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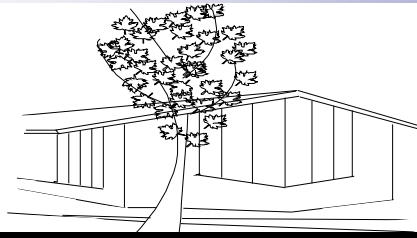
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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 7/10 & 7/17
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM (inc. Pre-K)
- 11:00 AM Summer Youth RE: K-Elementary

Adult Forum Topics:

- July 3, Elinor Elfner, "The Proposed Coal Plant and Our UU Values"
- July 10, TBA
- July 17, TBA
- July 24, TBA
- July 31, TBA



The Meridian

July Sundays (11:00 AM)

July 3 | The Beginnings of Unitarianism in America

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. As Unitarian Universalists we are accustomed to the larger society being ill informed about our history and traditions. But do we embrace a false historical picture within the denomination as well? This service examines the roots of American Unitarianism and poses some questions about why false histories are developed and perpetuated.

Speaker: Van Fox; Lay Leader: George Knight

July 10 | Historical Search for Freedom, Reason, and Tolerance

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. The history of Unitarianism in Europe contains numerous stories of heroes who persisted in their search for meaning in Christianity and who influenced others through their writings and their lives. Despite persecution they fought for freedom of religious thought; through reason they challenged the accepted interpretation of the Bible; and they learned to tolerate differences in views and practices. In today's world we have freedoms beyond their wildest dreams, but from their experiences we can learn to support each other in our search for freedom, reason, and tolerance.

Speaker: Elinor Elfner; Lay Leader: Neil Mooney

July 17 | Engaging with Islam

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. No other major world religion is more distorted by Westerners—and none provokes stronger responses, ranging from fear to fascination—than Islam. Shared by more than a billion people belonging to every ethnic and racial group, this world view is worthy of our understanding. Engaging with Islam also supports the UU purpose of drawing "wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life." Today we'll explore the fundamental principles and beliefs of Islam and some similarities and differences between our faiths. (Also Shelter meal collection; candles of joy and concern.)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Abhi Janamanchi; Lay Leader: Isabel Sheridan

July 24 | Trust and Being a UU

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. In each of our searches for truth and meaning, we bump up against the issue of trust. Do we or don't we trust—and what, whom, and when? What does opting to trust or distrust imply, and what have we gone through to come to where we are now? As UUs we have the opportunity with an interim minister to explore ourselves with the thought that who we are and how we function will be the future of UUCT. All we do will hinge on trust.

Speaker: Christine Boczarska; Lay Leader: Molly Schmid

July 31 | Lammas Reflections

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. In modern life, it is often difficult to feel attuned to the Wheel of the Year and to live in harmony with nature's rhythms. As we enter the joyful harvest season, (continued top p.2)

July Highlights:

- UUA Video on Interim Ministry, Sundays, 12:30 PM
- Dialogue & Dessert with Turkish Students, Fri. 7/22, 7:00 PM
- Gather Water on Your Travels for our ingathering and water ceremony at summer's end.



July 31 | Lammas Reflections (Continued)

the festival of Lammas is also a time for reflection. We celebrate Mother Earth's abundance, mindful that this time of great bounty also signals the coming of winter. Folk and Pagan traditions teach that all things are cyclical and interconnected. We'll look into this holiday's origins and history, considering how to apply these roots to life choices—which in turn affect all in the web of life. **Guest Speaker: Diana Kampert; Lay Leader: Yvonne Gsteiger**

President's Message

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

The year of being president-elect went faster than I had thought it would. With Richard Dempsey as our leader, I had full confidence that we would weather all storms. UUCT had quite a few!

We are launching a promising new year with Rev. William Murchison coming September 1 as our interim minister. I know I am not the only one who is looking forward to getting to know him and working with him to help strengthen our community. As always, the future at UUCT promises to be different and challenging. May we

always have the challenges to keep us alive and aware, interacting with each other. Bumping up against each other makes us notice the other as it knocks some of the dust off.

