

Inside this issue:

<i>Sundays</i>	1
<i>President's Message</i>	2
<i>Congregational Conversations</i>	2
<i>Committee on Ministry</i>	3
<i>Announcements</i>	4
<i>Program Comm./Harmony C.</i>	5
<i>Caring /Membership</i>	6
<i>Appreciation</i>	7
<i>Lifespan RE Education</i>	8-9
<i>Campus Ministry</i>	9
<i>Green Corner</i>	10
<i>Congregation/ Board Actions</i>	11
<i>Congregational Issues Ranking</i>	12
<i>Policies & Procedures Update</i>	13
<i>Finance Report Feb.-April</i>	13
<i>Events UUCT & Beyond</i>	14
<i>Calendar</i>	15

Every Sunday:

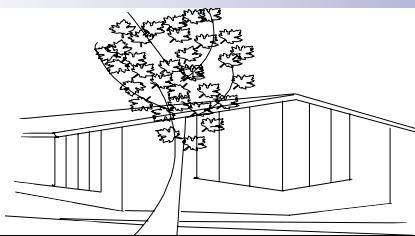
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 6/5 & 6/12
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM (inc. Pre-K)
- 11:00 AM Summer Youth RE: K-Elementary

Adult Forum Topics:

- June 5, Al Starr, "The Merits of Separation of Church & State"
- June 12, Cynthia Coven, "Diet for a New America"
- June 19, TBA
- June 26, Rev. Dennis Hale, "Fundamentalist Challenge to a Liberal Faith"

June Highlights:

- ⚙ Board Discussion of COM Assessment, Wed. 6/15, 7:00 PM
- ⚙ Interfaith Event with Muslim Friends, Fri. 6/17, 7:00 PM
- ⚙ Hot Fun in the Summertime, picnic & swimming, Sun. 6/19, 1:30 - 3:30 PM



The Meridian

June Sundays (11:00 AM)

June 5 | The 'Right' to Live, Kill and Die

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Back in the 1960s when abortion was still illegal, Rev. Bob Eddy, retiring minister of the UU Church of Pensacola, helped women obtain safe abortions. In recent years he has been an escort at the clinic where Paul Hill killed Dr. Britton and a member of the Pensacola congregation—though he believes human life begins at conception. Rev. Eddy has been a member of the Hemlock Society since its creation, but he opposes "involuntary euthanasia." A pacifist since age 14, he supports the "conscientious warrior." Find out how he reconciles these seemingly contradictory positions.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Bob Eddy; Lay Leader: Annette Pearce

June 12 | Sing Out for Justice

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. When we speak or act for the benefit of the weakest members of our society, we are following what are arguably the most important commandments in the Bible. But with so many issues facing our world, sometimes the hardest part is taking that first step. Rabbinic tradition teaches that "it is not for you to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it." Through teaching and song, we will explore some of the biblical and rabbinic texts related to social justice. Together we can heal the world by making it a safer and kinder place for all people. (We will light candles of joy and concern and have a special collection for UUCT outreach.) **Guest Speaker: Cantor Tanya Tamarkin (Temple Israel); Lay Leader: Bruce Brandt**

June 19 | Is Tolerance Overrated?

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. Prejudice is a human condition, and tolerance is its converse. It's easy to have preferences, but it is far more difficult to tolerate someone else's preferences, particularly if they clash with ours. If we are to fight prejudice at a social level, we may be forced to practice and foster tolerance at an individual level, no matter how difficult that is. Come explore and discuss tolerance with Pensacola News Journal columnist Bob Gerold on this Father's Day. (Also Shelter meal collection.)

Guest Speaker: Bob Gerold; Lay Leader: Rod Oldenburg

June 26 | Praise the Ammunition and Pass the Lord: Faith and Patriotism

The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. As an American citizen, what does it mean to be patriotic? Can one oppose his or her nation's foreign policies, even when the nation's young people, mothers, and fathers are at war, and still be patriotic? Can one confuse religion with patriotism? What is responsible patriotism for a conscientious person who happens to be a Unitarian Universalist? As another Independence Day approaches, we delve into these and other inquiries.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Hale (Alabama); Lay Leader: Ron Crowe

President's Message

By Richard Dempsey

As I write this, we have an interim minister under contract. The task force you and the Board selected performed in outstanding fashion. I congratulate DeWayne Carver, the chair, Ron Crowe, Sara Reece, Molly Schmid, and Kelley Turnage on a task done right. When you have an important job to do, choose good people and give them your trust. That's what we did, and it worked.

The new minister is Rev. William (Bill) Murchison, an experienced minister of several decades and an interim minister a half-dozen times or more. His record is solid, his reputation excellent. He knows what to do and how to do it. He will assume his duties at UUCT on September 1, 2005.

I want to use my space this month to offer well-deserved thanks to you, the members and friends of UUCT, who held steady in a moment of uncertainty. It would have been easier to throw up your hands and walk away, and you did not. This speaks eloquently of your judgment, your

patience, and your commitment to this beloved community. All of us on the Executive Board are deeply grateful.

Good leadership is essential in navigating institutional passages, and you have had a conscientious Board whose judgments and decisions held up well under the stress of Amy's resignation at the start of our annual pledge drive, and in the search for an interim minister. I have been impressed with their civility in debate, their commitment to quality of result, and their willing support of the president when events outran due process. I thank them, and you should, too.

Turmoil at the top could have disrupted all below, but the impact was minimized by leadership in key areas. RE leaders moved to establish stronger communication between parents, teachers, and students. Led by Norene Chase, the Sunday Adult Forum enjoys constant success. Freethinkers' Forum continues Tuesdays with excellent participation.

And Kristin King's Program Committee has a stellar schedule of speakers through August.

I cannot overlook Kathie Mackie's consistent admin support, Trudy Deyle's hard work in publishing the *Meridian* month after month, Dave Harvey's pursuit of the new sound system, and his and Steve Urse's work to buy and install a dishwasher for the kitchen. Christine Boczarska, Bob Deyle, and Annette Pearce deserve special mention for handling the congregational discussions fairly and openly and with instructive results.

