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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice exc. 6/25 9:45 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM 11:00 AM Youth RE Summer Program (k-5th, Rm K)

Adult Forum Topics:

• June 4, TBA

- June 11, "Update on Tallahassee Committee Against the Death Penalty," Walter Moore
- June 18, TBA
- June 25, TBA

June Highlights:

- * Blueberry Picking & Picnic, Sun. 6/4, 5:00 PM
- Woohoo Wednesday,
 6/21, 6:30 PM Intergenerational Potluck
 & Movie Night

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee



The Meridian

June Sundays (11:00 AM)

June 4 Health and the Human Spirit

In relationship to ourselves and humankind, projecting a healthy spirit of life.

Rev. Bill Murchison

June 11 Spirituals

What they are, how they impacted the lives of slaves, and how we may relate to them. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

June 18 Father's Day

We will honor fathers and their contributions to our lives. This will be Rev. Bill's last day in the pulpit at UUCT, and in a brief homily, he will say good-bye to the congregation. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

June 25 Approaches to Religious Differences

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. There are important commonalities among the distinctive religious traditions of the world, but also striking important differences. As persons seeking religious meaning, direction, and fulfillment, what are we to make of these differences? How can we find our own religious path through such a thicket of options? In this talk Prof. Donald A Crosby will sketch five closely related assumptions he brings to the study of world religions. He will then indicate six approaches to religious differences and subject these approaches to critical analysis. Finally he'll argue that the approach he calls "convictional openness" is best suited to enable us not only to hold firmly to our own developing convictions but also to think and live appropriately and constructively in a world of religious differences. **Speaker: Prof. Donald A. Crosby; Lay Leader: Pam Crosby**

Plans for the Memorial Garden

Joan Patterson arranged for Frank Douglas of Tallahassee Nurseries to prepare a plan for a memorial garden with a path, benches, and a memorial area. Frank had done good work for Joan in landscaping her yard. Frank submitted a plan to the Memorial Garden Committee in early May. The garden is to be located north of the sanctuary. Members of the committee who have seen the plan are very enthusiastic about Frank's proposal.

Kathie Mackie has copies of the plan in the church office. One is available for inspection there, and one is available for checking out. Address suggestions or comments to Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096). If the plan meets with general approval of the congregation and is approved by the Board, Dave will begin to organize working parties to clear out unwanted plants. As funds become available, work can begin on the path, on the memorial wall area, and on the plantings. — DeLos DeTar, Chair

Minister's Message: In the Interim

By Rev. Bill Murchison

Saying good-bye is not easy. It seems like a short time since I first arrived at UUCT, but the time has passed, now I am leaving and, as usual, I feel sad regarding my departure. I have no idea at the moment what next year will bring. Presently my plans call for a return to my home in Tulsa and then to determine my next move.

It is not easy to leave you. I will miss you as a group and as individuals, and I will miss Tallahassee. You are a wonderful UU congregation.

The good news is that I have seen this congregation grow stronger during this year. You have demonstrated your love for your church and your desire for growth, both as a congregation and as individuals.

I have affection for you and great hope for a terrific future for UUCT. Several

President's Message: A Year of Achievement

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

This has been quite a year. We went through a transition from settled minister to lay-led services to finally one year with an interim minister. Each step was not everyone's individual choice, but together we got through it and stayed intact as a congregation. This speaks highly of our commitment as a group to UUCT and the democratic process in carrying out our perceived mission.

There was contention and difficulty as is normal in all human relations, but here we are heading into a second year with another interim minister. Issues that you may feel were not addressed this past year should now be our concentration with the new interim minister who will arrive in August, 2006. Please bring your concerns to your committee chairs, to the board, to the Committee on Ministry, or to the Settled Minister enthusiasm and the eagerness of many of you to build an even stronger congregation in Tallahassee. I hope you recall that I said then, as I say now, that enthusiasm is not enough. We must have a strong vision of what we will become, a great sense of direction and an understanding of our needs.

months back in a sermon, I spoke of

You are the hope of the world and the liberal voice of our city. It will be enjoyable for me to sit back and watch your progress.