Fresh approaches are sometimes difficult. They require allowing ourselves to be moved in directions that we may not be comfortable with. If we never try something different, we'll never know what we are capable of as a congregation. Look at Harmony Camp. People reached beyond their field of comfort to dream

of new possibilities. Now that their first year of accomplishment is through, much of the second year will seem easy.

I can't promise a fresh approach on everything, but I am open. I hope that it will not be difficult, but that can also be the impetus for healthy change. This should be an interesting year. Here's hoping we all finish it together!

In faith,

Christine

Connecting with Foreign Students

By Richard Dempsey, Executive Board Past President

We've done it three times, now, over the past year — a social evening with graduate and post-graduate students from Turkey. They are very bright, interested in America, and eager to make contact and to get to know Americans and our culture. Some are single young men; some are married with small children. All are far from home.

About fifteen or so UUs showed up for a casual evening of talk and baklava on Friday, June 17 at the church. It was a "get to know you" affair. We decided it was a good thing and we should try to do it frequently, say once a month, so we've set a date to meet again on **July 22, a Friday, also at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary.**

We're looking to try several approaches. Dinners for Eight, mixing

Turks and UUs; dinners or coffee/dessert for 2+2 (two students and two UUs) for the smaller apartments; lunch for 2+2 at local bistros; coffee/tea/lunch for UU women and Turkish women students; and invitations to students with families to visit with UU families at home.

And we're also looking for someone to coordinate these activities on an on-going basis. If you're interested in any of this, call me at 671-2748.

Executive Board Actions in June

By Carolyn DuBard, Executive Board Secretary

At the June 15, 2005 meeting of the Executive Board, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the minutes of the May 11, 2005 meeting.
- Accepted the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for the fiscal year through May 2005.
- Created an Ad Hoc Memorial Garden Committee under the Vice President for Management.
- Encouraged the Committee on Ministry to proceed to work on the issues of Recommendation 25 in the Committee on Ministry Triennial Congregational

Assessment. This recommendation focuses on the process of selecting an appropriate ministerial candidate for settled ministry and on the procedure for evaluating the ministry of the church and providing feedback.



Harmony Camp

August 1–5, 2005



Live Reptile and Amphibian Show



Cooking



Bird House Build



Singing



Drumming



Puppetry



Pets Go to Harbor Chase



Vegetable Gardening



Flower Pressing



Butterfly Gardens



New Friends  Old Friends and More!

Openings — Register now — Scholarships available

Contact I sabel Sheridan (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

SAVE THE DATE!!! SPECIAL PERFORMANCE!!!

Mark your calendars NOW for Friday, August 5 at 7:00 PM.

"Armond and Angelina" are coming to Tallahassee to perform for Harmony Camp. They will stay to perform Friday evening, in the sanctuary.

Armond (ordained musical minister, singer/song writer/ pianist) and **Angelina** (classically trained New Age vocalist/classical guitarist) travel across the country sharing an eclectic blend of Folk/Rock, New Age, Blues, Reggae and Classical music. **Their mission is to "remind of us our oneness and help the world experience heaven on earth."**

You're sure to see **Armond** in mismatched shoes and a variety of FUNominal hats, symbols of his light-hearted approach to Spirit based on love and joy, rather than fear and dogma. A master at presenting the humorous side of life, he also writes thought-provoking material about his spiritual journey on this planet. Without restraint, he shares who he is and lifts the audience with his inexhaustible energy.





Angelina's angelic voice will penetrate your heart with its enchanting beauty as she sings and chants her spirit-affirming lyrics and melodies. Their complimentary styles and passionate love for each other have inspired them to bring their music and messages to churches, conferences, and coffee shops, spreading their vision of personal and spiritual transformation in their own delightful way.

YOU WILL EXPERIENCE SNICKERS AND ARMOND JOY!

Their performance is a delightful repertoire of native flute songs, beautiful renditions of Ave Maria, O Sole Mio, Land of Plenty, Santa Lucia, Ode to Gratitude, Amazing Grace and many more.

Admission: Love Offering

They will have a variety of wonderful CDs for sale following the concert.

