve Urse, and Francis Ventre** for participating in the 5/31 and/or 6/1 watering workdays. And **Tom and George** for the many additional hours spent watering our new sod and plantings.
 - * **John Donaldson, Sharman Herrin and Charlie Shelfer, Amy Mann, Joanne Taylor, Jane Anderson, Brenda and Bob Glenn, Isabel Sheridan, and Dorothy Mann** for helping with the June Shelter Meal.
 - * **Steve and Mary VanSciver** for two hymnals donated from Steve's father's collection. (UUCT member Wes VanSciver died in December.)
 - * **Richard Dempsey** for serving on the Committee on Ministry the past three years.
 - * **Sara Reece** for her willingness to serve the next three-year term on the Committee on Ministry.
 - * **Ellen Dempsey and Joan Patterson** for agreeing to serve as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, respectively, for an additional two years.
 - * **Tom & Norene Chase, Rev. Amy McKenzie, Steve Urse, Dexter Easton, Barney Cook, and Jennifer & DeWayne Carver** for representing UUCT at the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly in Boston, with **Norene, Dexter, Jennifer, DeWayne and Rev. Amy** serving as our Delegates and **Steve and Tom** serving as Alternates.
 - * **Beryl Cassidy** (Kathie Mackie's mom) for helping with mailing the *June and July Meridians*.
 - * **Chelsea Fox and Scott Geraci** for attending a weekend of training to teach the Middle School Class OWL (Our Whole Lives).
- From ECHO**
- Dear Unitarian Universalist Church,
- God Bless you for the contribution of \$98. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of others.
- Blessings,
Trudy Barnum, Executive Director
Emergency Care & Help Organization
- To Recital Artists**
- The UUCT community is grateful to Susan Boardman, soprano, and Michael Scherperel, pianist, for the lovely recital they performed Friday evening, June 13. These two talented musicians treated the audience to numerous composers' settings of English folk songs, and Ms. Boardman told us about the history of these songs. It was very interesting, and what's more, these two artists DONATED their time and talent to us, in hopes of helping us one day develop our own concert series. Thank you, Susan and Michael! You were great!
- From The Florida District**
- Dear UUs of Tallahassee,
- One of the joys of being the Florida District Chair is being able to thank congregations for their financial generosity. Once again Tallahassee is a leader in our District for contributing your fair share amount of \$7,912, to help insure the important work of our Unitarian Universalist Association.
- There are many ways in which the UUA uses our support. One of these is helping congregations give public voice to our principles. The UUA helps congregations take action on our values by providing "how to" resources on advocacy, organizing, public policy issues, and the theological motivations for our social justice work.
- In closing please know how much you are appreciated for responsibly covenanting with our Association.
- In UU friendship, Joan Lund

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 3, 9:30 AM (No July meeting)

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



Live Turtles!

Kids won't want to miss the July 13 Green Sanctuary Youth RE class. Matt Aresco of the Lake Jackson Ecopassage Project will be talking about the project to guide turtles safely under State Road 27 beside Lake Jackson. He will also bring some actual turtles. The children will also write letters to support the construction of permanent fences for the ecopassage.

Join Our Summer Exploration!

The lazy days of Summer are here, and our Summer Religious Education program is up and running. This year, we have planned some wonderful unit studies, and we are looking for volunteers with special talents or interest to help teach. No experience is necessary, and all materials and instruction will be provided. Sign up for one Sunday or for a bunch of Sundays! Get to know the vibrant, talented children in our congregation.

Our first unit is *The Senses: Our Access to the Living Earth* – a six week curriculum that explores the senses of touch, sight, sound, taste and smell. The children have enjoyed focusing on the different senses through crafts, activities, games, and discussion. In between units, Pam Hoskins will be offering a special class on advocacy for children.

We will then focus on *Magical Objects* – a four week unit that looks at four distinct cultures from around the world and the magical objects from those cultures. We will explore the beliefs of the Lakota, the Tuareg, the Aborigines, and the Huichol. Finally, we will spend two weeks of the summer focusing on helping our planet. The children will learn about organic gardening, how it benefits us and the Earth. They'll even gain some hands-on experience!

If any of these topics peaks your interest or you would like to help the RE program this Summer, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

Youth RE Registration for 2003-2004

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held Sundays, August 3 to September 7.

New registrants should stop by the RE Table during those dates to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children will receive a printout of the information on file to update, during the month of July. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 7.

Most of the expenses of the RE program are met through pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees will be \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Registration and costs for OWL (Our Whole Lives) will be separate. Scholarships are available. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

YRUU (Youth Group)

Meetings: YRUU will continue to meet over the summer on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and leading. As of August 3, the group will resume meeting every Sunday evening.

Special Events: Special events may be planned for other dates and will be posted on the "chalice group" and in the Order of Service.