Rev. Mary Higgins paid us a compliment back in February, when the future looked very uncertain. She told us that the church is in good shape. She was right. It is. And I thank you again for holding a steady course.

With new respect for our tenacity as a community, I am Richard Dempsey, President of the Board

Congregational Conversations

By Christine Boczarska, President-Elect

The Saturday, May 21 congregational conversation was attended by nine people in addition to the Conversations Committee – Christine Boczarska, Bob Deyle and Annette Pearce. The announced topic was reviewing the findings and recommendations of the 2004-2005 Committee on Ministry Triennial Congregational Assessment. Bruce Brandt, chair of the Committee on Ministry, presented the assessment to us, with the assistance of Bob Deyle, in preparation for the Annual Congregational Meeting the next day on May 22.

The specific recommendations the COM has made also incorporate the issues that were identified by those who attended the March and April

congregational conversations as important issues to address as a congregation. (See *Congregational Issues Ranking* further on in this *Meridian* for information on the issues from the conversations.)

The May 21 conversation was a working meeting with a fairly open format. Ideas were posed, ways to approach problems suggested and time frames discussed. We seemed to be in agreement that until the interim minister is actually here and working with us, we should delay discussing and, if agreed to, putting into action the suggestions from the CCC meetings and the COM assessment recommendations.

We have done the preliminary work of identifying issues the congregation is concerned about – the congregation as a whole and as expressed by the different committees, staff and other elements of our church. Now we need a skilled, neutral minister to help us look at what a settled minister needs from us in order to serve all parties in the church successfully.

The recommendation of the May 21 group was to have the Executive Board meeting scheduled for June 15 at 7:00 PM be an open session, with the congregation specifically requested to attend. The Board President has agreed. At the meeting, the COM will present their assessment report with their recommendations for

Congregational Conversations (Continued)

action. **This will give us all an opportunity to read through the COM assessment report and the CCC issues list beforehand and participate in the discussion of the COM recommendations.**

The CCC will consider any relevant COM and board recommendations, such as issues recommended for

congregational discussion. Then, beginning with the start of the tenure of our new interim minister and with his advice, set a schedule for congregational conversations next fall.

We are doing the work that needs to be done to lay a more solid foundation for our church. That we are doing this on our own, without superimposed

programs or protocols from outside our walls, is commendable. This speaks well of the health and strength of UUCT. 2005-06 promises to be an exciting year for all of us to live our expectations.

In Faith, Christine Boczarska

Committee on Ministry 2004 - 2005 Assessment

As part of its mission, the Committee on Ministry (CoM) assesses the state of the congregation every three years. The CoM's 2004-05 Congregational Assessment that began in July, 2004 is now complete and has been presented to the congregation.

The Committee decided to expand the assessment done previously to include not only a general survey of members' and friends' beliefs about the state of the congregation and its shared ministry with Rev. McKenzie, but also a survey of members of seven major UUCT committees. Specific information about RE and Sunday Service attendance and membership trends was also obtained. Finally, a scaled-down version of the members and friends questionnaire was sent to former members, friends, and visitors who were still living in Tallahassee to get information about why they left.

The full, CoM Assessment Report and a two-page Executive Summary were distributed at the 5/21 congregational conversation and the 5/22 Annual Meeting. **Both of the documents can be obtained as hard copies from the church office, or as email attachments from blbrandt@earthlink.net.** The CoM report will be discussed at the June 15 meeting of the Executive Board; all members and friends of UUCT are invited to attend. Discussion of all the issues raised will continue in the fall.

- Bruce Brandt, Chairperson

General Recommendations to the Congregation and Executive Board from the CoM:

The recommendations listed below summarize the specific recommendations in the CoM's report. The highest priority items are listed first.

1. Re-commit to the Raising the Roof/ Journey process to more clearly articulate the church's sense of direction and address those issues that arise from our being on the border between a small and mid-size church. This must be considered within the context of working with an interim minister and doing the analytical work required before we start the formal search for a new settled minister.
2. The Board should initiate a series of congregational discussions, facilitated by the interim minister or other neutral, UU facilitator, that address the following issues. Following each discussion, the Board should convene an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations, with additional input, as appropriate, from the interim minister and/or other UUA advisors.
 - a. What members and friends want and need from Sunday services, and how to most effectively meet those wants and needs in an equitable way through both lay-led services and services conducted by the settled minister.
 - b. Congregational communication and decision making.
 - c. Procedures for evaluating the minister.
 - d. Our political biases and how we can foster constructive dialogue with people of more conservative political views who may otherwise embrace UU principles.
3. Take initiatives to act on the congregation's covenant to support and sustain the youth RE Program and to evaluate the program on a regular basis.
4. Continue the recommitment to the church's Campus Ministry Program.
5. Take initiatives to better practice what we preach in terms of tolerance, respect, and welcoming of diversity.
6. Take initiatives to enhance member participation in the shared ministry of the church and to enhance our welcoming of visitors and new members.
7. Take initiatives to enhance our sense of common purpose, working together, and stewardship.
8. Develop a process for regular evaluation and reassessment of the role of the minister in the shared ministry of the church.

Announcements



Sound System Operators

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

Staff Opening Campus Ministry Coordinator—Deadline Extended

Looking for a way to be a trendsetter and leader in the UU movement? Be a voice for liberal religion on campus! Assist UU young adults in developing their spirituality!

Apply now for this ten-hour per week paid position as UUCT Campus Ministry Coordinator. Applicants should demonstrate: an interest in and commitment to young adult ministry, a strong identification with and articulation of the UU Purposes and Principles (as UUs or in personal philosophy), and ability to facilitate groups and lead through shared ministry. Applicants need to be flexible in schedule and outlook. Position is year-round with 20 hours of paid vacation per year. Depending on experience, compensation will be \$10 - \$11 per hour.

For a copy of the position description, visit the University UU website (www.uuutally.org). For information contact Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com). To apply, send a resume with cover letter addressing the points mentioned above to: DeWayne Carver, VP for Religious Education, UUCT, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312.

Application deadline extended to June 20, 2005.

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, 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 eleven years' ceremonies and then save some of the new communal water from this year (micro-waved 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.

