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SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

- Sunday, June 3** “Giving As Good As You Get”
Rev. Amy
- Sunday, June 10** “Cuba: Neither Heaven nor Hell”
Jim Combs, Guest Speaker
Norene Chase, Lay Leader
- Sunday, June 17** “Children of a Liberal Faith: Our
‘Father’ James Luther Adams”
Rev. Amy
- Sunday, June 24** “Riley House”
Althamese Barnes, Guest Speaker
Annette Pearce, Lay Leader

EVERY SUNDAY:

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

*Rev. Amy will be at General Assembly in Cleveland
June 19 - June 25.*

**IMPORTANT YOUTH RE
PROGRAM MEETING**

Tuesday, June 5 @ 7:00 PM
 To decide on a space solution for next year.
 In the Sanctuary & Open to all.
 See article in *Youth RE*.



GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS

for our In-Gathering and Water Ceremony
 at summer’s end.
 For more information, see *Announcements*.

OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOORS

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

For the settled minister, shared ministry sometimes means loss of control. You're teaching me about trust and chaos, and the creativity that springs from it. In my best moments, I'm fond of the collaboration we have. In that spirit, I want to thank those who are going off the Board, and those coming aboard. Thanks also to outgoing committee chairs, and incoming ones. If you are continuing on the Board, as a committee chair, or as a committee member, hurrah for you as well! Over the summer, I expect energy to build in the areas of social justice, membership, and adult religious education, to name a few. We'll crescendo somewhere in the Fall, or maybe a year from now; who knows when. But I think the fresh breeze of renewed energy will continue to invigorate the individuals, relationships, and programs/ministries of UUCT.

Now, in my less-than-best moments, I don't cherish collaboration; it's more accurate to say I fret over it. I'll hazard a guess that you fret over loss of control, too. So here are four steps to help us all go with Life's awesome -- and, let's face it, sometimes awful -- flow. These ideas come from Stephen Levine, author of *A Year To Live: How to Live This Year as if it were Your Last*. We've all experienced loss of control at some point, ranging from being flat-out miserable with the flu, to having a stroke, or facing a life threatening illness. So maybe you can skip one or two of these steps. But won't you all try out Step Four?...

Note: these experiments should only be attempted with someone you trust.

Step One: In actual or metaphorical dances, the person who usually leads

should follow.

Step Two: Have someone take you around the house after you take away the use of one of the senses you usually rely on to guide you: eyes, ears, touch.

Step Three: part a) put your hands at your side and let someone else feed you; part b) let someone else dress you.

And Step Four (it only gets worse!): Take a whole day and do nothing. Alright, that's hard to come by, a whole day to do nothing. So try it for 20 minutes... No television, no talking, no e-mail, no volunteer work, no paid work, no obsessing, limit your food and liquid intake, no writing, no reading, no plotting, no planning, no fantasizing. Just plain nothing. 20 minutes of it. You'll get bored, and tired, and anxious, and island fever-ish. Try to open to yourself, and then to the No-Self beyond that. Breathe the interdependent web.

Some would call this prayer, in the best sense of the word. In Collaboration, and All The Best, (Rev.) Amy

P.S. If you suffer a self-imposed minor setback on your spiritual journey, or realize you're living proof of that old saying *to err is human* (with small *errs*, aren't we all!), take this advice from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

*Finish every day
and be done with it.
You have done what you could.
Some blunders and absurdities
crept in—forget them
as soon as you can.
Tomorrow is a new day.
You shall begin it well
and serenely
and with too high a spirit
to be encumbered
with your old nonsense.*

Spirits, soar; sense and serenity, awake!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CHECKS

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

GATHER WATER

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

Here's why we're telling you this now: When you are visiting a place this summer, collect a small sample of water from a lake, river, ocean or other natural body of water. For the ceremony, we will say where our water is from and pour it into a common container. We'll begin with some of the communal water from the prior seven year's ceremonies and then save some of the new communal water from this year for next year (boiled and then frozen).

