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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice , exc.  
6/13

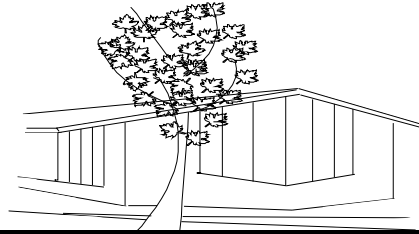
9:45 AM Adult Forum

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

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

Scheduled Adult Forum  
Topics:

- June 6, TBA
- June 13, Bonnie Foster, *Paganism 101*
- June 20, Pauline Masterton & Steve Urse, *Transylvania and Its Unitarians*
- June 27, Hal Davis, U.S. Geological Survey, *Wakulla Springs -- Origin of Its Waters*



# The Meridian

## June Sundays (11:00 AM)

### June 6 | Michael Servitus and John Calvin: Comparing Philosophies

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* Servitus sought knowledge from scripture and found no justification for the doctrine of the Trinity. He also sought truth from science and medicine. John Calvin showed neither compassion nor mercy and catered to orthodox positions for his actions of jealousy and murder. How did the lives of these two great sixteenth-century theologians—the self-named “Reformer” and the Spanish Unitarian burned as a heretic—intertwine? How did their dramatically different views shape the values of their spiritual descendants? (Also TEAM balloting process. See *Social Justice* for details.)

**Speaker: Rev. Harold Hawkins; Lay Leader: Ron Crowe**

### June 13 | Gifts of Civilization

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* As the primate brain evolved in our human ancestors, so did social behaviors that eventually resulted in urban life, or civilization. Civilization brings with it many gifts: some uplifting and exhilarating, and some that are darker in their effects on our lives. (Also recognition of UUCT Leadership School graduates.) **Guest Speaker: Dean Falk; Lay Leader: Cheryl Ward**

### June 20 | Power of Forgiveness

*The inherent worth and dignity of every person.* Many of us carry injustice through our lives and use the hurt we've experienced to justify separation and hostility. This talk will explore forgiveness as a tool and a path toward personal and global peace.

**Speaker: Eric Draper; Lay Leader: TBA**

### June 27 | Spiritual Journey: An Alternative Model

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* Deepening one's understanding of the relationships between deities and humanity has been termed “spiritual journey.” What are the common questions and concerns addressed in this venture? Are there alternatives to the familiar Western theological approach?

**Speaker: William Riedell; Lay Leader: Albert Starr**



CHOIR  
SUPPORT &  
INTEREST PARTY,  
SUNDAY, JUNE 27,  
6 PM AT PAULINE  
MASTERTON'S. SEE  
EVENTS.

4th of July Party,

Elinor's and  
John's at the

coast. See Events.



GATHER  
WATER ON  
YOUR  
TRAVELS

for our ingathering  
and water ceremony  
at summer's end.

For more information,  
see *Announcements*.

## *Minister's Message*

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

### **Sabbatical Snippets**

In Colorado for a conference, I saw deer the size of elk and a fox the size of a coyote. It turns out the fox was a coyote and so now I doubt the deer. No, they were really deer. Just super-sized compared to our small Florida version.

I saw the fox-ote on a paved street lined with apartments and houses, trees and lawns. And this large wild animal was looking at me. It turned tail halfway across the street to get out of the way of a car. When Precious the toy poodle and I walked by on the sidewalk, it (he or she?) was in a backyard reevaluating its day.

Human encroachment is alive and well. Nature retains a bit of wildness and beauty.

The Indigo Girls concert was invigorating. I sang all the songs with them; sometimes they stop singing and

it's just the audience participants—getting all the words and most of the notes. Their words to “Jonas & Ezekial” echoed in Colorado at the Cliff Dwellings: “I used to search for reservations and native lands before I realized that everywhere I stand there have been tribal feet...” However, those feet did not echo so much as fall silent in the extensive gift shop the size of the ancient dwellings.

One purchase I'm glad for is a book published by Native Voices, a history of adaptations of the speech by Chief Seattle (or Chief Noah Sealth, check out # 550 in our hymnal). This and the Florida UU Ministers' (FUUMA) retreat discussion about what happened during first contact between European explorers and Native American residents gives me hope for Columbus Day. Something different this year.

I'll leave off with words of wisdom from my friend from college, who

commented on my plan to return to you “better” than I am now. She said: maybe not better, just different.

Be easy on yourselves, and I'll be the same with me.

(Rev.) Amy

Slightly Off Topic Tidbit: Do you know what Glenn Close was doing in the basement of a Unitarian Universalist Church? Filming the revised ending of the movie “Fatal Attraction.” Are we glad or sad that we don't have a basement in our Florida church?!

