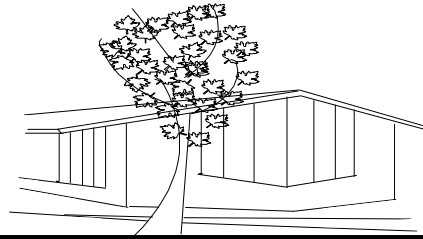


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# The Meridian

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## *Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)*

### June 2 | **Justice, Suffering, Love: Readings from J.[o]B.**

The biblical book of Job may raise as many questions as answers. It has been a source of puzzlement, reassurance, and art. In the 1950s poet and play write Archibald MacLeish wrote *J.B. A Play in Verse*, a modern tale of Job. Today we'll consider several scenes, read by some who have experience with acting (**Dan Damerville, Ludy Goodson, and Byron**

### June 9 | **Islam in America and a Talkback**

Looking at the world through Islamic eyes. **Guest Speaker: Imam Rashad Mujahid of Jasjid Al-Nahl Mosque in Tallahassee. Lay Leader: Nancy Bass.**

### June 16 | **Trying to Help? Best and Worst Responses**

I've offered both the best and the worst responses when I've tried to help, and have received both kinds too. I'll rely on my own experience and the advice of UUCT members who are known to be helpful. If you know a best or worst response, please write or call or email me and tell me what it is. Our goal is to be gentle with our mistakes and bold in self-improvement, so we are the best helpers, friends, and caregivers that we can be! **Rev. Amy**

### June 23 | **Searching for God and Finding UU--Sharing the Quest**

A talkback featuring how you came to the UU faith. **Lay Leader to be announced.**

### June 30 | **Apocalypse—Now?**

Who knows if this sermon is planned too far in advance -- with daily warnings from our government informing us that suicide bombings and nuclear/radiological weapon attacks in our country are just a matter of time. Those who read apocalyptic writings to learn what the future holds, and who expect the end times (leading to Christ's second coming) to be violent, tend to talk about two distinct worlds: the one we live in and the one that God is planning and has promised. I think the world we've got is the world there is, and a religious

**Every Sunday:**


9:00 AM zenTAOBuddhist Sangha (Meets at Lake Ella June 2)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

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



**GATHER WATER ON YOUR TRAVELS**

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

For more information, see



## Message From Your President (Continued)

Force” continuum, then the other end ought to be the “supporting” end, which could be called MILITARISM, representing those who actively advocate the use of force, or mobilize resources for using force, whether in response to an attack, as a deterrent or as a pre-emptive strike for potential threats. PRAGMATISM is really in the middle.

The MILITARIST position is well-supplied with money, political influence, and popular support. What would happen if there were a comparable level of grass-roots support for non-violent

solutions? At national and international levels, there are political or diplomatic means (such as mediation, conferences, and selective economic aid) and non-governmental channels (through philanthropic, educational and economic projects such as are sponsored by UUSC and UU-UNO). At local levels, we have personal activism, based on ideals of social justice. What if these resources were supported at really high levels?

Could the PACIFIST camp find ways, for example, to thwart the terrorism of suicide bombers and other civilian-targeted strategies? Perhaps those in the

peaceful Muslim world itself could be persuaded to promulgate the Koranic prohibition against self-destruction and murder, and subvert the influence of those who promise Paradise to the suicide bombers. Perhaps an international “creative community” of advertisers and movie makers, writers and scholars, journalists and educators, artists and philanthropists, politicians and citizens, military and mediators, could use resources in more constructive ways, to promote justice, expose hypocrisy, and focus on humane solutions.

## Announcements



### Gather Water

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

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

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

### Electronic Meridian

Please let Kathie Mackie know if you want to be on the e-Meridian list, (uuct@nettally.com).

### Alternative Gifts

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

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

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

upcoming events.

### Mark Your Checks

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

### Be a Delegate

Our congregation is entitled to one clergy and four lay delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUA GA) in June in Quebec City. The vote may be cast in person or by mail. You just need to be willing to inform yourself and cast a thoughtful vote. If interested, contact Rev. Amy or Pauline Masterton.