FL District Con Schedule 2003-2004:

- * August 15-17 All-Age CON Orlando/Oviedo
- * August 22-24 Advisor Training Vero Beach
- * September 19-21 Transition-In CON Tampa (This CON is especially for youth ages 12-14.)
- * October 3-5 All-Age CON Orlando
- * November 14-16 All-Age CON Clearwater
- * December 5-7 Social Action CON TBA
- * January 16-18 All-Age CON Gainesville
- * February 27-29 All-Age CON Lakeland
- * April 30-May 2 All-Age CON Vero Beach

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622), Rod and Jan Oldenburg (297-0391), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

CURRENT CLASSES:

The Artist Way - The current class will resume in the summer or fall, with a new class to follow after that.

Facilitator: Amy Mann (222-1420, amann@infionline.net).

Evensong - New groups starting periodically.

New UU. These sessions 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 in the early fall. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory (For Future):

- *Evolution of the Psyche: The New Evolving Psyche*
- *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity: An Anti-Bias Program for Adults (Will be offered in Fall)*
- *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. Usually third Sunday 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 (539-5563).

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

The Sangha - a weekly study group in ideas from the Taoist, Buddhist, and Zen traditions - meets at 9:15 AM on Sundays. It is simple in ritual (lighting a candle, learning to be quiet, to listen, to focus, and to question everything) and advocates "Be ye a lamp unto yourself". *Sangha* means "community of seekers after truth". Come join us anytime in Room 2 at UUCT, or on first Sundays of the month at Black Dog Cafe. Our newsletter, *under the Bo-tree*, is available by e-mail. To know more, contact me, Will Adkins, at wmadkins@infionline.net.

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Summertime for Campus Ministry is a quiet time. Many students leave town to go back home to their families or to go on exciting road trips. Those of us who have stayed behind, or who call Tallahassee home, are still meeting at 6pm on Fridays at Javaheads (903 Railroad Avenue, just south of Gaines Street). This month we will not meet on Friday, July 4.

We have also planned a few other social activities for the summer such as horseback riding, a picnic and swimming at Wakulla Springs, and a

movie and discussion, to name a few. Any and all UUCT college students returning home for the summer are welcome to join us!

During this downtime, we are hatching some plans for a new website, new service projects and hopefully some new fundraisers. Be on the lookout for some interesting new things to emerge from Campus Ministry in the coming year!

In June we had another successful Soup Lunch fundraiser. I would like to

extend a hearty thanks to **Bruce Brandt, Anna Deyle, Van Fox, Bob Kenon, Holly and Kathie Mackie, Sara Reece, Mary Ventre, Pippin Whitaker**, and anyone else I've forgotten, for being so helpful in the preparations and cleanup. Be sure to make note of the upcoming Soup Lunch dates when they become available.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments: chelsuu@yahoo.com ~ 222-3931.

Green Corner

By Steve Urse, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair



Creating a Green Sanctuary (GS) - Past and Future

PAST. Creating a Green Sanctuary for UUCT and striving for certification has been a continuing church-wide endeavor, with many people already involved. Shortly after Green Sanctuary (GS) became a Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) concern, Tom and Norene Chase alerted Dexter Easton to the existence of the program that had been announced at the UUA General Assembly. Dexter liked the idea and ordered a copy of the GS manual.

Shortly thereafter, we held a general informational meeting at the Church, together with Heart of the Earth (HOTE), so we could learn more about the concept. HOTE and some other groups described their interests, and Dexter presented a review of the material contained in the GS Manual.

The committee began informally, and at some point, Dexter nominated Ed Oaksford to be the Chair. The committee agreed and so did Ed. He turned out to be an excellent choice and has been at the forefront of UUCT's Green Sanctuary movement, leading the effort for the greening of UUCT and increasing environmental awareness of its members.

The Committee along with other UU green supporters and Heart of the Earth members recognized Ed at a Summer Solstice celebration at the Oaksfords. Citing just a sample of Ed's accomplishments, he organized two Earth Day services, a concert with UU green troubadour Jim Scott, and conducted energy and trash collection assessments. The energy research resulted in a lower energy bill. We are appreciative of his work and also thank him and Linda for hosting the Celebration. (We initially told Ed that this event was just to celebrate GS

accomplishments.) We also thank Linda for her support with this event and for being a green trooper throughout.

FUTURE. Pledges for the Resolution to Combat Global Warming will be sent out and collected. These Green Corner articles and the once a month Green Forums will continue. Expect upcoming articles on Energy Efficient Washers and Dryers (Elinor Elfner), the Benefits of Ceramic Paint for Houses (Pam Hoskins), and The Problems of Exotic Invasive Plants (me). UUCT has at least three plant invasives: Coral Ardesia, Creeping Japanese Fern and Nandina.

New GS Committee initiatives include 1) Planting a Butterfly Garden (with Youth RE classes) and having more environmental education for the children, 2) Developing an Environmental (Green) Library, and 3) Having outdoor environmental education field trips and adventures. We also need to find a local environmental issue and work with a local environmental organization to solve it. An alliance with the Big Bend Environmental Forum may be the answer to this. Also the Landscape Sub-Committee led by chair Elinor Elfner will be asking for your help to restore and enhance our grounds as Mother Earth intended her garden to be. We on the GS Committee think these are exciting opportunities and say to you "All Aboard".