Announcements



UUA Interim Ministry Video

Until everyone who's interested in seeing it has done so, this 15-minute video will be shown on Sundays at 12:30 PM in Rm. L. All members and friends are encouraged to take the time to see the video, which gives an overview of what to expect from the interim year and features interim ministers, as well as members of congregations who have had interim ministers. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

July Board Meeting Time

Please note on the July calendar that the Executive Board is meeting a different day of the week and time than it has been meeting. July's meeting will be on Sunday, July 10 at 6:00 PM in Rm. L. A regular meeting time for the coming year will be set at that time.

Nursery Care Provider

Our thanks to Holly Mackie for the love and caring she gave as nursery care provider over the past two years. And our welcome to Emmy Barthel, our new nursery care provider!

Help with UUCT Outreach!

The Publicity Committee will be creating a single-sheet flyer each month with Sunday service descriptions and event/activity information. They'd like to post it around town (and beyond) on bulletin boards where potential UUs might be likely to see it - Black Dog Café, New Leaf Market, health food stores, etc. If you'd be willing on a monthly basis to post a flyer in one or several places you frequent, please contact Publicity chair Doug Martin (doug@mockingbirdmultimedia.com, 212-7447), specifying the location(s) you'd cover. Thanks!

Publicity Fund for Outreach

If you missed the Sunday collection in June for the special Publicity Fund for UUCT outreach and wanted to contribute, it's not too late. Checks should be made out to UUCT and specified for "Publicity Fund." The fund is almost up to \$1,000, with some pledges to it already paid. The Publicity Committee hopes to raise enough money (\$1,500 total) to have an ad, as well as a listing, in Sprint's yellow pages and also a visible ad in the *Democrat's Living Here*, published in August and available to newcomers throughout the year.

Gather Water

Whether you travel far or only close by this summer, take along a little container and gather water for our intergenerational ingathering and water ceremony in September. See p. 4 of the June *Meridian* for details.

Make Sure Doors Are Locked

Routinely doors have been found unlocked in the new building. Please check all doors on both sides before leaving a classroom. After you close the door, pull the door handle to make sure it is locked, especially in Rm L. And remember, if you unlock a door, you are responsible for locking it or making sure someone else will.

Sound System Operators

Volunteers, somewhat techno savvy, are needed to operate the new sanctuary sound system for the Sunday services. Dan Peterson has agreed to be the sound system coordinator to organize and help train operators. In addition to providing better quality sound, this system will record on CD as well as cassette. If willing to assist, call Dan (997-6052).

Sunday Speakers & Lay Leaders

The Program Committee encourages interested members and friends to volunteer to be a Sunday service speaker or lay leader. Both require time and effort but can be rewarding and enjoyable. See p. 5 of the June *Meridian* for details on doing either. Planning for services is done several months in advance. Those interested in speaking should send the Program Committee a short description of the proposed topic, which should be related to one of our seven UU principles. Contact for both: Kristin King (luz_antigua@earthlink.net, 425-4658).

Audio Tapes

Audiotapes of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info. and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).

Missing Hymnals

If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home. We are missing some of UUCT's 100 hymnals. Order your own from the UUA Bookstore (www.uua.org/bookstore).

Office Closed Some Mondays

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days the first two Mondays of each month through December.

Donations of Stock

If you wish to give a donation to UUCT in the form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, please contact Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge or for any special fund of the church. Gifts of equities or bonds are particularly appropriate if you wish to take advantage of tax-related deductions.

Announcements (Continued)

Complete Pledges, Start Anew

Our fiscal year July 04 - June 05 has ended. Statements are being mailed to all who have not completed their pledges. Since the church budget each year is based on the total amount pledged by members and friends, please complete your pledge if you are able, marking "04/05" in the memo line. We accept contributions any time.

Please mark "05/06" on pledges for this July 05 - June 06 fiscal year. If you have chosen the option of a single statement in June for the coming year and are unsure of your contribution schedule, please consider quarterly statements. The single statement option is intended for one-time contributors or those who can commit to a contribution schedule. Contact: Thomas Chase, collecting treasurer (422-1985, twchase38@earthlink.net).