## *President's Message*

By Neil Mooney

This is my final message as President of the Board, and I look back with admiration on your accomplishments this year. There were many achievements of note, but the greatest in my view were the dedication of our new building, the conducting of our first leadership school, and the birth of Harmony Camp.

Isaac Newton once said of himself, “If I have seen further than other men, it is because I have stood upon the shoulders of giants.” I relate your achievements to that statement. While the Board and members of the congregation itself are primarily responsible for the day-to-day conduct of the church's affairs, it is nevertheless true that my predecessors as presidents are

unsung heroes. Jennifer Carver, my immediate predecessor, always had and has boundless energy and enthusiasm for improvements to our physical and organizational structure. Without Pauline Masterton setting the stage beforehand, Jennifer's work would have been much more difficult. Pauline in turn inherited an improved structure from Bruce Brandt, and we all did and do still benefit greatly from incomparable dedication to the UUCT shown by Trudy Deyle. Lastly, I cannot fail to thank Kathie Mackie, whose efficiency and always-cheerful demeanor were invaluable month after month.

Thanks to a fine board and these predecessors, it has been my pleasure to serve you. Though I was little more

than a “maintenance” president, to my surprise and pleasure the job offered wonderful spiritual growth: one cannot fill this role without giving the greater faith some serious study. I know you will give Richard Dempsey, a far more deserving leader, all the support and understanding you gave me during my tenure. Sincere thanks to you from me and your fellow giants.

In community,

Neil

## Announcements

### Speaker & Topic Ideas

Members and friends are encouraged to request or recommend speakers and topics for Sunday services. The Program Committee needs only the proposed topic, a brief two- or three-sentence description, and a possible speaker. Bear in mind that planning for Sunday services is done at least two months in advance. Kristin King (kristinking@fdle.state.fl.us, 425-4658) or Eric Draper (edraper@audubon.org, 668-5075) will be happy to receive your input.

### Channing on Web Page

"To live content with small means. . . this is my symphony." This short quotation from William Henry Channing has remained popular since its inclusion in a *Hearst Newspapers* editorial from about 1920, in which columnist Arthur Brisbane offers a personal commentary on Channing's words. Read Channing's "Symphony" and Brisbane's editorial at the UUCT Web page, [www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct).

### We Need a Sound Man!

UUCT has lost its sound technician, Victor Venos, and we're scrambling to replace him with someone who knows how to set up the microphone system and eliminate mike-feedback. If you're that person, contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748 or [richardd@nettally.com](mailto:richardd@nettally.com)).

### New Leader for Sunday Setup

The Sunday Set-up Brigade is looking for a new leader. The task involves preparing the sanctuary for Sunday morning services, including setting up chairs, chalice, podium, and microphone hook-ups. Setup is usually done on Saturday mornings but can be adjusted to your schedule. Richard Dempsey will work with anyone interested to show what needs to be done and how to do it. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, [richardd@nettally.com](mailto:richardd@nettally.com)).

### Reusable Items Needed

The Youth RE program needs all sorts of reusable items for this summer's Sunday craft activities. They are collecting them now, at the RE table on Sundays. Please see the article in the May issue under *Lifespan RE* for a list of the types of items needed.

### Staffing Table at FSU

Could you help staff the Campus Ministry/Young Adult information table at FSU's Oglesby Student Union every Wednesday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM--for all or any part of that time? Contact Campus Ministry coordinator Chelsea Fox ([chelseauu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelseauu@yahoo.com), 222-3931).

### Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the Operating Budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year, please indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY03-04 or FY04-05.
- And a reminder that the three-year Capital Campaign pledge period ends 6/30/04.

### 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 (309-1248 or [jpatters@mail.fsu.edu](mailto:jpatters@mail.fsu.edu)) or Del DeTar (878-7895 or [ddetar@infi.net](mailto:ddetar@infi.net)). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge, your pledge for the Capital Campaign, 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.

### Reimbursements & Outstanding Bills for FY 03-04

Authorizations for reimbursement and outstanding bills for FY 2003-04 should be submitted to the Operating Budget treasurer no later than June 30. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ellen Dempsey (671-2748, [richardd@nettally.com](mailto:richardd@nettally.com)).

### Gather Water

As is the custom in many Unitarian Universalist churches, we will once again have an ingathering and water ceremony on a Sunday in September, 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'll say where our water is from and pour it into a common bowl. We'll begin with some of the communal water from the prior ten years' ceremonies and then save some of the new communal water from this year (microwaved and frozen).

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

### Missing Hymnals

- ❖ If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home to make sure it was returned. We are missing some of the 94 hymnals UUCT owns.
- ❖ If you'd like your own, order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076, Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore), or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). Current cost is \$28 plus shipping and handling.
- ❖ Hymnals can also be purchased and given to the church in memory or honor of a loved one or a fellow UUCTer.