Do You Like Our Coffee?

It is marketed by Equal Exchange, a cooperative supported by the UU Service Committee Coffee Project. It is fair traded, certified organic and shade grown in small farmer cooperatives. Order it from www.equalexchange.com or 781-830-0279. Questions? Call Norene Chase (422-1985).

Support UUCT's Green Sanctuary Inkjet & Laser Cartridge Recycling Program

Bring in your used brand-name inkjet and laser cartridges. Every cartridge accepted is worth about \$3 for UUCT. Spread the word at your place of business, school, etc. Publicity is available in the back of the sanctuary; please take some flyers and posters! Special postage-paid envelopes for mailing in the cartridges are also available. These are best for businesses. See details in the *June Meridian Green Corner*. Contact: Kathie Mackie (385-5115 or uuct@nettally.com)

Landscaping: How You Can Help

There are several ways to help with landscaping at UUCT - to retrieve a woody, natural look, now that that site work and construction are almost done:

- Join the Landscaping Sub-committee of the CIC and help with planning (next meeting: Sunday 7/20, 12:30 PM),
- Help with planting, some now but mostly this fall (timing flexible),
- Contribute extra plants from your yard (such as liriopse/monkey grass, native ground covers, wax myrtles, native azaleas and oak-leaf hydrangeas),
- Loan your wheel barrow or yard cart.
- Contribute pine straw and mulch materials from your yard.

To volunteer for any of these, contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651).



Social Justice

A New Shelter Meal Coordinator!

Pat Farris has graciously agreed to serve as Shelter Coordinator beginning in July. She will coordinate all three teams and will be the contact person for new people interested in serving Shelter meals four times a year. Pat's phone number is 422-2847.

A Quick Overview of Harmony Camp

Who: Our children, their friends, and other children from the community. Ages to be determined by who in UUCT will send their children and how many staff we get. We are working on having an experienced and accomplished teacher from the staff of the School of Arts and Science be the lead teacher.

What: A summer camp, probably one week long, that provides experiential learning about diversity and harmony. It will probably include one or more field trips to actually put the UU principles into practice. Lunch will be provided.

Where: UUCT: Our new building!

When: Summer of 2004, probably the first or second week of vacation or the very last week before school starts (when parents tell us summer camps are non-existent).

Probably 9:00 – 4:00, with extended care provided at both ends of the day.

Why: To give our own children and others in the community an experience that honors diversity and harmony in our church, the community, and the world.

How: By many UUCTers working to make this happen! Here are some ways people on your committee can help us:

By volunteering to teach, cook, drive, help in the classroom, do extended day care, talk this up with your friends,

By contributing generously to the one approved fundraiser in the upcoming fiscal year,

By sending your children.

Cost: Still to be determined.

It will be competitive with other area camps and child care.

Scholarships may be provided, depending on how much money we get from UUA.

It will depend on our success in getting a UUA grant.

Committees/ad hoc groups (from Gifts of Self) that have a direct role:

Religious Education: to provide children, teachers, ideas about curriculum,

YRUU and Campus Ministry: to provide participants who can help us plan the curriculum and who can be part of the staff (as in the Mountain model),

Music: to provide musical experiences in the camp,

Hospitality/Kitchen clean up: to help Peggy Lentz with food RCDC: to provide the leadership in organizing,

Green Sanctuary,

Transportation,

Phone calls,

Program Committee: to help plan the Sunday service that will include our one and only fundraising,

Nursery: to help with extended care,

Adult Forum: to hold at least one forum on the camp and our progress.

Update On TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry)

From Rev. Amy McKenzie

At an Issues Research Training on June 16, five UUCTers joined around 50 members of other TEAM congregations to “cut” the three issues chosen at the June 2 TEAM Covenant Assembly: Homelessness/Housing, Health Care and Teen/Juvenile Issues. The areas within the issue that we will study over the summer need to meet these criteria: Specific, Winnable, Popular, Unifying, Build the Organization, Exciting/Controversial (but without dividing TEAM).

This month and next, several groups will meet with decision makers in town to research the areas within the issues.

Homelessness/Housing: 1) Inadequate services; 2) Emergency housing for families; 3) Education for homeless people, especially youth.

Health Care: Barriers to access to affordable health care for people who are...indigent; students; working poor; elderly.

Juvenile/Teen Issues: 1) Lack of after-school cultural and life enrichment programs; 2) Differences in school performance around the county.

On September 22, TEAM will sponsor an Action, where officials who can make changes will agree to the proposal/demands that will positively affect the lives of low- and middle-income people in our area. Social Change! Social Justice! Come, be a part of the Action – the more bodies, the more good thoughts, the better. Save the date, and we'll save the world (or something like that).

Church Community News

by Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline.net)

Update on a Special Party

John Murphy's 86th Birthday Party (our third in recent years for him) will be held at the Lodge of Wakulla Springs State Park, on Saturday August 16th, starting at 1:00 pm. (John will turn 86 on Aug. 11th.) We will be gathering around the grand piano in the Lodge lobby to sing "Happy Birthday" to John (to be led by Helen Falb & the O.K. Choralers), followed by a dinner in the Ed Ball Dining Room. (Meals are separate; reasonably priced.) We will sing some fine old Irish songs.