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

AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

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

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, June 11, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **UUCT B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU Bed and Breakfast directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **General Assembly Delegates:** We are entitled to one clergy and four lay delegates to GA. Attendance at GA not required.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING INTERESTING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

Consider teaching a summer Youth Religious Education class! Volunteers don't have to make a long term commitment. Each Sunday lesson or discussion is stand alone. We will begin our summer program the first Sunday in June, and we still have many openings to fill for summer teachers.

The curriculum is filled with great stories and activities. Last year we had record attendance throughout the

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!



Helping hands are desperately needed for our nursery/preschool kids. We have had large numbers of kids under the age of 4 in the nursery on Sundays. This is great, but a little hard on our nursery care provider, especially when many of the kids need a potty break at the same time! Helpers are needed to read stories, help put puzzles together, pour juice, clean up spills, push swings, etc. Great physical strength is not necessary, but a desire to see the smile on a child's face is. Please consider giving one Sunday a month or whenever you can spare one to our littlest UUCT-ers! Contact Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, Nursery Care Provider (sgeraci10@aol.com or 877-6301).

summer, averaging 12 – 15 each week. The age span was 4 years old to 5th grade; quite a span! This year, we hope to offer two classes, lower and upper elementary. We can only offer two classes if we have enough people to sign up to teach each week. Our regular RE teachers have earned the summer off, yet many of them have volunteered to teach a summer class!

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

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

2001-2002 TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Fall will soon be fast approaching and we still need RE teachers for the upcoming school year. Teachers are needed for the Explorers (Kindergarten/1st Grade), the Artists (2nd/3rd Grade), Middle School (6th through 8th Grade) and High School (9th through 12th Grade). The curriculum for the 2001 – 2002 school year will include lessons on Justice, UU Principles, and an earth-centered spirituality Wheel of the Year.

Our teachers teach in teams, so a commitment to every Sunday is not necessary. Teachers usually rotate on a convenient schedule, plus the year includes intergenerational Sunday services and "Fun Days" scheduled throughout.

Teaching is a rewarding experience and a valuable contribution to the UUCT. It gives you the opportunity to know our wonderful youth and allows for rich experiences. Please consider volunteering for this important aspect of RE. Our children need you!

To volunteer as a teacher or to learn more, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (DREMaggie@aol.com or 877-6301) or stop by the RE Table on Sundays.

APPRECIATION

To **Jim and Cindy Miller, Barbara Sterling, and Linda and Ed Oaksford** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings May 6 - May 13.

To **Byron Spice and Kathryn Hansman-Spice** for providing hospitality during the coffee hours from May 6 - May 13. And to **those who helped** during potluck on May 13.

To **Ken and Jean Wood** for hosting the UUCT Fifth Annual Pig Roast and providing many of the side dishes.

To **Jane Anderson** for her delightful tofu pig creation.

To our pig roasters **Ken Wood, Ed Oaksford, Rod Oldenburg, and Steve Urse**.

To **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for being our ticket takers at the pig roast. \$855 was raised for this year's operating budget!

To **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for hosting the YRUU Family Barbecue.

To **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Ron Crowe, Dexter Easton, Randall Gann, and Jim Miller** for attending the May 19 workday, where they painted the west walkway, cleaned the refrigerator coils, installed better filters in the air handler, and inspected the sanctuary roof following discovery of a leak.

To **Will Adkins** for the Mother's Day plants in honor of his mother **Lou**.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS!

As the 2000 – 2001 school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all the dedicated religious education teachers who have given so much of their time, talent, and energy, and have helped make the RE program truly outstanding.

- **Preschool teacher Scott Geraci.**
- **Explorers teachers Christy Crandall, Mary Hafdahl, and Kathleen Richards.**
- **Artists teachers Margaret Mooney, Fran Bridges, and Tim Campbell.**
- **Bridgers teachers John Mann, Ed Oaksford, and Rosa Morgan.**
- **4th and 5th Grade OWL teachers Linda Oaksford and Bob Deyle.**
- **Middle School OWL teachers Susan Angel and Keith Henry.**
- **High School teachers Christine Boczarska and Michelle Buhite.**
- **High School OWL teachers Tom Taylor and Linda Radel.**
- **YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver.**

Thanks to all of you. Our youth have benefited deeply from your participation!