Print Cartridge Recycling

Bring your used, brand-name inkjet and laser cartridges to UUCT for this Green Sanctuary program. Also, spread the word at your place of business, school, etc. Pick up of large amounts of laser cartridges can be arranged. Contact: Kathie Mackie (385-5115).

Trustee Tidbits Posted

July's letter from our FL District UUA trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com). Topic: UUA associate and affiliate organizations. A summary follows.

There are only three Associate Organizations: the UU Service Committee (UUSC), the UU United Nations Office (UU-UNO), and the UU Women's Federation (UUWF). They meet these criteria: membership or constituency consisting of individuals located throughout the UUA; purposes and programs auxiliary to and supportive of the UUA principles; and a pledge to financially support the UUA.

Independent Affiliate organizations have purposes and intentions found to be in sympathy with the UUA principles and support the UUA with an annual contribution. There are 60-65 affiliates, with some of the more well-known being: the Covenant of UU Pagans; Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries (DRUJMM); HUUmanists Association; Interweave; Latina/o UU Networking Association (LUUNA); Seventh Principle Project; The Mountain Retreat & Learning

Centers, Inc.; The UU Men's Network (UUMeN); UU Partner Church Council; and UU Women & Religion. To learn more about an associate or affiliate, contact organizations@uua.org or jlund@uua.org.

UU B & B Directory

For 25 years, the UU bed and breakfast directory, *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*), has provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people. You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us (828-281-3253, info@uurehome.com), and we'll send you information about listing your accommodations.

UU're Home has recently launched a new website at www.UUreHome.com, where entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition, which is published every year in April, is still available (and has many more listings than the website). For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to *UU're Home*, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

Appreciation

To:

- **Barbara Sterling, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Howard Pardue, Walter Hoskins, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Carolyn DuBard, Marco Messori, Daniel Geraci, and Rebecca Briggs-Placier** for greeting on Sunday mornings – 5/23 - 6/26.
- **Junelle and Bruce Brandt, Pam Hoskins, Michele Hope, Joanne Taylor, Isabel Sheridan (the last four orchestrated the 5/15 Green Sanctuary organic sampler), Youth RE, Greg DeAngelo, Norene Chase, and Gwendolyn Waldorf** for providing hospitality on May Sundays.
- **Jerri Lee Wagner, Randall Gann, Junelle and Bruce Brandt, Greg DeAngelo, Eric Stierna, Mary and Francis Ventre, Will Adkins, LaRae Donnellan, Peggy Pope grattan, Dorothy Mann, Annette Pearce and Gwendolyn Waldorf** for May Sunday clean-up.
- **Gwendolyn Waldorf** for serving as May Kitchen Kontroller, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers.
- **The Mooney Family, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Randall Gann, John Whitton and Elinor Elfner** for June sanctuary set-up.
- **Jan Oldenburg, Sally Andersen, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Joan Patterson, Stowe Alrutz and Ander Alrutz-Stierna, Don and Pam Crosby, Dan Damerville, and Susan Snyder** for cooking and serving the June Shelter Meal.



Appreciation (Continued)

- **All who contributed or pledged to the special Publicity Fund** for outreach during the special collection on June 12.
- **Jennifer Carver, Barney Cook, Joan Patterson and Steve Urse** for serving as UUCT delegates to the UUA General Assembly in Ft. Worth in June.
- **Kandy Crowe** for baking and decorating the "Thank you for everything" cake for 2004-2005 Board President Richard Dempsey, featuring the picture of the sanctuary found on the front of *The Meridian*. Unfortunately, Richard missed the cake while it was whole, but he did get to see a lovely picture of it and have a delicious piece of it the next day!

Building & Grounds Thanks

At the all-church workday on June 11, we had a small turnout because of the rainy weather. Most worked inside, but **Ed Oaksford** contributed some vegetable plants and established a vegetable garden south of the new building. **Steve Urse** and Ed planted trees on the property. The **Mooney family**, consisting of **Neil, Austin, Pierce and Caroline**, weeded the liriopie bed south of the new building. Austin also shoveled the sidewalk of debris.