### Sunday Service Participation

## Appreciation



### To:

- \* **Jean Chulak, Laura & Barney Cook, Jim Dawson, Richard Dempsey, Dexter Easton, Earl & Eleanor Enge, Annette Pearce, Barbara Sterling and Steve Urse** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 4/21 - 5/12.
- \* **Jennifer Carver, Mimi Jones, Nancy Harvey, Dorothy Mann, Sheila Meehan & the Adult Enrichment Committee, Neil, Margaret, Austin & Pierce Mooney, Joan Patterson, Lorin Pratt, Katya, Tom & Alana Taylor, Alisa Ulferts, and Jerry Lee Wagner** for providing hospitality or clean up for 4/21—5/12.
- \* **Lois Bloom, Kandy Crowe, and the Canvass Committee** for providing special cakes for Sunday morning hospitality.
- \* **Maria Mena** for letting the High School class meet in her home during May.
- \* **The “Saviors of the Mulch”** who twice (5/11 and 5/18) moved the playground mulch to the west to clear the area for site work for the new building: **Francis Ventre (Buildings and Grounds Chair and work organizer), Tom Chase, Mary and Fran Bridges, Don Berger, Bruce Brandt, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Dexter Easton, and Helen Falb.** We spent \$1,300 on special, thick playground mulch several years ago. Thanks to the May effort, the mulch has been saved for our future use!

- \* **Billy Mackie** for installing a ceiling fan in the church office.
- \* **Our congregation** from the FL District of the UUA for participating in the District Leadership School every year recently.

### Silent Auction

Those who worked on the Silent Auction this year: **Joan Patterson, Nina Cline, Laura Cook, and Kathie Mackie.** And thanks also to those who donated all the wonderful items. Winners have been notified and gift certificates have been mailed out, so if you haven't yet paid, give your check to Kathie at the church office. Final tally isn't in, but it looks like we will make over \$3,000 this year.

### Another Fabulous Pig Roast

The Sixth Annual Pig Roast is now history, and, like its predecessors, was a huge success. Thanks to **Jean and Ken Wood** for purchasing the 100 lb pig and for making their beautiful lake home the setting for a day of fun in the sun. This year, Jean and Ken got a good night's sleep at **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver's** house and left the all-night cooking to **Crew Captain Ed**

**Oaksford and Crew Members Linda and James Oaksford, Rod Oldenburg, and Steve Urse**—all of whom somehow managed to still be awake when the last party-goers left around 6:00 PM. There was swimming, canoeing, boating, games, and good food, including a tofu pig for the vegetarians, provided this year by **Peggy Lentz.** Thanks to **Joan Patterson** for her support services in publicizing and organizing the event and to all who made this a successful fund raiser. Over \$600 was raised for the operating budget.

### Thanks, Teachers!

A big thank you to our dedicated Youth Religious Education teachers for the past church school year.

- Nursery, **Scott Geraci and Kelley Turnage**
- Explorers (Grades K - 1), **Pam Hoskins, Mary Caine-Hafdahl and Mary Stewart**
- Artists (Grades 2-3), **Fran Bridges, Christy Crandall, and Terri Martin**
- Bridgers (Grades 4-5), **Susan Angel, Margaret Mooney and Linda Radel**
- Middle School (Grades 6-8), **Tim Campbell, Eric Draper and Karen Mann**
- High School (Grades 9-12), **Christine Boczarska and Rosa Morgan**
- YRUU Advisors, **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver**



## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education

**Youth RE Committee Meets: June 2, 9:45 AM**

**YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Fran Bridges, Youth RE Committee Chair (894-2965); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (877-6301).**

#### SUMMER R.E. CLASSES.

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

**REGISTRATION FOR 2002-2003.** There will be some changes to the registration process for the 2002-2003 RE year. In an effort to be more in line with the school calendar, we will

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

#### Youth R.E. Sunday Success!

Our annual Youth R.E. intergenerational Sunday service was a huge success. Special thanks to all who helped make it a wonderful program. Thanks to **Rev. Amy and Helen Falb** for their inspiration and help in mapping out and putting on the service. Thanks to **Linda Oaksford, Karen Mann, Mary Stewart, and Kathie Mackie (and her mom, Beryl Cassidy)** for getting those items that made our ceremonies memorable. Thanks to all the teachers

who helped coordinate the refreshments and put the classroom art on the windows. Thanks to the kids who willingly took jobs and speaking roles for the service. Thanks to **Howard Solomon and John Mann, Jr.** for their musical talents. And most importantly, thanks to **the congregation** for helping us celebrate our children and the Youth R.E. Program!