Reimbursements and Outstanding Bills 04 - 05

Authorizations for reimbursement and outstanding bills for FY 2004-05 should be submitted to Treasurer Ellen Dempsey no later than June 30. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ellen (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

Publicity Committee News

Our Publicity Committee is fortunate to have Doug Martin as our new chair. He has volunteered to take over as UUCT webmaster, as well as oversee all our media relations. He comes well-qualified, having been in the business for years and now heading his own firm, Mockingbird Multimedia. His specialty is "marketing by design." As always, the committee welcomes your help and suggestions. To volunteer or send news, contact either Doug Martin (doug@mockingbirdmultimedia.com) or Pauline Masterton (pauli1020@earthlink.net).

Shared Ministry Coordinator

Charlotte Dudley has volunteered to be UUCT shared ministry coordinator, coordinating our gifts of self from this year's canvass as well as the gifts of self of new members and friends. She will especially be following up to make sure newcomers find a place at UUCT for their energy and talents. Welcome on board, Charlotte!

Trustee Tidbits Posted

June's letter from our FL District UUA trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com). Topic: Partnership Church Council.

Audio Tapes

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

Office Closed Some Mondays

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days the first two Mondays of each month from February through the end of 2005. Kathie has vacation days left to use from previous years!

Mother's Day Haiku

For those interested, here are Katya Taylor's Mother's Day haiku again:

I embrace you now
birther of my beginning
eternal essence

Mothers of the world
unite in peace and in love
for all the children

Missing Hymnals

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

News from the Program Committee

By Kristin King, Program Committee Chair

UUCT Talent Scouts Want YOU!

Have you ever considered speaking or serving as lay leader at a Sunday service? Well, the Program Committee is always on the prowl for fresh UUCT talent. We know you're out there—but if you haven't heard from us yet, maybe we just haven't identified you. Members who have participated in Sunday services agree that it requires time and effort. They'll also tell you that creating a service with others is very satisfying and a lot of fun.

As a speaker you'll develop a topic of potential interest to the congregation and present it in a 20-minute talk. You'll also have the option to help select music, readings, and other service components. Choose a lay leader with whom you'd like to work, and let the Program Committee provide any other needed support. If you'd prefer to develop the order of service, introduce hymns and speakers, read passages, and lead the service, consider being a lay leader. In

this role you'll coordinate all the service components, working with the speaker, the music director, and a member of the Program Committee.

So give it some thought. If you'd like to be a speaker, send us a short description of your proposed topic, which should be related to one of the seven UUA principles. We discuss suggested topics and speakers at our monthly meetings, and we'll get back to you. To volunteer as a lay leader for an upcoming Sunday service, just ask us. (Summer speakers and lay leaders have already been selected, but we'll need more volunteers in the fall.)

Summer Sneak Peeks...and Beyond



This June, guest speakers and musicians rule—for a variety of reasons, no one we invited could be here in May! We think you'll find the June talks and discussions stimulating, if not downright controversial, and the melodies sublime. Please make our guest presenters feel welcome at

UUCT by going up and shaking hands with them following the services.


In July we'll offer two different services on UU roots; our first world religions service (on Islam, with guest speaker Rev. Abhi Janamanchi); and an earth-centered service featuring early harvest themes. August's fare will include the first in a series of services on personal creeds; a service on evolving Judaism with UUCT favorite Rabbi Stanley Garfein; a presentation on practical mysticism by a Sarasota Jungian writer; and a talk illuminating the life and times of another historical UU thinker, Margaret Fuller.

We'll welcome our new interim minister in September...and then your hard-working Program Committee will run off to the mountains to play (just kidding!). We've booked all the summer services, so please let us know what you'd like to see this fall and winter. Contact: Kristin King, committee chair, 425-4658 or luz_antigua@earthlink.net.


Harmony Camp
August 1—5, 2005


Live Reptile and Amphibian Show & Singing




Vegetable Gardening




Flower Friends



Flower aiku



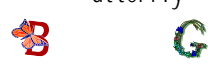
Pets Go to Harbor Chase



Pressing Old Friend




More!



uttfly ardens

Bird House Build



Openings — Re openings — now — Scholarships available

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

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Congratulations to **LaRae Donnellan** on being selected as one of the five Teacher/Advisors of the Year at FAMU. This honor is even more significant because the recipients were nominated by their students.

Our thoughts and hearts are with **Mary Huggins** as she is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

We are happy to know that **Mary Janik** is recovering nicely from her knee surgery in early May.

Ruth Pestle had a safe trip to Vermont and is already gardening. We are delighted that Ruth has returned to good health so quickly following her colon surgery.

We're joyful that **Oliver Dutta** is recovering well from injuries he sustained in a bike accident.

And happy that **Pat Farris** has returned home from a hospitalization to treat an ongoing lung infection. The infection is clear, and now she is trying to recover her strength. Calls and cards are welcome.

Our sympathies are with **Chelsea Fox** on the death of her paternal grandfather and **Gwendolyn Waldorf** on the death of her father-in-law.

And finally, we miss seeing long-time member **John Murphy** on Sundays, but John is doing fine. Visitors are welcome. Call ahead (878-7037) to make sure he is home, as he is often out on "field trips" to the homes of his team of caregivers. We are very thankful for **William Adkins, Linda Winn and Joe Lama** and their unceasing care and time in helping to take care of John daily at Cherry Laurel. We thank former UUCTer **Jan Miller** for her care for John during the time she could be with us.

Welcome New Members!

- *Claude & Leslie Gonzalez*
- *Elspeth Stowell*

Pictures Taken Sunday 6/26

Before and after the service on Sunday, June 26, Mary VanSciver will be asking members and friends to have their pictures taken for UUCT's future photo-directory. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to be dressed up. If you have not had your picture taken, please make a point of connecting with Mary that Sunday. This will be the last opportunity before we go to press with what we have! For questions, please contact Mary (893-0353).

"DINNERS FOR 8"

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

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 181**
- **Current Number Friends - 49**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - Apr. 2005: 106.8
 - July 2004 - Apr. 2005: 108.5
 - July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4
 - July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5
- **RE Enrollment: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - May: 29
 - Sept. - May: 33.8
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For June, contact Jim Denny (309-1933).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday After-Service Greeter Corps:** Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Note: in addition to regular greeters.
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Sound System Operators:** Contact Dan Peterson (997-6052).