Also, please bring a new story, poem, etc., about John you may care to share! John requests no gifts, please! Everyone is welcome. You might just wish to visit beautiful Wakulla Springs without a dinner-- that's okay! Please stop by to see John, snack in the gift shop-delicatessen, etc. You are very welcome! See you there!

Hospitality Set Up For The Coming Church Year

Lois Bloom is an absolute Genius (!) when it comes to Social Organizing. She began building, starting at a farewell party for her and Stan, a new network of church volunteers, scheduled for the coming 2003-2004 church year to take care of Sunday Hospitality Hours -- to provide a warm, friendly welcome spot for all, with food, coffee and other drinks (including potlucks) and with clean-up responsibilities.

Here are those, listed by Month and Month-Recruiting-For, who are volunteering to be our new Hospitality Team in the coming year: July 2003 -- Jennifer Carver (for Sept 2003); August -- Lorin Pratt (for Oct); Sept -- Joann Taylor (for Nov); Oct -- Barbara Sterling (for Dec); Nov -- Pauline Masterton (for Jan, 2004); Dec -- Susan Snyder (for Feb); Jan 2004 --

Maria Mena (for March); Feb -- Linda Winn (for April); April -- Sheila Meehan (for June); May-- Margaret Mooney (for July); & June -- Barbara Solomon (for August).

Lois has already set up Sunday Hospitalities and Clean-up for this month and August.

Lois adds this list of 4 Basic Guidelines for the Hospitality Team to help everyone with the smooth operation of Hospitality:

1. Make sure that hospitality hosts/hostesses are assigned for each church service in the month for which you are recruiting.
2. The week before the Sunday they are scheduled, remind the hospitality host or hostess. (If more than one, put them in touch with each other.)
3. On Sunday, start coffee brewing (5 cups of coffee grounds for 60 cups of water) -- set out 4 trays of cups, all small plates (for Potluck, large plates-- about 80), cutlery, drinking glasses. Fill pitchers. Put out sugar & creamers, napkins, etc. (Or make sure that the volunteer host or hostess performs these duties).
4. On Sunday, record those providing hospitality and clean-up on the form for that Sunday in the gray looseleaf notebook, in the sanctuary.

Thank you, everyone, for creating this Hospitality Network. (Thank you also to all the volunteers who help create our Sunday refreshments hour, and who work in the church kitchen to keep it clean and tidy.) Thank-you, Lois, for your great dedication and giving of time and kind blessings and presence to all us UUs during the last year. We love you and will miss you (and Singing Stan, in the O.K. Chorale) much. Please come back and visit when you can.

Farewell To Lois & Stan Bloom

After July 1 (maybe sooner), Lois and Stan will be moving to their glorious hilltop home, near Hayesville, in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Their new address is 635 Blue Ridge Parkway Dr. Lot #2, Hayesville, NC 28904. Their new telephone number is 828-389-0544, but you can also reach them by email at sbloom37@hotmail.com. They will continue to maintain their little paradise in northern New Mexico and plan to do a lot of traveling in a new motor home during the coming year. They want everyone to stay in touch.

Farewell To Richard & Sharon Chackerian

On June 25th, Richard and Sharon left us to return to San Francisco (a retirement move) to Richard's boyhood home, a house they have been working on in recent years. Richard served as a professor for 34 years in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at FSU. Sharon is an RN who has worked in many capacities around town; you may remember her for beautiful garden work and plantings around the front walkways of the church sanctuary.

Richard says he feels a "sense of fit" in this final move back home to California. "Wood turning" is his passion, and he enjoys doing and attending meetings on it. The Chackerians also especially enjoy working with older people and helping them with their living needs. They would like to hear from you -- stay in touch at their SF home number 415-681-2570 or email them at richardchackerian@yahoo.com. Please come back and visit us, Richard and Sharon, whenever you can. We will miss you.

About New Members

Gary J. Robinson. Gary is a Technology Consultant who grew up in the Northeast and lived in Hawaii and California before coming to Florida for career reasons. He has family scattered in various states and Great Britain. He's single with no children but feels more divorced than single, as he spent a decade in a long-term relationship with a woman. He is finding Tallahassee a very challenging city to date in.

Gary has many interests and hobbies: boardgames, including military simulations; history, especially military history; comparative religion and mythology, especially the lectures of Joseph Campbell; coral reef aquaria; science fiction including fantasy films and TV shows; computer games including online gaming; internet surfing; developments in science and medicine; fishing; and his pet parrotlet, a tiny little green and blue bird who hatched from an egg the size of a jelly bean and likes to snooze in his shirt pocket.

Gary's religious journey began with Catholicism as a child, followed by a period of agnosticism and individualistic Buddhism eventually leading him to UUCT. Gary says: "I have had a difficult time finding like-minded people since I moved to Florida. I started looking for an organized spiritual community which both accepted Western Buddhism (the "Zen Without Zen Masters" approach) and embraced Reason and an interest in all the religious traditions of the world - a community without the kind of stifling dogma which drove me away from other religions. UUism seems unique in that it respects each individual on their own spiritual path. The people I have met so far have been great and for the first time I have found myself in a tolerant and intellectual spiritual community."