#### Thank You, Fran!

The Youth R.E. Committee would like to extend our deepest gratitude to **Fran Bridges** for serving as the Youth R.E. Committee Chair for 2001-2002 (and to her family for sharing her with us). We know it was a busy year for you, so thanks for sharing your many talents with us. We do appreciate it! We hope the coming year brings you lots of time for your family.

We would also like to thank **Kelley Turnage** for taking on the position of Youth R.E. Committee Chair for 2002-2003. We look forward to working with you, Kelley!

#### How Will You Help Shape the Future?

As the song says "I believe the children are our future...teach them well and let them lead the way." UUCT offers you the opportunity to shape the future, to make a difference in the lives of our kids. By

#### Nursery Volunteers Needed



**Contact Kelley Turnage, (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)**

teaching a religious education class, you will make your mark on future generations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by! Experience is not necessary, but we do ask that you have a passion for helping kids be the best they can be. Our teaching team concept allows our volunteers to rotate their teaching duties, usually requiring commitment to every third Sunday. Curricula and all teaching materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [DREMaggie@comcast.net](mailto:DREMaggie@comcast.net)).

#### YRUU

YRUU is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds. **Meetings:** YRUU will not meet regularly in June and July. The group resumes meeting every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, on August 4 (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

leading meetings.

**Lock-in:** YRUU will hold a lock-in at the church in the sanctuary from Saturday, June 1, 5:00 PM - Sunday, June 2, 8:30 AM. Register in advance with Katie Beggs (222-9618) or Erin Boggs (878-4790).

**CONferences:** YRUU *members\** can go to Florida District CONs (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONs. (*\*YRUU members* come to meetings, but not necessarily every meeting.)

**Other YRUU CONs/Gatherings:** June 20-24 General Assembly, Quebec City

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

### **Adult Enrichment**

**Adult Enrichment Contacts:** Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator ([smeehan@hklaw.com](mailto:smeehan@hklaw.com); 668-5075). Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education ([DREMaggie@Comcast.net](mailto:DREMaggie@Comcast.net); 877-6301).

### **ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS**

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

We have compiled a list of the courses and programs we have in the UUCT Library and a brief explanation of each. A few of them were designed by our members, but most are from the UUA. The descriptions include what you need to know about leading the program and how often the class is expected to meet. The majority of programs meet for six to eight sessions. **Please take the time to review the list which is available at the back of the Sanctuary and see which topics interest you.** Are there any issues that hold a particular fascination for you? Is there something you might want to explore in more depth with your friends and colleagues here at UUCT? We need people to lead classes every year. You should be one of those leaders! You will get an enormous amount of satisfaction from guiding others while you learn. Perhaps you can lead a course yourself or maybe you can lead one with a friend. No one is an expert on life's lessons. We all learn together.

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

### **CLASSES BEING OFFERED:**

- **Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.** New classes starting periodically. See *Lifespan RE* Brochure for details. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075).
- **Combined New UU & DeJaVu, UU.** On Thursday, June 13 from

6:00-9:00 PM, there will be a single, three-hour session for those new to Unitarian Universalism and also UUs new to UUCT. Taught by Rev. Amy and UUCT member Annette Pearce, the session is designed for those wanting to learn more about our church and denomination. Sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

### **OPEN PARTICIPATION**

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

### **NEWS FROM ZenTaoBuddhist Sangha**

Continuing throughout the 2002 summer, weekly meetings every Sunday, 9 to 10:45 AM in room 2 (except for Sunday of Labor Day weekend).

First Sundays: Lake Ella, Black Dog Café, 9 AM for check-in and *kinhin* (walking meditation) "Circle of Peace Walk".

Open to all. Come by and join our meditation group.

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Coordinator

I'm excited! I'm excited because we're expanding our campus ministry to FAMU and TCC. The congregation's widespread support for the operating budget has made this possible. This is a big thing—not only for our church, but for the national UU movement, as we once again lead the nation in expanding

our outreach to three diverse campuses. You can help! If you have connections with FAMU or TCC, please contact me at [kim@cennexus.com](mailto:kim@cennexus.com) or 385-6856. Also, you can join the Campus Ministry Committee; spread the word through flyers, other publicity and sitting at an information table during orientation;

create welcome baskets for incoming students, etc. Join the Campus Ministry team today!