## Appreciation



### To:

- \* **Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder, Nancy Harvey, Joe Lama, Isabel Sheridan, Carolyn DuBard, Pat Farris, Allen Turnage, and Jean Chulak** for greeting on Sunday mornings 4/25 - 5/9.
- \* **RE teachers, parents, and children, Linda Winn-Brown and all others** who hosted hospitality 4/25 - 5/9.
- \* **Randall Gann and all others** who were clean-up "heroes" 4/25 - 5/9.
- \* **Nina Cline, Patrick Lineberry, and Emily Ventre** for volunteering in the nursery.
- \* **Dorothy Mann and Eleanor and Earl Enge** for helping out in the office on a weekly basis.
- \* **George Knight, Kathie Mackie, Richard Dempsey, Neil, Austin and Pierce Mooney and all others** who set up the sanctuary for Sunday services.
- \* Volunteers for the May 10th Shelter meal: **Fran Bridges, Bob**

**Glenn, Dexter Easton, Pam Davidson and Jared Homan, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Margaret Mooney, Carla Conaway, Howard Pardue, Kathie Mackie, Beryl Cassiday, and Malte Haupt.**

- \* Our dedicated Religious Education volunteers: **Margaret Mooney, Mary Stewart, Debbie Wolfe, Yvonne Gsteiger, Pam Hoskins, Kelley Turnage, Susan Angel, Christine Boczarska, Terri Martin, Chelsea Fox, Scott Geraci, DeWayne and Jennifer Carver, Howard Pardue, Patty Burton, Amy and George Hall, and Richard Dempsey** (as acting VP for RE).

### Buildings and Grounds Thanks

**Katelyn Lynch and George Knight** for mowing the grass, **George Knight** for blowing leaves and **Steve Urse** for trimming the shrubs. **Ed Tribble** for weeding on the south and west sides of the new building, **Francis Ventre** for weeding and mulching the liriopie

plants, and **Dave Harvey** for mulching on the near and far sides of the Tot-Lot. **Bruce Brandt** (and his truck) for picking up 20 bags of mulch from **Joe and Jean Chulak's** and bringing them to UUCT.

### Pig Roast Appreciation

The final pig roast was a great success both financially and for fun on the water, the water slide and on land. The pig was cooked to perfection. Yes, after eight pig roasts for the church, the Woods are stepping down as hosts after the best one ever...

Thanks may be offered to **Jean Wood, Linda Oaksford and Jan Oldenburg** for food preparation, and to **Joan Patterson and Jennifer Carver** for administration. The pig crew, **Ken Wood, Ed Oaksford, Rod Oldenburg, and Steve Urse**, made the water slide, set up tables, and cooked and served the pig. **DeWayne Carver** did whatever needed to be done.

## Lifespan Religious Education



### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, June 6, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kelleyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (877-6301, sgeraci10@direcway.com)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@direcway.com)**

### Earth Day Becomes Earth Summer for RE

This year's Summer Youth RE program begins Sunday, June 6, and could best be identified as Mother Earth's Workshop. Our Sunday mornings will involve the talented hands of our creative youth as they transform everyday household items (and/or trash) into marketable treasures. The ultimate goal is to sell these treasures at the UUCT yard sale this fall as a Youth RE fundraiser.

Therefore, we need your junk! Please look over the list below, bring items you may have to church any Sunday in June, and leave your contribution under the RE table or in Room 5. The possibilities are endless, so the list of "trash" may change with time.

Updates will be provided at the RE table. If you have any questions, ideas, or desire to help some Sunday, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci or Debbie Wolfe (lobitaroja@comcast.net).

#### Reusable Items List:

Used/old items such as T-shirts or other shirts (for smocks), wool sweaters, greeting cards, calendars, magazines with interesting photos, wood (cut lumber) scraps, medium-weight woven cotton clothing, clay pots, spray paint, metal paint cans, buttons, pillows (small), etc. Newish items, such as cotton from vitamin/supplement bottles, metal CD cases (the kind AOL sends), etc. In addition, foreign coins, shells, ribbon, and whatever else you think might be of use.



## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### **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 friend for at least six months? How much time does it really take to teach RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Teaching RE isn't just for parents with children in the program. We need help from all members and friends of UUCT. See what it really takes to make a difference in a child's life! For more information, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### **Registration for 2004-2005**

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held Sundays, August 1 - September 5. New registrants should stop by the RE table during those dates to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children will receive a printout of the information on file to update during the month of July. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 5. Many of the expenses of the RE program are met through pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees will be \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Scholarships are available. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

### **YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)**

**No meetings for the summer;** possible special events will be announced.

**For more information,** call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or Howard Pardue (386-1494).

### **Adult Enrichment**

#### **ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:**

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator** ([blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net); 893-5511)
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education** ([DREMaggie@direcway.com](mailto:DREMaggie@direcway.com); 877-6301).