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEXT YOUTH RE COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday, June 3, 9:45 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

Margaret Mooney, Youth RE Committee Chair (893-8250); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, Director of RE (877-6301).

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

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

YRUU CON SCHEDULE. The FL District Con (Youth Conference) schedule for middle and high schoolers for summer and next fall follows. Contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).
u1 July 20-26 ConCon - Canada
u1 July 28-August 3 Continental Youth Council
u1 September 14-16 Tampa Con
u1 September 28-30 Trans-In Con

U1 October 12-14 Orlando Con
 U1 November 9-11 Jacksonville Con
 U1 December Social Action Con
ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP. Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community. Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@aol.com).

YOUTH RE SPACE SOLUTION

For those of you who don't know, the kids are one classroom short for Sunday youth religious education.

We got by this past year because the middle school OWL class met off-site in the homes of several kind-hearted members. This arrangement worked well because OWL is by necessity a closed group—middle school Sunday visitors would not have been allowed to join the class anyway.

For next year it's not so easy. We're looking for a short-term solution to bridge us until phase 1 of the church expansion is complete – hopefully only one school year. Inexpensive ideas that have been raised and are still floating include:

- Borrowing a camper (anybody have one to loan?)
- Rotating classes, whereby one age-group class (excluding nursery & high school) is held outside every 4 weeks.
- Have the high school class meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- Have the high school class meet in members' homes.
- Have the high school class meet in Kathie's office.
- Only offer YRUU to the high school youth (which meets a few times a month

on Sunday evenings), and don't have HS RE Sunday mornings.

There are pros and cons to each solution. We need to choose the best one. To do that, the Youth RE Committee is calling a meeting of any interested church members and friends for Tuesday, June 5th at 7 P.M. in the sanctuary. At that time we'll review all the ideas and choose one.

If anyone has a different idea, please let us know! Or if you can't make the meeting but would like to submit some comments, please feel free to do so. Just contact either Maggie Geraci (DREmaggie@aol.com or 877-6301) or Margaret Mooney (margmooney@yahoo.com or 893-8250).

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT RE CONTACTS: Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair (668-5075); Maggie Geraci, Director of RE (877-6301).

ADULT RE SURVEY. In April, the Adult RE Committee asked what kinds of programs we'd like for intellectual and spiritual growth and for ideas on a catchy name for Adult RE! Read the results of the survey - distributed at the May 20 Sunday service and now available at the back of the sanctuary.

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

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

UUHUMANISTS

Sunday, June 10, 1:15 PM

Under the Trees

After Potluck

“Does ‘Immortality’ Have a UU Accent?” Bring your cardboard (or battery-operated) church fan to stay cool while listening to a brief 20 minute tape of an Easter 2001 sermon by retired UU minister Rev. Dick Gay in Anchorage, Alaska, on “Immortality.” — How do modern UUs look at the fundamental issue of life, death, and life after death? Come share your views in a discussion following the tape. Questions or suggestions? Will Adkins, 385-5071; wma@post.harvard.edu

SPEAK OUT!

Sunday, June 24, 12:36 PM

Under the Trees

“Is There A National Energy Crisis? (Pres. Bush thinks so!)” Come present your five minute oration on any topic you desire! — a personal issue, a local matter or a global situation. Don't be shy — President Bush isn't... And he wants to convince you we need to drill new oil wells, especially off the coast of beautiful north Florida. Don't you agree? — You don't?! Then, come to Speak Out! Discussion follows. Questions or suggestions? Will Adkins, 385-5071; wma@post.harvard.edu

CAMPUS MINISTRY

During the summer, University UUs will meet every Thursday at 8:00 PM for coffee and discussion at Lake Ella's Black Dog Cafe. For more information contact Kim Ross Frichter, Campus Ministry Coordinator (562-7378 or kross@rice.physics.fsu.edu).