Our group will be meeting once per week over the summer, Friday evenings at 6:00 PM at Black Dog Café. We will have a combination of Coffee Hour and Discussion, with students bringing a

## Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

Green Power? Tradable Renewable Energy Certificates? Green Tickets? Is this for real? Evidently.

At a workshop on April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Tallahassee City Commission voted to authorize the negotiation of a green power program implementation agreement with Sterling Planet, entitled *Green America*. The program may include a variety of components including the opportunity to purchase "green power."

So, what is green power? It's electricity generated from one of the following sources: solar electric, wind, geothermal, biomass, and small or certified low-impact hydro facilities.

How can we buy green power in Tallahassee? I thought all our power comes from the city's generating facilities that are natural-gas and oil-fired steam-electric generating plants. Well, it does, except for a small hydro-electric facility on Lake Talquin and a miniscule amount of solar energy generated at the swimming pool complex on John Knox Road.

At some point you may be able to actually buy your electricity directly from a green power supplier somewhere within the regional electric grid or power pool that supplies electricity to this part of Florida. Once that becomes possible, you will essentially be paying for green

power that is actually generated and used within the regional grid. (You won't necessarily use that electricity yourself, but you will be paying the generator of that green power for producing the same amount of electricity you actually use.)

Right now what you can buy, in the form of "tradable renewable energy certificates" (TRECs), are the "unbundled" positive externalities of green power from certified power producers elsewhere in the country. "The what?" you say. TRECs are payments for the extra costs associated with producing electric power that yields "green" benefits by reducing or avoiding the environmental impacts of electricity production from fossil fuels: emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur oxides, and nitrogen oxides, water consumption, thermal pollution, solid waste, noise, and adverse land-use impacts. When you buy a TREC your payment goes to the green power producer to offset the extra costs of producing the positive benefits of green power.

Sterling Planet is one of several certified purveyors of such certificates. Currently you can purchase TRECs directly from them or several other organizations. The Center for Resource Solutions ([www.resource-solutions.org/TRECs.htm](http://www.resource-solutions.org/TRECs.htm)) has certified

six purveyors including Sterling Planet:

Sun Power Electric,  
[www.sunpower.org](http://www.sunpower.org) - Available in New England

Community Energy,  
[www.newwindenergy.com](http://www.newwindenergy.com) - Available nationwide

Sterling Planet,  
[www.sterlingplanet.com](http://www.sterlingplanet.com) - Available nationwide

Bonneville Environmental Foundation,  
[www.greentagsusa.org](http://www.greentagsusa.org) - Available nationwide

Aquila, [www.aquila.com](http://www.aquila.com) - Available nationwide

Renewable Choice Energy,  
[www.renewablechoice.com](http://www.renewablechoice.com) - Available nationwide

Apparently the program to be negotiated by the Tallahassee Utilities Department and Sterling Planet will allow Tallahassee residents to buy green power (TRECs) more easily, perhaps at the same time you pay your city utility bill.

So what do TRECs cost? At present the Sterling Planet pricing system is not specific for different locations and the mix of energy sources from which a consumer currently obtains their power. TRECs (or "green tickets") are priced

## Welcome New Members

Holly Mackie, 1st Youth Member to become a full Member!

## Welcome New Friends

Sharman Herrin

Charles Shelfer

Alisa Ulferts

## Membership

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

## UUCT Name Tags

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members will be given nametags. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.50 each).

## New Member Recognition

Late summer or early fall

## Dinners

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

## Directory Changes

If your mailing address, phone number or email

address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in bi-monthly directory updates.

## On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Mary Millard (980-8980) for refreshments and Ed Baseheart (386-6223 or ebaseheart@aol.com) or Eleanor Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, June 10, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Sunday Service**

**Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

## Joys and Sorrows

*We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts...*, those still in post-operative rehabilitation: **Norma Sansevero and Virginia Anderson.**

Congratulations to **Sharman Herrin and Charles Shelfer** on their marriage, officiated by Rev. Amy.

And congratulations to high school graduates: **Amelia Anderson, Anna Deyle, Holly Mackie, R.C. Mitchell, Emily Oaksford, and Allison Paul.**

## Baby, What's for Dinner?

*Are you expecting or adopting a child?* If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Megan Bakan (216-0510, Dixon@psy.fsu.edu). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families during the first days of parenthood, please contact Megan.

## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Annette Pearce  
(386-4053)  
Richard Dempsey  
(671-2748)  
Christine Boczarska  
(893-7079)

## Lost and Found

We have many items in the lost and found. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library near the kitchen or in the kitchen on cart near the refrigerator. Items not claimed for at

## Current UUCT Stats



## June UUCT Events & National Events

**RCDC BOOK CLUB, MONDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 PM.** Room 4. The selection is Elderidge Danticat's *Breath, Eyes, Memory*. Contact: Marcia Murray (539-3981).

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 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, JUNE 8, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** *Workdays have changed to the second Saturday of the month.* Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, JUNE 9, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1:00 PM.** Brunch picnic and planning for July trip to St. George Island. Site to be announced. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

**"SUPER ADULTS" LUNCH, THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 11:30 AM.** At Golden Corral. See *Minister's Message* on p. 2 for details.

**CARE TEAM TRAINING,**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM.** At Hospice Offices. See *Minister's Message* on p. 2 for details.

### UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, June 5, 11:30 AM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, June 9, 12:30 PM

### National Events

**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - MONDAY, JUNE 24.** Quebec City. All are welcome to attend the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists. More information at the back of the sanctuary or at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga).

**UUSC WORKCAMP, JULY 15 - 21 AND 22 - 28.** UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) North Carolina summer farm worker camp in

#### Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Intro. to Zen; 7:15 PM Zen Meditation*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepard Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, June 8, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)*
- *Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM - Noon, Unity Leadership Tallahassee. (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, June 15, 1:30 - 4:00 PM, private party (Sanctuary)*
- *Monday, June 17, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)*

Greenville. [uusc.org/involved/summerworkcamp061501](http://uusc.org/involved/summerworkcamp061501)  
[uusc.org/involved/ncworkcamp011502](http://uusc.org/involved/ncworkcamp011502)

**SUUSI, JULY 21 - 27, BLACKSBURG, VA.** The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute. The theme this year is "Blessings". Contact [info@suusi.org](mailto:info@suusi.org) or visit their website, [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org). Brochure is available at the back of the sanctuary.

### CONGREGATIONAL ACTIONS: MAY 19, 2002

1. **Annual Election.** Approved the slate of Nominating Committee and Executive Board members as proposed by the Nominating Committee, with those elected assuming duties on July 1, 2002. (Unanimous)

**Nominating Committee Members:**

- \* **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- \* **Current Membership - 177**
- \* **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- \* **Current Number of Friends - 46**
- \* **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of April - 88**
- \* **Average Sunday Attendance 7/1-4/30 - 102.1**
- \* **RE Enrollment - 84**

(3-year term)  
 5. **Fundraising Events.** Approved the List of Fundraising Events for 2002-2003 as proposed in the Annual Meeting Minutes. (Unanimous)  
 Vice President for Worship: Cheryl Ward (2-year term)  
 6. **Meeting Minutes.** Approved Minutes of the Congregational Meeting December 10, 2002. (Unanimous)  
 Vice President for Church Construction and Maintenance: (2-year term)  
 Vice President for Social Justice: Annette Pearce (2-year term)

**FACILITIES UPDATE**

2. **Final Budget.** Approved the Final Budget for FY 2002-2003 as the Final Budget, as outlined in the package of Annual Meeting materials. (Unanimous)  
 Site Work: Our environmental permit is now posted on the south side of the sanctuary. I attended a pre-site-work meeting with our City environmental

3. **Resolution for a Moratorium on the Death Penalty.** Approved the Congregational Resolution for a Moratorium on the Death Penalty. (Unanimous)  
 Site work is scheduled to begin early this month, once erosion controls and tree protections are in place. Erosion controls generally consist of hog wire

4. **Policy on Fund Raising.** Approved changes to the UCCF Policy on Fundraising, as proposed in the Annual Meeting minutes. (Unanimous)  
 The site work will begin in the drainage easement granted us by our neighbor to the north, then move to our northwest corner in back, and continue from there toward the front of our property along Meridian.