Appreciation

To:



- **Sara Reece, Jim Dawson, Annette Pearce, Susan Snyder, Stowe Alrutz and Eric Stierna, and Nancy Harvey** for greeting on Sunday mornings – 5/1 - 5/15.
- **Nancy Harvey, Mary and Steve Van Sciver, Dick Leinberry, Pauline Masterton, Francis Ventre, and LaRae Donnellan** for providing hospitality on April Sundays.
- **Jerri Lee Wagner, Ellie Whitney, Dave Harvey, Linda Winn-Brown, Charlotte and Woody Dudley, Pauline Masterton, and Randall Gann** for April Sunday clean-up.
- **Pauline Masterton** for serving as April Kitchen Kontroller, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers. (As Pauline was out of the country at *Meridian* submission time, we weren't able to confirm her volunteers. Please accept apologies if you were left out.)
- **Debbie Holt, Grace Martin, Charlotte Dudley, Cheryl Ward, Sally Andersen, Jennifer Carver, Pauline Masterton, Cynthia TenEyck, Bruce Brandt, Barbara Lineberry, Tom Chase, Ron Crowe, Dexter Easton, Jack McDevitt, and Jeri Wagner** for singing in the OK Chorale this winter and spring, also emeritus chorale member **John Murphy** for his many years of chorale singing.
- **Christen Ellrich, Emmy Barthel, Lauren Ellrich, and Nina Cline** for volunteering in the nursery recently.
- **Greg DeAngelo, Randall Gann, the UUCT Youth Group, Charlotte and Woody Dudley, Ellie Whitney, and Elinor Elfner** for May sanctuary set-up.
- **Jean and Ken Wood** for hosting the “no-pig” picnic and swim party in mid-May.

- **Stowe Alrutz, Joan Patterson, Davlinn Roberts, Margaret Mooney, Leslie Wurster, and Lorin Pratt** for cooking and serving the May Shelter Meal.
- **Eliza Coyne, Barbara and Dick Gearhart, Margaret and Neil Mooney, Jeanne and William Ryder, and Joanne Taylor** for hosting Dinners for 8 in May and June, and **Junelle Brandt** for coordinating them.
- The **FSU Muslim Student Tolerance & Dialogue Group** for the roses they passed out to UUCT mothers at the Mother's Day Sunday service.
- **UUCT** from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for our \$155 Guest at Your Table gift.

Building & Grounds Thanks

At the all-church workday on May 14, we had a really good turnout, in part due to **Chris Ellrich** calling everyone to remind them of the workday. The “landscape crew” consisted of **Steve Urse, George Knight, Oliver Dutta, Ed and James Oaksford, Chris, Don Berger, Randall Gann, John Whitton, Francis Ventre, Charlotte Dudley, Elinor Elfner, Eleanor Enge and Dave Harvey**. They mowed grass, pulled weeds from flower beds and the playground, swept sidewalks, blew off driveway leaves, watered, covered the playground with landscape cloth to deter weeds, and treated fire ants.

Inside the sanctuary, **Earl Enge** installed a power strip inside the sound closet and fitted a door stop to the door leading to the kitchen. John changed the air filters in the new building. Don and Chris put up an exit sign to help drivers find the way out of our parking lot. Chris fixed the exterior spotlight on the southeast corner of the sanctuary. James, **Tom Chase** and Don cleaned the old classrooms' roof in preparation for coating it. Randall painted the asphalt berm east of the sanctuary.

Outside of the church workday, George blew leaves from the driveways and sidewalks. Tom painted the wall behind the new dishwasher, as well as the electrical conduit in the kitchen and the office. He also re-hung the door to the kitchen, so that it now opens outward allowing more storage space in the kitchen. Charlotte, **Michele Hope** and Steve have been watering the flowers and newly-planted trees.

Thank You to Our Youth RE Volunteers!

The 2004-2005 Youth RE year has come to a close and as we look back on our successes, there are many, many volunteers to thank.

Thanks go to **DeWayne Carver**, VP for RE; **Kelley Turnage**, Youth RE Committee Chair; **Georgia Ackerman**, Nursery Subcommittee Chair; **Eliza Coyne and Melissa Forgey**, Explorers Teachers and YRE Committee members; **Yvonne Gsteiger, Margaret Mooney, and Mary Stewart**, Artists Teachers and YRE Committee members; **Pam Hoskins, Terri Martin, and Allen Turnage**, Bridgers Teachers and YRE Committee members; **Barbara Donaldson, John Donaldson, Chelsea Fox, and Scott Geraci**, Youth Advisors and YRE Committee members; and **Isabel Sheridan**, Harmony Camp liaison and YRE Committee member. We'd also like to thank **the many volunteers who helped out in the nursery** throughout the year and **Holly Mackie**, our nursery care provider. Final thanks go to **Tim Campbell, Walter and Pam Hoskins, and Steve Urse** for teaching the kids something about gardening and hosting the May 29 end-of-the-RE-year party.

You have all given so much to the Youth RE Program...we couldn't do it without you!

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, June 5, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kellyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (georgiaackerman@earthlink.net; 894-0182)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301)**

Mary & Family, We'll Miss You!

Mary Stewart, husband Sam Spiegel, and children Morgan and Madeline Stewart-Spiegel will be relocating to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in mid-June. Mary has been a Youth RE teacher for 4 years and provided much support for Harmony Camp. We will miss her enthusiasm and commitment to UUCT. In honor of all her family has done for our community, we will be hosting a celebratory dinner in the sanctuary on **Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 PM**. Bring a dish to share—dessert provided by the Youth RE Committee. For more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

June Classes, 11 AM - 12:15 PM

June's RE classes are all about a new nature trail! Come as often as you can, as we learn about UUCT's plants, trees, and other landscape features. We'll also map out a trail, make trail markers and signs about the features along the trail, and take digital photos and make a pamphlet about the trail. We might even make a "virtual nature trail" for the UUCT website. Adults are also welcome to participate in any class. For details, contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039).