GREEN CORNER

By Ed Oaksford

With the affirmative vote the Green Sanctuary initiative received at last month's congregational meeting, this month's newsletter will be the first to incorporate a "Green Corner" news column to share news about the various aspects of our Green Sanctuary efforts and describe our progress as we take the journey. Providing this monthly column is one of the action items that will allow our church to obtain and maintain our status as a Green Sanctuary Church. Before we engage ourselves on this quest, a sense of purpose and dedication to this commitment might best be initiated by taking some time to center our thoughts and crystallize our resolve. In order to accomplish that task, take some time to read the following selection and let your inspiration propel you toward a steady untiring journey to heal the earth.

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO to bring silence and solitude into daily life.

From "How We Lost Silence and Why We Need it Back"
by Richard Mahler

Turn off the phone

A telephone can be a tyrant: demanding your undivided attention with its insistent ring-and the implication that you must drop everything to engage in a conversation with whomever is calling. If you're not dealing with something urgent, a call can wait. Use an answering device to take messages and turn off the ringer. If you have a fax machine, ignore it for a while.

Walk in the park

Chances are there's a park within easy walking or driving distance from where you live. Take some time to

experience the natural quiet of trees and grass. Even in urban areas, a park is more tranquil than the busy streets that surround it.

Go on a media fast

Many of us feel the day hasn't really started until we read the newspaper or check the headlines on TV or radio. Yet news by definition is seldom good. Do you really need to know about the latest murder, mayhem, and Wall Street stock dive? Give yourself a treat by going without it for a full day. The habit may be easier to break than you imagined.

Take a hot bath

Make an announcement: "I am disappearing into the bathroom for an hour. Please do not disturb me!" Light a candle, add oils or scents to the water, stretch out against a bathtub pillow, close your eyes and luxuriate in steamy sensuality.

Find the quietest time and place you know

The world at dawn is special, often the most tranquil hour of the day. A secluded corner of your garden or home may inspire serenity. Whatever the space and time, find a quiet sanctuary and let it fill you up.

One more thing...

Can you turn off your computer and sit quietly for fifteen minutes?

Silence is as full of potential wisdom and wit as the unhewn marble of great sculpture.

- Aldous Huxley

MEDITATION

To help get you in the right frame of mind, this small meditation is provided. Read the poem, then think about natural places you have been, and will perhaps visit again in the future... Then, if you can, switch off your computer, the TV, the radio. Shut out the world for a few minutes. Relax. Be calm. You deserve it.

To live content with small means,

*to seek elegance rather than luxury,
and refinement rather than fashion,
to be worthy, not respectable,
and wealthy, not rich.*

*To study hard, think quietly, talk
gently, act frankly, to listen to stars
and birds, babes and sages, with open
heart, to bear all cheerfully, do all
bravely, await occasions, hurry never.*

*In a word, to let the spiritual,
unbidden and unconscious, grow up
through the common.*

This is to be my symphony.

- William Ellery Channing

GA DELEGATES NEEDED

Attendance at GA not required.

We are entitled to one clergy and four lay delegates to GA. This year, one of the duties/privileges of delegates will be to vote for the new President and Moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The vote may be cast in person or by mail. Information on the candidates is available. We will caucus before the vote to discuss the merits of the candidates. Please talk to Bruce Brandt or Rev. Amy McKenzie if you would like to be an official delegate.

NEW FUND RAISING POLICY

By Joan Patterson, VP for Finance

UUCT has always been known as a caring and generous congregation, and we hope to continue that tradition through the money we raise and give to our church programs and to the social justice causes that we support. Over the years, members of the congregation have prepared and served thousands of meals to the homeless people in our community who eat at The Shelter. We have provided canned food, clothing and money to ECHO, and we have helped build houses with Habitat for Humanity. Some members “rocked for Riley” last year, and some put on their sneakers for the Crop Walk; some put money in the basket for Campus Ministry, UU-UNO or UUSC. We also cleaned out our closets and garages for the yard sale and the auction, sang or listened at the Heartbeats Concert and pigged out on pig at the Woods’ lakeside home – these last few in support of the operating budget.