When asked what the church can do for him, Gary says it can provide opportunities to meet like-minded people, feel part of a community, participate in spiritual growth and learning activities,

and engage in external volunteer activities that make a difference. To broaden his religious experience, he would also like to participate in religious rituals from traditions such as Paganism/Earth-based Spirituality and Sufism. We are the first spiritual community Gary has participated in as an adult, so he says: "Everything about the experience is new to me."

One way Gary hopes to contribute to the Church community is by sharing his passion for boardgames - not the mindless games produced by American companies, but a new type of adult boardgame imported from Europe. He hopes to start a boardgame group as a social activity for Church members, many of whom have told him they would like more opportunities to interact with others in some context other than official Church business. He thinks many UUCTers might really enjoy the intellectual challenge of these games. (See *Social Events* for more information about this group.)

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) Chairperson

Completion Inspections

On Thursday, June 12, the **Inspection Sub-committee of the CIC** (Tom Chase, Nina Cline, Trudy Deyle, Elinor Elfner, and Francis Ventre) spent the afternoon looking over the site work and new building in detail with our architect, Andy Welch, and representatives from Mad Dog. Andy noted all items needing completion or further attention and subsequently issued a Substantial Completion Report.

Additional inspections and reports were done by the civil, structural, and mechanical/electrical engineering consultants who have design and construction review subcontracts with

the architect. Mad Dog also produced their own report on items needing completion or further attention. They are working on the items listed in the various reports and a few items cited in final inspections by the City and hope to be done within thirty days of receiving the architect and consultant reports. At that time, a **Final Inspection** will be done.

Drainage is one area where some refinements to what was planned were needed. The two new "speed bumps" are not to slow our driving down as much as they are to direct water into the drainage inlets. Some additional berms have also been added around the inlets to direct water flow. Along our northern perimeter where the

driveway and yard meet, Mad Dog is working on ways to spread out the flow of water and so lessen its velocity.

Our Playgrounds

At a joint meeting of the Youth Religious Education, Buildings and Grounds, and Capital Improvement Committees, the following plans were made regarding the toddler and main playgrounds:

- The **toddler playground** (to be called "the tot-lot") will be a fairly large area just to the northeast of the new nursery, in the direction of the sanctuary. It will be large enough for romping around - approximately 25 by 33 feet in dimension and bounded by sidewalks at its southwest corner,

Facilities Update (Continued)

closest to the new building. Its western boundary will be along the straight sidewalk running between the new and old buildings.

The tot-lot will be on the opposite side of this walk from the new building courtyard and will encompass grassy areas and a mulched area under the trees (where the play equipment will be). It will have a single gate near the nursery and will be surrounded by a fence - most likely a low, toddler-friendly, picket-style one. A stand of wildflowers within the tot-lot will be fenced off and protected.

- The **main playground** (to be called "the playground") will be behind (or northwest) of the new building. It will have the foundation wall of the building as one boundary and then follow its own former fence line along the north and west. A new fence line will be created along the south.

Our old playground was originally sized to be used by a pre-school during the week. Without this need, the playground can be somewhat smaller than it was before. However, there is room to expand to the south if we need to do so in the future as we grow. There will be a single gate into the playground at its southeast corner, with the possibility later of adding a second gate at its northeast corner and a "bridge" and path to the gate, running from the wooden walkway behind Room 6.

- **For safety**, the Buildings and Grounds Committee will fence in the air conditioning units and the dry wells for condensation which are located behind (or west of) the new building. They will also put a fence at the edge of the grassy field where a rubble-filled drainage ditch goes down to the water retention facility.

Workdays are scheduled to create the tot-lot and reclaim the main playground. We need the help of UUCTers of all ages. This includes volunteers to come set out a simple meal for the workers at lunch-time. See *Events* for the workday dates and contacts.

Thanks to a gift in memory of Richard Lee from his daughters and wife Christine Boczarska, we have the money for one new play set for the playground. This will be a fitting gift in Richard's memory, as he was always concerned about meeting the needs of our children and youth. We will purchase needed, additional play equipment for both play areas as funds become available. The picnic table will be moved within the main playground for use there.

Surplus Furniture and Cabinets

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been busy procuring **free, surplus furniture** to meet our additional furniture needs, with the help of Blaine McBride, a retiree who gathers surplus furniture and distributes it for free to non-profit organizations. The Committee is gradually chipping away at the list of needed items. They are also working on any changes needed for Room 4 to become the Religious Education/Campus Ministry Office and for Rooms 3 and 6 to become one large room - for the Middle School class Sunday mornings and the YRUU youth group meetings Sunday evenings.

In addition, Margaret and Neil Mooney have given their former kitchen **cabinets** to the church for use in either the new or old classrooms or in a combination of the two. Since RE attendance is lighter in the summer months, Room 5 is currently being used to store these cabinets.