Inside the sanctuary, **Chris Ellrich, Don Berger, James Oaksford and Michael Wei** removed old speakers from the sanctuary walls and added a

speaker to the kitchen. Michael and James moved the speakers and other items to the closet in room L. **Dave Harvey** added duct tape to the A/C ductwork in the janitor's closet. Chris and Don inventoried fire extinguishers and mounted new ones in some of the classrooms.

Michael inventoried first aid kits and posted signs identifying their location. Chris, Don and Michael replaced burnt out bulbs in the sanctuary. Ed and Dave assembled the new shelving unit for the kitchen. Don, Chris and Dave checked on the filters for the A/C air handler for the sanctuary. Chris mapped out where the fire extinguishers are installed.

Outside of the church workday, Ed hauled away our decaying picnic table. **George Knight** blew leaves from the driveways and sidewalks; he also arranged to have the carpet cleaned in the sanctuary and the office. **Charlotte Dudley** and Steve weeded the vegetable garden area and planted more flowers in a second butterfly garden. **Pam Hoskins** planted flowers in the youth butterfly garden, and Pam and the youth planted flowers in two tree stumps. **Elinor Elfner and John Whitton** mowed the grass around the church property, and Steve watered plants and flowers.

A special thanks goes to **Dexter Easton** for donating the large projector screen that will be used in room L. The

Building and Grounds Committee also wants to acknowledge the landscape consultant, **David Copps**, for donating his assistance in developing the tree landscape plan, identifying locations for planting, and developing the meadow/overflow parking, wildflower plan.

Leadership Appreciation

Thanks to the following people who completed their service in the leadership position they held over the past year or longer:

Executive Board – **Richard Dempsey** as president (2nd yr. of 3 yr. term), **Neil Mooney** as past president (final yr. of 3 yr. term), **Christine Boczarska** as president-elect (1 yr. of 3 yr. term), **Carolyn DuBard** as secretary (2 yrs.), **DeLos DeTar** as VP for Finance (4 yrs.), **Will Adkins** as VP for church community (3 yrs.), **DeWayne Carver** as VP for Religious Education (1 yr.)

Committee on Ministry – **Bruce Brandt** (3 yrs. with the last as chair)

Committee Chairs or Coordinators – **Bruce Brandt**, Adult Enrichment; **Joan Patterson**, Fund Raising; **Eric Draper**, Program; **Kristin King**, Publicity; **Jennifer Carver**, Shared Ministry; **Jack Martin**, Technology and also Webmaster; **Kelley Turnage**, Youth RE

Nominating Committee – **Dan Damerville, Steve VanSciver** (2 yrs.)

And sorry if we have forgotten anyone!

Green Corner



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

Here's a moving quote Ellie Whitney wanted to share with the congregation:

"Environmentalists need to jettison their discomfort with religious belief and religious questioning and acknowledge their environmentalism for what it truly is—a faith, a passion, a religious perspective, a way to ask big

questions about the human relationship to the universe. Environmentalists love and worship nature and seek meanings within it beyond those that science can provide. If they would only acknowledge this, the movement might harness its true power through a fusion of science and spirit, reason and reverence."

--Kathryn Morse, a teacher of environmental history at Middlebury College, in a review of Thomas R. Dunlap's *Faith in Nature: Environmentalism as a Religious Quest*. The review was published in NRDC's *On Earth*, Summer 2004.

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Mary Huggins is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. She wants to express her appreciation for all of our visits and the meals we provided. She said, "I'll never forget the feeling of looking forward to the arrival of one of our members each evening. It made me feel less isolated by being home-bound, and I enjoyed the opportunity to become better acquainted with many of our members."

Pat Farris has been home for several weeks after hospitalization for a long-term and persistent lung infection. She continues to deal with weakness from all of the antibiotics and their side-effects. She will appreciate hearing from us and would likely appreciate a meal sometimes.

Ruth Pestle had a breast lumpectomy on June 23 in Waitsfield, VT, her summer home. She is anticipating daily radiation treatments following the surgery. Please send cards to 345 Bridge Street, Waitsfield, VT 05673. Her phone number is (802)496-3679.

Our thoughts and condolences are with **Sandy Smith** on the loss of her mother after a lengthy illness.