Yes, we are a very giving congregation, but there is a limit to how much we can continue to ask people to give, particularly in light of the current economy and our recently completed capital campaign. For this reason, the Board and the Finance Committee have proposed a policy which defines our fund raising procedures, and lists by name the fundraisers for outside causes that can be conducted under UUCT auspices. The policy is “a work in progress” and can certainly be amended or changed next year, but let’s give it a trial in 2001-2002.

What this means is that we -

individuals and committees - will need to plan ahead and then consciously, as a congregation, choose the causes we want to support. It also means that individuals cannot just decide on their own to set up a table outside the sanctuary door and ask for donations to a cause that has not been approved by the congregation in advance. This may sound restrictive, but we hope that it will keep us from being seen as a church that is constantly asking for money. Certainly, it is a balancing act – to live our values by supporting worthwhile community and national causes, without continually having our hand out soliciting money from our members, friends and visitors.

Our fundraising also must help support the operating budget and that is going to be crucial in these next few years as we each stretch to meet both our annual and our capital campaign pledges.

So we have a challenge before us. If you think some of the causes on the 2001-2002 list approved at the Annual Meeting in May should be deleted and replaced by others, then start lobbying your friends and take it to the appropriate committee or to the Church Council next fall so we can vote on it next spring. UUs are generally passionate about their “causes”, and there is nothing that stirs up the social adrenaline more than a good debate, so let’s hear it from the members. Cancer cure? Rain Forest Protection? Refuge House? Big Bend Hospice? Big Bend Cares? Global Warming? War on Drugs? Globalization? Abortion Rights? Death Penalty? Teen Pregnancy? Racial Injustice? Women’s Rights? Pornography – Free Speech or Abuse? The choice is yours.

For a copy of the congregation-approved list of 2001-2002 fund raisers, contact the church office (385-5115) or Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mail.fsu.edu).

OUR COMBINED CAMPAIGN

By Trudy Deyle, Campaign Co-Chair

APPRECIATIONS

Thank you to everyone who worked in the Combined Campaign and/or contributed to its success by pledging to next year's operating budget and our three-year capital campaign for facilities expansion!

To **Trudy Deyle and Elinor Elfner** for co-chairing the campaign, and **Rev. Amy** and Board President **Bruce Brandt** for serving as ex-officio members of the campaign cabinet.

To Communications Chair **Isabel Sheridan** and her team: **Marty Beech, Jean Chulak, Jim Denny, Bonnie Foster, Robert Lide, Barbara Lineberry, Mary Millard, Barbara Sterling, Cheryl Turner, and Becky Welty.**

To Leadership Gifts Chair **Richard Dempsey** and his team: **Fran Bridges, Mary Bridges*, Jennifer Carver, Tom Chase, Joe Chulak, Jim Crews, DeLos DeTar*, Carolyn DuBard, Dexter Easton, Harold Hawkins*, Keith Henry, Dick Leinberry, John Mann*, Pauline Masterton*, Margaret Mooney*, Rod Oldenburg, Sara Reece, and Linda Winn-Brown.**

* Division or Team Leader or Event Chair

To General Gifts Chair **Ed Oaksford** and his team: **William Adkins, Sally Andersen*, Nancy Bass*, Bruce Brandt, Norene Chase*, Jean Chulak, Jim Dawson, Eric Draper*, Dick Gearhart, Ludy Goodson, Leroy Gould*, Joe Lama, Sheila Meehan*, Marcia Murray, Annette**

Pearce*, Byron Spice, Joanne Taylor*, Charlene White, Jean Wood, and Ken Wood.

* Division or Team Leader

To Congregational Dinner Chair **Peggy Lentz** and her team: **Lois Bloom, Michelle Buhite, Ron and Kandy Crowe, Helen Falb, Susan Snyder, Ray Tucker** and those who served as table hosts or hostesses.

To UUCT Supporters Chair **Barbara Gearhart** and her list-generating helpers: **Ann Conn, Jean and Dexter Easton, and Eleanor Moore.** (Note: UUCT Supporters included former members/friends in the community and out-of-town, and supporters in the community.)