Our New Drive & Parking

We have a number of improvements to our driveways and parking. They were required by the City for a very good reason: traffic, bicyclist and pedestrian safety. For example, although we were used to entering the church property via either access drive to Meridian in the past, doing so was potentially dangerous. Another example is the former cut-through drive behind our street sign, which has been eliminated because it was potentially dangerous.

Let's all play it safe and observe signs and driveway markings!

For everyone's safety, please observe the following **guidelines in driving and parking**:

- Observe the entry and exit drives. (From Meridian Rd., our left-hand drive is now exit-only and our right-hand drive entrance-only. Please do not enter via the exit drive or exit via the entry drive.)

- Go slowly and don't spin your tires on the gravel parking surfaces. (Drive as you would in snow, if you have experience with that!)

- Park only in gravel areas or in spaces marked on the pavement, and not in the turnaround loop or unmarked area in front of the new building. (The concrete bumpers will be used again to mark some of the gravel spots.)

- When parking in the gravel spaces on the south-side of the drive to the new building, go around the loop at the end of the drive and then park at an angle.

Our former grassy field - to the southwest of the new building - will eventually be available as a gathering/play area or an overflow parking lot, as needed. However, for now, we are not going to use it, so that grass seed and sod can take hold there.

Board Actions for June 2003

The Executive Board met on June 5, 2003 and took the following actions:

- Approved the revised and updated Policies & Procedures Manual.
- Reappointed Ellen Dempsey to serve as Treasurer and Joan Patterson to serve as Assistant Treasurer for an additional two years, starting July 1, 2003.
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Covenant and Working Agreement between UUCT and Rev. Amy and authorized the President to sign the agreement.
- Appointed Sara Reece to a three-year term on the Committee on Ministry, beginning July 1, 2003.
- Authorized the construction of three plaques honoring the following esteemed, deceased members of UUCT: Ralph Cook, Paul Finner, and Herbert Taylor. The Board approved the wording proposed by the Honors Committee and requested that a chalice be printed on each plaque.
- Approved acceptance of a non-monetary contribution (a native tree to be professionally planted in honor of a deceased relative), if the Landscape and Honors Committees feel it is appropriate. The Board requested that these committees provide feedback on their decision to provide guidance in the development of a policy for acceptance of non-monetary gifts.
- The Board accepted the following to serve as delegates at General Assembly: Dexter Easton, Jennifer Carver, and DeWayne Carver; Rev. Amy as our Ministerial Delegate. The Board authorized the President to appoint an additional delegate to complete our voting delegation.

A Report from the Ad-Hoc Honors/Recognition Committee

By Trudy Deyle, Committee Member

The Finance Committee and the Executive Board concluded several months ago that UUCT needs a comprehensive policy on recognizing gifts of self and gifts of substance. In general, there is a need for consistency in the way different levels of gifts are recognized, at the same time that we continue to appreciate all gifts of self and substance, no matter what their duration or size. Specifically, there is a need to recognize the generous bequest of Ralph L. Cook - a bequest that has enabled us to construct the entire "L" of our new building, in addition to doing all the site work for our master plan.

In order to address these needs, VP for Finance DeLos DeTar was asked by the Board to form an Ad-Hoc Honors Committee. The Board also decided that Ralph's bequest should be recognized on a plaque hung in the new building, with the Committee to work on proposed wording. Del asked William Adkins, Pauline Masterton and myself to serve on this committee, renamed the Ad-Hoc Recognition Committee.

Our first tasks were the proposed wording for the plaque for Ralph and considering whether there were others whose gifts should be recognized by a plaque. We considered input received from: District Executive Mary Chulak Higgins, the congregation - at the March 2 congregational forum, and individual UUCT members and friends. We agreed on the following guidelines regarding plaques:

- Those honored on individual plaques will be those who have made an exceptional and substantial contribution to the church's growth.
- Those honored with individual plaques will usually be deceased, with exceptions to this considered on a case by case basis.

In keeping with these guidelines, the Committee proposed and the Board agreed that two other former members should be honored with plaques:

- Paul F. Finner for the gifts he made as our church began - the land for our first building on Wildwood Ave., the space in his nearby basement for our

first RE classes, and bequests for our endowment;

- J. Herbert Taylor for his ideas on the general design of our Meridian Rd. sanctuary and original classrooms and for overseeing their construction.

The Committee went through numerous versions of language for the three plaques and consulted writers within the congregation. We feel that the simple wording chosen, and subsequently approved by the Board, will appeal to a majority of the congregation. For Ralph, there is recognition of his dream for UUCT, as well as his bequest. Our hope is that the plaques will be ready for the New Building Dedication on September 14, although this may not be possible. We now turn our attention to development of a proposed, comprehensive UUCT policy on recognition, again incorporating the input received in recent months from others.

Welcome New Members

- ☼ Jonathan Leib
- ☼ Sandy MacLeod
- ☼ Gary Robinson

Membership

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

UUCT Name Tags

Help visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members and supporting friends receive nametags. Contact office for replacements (\$3.75 each).

New Member Recognition

A Sunday in September.