Congratulations to member **Neil Griffin and wife Carolyn** on the birth of their twins, **Sean Michael** and **Daniel Joseph**, on May 16. Sean was 6 lbs. 11 oz.; Daniel was 5 lbs. 14 oz.

Congratulations to **Terra McConnell and Matt Linder** on the birth of their baby, **Mason Reese Linder**, June 2, 9 lbs. 6 oz., 22 inches long.

We rejoice with **Molly Schmid** on receiving primary residency for son **Ian Padgett**, after a two-year struggle. And our thoughts are with Ian as he recovers from recent surgery.

Welcome to UUCT!

- *Hollie & Tony Lloyd (new members)*
- *Ben & Mame Fleming (new supporting friends)*

Watch for Picture Date

If you have not yet had your picture taken for UUCT's photo directory, Mary Van Sciver was not able to be at church 6/26 as planned, but will be setting an August Sunday date to finish up the pictures. Then we'll go to press with what we have. Watch for announcements of the date and plan to be around after the service that day. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to dress up. Contacts: Mary (893-0353) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

"DINNERS FOR 8"

The late spring - summer round of Dinners for 8 will continue into July, with another round planned for early fall. "Dinners for 8" is a way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. A main purpose is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. Dinners' coordinator: Junelle Brandt (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com). **No July workday.**
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182, georgiaackerman@earthlink.net).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 181**
- **Current Number Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **May 2005: 101.6**
 - **July 2004 - May 2005: 107.8**
 - **July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4**
 - **July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **Sept. - May: 33.8**
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For July, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622) or Carolyn Pardue (386-1494).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday After-Service Greeter Corps:** Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Note: in addition to regular greeters.
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Sound System Operators:** Contact Dan Peterson (997-6052).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 7, 9:30 AM, Rm. K. No July Meeting.

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (229/226-5264; kecoyne@gmail.com)**
- **Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (georgiaackerman@earthlink.net; 894-0182)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301)**

July Youth RE

The Youth RE Summer Program, June 5 - August 28, features lessons and activities about our 7th principle and is coordinated by Pam Hoskins (893-5039). Specifics for July are:

July 3 – Fun Day

July 10 – Making posters on “what you can do to reduce global warming,” with Adam Smith and Mary Janik.

July 17 – Working more on the UUCT nature trail, with Pam Hoskins.

July 24 - Learning to make organic vegetarian snacks, with Lorin Pratt and Chelsea Joyner.

July 31 – Learning about keeping our water clean, with Lorin Pratt, who will show her water-cycle model and talk about water quality.

SpiralScouts Parent Meeting

Tuesday, July 19, 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for those parents who have children interested in the SpiralScouts. If at all possible, please do not bring your children to this meeting as we have many items and much paperwork to cover. If you would like more information on the SpiralScouts before coming to the meeting, contact Amy Hall (402-1010).

What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but hesitated because you thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid that you wouldn't make an effective teacher? Have you been a member or supporting friend for at least six months? How much time does it really take to teach Youth RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Teaching Youth RE isn't just for parents with children in the program. We need help from all UUCTmembers and friends.

What does it take to make a difference in a child's life? Only care, concern, and a bit of commitment. Enthusiasm is also a plus. We are looking for teachers for our preschool class, our K-1-2 class, and our 3-4-5 class. We teach in teams of three, allowing for rotation and time off, usually working out to a commitment of 8 - 9 Sundays, September - May. Curricula are provided. Can you help? To learn more, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Registration for 2005-2006

Youth RE registration for the upcoming year will be Sundays, June through August. Please register early, so that we can plan ahead. All children should be registered for safety and record-keeping reasons, including regular nursery attendees and youth group members. New and previous registrants should stop by the Sunday RE table to fill out a registration form.

Many of the expenses of the RE program are met through our annual 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. Scholarships are available. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for information.

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Dan Damerville, Adult Enrichment coordinator (576-5380; damervid@tcc.fl.edu)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301).**

Next meeting of those interested in Adult Enrichment at UUCT: Monday, August 15 at 7:15 PM in Rm. C, to plan the offerings for the upcoming year. If you have a new class to propose teaching or facilitating, please send a description to Dan Damerville and Maggie Geraci prior to the meeting and include a proposed time and dates. Those who are offering continuing classes please let Dan and Maggie know that you will be doing so, including dates of continuation.