**The Adult Enrichment classes** are described below. Please contact the person listed if you are interested in an upcoming or open attendance class.

#### **CLASSES: ONGOING & OPEN**

**UUCT Book Club:** The UUCT Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in Room C (new building, corner room). Newcomers are welcome. We decide together on the book to read and take turns bringing drinks and snacks. Contact Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921) with questions.

At our next meeting on Tuesday, June 8, we will be discussing the nonfiction book *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. Find it at the library and also at Barnes and Noble.com for \$12.98. It is a true story of a group of girls who form a book club in Tehran and read books that are banned by their government.

In July we will be discussing *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. The red tent is the place where women gathered during their cycles of birthing, menses, and even illness. Like the conversations and mysteries held within this feminine tent, this sweeping piece of fiction offers an insider's look at the daily life of a biblical sorority of mothers and wives and their one- and-only daughter, Dinah.

#### **The Artist's Way Creativity**

**Workshops I & II:** These wonderful seven-week classes are once again

open to new participants the first weekend in July, after a break. There is a nominal charge of \$5 to cover class materials, and you need to have a copy of the *The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity* by Julia Cameron.

Each week we cover a different chapter and work on exercises, either from the book or gathered from other sources. Exercises include writing, drawing, dance, meditation, drumming, etc. Outside of class, you are encouraged to work in your preferred medium as well as those you may not have tried. The class meets Saturdays, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (Workshop I for chapters 1 - 6) and Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM (Workshop II for chapters 7 - 12) in Room K. Contact Amy Mann (222-1420, [amann@infionline.net](mailto:amann@infionline.net)).

#### **Wayne Dyer Discussion Group:**

We'll be taking a break over the summer. Contact: Dick Leinberry (386-4977) for information in the fall.

#### **FUTURE CLASSES**

**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 held early next fall, taught by Rev. Amy and a church member in either one four-hour session or two two-hour ones. Classes will be offered this summer if there are enough requests. A general sign-up sheet is on the back counter of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

**Choices for Sustainable Living** will be a nine-session course next fall exploring the meaning of sustainable living and the ties between lifestyle choices and their impact on the earth. Contact Kathie Mackie (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) for more information.

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### **OPEN PARTICIPATION**

**Adult Forum.** Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian* for the month's topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** The UUBF (Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship) meets every first and third

Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in Rooms 3 & 6. We discuss books and tapes on Buddhist philosophy and practices. We are currently studying *When Things Fall Apart* by Pema Chödrön.

During June we will complete study of the six transcendent actions and continue in chapters 17-18. Topics to be examined: the importance of

attitudes and applying teaching to daily life.

Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562-0739, wmpat88@att.net).

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

## *Campus Ministry Corner*

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Summer is simply uneventful for the University UUs remaining here in Tallahassee, though some of our (former) members are or have been doing some exciting things. For example, Pippin has graduated from the FSU School of Social Work and will be starting research in India soon. Bryn is back in the U.S. after a semester in Germany doing her student-teaching internship and has graduated with a degree in elementary education. Danny has also graduated after completing his final semester in

Spain. The rest of us are enjoying hanging out together, making plans for the rest of the summer, and working hard to make the fall a success.

Please consider helping us out on Wednesdays anytime from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at FSU's Ogelsby Union! This is an opportunity to reach out to the campus community, and possibly even dispel common myths the general public has about Unitarian Universalism. Yes, it's not uncommon to get questions like, "You guys worship Satan, right?" Another benefit

to sitting at the information booth is that you might get to know some of the young adults in your religious community. Not a bad thing, eh?

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or willingness to help: chelsuu@yahoo.com ~ 222-3931

**NOTE:** During the summer, we will continue to meet for coffee hour once a week. Javaheads closed, so coffee hour will now be on Fridays at the Black Dog Café, 6:30 PM.

## *About New Members*

**Michele Hope.** Michele is a former English teacher and educational consultant. Her immediate family consists of two adult children, Hope and Sam Henderson, and her brother, Keith Hope. Michele says: "I am also blessed with a large family of choice of loving friends. Florida is the landscape of home." Her interests include reading, writing, natural history, hiking, and camping.

Michele grew up in Florida in the Methodist church. She says: "I rejected Christian theology at 18, and spiritually 'wandered in the woods' until my late-40s, when I joined Emerson UU Fellowship in Marietta, GA and embraced Eco-Feminist theology. For the past seven years I lived in Key Biscayne, FL. My spiritual communities during this time were the Florida UU Federation of Women and Womenspirit. I'm delighted to find in

UUCT a welcoming, diverse and supportive spiritual community. Joyful energy resonates when you gather!" When asked what the church can do for her, Michele says it can "provide a caring and supportive spiritual community of diverse philosophies in which to share and grow." She hopes to become involved in the Green Sanctuary and Caring Ministries committees.

## Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

If you are interested in attending our wonderful Mountain Retreat for Labor Day weekend, please, please sign the sheet in the back of the sanctuary. I

must give The Mountain a "yes" or "no" for that weekend by the end of May. We need to have at least 30 folks wishing to go. This will be a wonderful

retreat and a much cooler place to be than Tallahassee. Any questions, contact Linda (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net).)

## UUA Trustee Tidbits

By Joan Lund, FL District Trustee

Ah, June, a month when schools break for the summer, the weather is hot, and UUUs make their way to wherever General Assembly is being held...this year in Long Beach, California. However, GA was the subject of my May communication; therefore a different topic this month.

It goes without saying that UUUs have a rich history of working to be a vital part of our political system, dating back to the earliest days of our U.S.

government. Our fifth principle states "we will covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large." As people of faith we are called to promote civic action as part of our moral responsibility.

Faithful democracy is part of our UUA Advocacy and Witness programs and is an interfaith, grassroots coalition drawn from many religious traditions. The strength of the coalition is found in encouraging voter registration, educating voters, getting out the vote, monitoring the polls, and advocating for voter rights. Our congregations need to be involved in these five

important areas of work and can begin by forming a voter task force and deciding together the issues most relevant to your congregation and community. The UUA Advocacy and Witness staff believes that this work should be done in partnership with community groups, perhaps groups that work with communities with traditionally low voter turnout. You can check [www.faithfuldemocracy.org](http://www.faithfuldemocracy.org) for faith groups active in your area.

It is recommended that congregation work be planned so that it includes some activities in each of the five above-listed areas. Begin by brainstorming goals in an area and then narrow them down to a manageable list. Repeat the process for each area. An example of one goal could be to make certain all eligible folks in your congregation are registered to vote and have a voter registration table at several after-service coffee times. A Federal Election Commission regulation requires that signs be posted at voter registration sites stating the services are available without regard to voters' political preferences.

In brainstorming sessions you might think about activities that would excite the media. Partnerships and joint activities might be positively covered by the media. The UUA has provided a timeline for your voting work: present-September 2004, registration and voter education activities; August-October, intensive voter registration as most states' 30-day registration deadline is approached; September-October, Get Out the Vote (GOTV); November 2, work as poll monitors and/or facilitate rides to the polls; post-election, report to the UUA best-practices voter activities.

Perhaps I have crammed too much into one column, but you can find out so much more and get a guide, authored by the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy, by logging on to [www.uua.org/justice](http://www.uua.org/justice) or [www.uua.org/voting](http://www.uua.org/voting). I urge you to do this vital election work this summer and fall. If I can be of help or answer questions, don't hesitate to contact me (813-931-9727, [jlund@.uua.org](mailto:jlund@.uua.org) or [lundjb@verizon.net](mailto:lundjb@verizon.net)).





## Church Community News

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

The column *Church Community News* began a year ago. It will no longer appear in *The Meridian* but will become a page at our official UUCT Web site,

<http://www.nettally.com/uuct/index.htm>.

We're making this change to help reduce the size, cost, and effort of producing the hardcopy *Meridian*. I recommended it as a way to enhance *The Meridian's* readability and usefulness as a communication tool.

As a single page of *The Meridian*, the CCN column could cover only a tiny segment of our rich, fullsome church life. I have often regretted this. But UUCT Webmaster Jack Martin assures me that moving this column to a new location at our church Web site will give us lots more space for news and other items. Important news updates will continue to appear in *The Meridian*.

Since my election, in May 2002, to the new board position of Vice President for Church Community, I have often wondered, what is church community?

It is perhaps the most viable (and also the most invisible) part of our church life. We all know what it is, even though it is hard at times to define. Often we feel the power of church community when we come to feel either included in or excluded from it. We all want to be a part of UUCT! But we cannot do everything, be everywhere, or partake of every aspect of our bustling, ubiquitous, growing church. So we become a part of it by volunteering and by helping each other in any way possible.

My wish for *Church Community News* is that it belong to all UUCTers! It should be your way of getting word out to other UUs. I want only to oversee it, if possible, and to help the process along. *Church Community News* may ultimately expand to include news that we wish other UUs to know about us—our experiences, important milestones, and other events or issues that we choose to share with one another. I hope it will begin to include biographies, life stories—articles such as "Why I Am a UU" or "My Personal

Theology"—poems, insights, personal wisdom tales, references to significant Web sites of possible interest to fellow UUs, and so forth.

Community is something we all create for ourselves to share with one another. Community is the fun and joy we experience in sharing our causes, issues, and lives. If this column can facilitate the process of sharing, enhance our sense of who we are as a religious people, and help create our 21st-century sense of mission and moral culture in Tallahassee, it will have done its job. Its creation will be up to you. I will only help to make it grow.