Note: Summer classes are for elementary-age children. Preschoolers will be in the nursery.

Kids @ Work/Playday, Sat. 6/11

Parents, bring kids to UUCT **9:00 AM - 11:00 AM** on the all-church workday to be part of the church community by beautifying the grounds. Kids will be supervised in spraying playground weeds with a safe, homemade weed-killer, and in other chores if there is time. They will have plenty of lemonade, snacks, and water balloons. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096), Pam Hoskins (893-5039).

Youth Group for Summer

Our middle and high school youth group will not be meeting weekly this summer but will try to meet or get together for a special activity once a month. Watch for announcements.

What Does It Take?

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

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

Registration for 2005-2006

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

Many of the expenses of the RE program are met through our annual pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees will be \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Scholarships are available. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for information.

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment coordinator (893-5511; blbrandt@earthlink.net)
Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301).

Are you interested in evaluating and planning the Adult Enrichment (Adult Education) program at UUCT? Come meet with people who led classes this year, some of the people who participated in classes, people who might like to lead a class in the future, and anyone with any concern about Adult Enrichment at UUCT. Best of all, you will meet Dan Damerville, next year's coordinator of Adult Enrichment. The meeting will be **Thursday, June 9 at 7:15 PM in Room K**. Contact: Bruce Brandt.

Continuing Classes

Deep Ecology. Meets 2nd Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm. 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

discussion. June 12 topic is *Spirituality and the Earth*, considering how spiritual beliefs influence one's view of the earth and the current views of spirituality as they relate to the earth. Discussion led by Bonnie Foster.

July 10 topic is *A New Story from Science*, covering how change in the scientific paradigm affects the way we perceive the world, and an introduction to systems thinking and its relationship to deep ecology. Discussion led by Sneed Collard. August 14 topic is *Native American Wisdom*, discussing and considering the values of some Native American nations in relationship to the deep ecology concept. Discussion led by Elspeth Stowell.

New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik (marybethally@earthlink.net, 878-5060) for a copy of the month's study material.

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

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

mid-summer or early fall. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. Or contact the church office (uuct@nettaly.com, 385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057).

On-Going Opportunities

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

The UUCT Book Club. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Room C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

June 14, *The Forest Lover* by Susan Vreeland. The book is a fictionalized account of the life of Canadian artist Emily Carr, who spent much of her time in the British Columbia forest and Native villages trying to capture a way of life that was quickly disappearing.

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

questions about the relationship between language and culture and the emotional cost of re-creating oneself.

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. However, for June, UUBF will be meeting off-site at a retreat cabin. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, jrudloe@earthlink.net) for details and directions.

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

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

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

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chair

Summertime is fairly slow for campus ministry, with most of our group members back in their home towns. Things are still happening, though. Coffee hour has been moved to Sundays at 1:00 PM at Black Dog Cafe. If you're a student or young adult, come check it out, especially if you're back in town for the summer.

Diana Bell will be staying as campus ministry coordinator through June to lead the coffee hour and to get things

ready for the new coordinator. She will be helping with a *Campus Ministry Coordinator Manual* - putting in writing all those helpful hints that she and previous coordinators have discovered.

In the meantime, we did not get any applicants for the coordinator position, so we are extending the deadline to June 20. I'd like to ask for your **help** in this process. All of us know people who are UU-minded but aren't

members of UUCT. We are talking about people who might not attend any church, or like Diana, might be liberal-minded people who associate with another denomination.

Some of those people may be perfect for the coordinator position. So **right now**, scroll through your friends in your mind and think of three people who might be interested. Talk to them about the position, giving them information, or our website: uuually.org. Most of

Campus Ministry (Continued)

our previous coordinators have been found through this type of networking. If you or they are interested in the position, I am happy to talk about what's involved.

There is one other easy way for you to contribute to the our campus ministry. The Campus Ministry Committee is interested in getting congregation members and friends involved with the

campus group members. Many of us have decided to attend the coffee hour once every month, or every other month, but we need more people to do this. If hanging out and chatting with a bunch of young folks is up your alley, volunteer to be a regular UUCT representative to coffee hour. Also, we need people who are willing to be the official "meeter and greeter" for students who attend our church on

Sundays. If you want to volunteer for either of these two opportunities, please call me or see me after church.

Contact information for University

UUs: Diana Bell (222-0399, ladydibell@hotmail.com), Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com) or www.uuually.org.

Green Corner

By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

Local and Organic Produce

Local and organic produce is sprouting, blooming, and being harvested! Take advantage of this summer's fresh produce and support local and organic growers. Wednesdays 3:00 - 6:00 PM purchase fresh produce on the grounds of Black Dog Café at Lake Ella. Saturday mornings, at least two fresh markets are available, one downtown at Park Avenue and one at Market Square off Timberlane Road.

Find local and organic produce in stores throughout the work week: Tomato Land on Thomasville Rd. just south of Betton Rd., New Leaf Market which supports local and organic growers year-round, and roadside stands around the area. You may also want to call local organic growers who will sell directly to you. A visit to an organic farm is a fun family outing. Two are Everett Farms and Turkey Hill Farms.

The pledge form, *Food for Thought and Action*, concerning responsible choices for food consumption, is available through the Green Sanctuary Committee or the UUCT website: http://www.nettally.com/uuct/gs/gs_foo_d.htm. Make a family commitment to buy organic!

Ten Good Reasons to Buy Organic

1. Organic/Natural producers use natural methods to grow their products.
2. Organic food tastes great!
3. Organic production reduces health risks.
4. Organic farms respect our water sources.
5. Organic farmers build soil.
6. Organic farmers work in harmony with nature.
7. Organic producers are leaders in innovative research.
8. Organic producers strive to preserve diversity.
9. Organic farming helps keep rural communities healthy.
10. Organic abundance – Foods and non-foods alike! Now every food category has an organic alternative. And non-food agricultural products are being grown organically - even cotton, which experts doubted.

Reasons from: © Organic Trade Association 1996

<http://www.ota.com>. For more detailed information on these reasons, visit the Green Sanctuary Committee table Sundays or the Green Sanctuary Committee section of the UUCT website (www.nettally.com/uuct).