On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** To bring refreshments in Sept., contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4 or next available room)*
- *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)*

- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, July 14, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (Adults Only or With Children) will resume in September. Dinners with Children will be for those who wish to include their own children and those who would just like an intergenerational experience.

A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest. Contacts: Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Joys and Sorrows

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

Don and Pam Crosby on the death of Don's mother last month.

Cheryl Ward and husband Jon Stern, as Jon continues to recuperate at home.

Fran Boyle, who has not been feeling very well recently.

The **Valdosta, GA UU Church congregation**. Their church suffered extensive vandalism last month.

Congratulations to Melissa, Paul, and Aidan Forgey on the birth of **Emerson Meyer** on June 13.

Goodbye to the Chackerians and the Blooms – we are grateful for the good work they did during their tenure with UUCT, and we wish them well during and after their respective moves.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you are interested in preparing meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact Scott Geraci,
(sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)
Bruce Brandt (893-5511)
Sara Reece (309-1933)
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) -174**
- **Current Membership - 178**
- **Current Number of Friends - 44**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of May - 94.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - May - 97**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45**

July UUCT Events, Social Activities, Events After July

PEACE DANCES will not be held in July and August.

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 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 12, 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).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SATURDAY, JULY 12, 12:30 PM.

The annual day at St. George Island -- go to the 2nd set of pavilions and look for the group's banner. Check the group's website for final details. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885).

SECOND SUNDAY

POTLUCK/CELEBRATION, JULY 13, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share. Before the potluck, we'll take a few moments to celebrate our NEW BUILDING and site work completion. CIC members will lead tours, and the OK Chorale will sing a blessing. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

HARMONY CAMP MEETING,

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 12:30 PM. All interested in helping to plan this event are encouraged to attend. (See *Announcements* and *Social Justice*.)

GLOBALIZATION STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, JULY 17, 7:00 PM.

This study circle will continue to meet the third Thursday of each month. All interested are welcome. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

SINGLES-AND-FRIENDS-POTLUCK-AND-POOL-PARTY, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2:00 PM UNTIL...

Rain or shine, at the home of Cheryl Stratton, 6161 Pimlico, 668-8480. If you are a single adult or just "on-your-own" while your partner is elsewhere, come join us for food, community, and play! Cheryl's "dream home" includes a large outdoor area with pool, hot tub, tiki hut, and outdoor music. In case of rain, we'll use the indoor patio area. Bring your favorite covered dish and beverage for shared-picnic-style eating. And perhaps a swimsuit and towel? your favorite music? Grill, microwave, and fridge are available. Contact Ludy for directions to Cheryl's home, ludy8@juno.com or 531-9819.

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).

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.

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, July 2, 11:30 AM
- Singing with the O.K. Chorale, Sundays 13 and 27, 9:45 AM-Noon (For a sneak preview of the Sunday service music, contact Ludy. See *Announcements* for more details.)
- Second Sunday Potluck/Celebration, Sunday, July 13, 12:30 PM
- Singles-and-Friends-Potluck-and-Pod-Party, Saturday, July 19, 2:00 PM.
- Birthday Potluck, Thursday, July 31, Noon.

BOARD GAMES MADE FOR

ADULTS! New board games for small groups of adults and older teens! You might even do a little reading before a game night - like read about Egyptian religious beliefs before learning the game on Egyptian pyramid - building. Or you might be more interested in archaeological excavations of Mayan temple complexes, civilization-building in Mesopotamia, plantation management and trading in 16th century Puerto Rico, undersea exploration, or growth and expansion of a medieval town in France. Would you like to play these games? If so, contact Gary Robinson at chuft@comcast.net or 877-3513. For more information, sneak a peek at www.kumquat.com/cgi-kumquat/funagain/home

Events After July

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED FOR MOVE-IN & PLAYGROUND WORKDAYS

All ages, please plan on helping with moving into our new building, creating a toddler playground (the "tot-lot"), and reclaiming our main playground (the "playground"). If you'd like to help but can't do heavy work, volunteers are needed to serve a simple lunch to the workers, setting it up around 12:45 PM each workday.

Saturday, August 2, 9 AM - 1 PM:
Move-in workday

Saturday, August 9, 9 AM - 1 PM:
Tot-Lot workday

Saturday, August 23, 9 AM - 1 PM:
Playground workday #1

Saturday, September 20, 9 AM - 1 PM:
Playground workday #2

To volunteer, contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com), Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net) or Francis Ventre (402-3050, mfventre@aol.com).

Events after July, Florida District Events & National Events

Events After July

CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Led by FL District consultant Connie Goodbread, the focus will be: "Member Expectations: Making Things Clear" - both in terms of individuals' expectations for the congregation and the congregation's expectations for individual members and friends. Connie is the Director of Religious Education at a large, growing church in the District. She has special training in helping congregations move from where they are to where they want to be. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. Child-care will be provided, and we hope that RE parents will be well-represented. In the afternoon, Connie will do a workshop for the Board focusing on: "What is healthy congregation leadership?" For more information, contact Rev. Amy (383-9186) or Board President Neil Mooney (893-8250).