Please let me know how you wish to help form the new CCN Web site page to share your thoughts and ideas, stories, news, poetry, and other items with everyone at UUCT and (via the Google search engine) the world. Contact me anytime. And thanks for entrusting me with this office by electing me to another two years as your VP for Church Community.

## Social Justice

### Harmony Camp News

Our meeting on May 9 was important because we learned specific days and times that different people can volunteer. We are thrilled to have the following people working with us as volunteers: **Mary Stewart, Isabel Sheridan, Kelley Turnage, Peggy Lentz, Linda Winn-Brown, Jonathan Lieb, Margaret Mooney, Mary Cordero, Pam Hoskins, Steve Urse, Debbie Wolfe, Grace Martin, Tom Taylor, Katya Taylor, Heike Sanford, Anne Rudloe, Maggie Geraci, Barbara Sterling, Al Starr, Joanne Taylor, Annette Pearce, Christine Boczarska, Geraldine Johnson-Johnson, and Lorraine Warren.** Paid

staff will be **Maggie Geraci, Holly Mackie and Jayme Murphy** for child care; **Yazid Johnson** for drumming; **Carrie Hamby** for music; **Jill Welch** for yoga; and **Kate Taluga** as camp director. The camp is full, even after extending from 48 to 56 participants, because we have enough volunteers to increase our capacity.

On Saturday, May 22, we had the first of two 4-hour trainings for all staff, conducted by Kate Taluga. She provided a wonderful overview of our diversity mission and a possible camp schedule to carry out that mission.

### TEAM

UUCT is a formal member of Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM), a group of about 20 Tallahassee congregations. We have joined together in a consensus-based process to do direct action that works to improve socioeconomic, environmental and health conditions that disproportionately affect disenfranchised populations in Tallahassee. Last year, TEAM members chose three concerns to work on and were able to get a specific action from local officials on two of them.

The process for identifying and selecting issues for next year is

## *Social Justice (Continued)*

happening now, starting with one-to-one conversations in TEAM-member congregations, including ours. A number of UUCT members have been specially trained to conduct these conversations. Additionally, a UUCT balloting process will occur on Sunday, June 6, with ballots distributed as we enter the service that day and collected after the service and during

coffee hour. Please spend some time in advance thinking about socioeconomic, environmental and health concerns you have regarding the Tallahassee community.

Anyone from our congregation who is interested may attend the TEAM board of directors meeting on Thursday, June 10 at 6:00 PM at Temple Israel along with the board member from our

congregation. On Monday, June 14 at 6:00 PM, all members of TEAM congregations are urged to attend the TEAM Annual Issues Assembly at Temple Israel, where the issue or issues for next year will be chosen. For more information, contact Joanne Taylor (893-9024) or Leslie Wurster (421-8129).

## *Board & Congregational Actions May*

By Carolyn DuBard & Richard Dempsey

### **Board Actions, May 6:**

- Approved the March Treasurer's report and balance sheet
- Approved the slate of officer candidates for the 2004-05 year
- Approved the proposed final budget for 2004-05 that will be voted on by the congregation
- Approved the proposed list of fundraisers for 2004-05

### **Congregational Actions, May 23:**

1. After opening words, a motion was made by Jack McDevitt and seconded by Jennifer Carver to approve the nominees for
2. Nominating Committee, as follows: Nominating Committee (two 2-year positions): Barbara Donaldson and William Riedell.
3. A motion was made by Joan Patterson and seconded by William Riedell to approve the list of nominees for the Executive Board for 2004-05, as follows:  
President-Elect: Christine Boczarska (3-year term)  
VP for Management: Steve Urse (2-year term)  
VP for Worship: Rod Oldenburg (continuing for a 2-year term)  
VP for Church Community:

William Adkins (continuing for another 2-year term)

VP for Social Justice: Not filled-remains open (a call for nominees from the floor failed)

VP for Religious Education: DeWayne Carver (2nd year of a 2-year term)

The motion passed with one opposed.

Current board members remaining for 2004-05 are: Richard Dempsey (President); Neil Mooney (Past President); Carolyn DuBard (Secretary), DeLos DeTar (VP for Finance).

4. The motion to accept and approve the final budget proposed for 2004-05 was made by Pat Farris and seconded by Barbara Lineberry. After brief discussion, the motion passed without opposition.
5. The motion to accept the list of fundraisers approved for 2004-05 was made by Jack McDevitt and seconded by Jennifer Carver. It passed unanimously.
6. VP for Finance Del DeTar gave a brief overview of the status of the various UUCT funds and bequests and concluded that the church is in very good financial shape. President Mooney recognized and

called for applause for all those involved in managing church finances: Del DeTar, John Murphy, Tom Chase, Ellen Dempsey, Joan Patterson, Jim Dawson, DeWayne Carver, and other Finance Committee members Dave Harvey and Dorothy Mann.