To the Follow-up Team: **Christine Boczarska, Mimi Jones, and Kathryn Hansman Spice.**

To Campaign Treasurer **Joan Patterson** and her team, who will continue to be active for the next three years: **DeWayne Carver, Tom Chase, and Becky Welty.**

And finally to those who made personal statements about UUCT at events or Sunday services during the campaign: **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Ron Crowe, Eric Draper, Carolyn DuBard, Scott Geraci, Margaret Mooney, Neil Mooney, Rosa Morgan, Isabel Sheridan, and Steve Urse.**

HOW WE DID

- As of May 25, we had \$132, 339 in pledges for next year's operating budget and \$473,337 in pledges for our capital campaign.
- While so far we have fewer pledging units for next year than the current year, our annual pledge distribution for next year is more balanced. We are not as dependent on large pledges.

- In fact, there was a significant loss of large pledges due to death, moving or reduction of amount given. Overall for the top quarter of pledging units, there was not an increase in the amount given.
- Whereas overall for the middle 50% of pledging units, there was a significant increase in the amount pledged, a very positive trend which gives the church a wide and solid basis of support.
- One-third of the pledging units increased their pledges, with 22 units increasing their pledges by more than 10%.
- Our average pledge increased by 5% to almost \$1,000.
- Despite the fall in stock values and the current uncertainties in state government, only 20% of the pledging units decreased their pledges.
- It appears that many people were realistic in setting their pledges, and we thank them for that!
- To date, our capital campaign has raised 3.5 times the amount of our operating budget (with the UUA projected range being 3.5-5.0).
- 75% of those who gave to the operating budget also gave to the Capital Campaign, a lower percentage than the UUA norm (80-85%), but very respectable given the national and Tallahassee economies.

Note: The graphs done by our UUA consultants to arrive at these conclusions will be on display throughout the summer - not every Sunday but most of them!

BUILDING A HOME FOR LIBERAL FAITH

(Themes from the Combined Campaign)

Is CREATING A BELOVED COMMUNITY of people dedicated to living our lives in accordance with the seven UU principles.

Is TALKING, PROPOSING, DISCUSSING AND DECIDING, democratically and with respect for one another.

Is FULFILLING UUCT'S MISSION and REACHING TOWARD OUR VISION, using our Strategic Program Plan for implementation.

Is HAVING A LIFESPAN RE PROGRAM and NURTURING OUR LIBERAL RELIGIOUS CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

Is KEEPING OUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE - past, present and future.

Is GROWING IN FOUR DIMENSIONS of church life: as individuals, as a community, as a positive force in Tallahassee and beyond, and in activities, programs, budget and members.

Is BEING FAITHFUL STEWARDS of our liberal faith and this sacred place we call home.

Is PROVIDING THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES to maintain our facilities, support our programs and activities, and have professional leadership within shared ministry.

And is EXPANDING OUR

OUR CONGREGATION

OUR MISSION

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

MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Rev. Amy.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Rescheduled from June 3 to Sunday, July 29, during the service.

UUCT NAME TAGS

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

DINNERS FOR 8

Will resume in September.

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

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

BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

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

OUR STAFF

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Note: Contact information for other staff is in appropriate sections of newsletter.

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COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Changes or additions

Green Sanctuary Committee:

Ed Oaksford (422-0240)

Social Concerns:

Lorin Joyner Pratt (893-3067)

Bonnie Foster (504-2963)

Social Activities:

Volunteer Needed

ADDRESS CHANGES

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

UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

For \$2 per month, minimum of three months, members and supporting friends may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board located to the right of the hymnal shelves, near the north sanctuary doors. Submit ad and check for fee to Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie. Available to others for \$5 per month.

JOYS AND SORROWS

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

Beth Cavano, whose sister, **Jan Henley Meredith**, died in May.

Jim Dawson, whose 94-year-old **mother** also died in May.

Sharon and Richard Chackerian, whose daughter, **Cynthia**, has a good prognosis for recovery from a tumor found behind her sternum.