**Building construction.** Work on the new building will start as soon as the building pad is ready, about six weeks after the start of site work. This should be about mid-July, with building completion in mid-January or mid-February, if all goes according to schedule. Our building permit has been issued. The only major item that had to be added in order to receive a permit

was a fire alarm system. We are currently working out the final details of our construction contract with Mad Dog. The contract will be written in such a way that items we had to postpone to keep costs down (and be able to handle the addition of the fire alarm system) can be added should costs for other work and materials come in lower than bid by sub-contractors and suppliers. The CIC has prioritized these "add-alternates" as follows, beginning with the first item to be included should funds be available: the remainder of the cabinetry and shelving, the drop-off canopy along the new driveway, the moveable partition between the two multipurpose rooms opening into each other, the sidewalk canopies, and the remainder of the outdoor signage. Currently, we are only planning to have the signage absolutely required by the Fire Department. We are also hoping to include an electrical upgrade of the service in our current facility as a definite part of the construction contract.

**Sanctuary Improvements.** We are still planning to have the sanctuary re-carpeted and purchase new chairs this summer. However, we must first determine what to do about the sound system; the sound system wiring is tied into the current stage, which is to be replaced by the new moveable stages. Victor Venos (current sound system volunteer), John McDevitt (who installed the current system when the sanctuary was built), and I met with sound system consultants about our current system and our future needs. We have received a proposal for upgrading our current system and replacing our current speakers with a single, high quality one. The CIC would like to be able to upgrade to this proposed system, replacing the patchwork system we currently have.

**Financing.** The Board has approved a final financing package which falls within the parameters voted on by the congregation March 10, 2002 (use of up to \$350,000 in endowment principal and a mortgage of up to \$200,000):

- We will use \$250,000 of Endowment principal (\$150,000 from current funds + \$100,000 from the bequest of Ralph Cook). This will leave \$300,000 in the Endowment, assuming we receive the full \$400,000 possible from Ralph's estate, which appears quite likely.
- We will have a \$200,000 mortgage with payments to be covered equally from the operating budget and endowment interest - approximately \$11,500 in payments per year from each. It is estimated that even after using some endowment principal and interest, we could grow the endowment to be around \$420,000, after fifteen years, depending on how the principal is invested and provided we receive the full bequest from Ralph Cook.
- The remainder of the financing will come from our Capital Campaign gifts of \$446,500 (\$470,000 in pledges discounted 5% for unmet pledges).

We have met with Stephen Kahn, Ralph's personal representative, and informed him about our plans for Ralph's very generous bequest. Tallahassee State Bank (TSB) has agreed to give us a \$200,000 mortgage, and we are finalizing arrangements with them. Part of these arrangements will be for the building fund account to be transferred to TSB now and for the church operating budget account to be transferred to them at the beginning of the new fiscal year July 1, 2002.

# June 2002

“Every Sunday” activities, see the front page.

Note: Many activities described in other sections.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5 PM YRUU Lock-in (Sanctuary)
2 8:30 AM YRUU Lock-in Ends (Sanctuary) 9:45 AM Youth RE committee (Rm 2)	3 7 PM RCDC Book Group (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Comm. (Rm 2)	4	5 11:30 AM Downtown Chow-Down (off- site) 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 7 PM Board (Rm 4)	7 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	8 9 AM - 1 PM Workday
9 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline	10 7 PM Finance (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Program Comm. (Rm 2) 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)	11 12:15 PM Personnel Comm. (Rm 2) 7 PM Racial & Cultural Diversity Comm. (Rm 4)	12 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 6-9 PM New UU (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Comm. (Rm 2)	14 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	15
16 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary / Social Justice (Rm 4)	17 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site)	18	19 7:30 PM Choir Practice	20 7 PM Board (Rm 4)	21 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	22
23 1 PM Multicultural Families (off-site)	24 7:15 PM Women’s Spirituality Group (off-site)	25	26 7:30 PM Choir Practice	27 11:30 AM Super Adults Lunch (off-site)	28 6 PM University UUs (off-site)	29 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Care Team Training (Hospice Offices)
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**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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### YOUTH EVENTS

*See Youth RE (p. 5).*

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

### ADULT ENRICHMENT

*See Adult Enrichment (p. 6)*

- \* **New UU**, Thurs. 6/13, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- \* **Women's Spirituality**, Every Mon. 7:15 PM

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- \* Thurs. 6/6 & 20, 7 PM. Pres. Pauline Masterton (385-2879)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Capital Improvement**, Thurs. 6/13, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Finance**, Mon. 6/10, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- \* **Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice)**, Sun. 6/16, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- \* **Membership**, next meeting in August. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- \* **Program**, Mon. 6/10, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, Tues. 6/11, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- \* **Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary)**, Sun. 6/16, 12:30 PM. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563) or Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 6/2, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)