"Global Warming"

A group of UUCTers have been meeting to study the UUA study/action issue on the threat of global warming. We have chosen to use the name "Global Climate Change Action Group" because we feel the change will be disruptive and we want to take some proactive stands. Some activities have been:

- select scientific graphs to describe simply a complex issue,
- identify others in the local community who are concerned and also want action,
- work with the Green Sanctuary Committee to encourage letter writing to politicians, and individual actions,
- dream of what impact we might have locally,
- work with our local governments to reduce emission of heat-absorbing gases in our community,
- identify other religious groups also willing to work on this issue.

Call Elinor Elfner (524-1026) for more information on the action group.

Congregational & Executive Board Actions in May

By Carolyn DuBard, Executive Board Secretary

Annual Meeting 5/22/05

President of the Board Richard Dempsey called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM. Items to be voted on required a quorum of 25% of 181 qualified voting members (46 voters) and a simple majority to pass. Fifty-one qualified voting members were present.

The minutes of the April 3, 2005 congregational meeting were approved as presented. The motion to approve was made by Allen Turnage, seconded by Ron Crowe, and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the February 27, 2005 congregational meeting were approved with one revision. The title of Rev. Mary Chulak Higgins was amended from "UUA District Coordinator" to "UUA District Executive." The motion for approval was made by Joan Patterson, seconded by Jean Chulak, and passed unanimously.

DeWayne Carver announced that Rev. William Murchison has been hired as our interim minister. The one-year contract that has been signed is effective September 1, 2005. DeWayne thanked the other members of the Interim Minister Task Force for their hard work. The task force consisted of DeWayne Carver (Chair), Ron Crowe, Sara Reece, Molly Schmid, and Kelley Turnage.

President Richard Dempsey presented the proposed slate of officers for the Executive Board. The slate was approved unanimously. The officers for the 2005-06 year are as follows (individuals within parentheses continue in office):

President: (Christine Boczarska—one-year term, followed by a year as Past President)

Past President: (Richard Dempsey—one-year term)

President-Elect: DeWayne Carver—one-year position, followed by one year each as President and Past President

Vice President for Management: (Steve Urse)

Vice President for Worship: (Rod Oldenburg)

Vice President for Church Community: Dick Leinberry—one-year term, completing 2nd two-year term of William Adkins

Vice President for Social Justice: Melissa Forgey—two-year term

Vice President for Religious Education: Kelley Turnage—two-year term

Vice President for Finance: Jim Dawson—two-year term

Secretary: Molly Schmid—two-year term

Linda Oaksford and Don Crosby were elected unanimously to fill vacant positions on the Nominating Committee. The motion for these nominations was made by DeLos DeTar and seconded by Elinor Elfner. Barbara Donaldson and William Riedell remain on the committee for another year.

The 2005-06 Budget was approved unanimously as presented. The approved budget has \$213,696 in expenditures and is based on expected income of \$213,697 from all sources. The increase in pledging income is \$15,038. The motion for approval was made by Jennifer Carver and seconded by Rod Oldenburg. Jennifer Carver thanked the Canvass Committee—Chairperson DeLos DeTar, Isabel Sheridan, Margaret Mooney, and Trudy Deyle—for their hard work resulting in a very successful canvass.

The 2005-06 proposed fundraisers was approved unanimously as presented. The motion for approval

was made by Bruce Brandt and seconded by Joanne Taylor.

DeLos DeTar, Vice President for Finance, presented a report, "Brief Summary of Finances of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee, May 23, 2004."

Bruce Brandt presented the "Report on Triennial Assessment of UUCT's Ministry," prepared by the Committee on Ministry. The other members of the Committee on Ministry during this past year were Sara Reece and Bob Deyle. Annette Pearce thanked the Committee on Ministry for their work this past year.

The report was presented on the congregational ranking of the major issues raised at the congregational discussion meetings on March 19 and April 16. A total of 76 persons participated in ranking the issues in terms of urgency and importance. The report is entitled "Congregational Ranking of Major Discussion Issues for Congregational Dialog Raised by Participants on March 19 and April 16, 2005." The report gives "Topical Rankings" for categories of issues and identification of the "Top Ten Items."

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Board Meeting 5/11/05

Approved the minutes of the April 13, 2005 and the November 17, 2004 Executive Board meetings.

Approved the Treasurer's Report and the Balance Sheet for the time period of July 2004 through April 2005.

Approved the procedures of handling the severance pay for Rev. Amy McKenzie and the letter to Rev. McKenzie informing her of the procedures.

Approved the proposed list of fundraising events for 2005-06.

Congregational & Executive Board Actions (Continued)

Approved the movement of \$750 from current minister's package from the General Assembly line item to the Professional Expenses line item.

Approved the establishment of a bookkeeping fund for Spiral Scouts.

Approved the establishment of a new fund at Tallahassee State Bank for a Memorial Garden Fund.

Approved use of some of the money in

the Muriel Seibert-Memorial Fund, if needed, for the newly established Memorial Garden Fund.

Approved a revision to the Policy HA.1 Overall Guidelines for the Reserve Fund. The approved revision increases the limit from "up to \$2,000" to "up to \$5,000" as the amount that the Executive Board can spend from the Reserve Fund without a congregational vote.

Approved the 2005-06 fiscal year proposed budget to be recommended to the congregation.

Authorized the Interim Minister Task Force to negotiate a contract with the Rev. William Murchison.

Approved up to \$5,000 from the Reserve Fund for the task force to use in negotiating the salary with Rev. Murchison.

Congregational Issues Ranking from Spring Conversations

Issues for future congregational discussion were raised by participants at the March 19 and April 16, 2005 congregational discussions. The compiled lists were posted in the UUCT sanctuary for 4 weeks following the April conversation. Members of the congregation were allowed 10 "dots" each to vote on what they felt were the most important and urgent issues – affixing all their "dots" to one issue, to ten different ones, or to any combination of issues totaling ten votes.

The rankings below are based on the total number of dots affixed to each item. A total of 76 people participated. Individual discussion items were grouped into topical categories by the Conversations Committee. The first list gives the topical categories by the total number of votes received for items in that category. The second list gives the ten individual discussion items receiving the most votes, out of the 51 items listed.