Congratulations to **Barbara Hogan's daughter**, Miami attorney, **Jacqueline Hogan Scola**, who received the 2001 Pro Bono Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the Florida Bar, recognizing her outstanding contributions to those in need of free legal services.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry is:

Chair: Byron Spice
(668-6109),

Annette Pearce (386-4053);

Richard Dempsey (671-2748).

Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01)	158
Current Membership	171
Current Number of Friends.....	38
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. RE Attendance (4/15 - 5/13)	35
Avg. Sun. Attendance (4/22 - 5/13).....	94

JUNE UUCT EVENTS

CIC WORKSHOP, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 7:00 PM. In the sanctuary, the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) with our architect, construction manager and civil engineer to discuss various options for doing the site work (such as storm water detention) which we will need to outline in the permit application for our Master Site Plan. All interested members of the congregation invited to attend. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

RE SPACE SOLUTION DISCUSSION, TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 7:00 PM. In the sanctuary. All interested members and friends encouraged to attend. See *Youth RE* for more details. Contact: DRE

AN INVITATION FROM THE RACIAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

You are invited to attend an annual planning retreat to help provide guidance to the church through the RCDC committee on racial and culture issues on Saturday, June 9, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The retreat will be held at Sweet Magnolia Bed and Breakfast located on Main Street in St. Marks. The cost of breakfast and lunch will be \$15 plus tip and taxes. Call Bob Kenon (878-3647) for any additional information.

Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

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

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 12:30 PM. Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

UUHUMANISTS SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1:15 PM. Under the trees after potluck. Contact: William Adkins (wma@post.harvard.edu or 385-5071). See separate article.

PARTY HONORING ELEANOR MOORE & WISE WOMEN, SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Attention, wise women and wannabes of all ages! Come celebrate the wisdom of Eleanor Moore and other wise women in UUCT at a picture-hanging party. For women of all ages and girls and teens, too. We'll hang the water color portrait of Eleanor by her dear friend, Mary Lou Kuhn. We'll enjoy a special cake baked by Kandy Crowe. And we'll share our thoughts on what makes a mature woman (a.k.a. crone) wise. You may want to listen to the tape "Wise Woman Archetypes" by Dr. Shinoda-Bolen (available at the Main Library) beforehand. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) by Wednesday, June 6.

CIC MEETINGS, THURSDAYS, JUNE 14 & 28, 7:15 PM. In Room 4. Throughout the summer the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) will be reviewing and discussing building materials and methods for cost reduction, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness. All interested members of the congregation are invited to attend CIC meetings; different perspectives are welcome. Contact for June meetings: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come enjoy the fellowship of working together on the numerous chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985).

STUDY/ACTION GROUP MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 7:00 PM. In Room 4. To continue discussions on "An Alternative to the War on Drugs". Contacts: Allen Turnage (224-

3231) and Toni Latino (402-2900).

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

RACIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 7:00 PM. In Room 4. Contact Bob Kenon (878-3647).

SPEAK OUT!, SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 12:45 PM. Under the trees. Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu). See separate article.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 7:15 PM, RM 4. UUCT is bursting with great social concerns projects: US drug policy, capital punishment, the Green Sanctuary Project, and Cropwalk, to name a few. So to provide a liaison with the Board and a support network of other concerned UUCTers, the Social Concerns Committee invites you to join others concerned about social issues at a planning meeting. The incoming co-chairs are Lorin Joyner Pratt and Bonnie Foster. Our thanks go to outgoing chair Walter Hoskins, who together with Pam Hoskins will continue to coordinate UUCT participation in the Cropwalk, as part of Social Concerns. Questions? Call Isabel Sheridan, VP for Services (668-0785).

UUCT EVENTS AFTER JUNE

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

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION WITH CIC, SUNDAY, JULY 22, 12:30 PM. In the sanctuary, a presentation by the

Capital Improvement Committee on their exploration of building materials and methods in terms of cost reduction, energy efficiency and environmental friendliness. Questions and discussion will follow. All members of the congregation are urged to attend - in preparation for our decision-making in mid-September on a Phase One scope. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2001, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 21 -25. Held in Cleveland, OH, the theme will be *Claiming our Heritage*. Contact the church office for more information (385-5115).