BUILDING DEDICATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 12:00 PM. The formal dedication ceremony for our new building followed by an open-house for the community at 2:00 PM. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

Florida District Events

SUPER SATURDAY WORKSHOPS, SEPTEMBER 20. Conducted by the Northwest Cluster of the Florida District and held in Ormond Beach. Workshops on: Leadership, Lifespan Religious Education, Money Management and Fund-raising, and Enriching Worship Services. Contact the church office if interested. Registration: \$10 per person.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 15. The subject will be canvassing, with the location TBA.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, JANUARY 17, 2004. Location to be announced.

RAISE THE ROOF TRAINING, FEBRUARY 21 - 22, 2004. By Alice Mann from the Alban Institute for congregations moving from small to mid-size in the Florida, Mid-South and Thomas Jefferson Districts.

SPIRITUAL ELDERING CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2004. Location to be announced.

National Events

SUUSI, JULY 20-26. Held on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg, VA, the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI) is an intentional, intergenerational community of about 1,000 UUs and others who gather for workshops, nature trips, music, and other activities. For more information, visit www.suusi.org or contact Helen Falb (Helen@townbeacon.com, 309-6853).

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

July 3-6 - Old Fashioned Family Fourth. Our own parade, a mountain-style picnic, field play, crafts, a mini-fireworks display, a campfire and music.

July 13-18 - Family Mountaincamp. Experience typical camp activities. Designed for families with children ages 1 - 11 years old.

August 17-23 - UU Week at *The Mountain*. Music, relaxation, arts and crafts, workshops and discussions on the theme, "What do UUs believe anyway? And how do you answer that one in 25 words or less?"

See or Call Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) for registration forms for any of the above events.

July 2003 Calendar of Events



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 11:30 AM UU Chow-Down, off-site | 3 | 4 Office Closed  | 5 |
| 6 NO CHOIR PRACTICE 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 | 7 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Comm., Rm 4 | 8 11:30 AM Personnel Committee, off-site 7 PM RCDC, Rm 2 | 9 NO CHOIR PRACTICE | 10 | 11 6 PM University UUs, off-site | 12 9 AM - 1 PM All Church Workday All Day: Multicultural Families Group Beach Trip |
| 13 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Planning, Rm 4 | 14 7:15 PM Program Comm., Rm 4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site | 15 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rev. Amy's office | 16 NO CHOIR PRACTICE | 17 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm 4 7 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2 | 18 6 PM University UUs, off-site | 19 2 PM Singles & Friends Potluck & Pool Party, off-site |
| 20 NO CHOIR PRACTICE 12:30 PM Landscaping Sub-Committee, Rm 4 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 | 21 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 4 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site | 22 | 23 NO CHOIR PRACTICE | 24 | 25 6 PM University UUs, off-site | 26 |
| 27 7 PM Leadership Development Group, Rm 4 | 28 | 29 | 30 NO CHOIR PRACTICE | 31  Noon Birthday Potluck for Kathie Mackie, sanctuary | | |

NOTE:

No office hours for Rev. Amy until July 30. She will be away until July 12 for UUA General Assembly (annual conference) and vacation.

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.



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"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."

YOUTH EVENTS

See *Youth RE* (p. 5).

- * **YRUU**, Sun. 6 & 20,
6:00 PM

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See *Adult Enrichment* (p. 6)

- * **Women's Spirituality**,
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.
Contact: Bonnie Foster
(539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs. 7/17, 7 PM.
Contact: Pres. Neil
Mooney (893-8250)

COMMITTEES MEET

Open to All Interested

- * **Buildings & Grounds**,
Mon. 7/7, 7:30 PM.
Contact: Francis Ventre
(402-3050)

- * **Capital Improvement**,

No July meeting. Next:
Thurs. 8/14.

Contact: Trudy Deyle
(422-1057)

- * **Committee on Ministry**

Tues. 7/15, 7:15 PM.

Contact: Christine
Bocazarska (893-7079)

- * **Finance**, Wed. 7/21,

7PM. Contact: Del
DeTar (878-7895)

- * **Green Sanctuary**, No

July meeting. Next:
Wed. 8/6, 7 PM.

Contact: Steve Urse
(385-2864)

- * **Landscaping**,

Sun. 7/20, 12:30 PM.
Contact: Elinor Elfner
(224-3651)

- * **Membership**, No July

meeting. Next: Wed.
8/6, 7:15 PM. Contact:
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- * **Personnel**, Tues. 7/8,

11:30 AM. Contact:
Jennifer Carver
(402-0622)

- * **Program**, Mon. 7/14,

7:15 PM. Contact:
Richard Dempsey
(671-2748)

- * **Racial & Cultural**

Diversity, Tues. 7/8,
7 PM. Contact: Isabel
Sheridan (668-0785)

- * **Social Justice**, No July

Meeting. Contact:
Jennifer Handel
(264-6313)

- * **Youth RE**, No July

Meeting. Next: Sun. 8/3,
9:45 AM. Contact:
Kelley Turnage
(553-9416)