The meeting was called to order immediately following the morning service, at 12:13 PM, and was adjourned at 12:33 PM. Seventy-two qualified members were present with a quorum of at least 44 required. President Neil Mooney presided.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Dempsey, acting secretary

## Welcome New Member

- *Michele Hope*

## Welcome New Friend

- *John Sandstrum*

## New Member Recognition

Sunday, August 8

## Membership

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or a Sunday greeter.

## UUCT Name Tags

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

## Ongoing Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** June Hospitality Chair - Barbara Solomon.
- **Music Committee:** Members needed - anyone who loves music. Contact VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, June 14, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).

- **Sunday Service Brigade:** Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to setup chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

## 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 updates.

## Caring Network News

By Joanne Taylor, Caring Ministries Chairperson

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

**Joe Chulak**, who is receiving treatment for leukemia and is fatigued from that process.

**Jean and Joe Chulak** on the death of Jean's brother-in-law, **Elliot Maraniss**.

**Richard Dempsey**, who had a cardiac catheterization and is doing fine.

**Trudy, Bob, Anna and Ethan Deyle, and Trudy's mother, Anna Lamb**, who has been hospitalized with a serious condition.

**Richard Gearhart**, who is improving since his time in rehab last month.

**Ed, Linda, Larissa, Emily and James Oaksford** on the deaths of two of Ed's uncles.

## Congratulations to...

**Ellen and Richard Dempsey** on the birth of their first grandchild, **Daniel Webb Dempsey!**

**Walter Hoskins** on acquiring an assistant at work to help lighten his work-load.

**Charlotte Leib**, who was dedicated at a wonderful ceremony at Another Broken Egg restaurant.

Our high school graduates: **Katie Beggs, Erin Boggs, Emma Denny, Ethan Deyle, Adam Donaldson, Katie McAuley, and Evan Szumowski.**

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Contact **Scott Geraci**, sgeraci10@direcway.com or 877-6301, OR **Holly Mackie**, hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497



## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)  
 Bruce Brandt (893-5511)  
 Sara Reece (309-1933)

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 174**
- **Current Number of Friends - 46**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of April - 115.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2003 - April 2004: 108.3**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 56**

## Audiotapes



Audiotapes of each Sunday's service are available for four-week loan to UUCT members. Sign-out information and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (gwndlyn@istal.com, 668-3346).

## *June UUCT Events, Social Activities, After June, District & National Events*

### **UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 11:30 AM.**

First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, all welcome. Soup and salad \$6.95, full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

### **DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 7:30 PM.**

Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

### **PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF CUBA, JUNE 8, 7:00 PM.**

In the sanctuary, sponsored by Adult Forum. Prof. J. Henry Ibarquen, assistant professor of history at Weber State University, Ogden, Utah, will give his personal impressions of Cuba. He will compare Cuba as it was on his first trip there in 1959, six months before Fidel Castro's take-over, to his recent trip. Prof. Ibarquen is the son of UUCT member Grace Martin. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, nochase@earthlink.net).

### **ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**

Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Francis Ventre (402-3050, MFVentre@earthlink.net).

### **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, JUNE 13, 12:30 PM.**

Bring your favorite dish to share.

### **TEAM ANNUAL ISSUES ASSEMBLY, MONDAY, JUNE 14, 6:00 PM.**

(Registration at 6 PM.) Come to Temple Israel on Mahan and help this local interfaith social justice organization (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) choose an issue to raise and resolve over the summer and fall. If you want to express your opinions, thoughts and feelings about

what areas of Tallahassee life need reform or revolution to meet the needs of low- and middle- income people, say "YES!" to a one-to-one conversation and then come set the TEAM agenda for '04-05 at the assembly. Contact: Joanne Taylor (893-9024, taylorjoanne@earthlink.net).

### **CHOIR SUPPORT PARTY, SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 6:00 PM.**

At Pauline Masterton's. Attention all O.K. Chorale members, friends, groupies, and wannabes. You're invited to a social gathering for our choir and anyone interested in joining us or showing their support. Pauline's address: 3322 Lakeshore Drive, West. She lives one and one-half miles from North Monroe; two and one-half miles from Meridian, on Lakeshore Drive. This informal gathering will be a potluck and swimming party; bring a dish to share and your swimsuit! Contact: Helen Falb (309-6853).

### **UUCT Social Activities**

*See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note on a Sunday) about possible UUCT social events.*

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wed. June 2, 11:30 AM
- Peace Dances, Sat. June 5, 7:30 PM
- Second Sunday Potluck, June 13, 12:30 PM
- Choir Support Party, Sun. June 27, 6:00 PM
- Fourth of July Party, Sun. July 4, 3:00 PM

### **Events after June**

**FOURTH OF JULY PARTY, SUNDAY, JULY 4, 3:00 PM.** John Whitton's and Elinor Elfner's place at the coast. Until after the fireworks. Contact: Elinor Elfner and John Whitton (224-3651).