SUUSI, SUNDAY - SATURDAY, JULY 22 - 28. Held on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg, VA, this is the 51st Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute - a gathering of about 1,000 people of all ages. This year's theme is "The Interdependent Web", with workshops, worship, evening programs, outdoor adventures, dancing, singing, and much more. For more information, contact Cathy

BE OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

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

Ring at info@suusi.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 20, 2001

63 qualified members (members of more than 30 days) were present at the beginning of the meeting. A quorum of 43 was required.

* The following people were elected to the Nominating Committee: Ron Crowe and Peggy Lentz for two-year terms and Sally Andersen for a one-year term. (Unanimous)

* The following people were elected to the Executive Board: Incoming President, Jennifer Carver; Secretary, Allen Turnage; Vice President for Finance, DeLos DeTar; Vice President for Religious Education, Linda Oaksford; Vice President for Management, Linda Winn. (Unanimous)

* The final summary budget for next year was approved as proposed by the Board. (53 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstaining)

* The Fund Raising Policy was distributed and approved on a one-year trial basis. (55 in favor, 3 abstaining)

* The Procedure for Adopting UUCT Resolutions on Issues of Importance as amended at the 5/13 congregational forum was approved. (Unanimous)

* Proceeding with permitting all or part of the Master Site Plan, including any activities needed for the permitting process, using money collected for the Capital

Campaign, was approved. (42 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining)
* Applying for candidacy as a Green Sanctuary (GS) church was approved. (All in favor with 2 abstaining)

* Completing the following three GS actions by the end of the current fiscal year as part of the application process was approved: [1] Requesting a no-cost energy audit for the church from the City; [2] Adopting a policy requiring the use of non-disposable cups and dishes at church events; and [3] Including a "Green Corner" in the *Meridian*. (46 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstaining)

* Having the CIC investigate energy efficient and environmentally friendly specifications for the new building and report the results to the congregation was approved. (44 in favor, 1 opposed, none abstaining)

JUNE NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Every Thursday (Sanctuary):	6:00 PM Intro. to Zen 7:15 PM Zen Meditation
Every Sunday:	6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4) 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
Every Wednesday (Rm. 2):	7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Group
Peace Dances (Sanctuary):	Sat., June 2, 7:30 PM
Sierra Club (Sanctuary):	Mon., June 18, 6 PM

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UUCT Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For sermon titles and "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.	*Details on another page.	See p.6 of May <i>Meridian</i> for UUCT contacts for events & p.7 of this issue for changes/additions.			1	2
3 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee Meeting	4 5-7 Committee on Ministry (off-site) 7 PM CIC Site Work Discussion* 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*	5 7 PM Youth RE Space Discussion* (Sanctuary)	6 7:30 PM Choir	7 10 AM Membership Monitoring Meeting 7 PM Board 8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion (off-site)*	8	9 10 AM - 3 PM RCDC Planning Retreat (off-site)* Fix a dish for potluck. 
10 12:30 PM Potluck & <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 1:15 PM UU Humanists (Under the trees)* 3-5 PM Honoring Wise Women Party*	11 7 PM Finance Comm. 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)* 7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)	12	13 7:30 PM Choir	14 7:15 PM CIC* 8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion (off-site)*	15	16 9 AM - 1 PM Workday*
17 12:30 PM Multicultural Families Support Group	18 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*	19 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Nursery)* 7 PM Study/Action Group (Rm 4) Rev. Amy @ Gen. Assembly	20 7 PM RCDC (Rm. 4)* 7:30 PM Choir	21 7 PM Board 8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion (off-site)*	22	23
24 12:45 Speak Out! (Under the trees)* Rev. Amy Gen. Assembly	25 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*	26 7:15 PM Social Concerns Committee Planning Meeting*	27 7:30 PM Choir	28 8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion (off-site)* 7:15 PM CIC*	29	30