Continuing Classes

Deep Ecology. Meets 2nd Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm. 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and discussion. July 10 topic is a continuation of *Spirituality and the Earth*, considering how spiritual beliefs influence one's view of the earth and the current views of spirituality as they relate to the earth. August 14 topic is *A New Story from Science*. September 11 topic is *Native American Wisdom*. New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik (marybethtally@earthlink.net, 878-5060) for the month's study material.

Global Climate Change/Disruption Action Group. Meets 7:00 - 9:00 PM on 2nd and 4th Mondays in Rm. K to study and recommend action on the 2004-05 UUA Study/Action Issue, “The Threat of Global Warming.” Contact: Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Future Classes

Breaking Free: Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond. The group will continue this fall, using a second book as the basis for discussion. They will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 7:00-9:00 PM in Rm. 3/6. The group will be open to new participants. Contact: Peggy Lentz (peglentz@aol.com, 878-2226).

New UU sessions. Are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions will be early fall. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. Or contact the church office (uuct@nettaly.com, 385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057).

On-Going Opportunities

Adult Forum. Meets Sundays, 9:45-10:45 AM, Rm. L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian for the month's* topics. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, nochase@earthlink.net).

The UUCT Book Club. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Rm. C.

Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

July 12, *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman. An account of the author's emigration from Poland to Canada at age 13, *Lost in Translation* is an incisive meditation on coming to terms with one's own uniqueness, on learning how deeply culture affects the mind and body, and finally, on what it means to accomplish a translation of one's self. It raises provocative questions about the relationship between language and culture and the emotional cost of re-creating oneself.

August 9, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by Cokie Roberts. This is "an intimate and illuminating look at the fervently patriotic and passionate women whose tireless pursuits on behalf of their families, and their country, proved just as crucial to the forging of a new nation as the rebellion establishing it."

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. For July, UUBF will be meeting off-site on

the 4th Monday. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, jrudloe@earthlink.net) for off-site location details and directions.

Knitting for All. Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. 3/6. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (chelsuu@yahoo.com, 421-1575).

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563, dbdfoster@yahoo.com).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. L for 30-minute presentations followed by 60-minute, round-table discussions. The current book being discussed is Carl Sagan's *The Demon-Haunted World, wherein our most creative and popular science writer and popularizer of the 20th century shows how scientific thinking is necessary to safeguard our democratic institutions and our technical civilization.* Contacts: Harold Hawkins (893-1331, revhlhawk@aol.com) or Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chair

I'm pleased to announce that we now have two applicants for the campus ministry coordinator position. The interview committee is preparing to interview them, and we hope to have a new coordinator on board by August 1 at the latest, so that we will be ready for the start of the fall semester later in the month.

We'll be bidding a fond farewell to Diana Bell, who has served as campus ministry coordinator for the spring semester and the beginning of the summer. Diana has helped us create a *Campus Ministry Coordinator Manual*—

putting in writing all those helpful hints that she and previous coordinators have discovered.

And we're continuing to look for congregation members who would enjoy and commit to attending University UU coffee hour once a month or once every other month, as a UUCT representative – to foster closer ties between the congregation and the campus group. We also need people willing to take a turn being the official "meeter and greeter" for college students and young adults who attend our church on Sundays. Let me know if

you'd be interested in either of these opportunities.

Summer coffee hour: Sundays at 1:00 PM at Black Dog Café at Lake Ella. All college students and young adults welcome, including those just home for the summer.

Contact information for University UUs: Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com) or visit our website (www.uuutally.org).

Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social, FL District & Beyond

Upcoming UUCT Events

Second Sunday Potluck, July 10, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

Dialogue & Dessert, Friday, July 22, 7:00 PM. In the sanctuary, a social evening with graduate and post-graduate students from Turkey. Bring dessert, fruit, snacks, soda or fruit juice to share. We will break into smaller dialogue groups for part of the time. See *Connecting with Foreign Students* on p. 2 for more details on this event and other possible events. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

Volunteer Recognition, Sunday, July 24. Immediately following the service, we will take a few minutes to recognize all who have served this past year and all who will serve in the coming year. Contact: Christine Boczarska (rllee@infinonline.net, 893-7079).

UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, July 24, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Birthday Potluck for Kathie, Friday, July 29, Noon. Cook or buy something simple and join us in the sanctuary for a birthday potluck appreciation for our UUCT Office Administrator Kathie Mackie. We'll keep it to an hour, so those on lunch breaks can join us. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

All Church Workday, Saturday, August 13, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. No workday in July. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Harry Potter Party, Saturday, August 13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. At UUCT. Fun and magic for adults and children. To help: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

Peace Dances Will Resume, Saturday, October 1, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (katyata@earthlink.net, 656-9321).

UUCT Social Events

See *Upcoming UUCT Events* for details. Contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- **2nd Sunday Potluck**, 7/10, 12:30 PM
- **Dialogue & Dessert with Turkish students**, Fri. 7/22, 7:00 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 7/24, Afternoon
- **Birthday Potluck for Kathie**, Fri. 7/29, Noon
- **Harry Potter Party**, Sat. 8/13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 10/1, 7:30 PM

July Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Fri. 7/15, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, Flute Recital (Sanctuary)
- Sat. 7/30, 7:00-10:00 PM, WeMoon Spirit (Sanctuary)

District Events

- **Fall Leadership Conference**, Sat. 11/12, "That I Might Know Your Mind: Identity and Diversity in Unitarian Universalism" with UUA Moderator Gini Courter as speaker and facilitator.
- **"Creating the UU Church of the Future,"** Sat. & Sun. 2/3-4 with Mike Durrall, author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era*. (\$500 for unlimited no. per church.)

Mountain News

Family Camp at The Mountain: July 1-3 or July 15-17. An opportunity to take the entire family to The Mountain for a few days of camp activities.

Interfaith Visions of Peace. August 2-6. A unique and inspiring symposium where the purpose is to create a space in which people from diverse religious traditions can engage in honest conversation and learning together, allowing each participant to incorporate peacemaking into daily life. A collaborative, "organic" experience involving dialogue, the arts, worship and reflection. Part of The Mountain's new peace initiative.

Faculty: Rev. C. Welton Gaddy, who leads the national, non-partisan grassroots and educational organizations, The Interfaith Alliance and the Interfaith Alliance Foundation; Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt, minister of the Fourth Universalist Society in New York City and a former editor at the *New York Times Book Review*; and Dr. Kenneth Nafziger who teaches music-related courses at Eastern Mennonite University and has worked with many of Cuba's leading choirs and orchestras, as well as the UU Musicians' Network. \$548 by July 3, \$657 after July 3. (Includes lodging, meals and program.)

The Ways, Whens, Who's & Where's of Peacemaking: Nonviolence as a Personal Creed and a Public Mission. August 6 - 11. A discussion-based seminar with Colman McCarthy, former *Washington Post* columnist and founder of the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C. Topics: peace education, peacemakers, America's wars, capital punishment, animal rights. \$620 by July 7, \$744 after July 7. (Includes lodging, meals and program.) \$460 for commuters.

Information: on bulletin board in sanctuary, or contact UUCT Mountain Ambassador Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) or The Mountain directly (www.mountaincenters.org, info@mountaincenters.org).

Southeast Summer UU Institute

SUUSI is July 17 - 23 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Information: www.suusi.org or brochure in sanctuary.

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Our Board

- * Christine Boczarska, President
- * Richard Dempsey, Past President
- * DeWayne Carver, President Elect
- * Molly Schmid, Secretary
- * Steve Urse, VP for Management
- * Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- * Melissa Forgey, VP for Social Justice
- * Jim Dawson, VP for Finance
- * Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education
- * Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- * Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- * Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- * Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer

The Committee on Ministry

Sara Reece, Chair

Bob Deyle

Maria Mena

Directory Changes

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

Membership Notes

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.

Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).

Next new member recognition is Sunday, August 7.

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.