For the complete list of individual discussion items by the topical categories, stop by or email the church office. The three-page document is entitled "Congregational Ranking of Major Issues for Congregational Discussion" and was handed out at the 5/21 congregational conversation and the 5/22 Annual Meeting. The lists below are on the document's first page.

Topical Rankings

1. Service content/format [total = 112]
2. Tolerance and the search for truth and meaning [total = 108]
3. Leadership and shared ministry [total = 107]
4. Communication [total = 99]
5. Selecting a new minister [total = 96]
6. Minister evaluation [total = 64]
7. How can we clarify our calling/mission as a church? [total = 56]
8. Selecting an interim minister [total = 25]
9. Decision making [total = 25]
10. To what extent do we desire further growth and how do we make it happen? [total = 22]
11. Organizational structure [total = 18]
12. RE for children [total = 16]
13. Unfinished business after Rev Amy's departure [total = 7]
14. Discuss actions to take based on survey results [total = 7]

Top Ten Items

1. How can we develop a better procedure for regular, balanced, and representative evaluation of the minister/church ministry and for providing constructive and compassionate feedback to the minister? [41]

2. How do we balance seemingly conflicting desires/needs, e.g. quiet meditation/contemplation vrs. talk-back, spirituality vrs. humanism? [38]
3. How can we better practice what we preach, i.e. tolerance, respect, understanding, receptiveness? [37]
4. How to limit the extent to which knowledge/power is concentrated in the "hands" of a few people? [35]
5. How to more effectively include children in services to their benefit and that of the adult members of the congregation? [34]
6. What process should we follow to assure ourselves that the candidate we select shares our vision of our calling and mission and understands and is capable of meeting our expectations? [32]
7. How can we develop in the congregation a real respect for diverse opinions and beliefs of others? [29]
8. Explicit process for soliciting feedback from members regarding satisfaction with all aspects of the church? [28]
9. How to increase participation in leadership roles? [23]
10. How can we better nurture shared ministry, i.e. ministry by the minister and the congregation? [22]

Changes to Manual of Policies and Procedures

Well, it's the time of year again to update the *Manual of Policies and Procedures*. If you have new policies to propose or revisions to existing ones, follow these procedures:

1. New or revised policies or committee descriptions should be approved and recommended by the appropriate committee or program coordinator and the Vice President over that area. If there is no committee or program coordinator, the appropriate Vice President or any Board member may make the recommendation.
2. After committee and VP approval, send the proposed item to Joan Patterson (1714 Ferndale Place, Tallahassee, 32301; patterson090@comcast.net, or in her box at church). **Deadline for submission is June 27, 2005.**
3. Proposed items will be taken to the Board for approval in July. If additional discussion or clarification by the Board is

needed, or if the Board recommends substantial changes, the items will go back to the originating committee, and be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

4. Once the new or revised policies or committee descriptions are approved by the Board, the changes will be incorporated in the new *2005-2006 Manual of Policies and Procedures* that will be printed and distributed in early September. The Bylaws require that the new manual be printed and distributed within the first three months of each new fiscal year, so our deadline is September 30.
5. Copies of the manual are available in the church office if you wish to see the current versions.
6. Proposed new and revised items received after June 27, 2005, will be considered at the January 2006 Board meeting for incorporation in the mid-year revisions.

Areas that have no policies:

- Section B – Church Community
- Section C – Membership
- Section D – Worship
- Section F – Social Justice

Committees/programs that have no description:

- Campus Ministry Committee
- Multicultural Families
- Adult Religious Education
- Landscaping Committee
- Social Justice Committee
- Canvass Committee
- Green Sanctuary Committee
- Planned Giving Committee
- Partnership Church
- Capital Campaign Committee
- Adult Forum
- Technology Committee

UUCT INCOME AND EXPENSES FEBRUARY - APRIL 2005

INCOME	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	TOTAL
Pledges	7,945.00	8,119.33	11,844.50	27,908.83
Non-pledge cash/checks	833.00	579.76	539.53	1,952.29
All Other Income	752.29	2,021.91	1,902.21	4,676.41
Total Income	9,530.29	10,721.00	14,286.24	34,537.53
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses	4,908.39	4,458.27	3,984.87	13,351.53
Nat'l & District UU Fair Share	3,070.50	0.00	0.00	3,070.50
Program Expenses	3,644.03	3,770.08	3,726.88	11,140.99
Buildings & Grounds	575.86	2,210.30	1,435.40	4,221.56
Minister's Package	5,170.46	4,110.63	4,324.35	13,605.44
Total Expenses	17,369.24	14,549.28	13,471.50	45,390.02

Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social, FL District & Beyond

Upcoming UUCT Events

Peace Dances, Saturday, June 4, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (katyata@earthlink.net, 656-9321).

Status Report on *The Mountain*, Sunday, June 5, 12:30 PM. In Rm. L. Elinor Elnfer will share what she learned about finances and future plans at *The Mountain* membership forums Memorial Day weekend. Contact: Elinor (524-1026).

Stewart-Spiegel Good-Bye Potluck, Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 PM. Join the Youth RE Committee in the sanctuary to wish Mary Stewart and family the best of luck in their move to Colorado Springs. Dessert provided. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@earthlink.net).

All Church Workday, Saturday, June 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. **Children help, then have fun 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.** See *Lifespan RE* for details. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039), Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Miracle Sunday for Outreach, Sunday, June 12. A special collection during the service will give us a chance to support our public witness efforts to make our presence more visible to seekers in our community - to let people know where we are and what we're about. Our goal is to raise at least \$1,500 to purchase a more informative notice in the yellow pages of the annual Sprint telephone book and also visible space in the annual "Living Here" section of *The Democrat*, printed in August and available to newcomers throughout the year.