**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS, SUNDAY, JULY 11.** This special ceremony will be a part of the service.

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES, SATURDAY, JULY 17** (tentative date).

Annual trip to St. George Island. Check their Web site for details. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885, www.multiculturalTal.org).

**UUCT MOUNTAIN RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 3 - 5** (Labor Day weekend). If at least 30 interested. See *Notes from The Mountain*.

### **District Events**

**MANAGING OUR DIFFERENCES WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16.** Held in South Daytona at Community UU Church and featuring Florida district executive Mary Chulak Higgins. How to avoid or solve problems arising from our differences.

### **National Events**

**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 24 - 28.** The annual gathering of UUs, held this year in Long Beach, CA. All are welcome to attend. Detailed information and registration forms at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga) or by contacting the UUA GA office (617-948-4209, gaoffice@uua.org).

**SUUSI, SUNDAY - SATURDAY, JULY 18 - 24.** The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute is a week full of workshops, activities, worship services, and time for connection. Information at the back of the sanctuary, or at [info@suusi.org](mailto:info@suusi.org).





## June 2004 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:30 AM UU Chow-Down, offsite 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	<b>3</b> 7 PM Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM University UUs, offsite	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM Peace Dances
<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm. Mtg., Rm 2	<b>7</b> 7 PM Women's Spirituality Group, offsite 7 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, Rms 3 & 6 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Comm., Rm C	<b>8</b> 7 PM UU Fiction Book Club, Rm C 7-9 PM Forum Speaker, Rm L	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7 PM Committee on Ministry, offsite	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM University UUs, offsite	<b>12</b> 9 AM-1 PM Workday
<b>13</b> 12:30 PM Potluck 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Committee, Rm L	<b>14</b> 7 PM Women's Spirituality Group, offsite	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Personnel, Rm 2	<b>16</b> 7 PM Green Sanctuary, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM University UUs, offsite	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 12 PM <i>Meridian</i> Deadline	<b>21</b> 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 2 7 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, Rms 3 & 6 7 PM Women's Spirituality Group, offsite	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM University UUs, offsite	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 6 PM Choir Support Party, offsite	<b>28</b> 7 PM Women's Spirituality Group, offsite 7:15 PM Program Comm.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	Rev. Amy's Summer Session Sabbatical 5/1 - 8/31.		

**Meridian Schedule:**



*Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned in to Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the third Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.*

**Non-UUCT Events**

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM *Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM *Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*

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**Rev. Amy McKenzie** is on sabbatical until 8/31/04. In her absence, contact Christine Boczarska, Committee on Ministry Chair (893-7079), or Joanne Taylor, Caring Ministries Chair (893-9024), for pastoral needs. UUCT members Nancy Bass (893-1806) and Harold Hawkins (893-1331) are available for pastoral care.

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### 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."

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT

**Artist's Way I & II**, Every Sat. starting in July, 1:00 PM (chap. 1-6) & 3:00 PM (chap. 7-12). Amy Mann (222-1420)

**Buddhist Fellowship**, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM. Anne Rudloe (984-2504)

**UU Fiction Book Club**, Tues., 6/8, 7 PM. Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921)

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thurs. 6/3, 7 PM. Pres.-Elect Richard Dempsey (671-2748)

#### COMMITTEES MEET

**Adult RE**, TBA, Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

**Buildings & Grounds**, Mon. 6/7, 7:30 PM. Francis Ventre (402-3050)

**Campus Ministry**, TBA, Kim Ross (508-9100)

**Church Council**, TBA, Richard Dempsey (671-2748)

**Committee on Ministry**, Thurs. 6/10, 7:15 PM at Carlo's Cuban Cafe. Christine Boczarska (893-7079)

**Endowment**, meets quarterly. Jim Dawson (383-1213)

**Finance**, Mon. 6/21, 7:00 PM. Del DeTar (878-7895)

**Green Sanctuary**, Wed. 6/16, 7:00 PM. Steve Urse (385-2864)

**Harmony Camp**, Sun. 6/13, 12:30 PM. Joanne Taylor (893-9024)

**Membership**, Wed. TBA. Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

**Personnel**, Tues., 6/15, 9:30 AM. Margaret Mooney (893-8250)

**Program**, Mon. 6/28, 7:15 PM. Eric Draper (668-5075)

**Publicity**, TBA. Kristin King (425-4658)

**Racial & Cultural Diversity**, will meet via e-mail. Isabel Sheridan (668-0785)

**Youth RE**, Sun. 6/6, 9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage (553-9416)