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

Executive Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 PM. In Rm. L, with special discussion of findings and recommendations of Committee on Ministry triennial assessment. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

Interfaith Dialogue & Dessert, Friday, June 17, 7:00 PM. A social event with Turkish graduate students and their wives in the sanctuary to foster an interfaith dialogue between Muslims and UUs. We hope to revive and continue an effort begun last fall with these sincere, very personable young scholars eager to establish contact with Americans and hopeful of changing the widespread image of Muslims as terrorists and bad people. Anyone interested in being a part of this dialogue and/or in helping with coffee and cake for the evening should contact Richard Dempsey at (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

Hot Fun in the Summertime, Sunday, June 19, 1:30 - 3:30 PM. Eat well, socialize, and cool off. We'll meet up at the Silver Lake Recreation Area for a potluck meal and swimming. There are brand-new hot showers and other facilities. Bring your dish to share, and your own dishes, utensils and beverages. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, June 19, 1:30 PM. See HBO movie *Empire Falls* at the Harvey's. RSVP: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

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

UUCT Social Events

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

- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 6/4, 7:30 PM
- **2nd Sunday Potluck**, 6/12, 12:30 PM
- **Interfaith Dialogue & Dessert**, Fri. 6/17, 7:00 PM
- **Hot Fun in the Summertime**, Sun. 6/19, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 6/19, Afternoon
- **Harry Potter Party**, Sat. 8/13, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

June Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Tues. 6/21, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, private wedding (Sanctuary)

UUA General Assembly

Open to all, Thursday, June 23 - Monday, June 27 in Fort Worth, Texas. The theme is "Ministering to Families in Today's World." Information in back of sanctuary or at www.uua.org/ga/.

Mountain News

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

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

Southeast Summer UU Institute

SUUSI is July 17 - 23 on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Information at www.suusi.org or check out brochure in sanctuary.

June 2005 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																										
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>May 2005</p> <table style="font-size: small; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Jul 2005</p> <table style="font-size: small; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">1</p> <p>7:00 PM Breaking Free, Aging & Wisdom Workshop, Rm 3/6</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">No Choir Practice</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">2</p> <p>7:00 PM Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p> <p>7:00 PM -8:30 PM Technology Committee, Rm K</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">3</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">4</p> <p>7:30 PM Peace Dances, sanctuary</p>
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																										
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																										
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																										
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																										
29	30	31																																																																																														
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																										
					1	2																																																																																										
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																										
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																										
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																										
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																										
31																																																																																																
<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p>9:30 AM Youth RE Committee, Rm K</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Rm L</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">9:45 AM No Choir Practice</p> <p>12:30 PM Status Report on The Mountain, Rm L</p> <p>1:00 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">6</p> <p>2:00 PM Canvass Committee Meeting, Rm 2</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p> <p>7:30 PM Bldgs. & Grnds. Comm., Rm C</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Office Closed</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p>6:30 PM Good-Bye Potluck for Mary Stewart & Family, sanct.</p> <p>7:00 PM Freethinkers Forum, Rm L</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">8</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">No Choir Practice</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">9</p> <p>7:00 PM Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p> <p>7:15 PM Adult RE Meeting, Rm K</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">10</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">11</p> <p>9:00 AM -1:00 PM All Church Workday</p>																																																																																										
<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">12</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Rm L</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">9:45 AM No Choir Practice</p> <p>12:30 PM Potluck, sanctuary</p> <p>1:00 PM Deep Ecology, Rm 2</p> <p>1:00 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">13</p> <p>7:00 PM -9:00 PM Climate Change Action Grp., Rm K</p> <p>7:00 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, off-site</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p> <p>7:15 PM Membership Committee Meeting, Rm 2</p> <p>7:15 PM The Shelter Meal, off-site</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Office Closed</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">14</p> <p>7:00 PM Freethinkers Forum, Rm L</p> <p>7:00 PM UU Book Club, Rm C</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">15</p> <p>7:00 PM Executive Board, Rm L</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">No Choir Practice</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">16</p> <p>7:00 PM Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">17</p> <p>7:00 PM Interfaith Dialogue & Dessert, sanct.</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">18</p> <p>9:00 AM -1:00 PM Harmony Camp Training, Rm L</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Tomorrow: Miracle Sunday for Outreach!</p>																																																																																										
<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">19</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Rm L</p> <p>12:30 PM Meridian Deadline</p> <p>1:00 PM University UUs, off-site</p> <p>1:30 PM Hot Fun in the Sun, off-site</p> <p>Afternoon - Movie Discussion Group</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">20</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Comm., Rm 2</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p> <p>7:15 PM Program Comm., Rm L</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">21</p> <p>6:30 PM Committee on Ministry, off-site</p> <p>7:00 PM Freethinkers Forum, Rm L</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">22</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">23</p> <p>7:00 PM Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">24</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">25</p>																																																																																										
<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">26</p> <p>9:45 AM Adult Forum, Rm L</p> <p>1:00 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">27</p> <p>7:00 PM -9:00 PM Climate Change Action Grp., Rm K</p> <p>7:00 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, off-site</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">28</p> <p>7:00 PM Freethinkers Forum, Rm L</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">29</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p style="color: red; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">30</p> <p>7:00 PM Knitting for All, Rm 3/6</p>																																																																																												

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee
2810 N. Meridian Road
Tallahassee, FL 32312

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Phone: 850-385-5115 Church Office hours: M-F
Fax: 850-385-5834 7:00-3:30 (Closed 11:00-11:30)
Email: uuct@nettally.com

**Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Tallahassee, FL
PERMIT NO. 37**

Our Web Address:
www.nettally.com/uuct

Building A Home for Liberal Faith

Our Staff:

Kathie Mackie, Office Administrator, 385-5115

Helen Falb, Music Director, 309-6853;
pianoskin@comcast.net

Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education,
877-6301; dremaggie@earthlink.net

Diana Bell, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 222-0399,
ladydibell@hotmail.com

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."

<p>Our Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Richard Dempsey, President* Neil Mooney, Past President* Christine Boczarska, President Elect* Carolyn DuBard, Secretary* Steve Urse, VP for Management* Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship* (Vacant) VP for Social Justice* Del DeTar, VP for Finance* DeWayne Carver, VP for Religious Education* William Adkins, VP for Church Community	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer <p>The Committee on Ministry</p> <p>Bruce Brandt, Chair Sara Reece Bob Deyle</p> <p>Directory Changes</p> <p>If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates.</p>	<p>Membership Notes</p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition is Sunday, August 7.</p> <p>Mark Your Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.
---	---	--