When I think of you, I will be reminded of a few words from the Christian Bible and how I see this congregation and its opportunities. The words are from the book of Matthew, and I want to borrow, and slightly paraphrase, them as I describe you and remind you of what

July about the new interim.

Those of our congregation who were

ill, and there were many this past year,

those who had personal struggles, and

assistance know of the quiet, behind-

Murchison performed in ministering to

us. When we needed an affirmation of

Sunday morning, Rev. Bill provided it.

providing a continuing presence in the

pulpit while we went on with the work

encouraged us to stay involved with

our Tallahassee community and our

our own worth as a congregation on

When staff needed a guiding hand,

Rev. Bill gave it. He helped us by

we were doing individually. He

district and UUA community.

those who needed guidance and

the-scenes work that Rev. Bill

you are. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill that cannot be hid." (5:14)

In closing let me say a special thanks to our Board. These elected leaders of this congregation worked long and hard to give direction during this time, and with great determination they accomplished many goals. They have provided fine leadership, and they deserve much credit for their work.

Thank you again for inviting me to be your interim this year. It was a pleasure to serve here. My time with you is at an end. I will miss you. I care deeply for you, and I wish you the best.

Now, as I saddle up and ride into the sunset, I tip my hat and say, "Adios Amigos."

Rev. Bill

ard PresidentOf course we didn't get all we wantedSearch Committee in the cottageOf course we didn't get all we wantedmeetings, so we are aware of the workwith this one person! We never will.we need to do. You'll learn more inBut I thank Rev. Bill heartily for all he

I am concluding my year as president by attending the UUA General Assembly in St. Louis. This will be my first time attending a GA, and I am eager to see what it's all about. The program is varied with many different activities and workshops offered. DeWayne and Jennifer Carver (and Kenneth!), Steve Urse, Elinor Elfner, Joan Patterson, Brian Lee and Rev. Bill will also be there, so Tallahassee will have a large representation. One of my hopes is to see my daughter-inlaw Kate Lore, who is completing her studies to become a UU minister, concentrating on social justice. I hope to bring back much from GA that we can use at UUCT.

has done in his year with us at UUCT.

In faith, Christine

Settled Minister Search Committee

By Mimi Jones, SMSC Member

The Settled Minister Search Committee (SMSC) continues the work of trying to find the minister we want to help us become the congregation we want to be. To that end, we have held "cottage conversations" beginning last fall through May. We will continue them during June. We will try to accommodate everyone who wants to join the conversation. It's important to all of us, so please make an attempt to join with your fellow UUs. Contact Mimi Jones (<u>mgjones111@earthlink.net</u>, 510-3961). In Mimi's absence during

Social Justice

Harmony Camp News By Joanne Taylor

The plans for Harmony Camp, July 24-28, are complete. The array of classes from which to choose is almost too tantalizing to make a choice from the five possibilities for each hour.

Brochures and registration forms are ready. If you would like a registration form, call Kathie Mackie at 385-5115, and she will e-mail it to you. As soon as the registration form is submitted, you will receive a schedule of classes for your child to indicate his/her choice for each hour. Classes will be from 10:00 AM until noon and from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. All campers will have group activities from 9:00 until 10:00 AM and from 3:00 until 4:00 PM each day.

On Thursday, July 27, there will be a bat nursery house build. At noon everyone will hear all about why bats are important and thus why we want to build a bat house for our campus. At 1:00 PM the build will begin, and all adults are invited to come participate and/or observe. This will be a great opportunity for an intergenerational experience. the first week of June (6/1 - 6/8), contact Bob Deyle (422-1057, <u>rdeyle@garnet.acns.fsu.edu</u>).

Meanwhile, the Survey Subcommittee of the SMSC is devising an allcongregation survey to help us prepare the Congregational Record, a requirement in seeking a UU minister — for the candidate's information and ours. Expect the survey to be delivered to you at the end of June, by e-mail where possible. If you'll be away from your computer at that time, please call

We appreciate your generous donations to the Harmony Camp fund at the fundraiser service on April 30. If you missed the service and would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please write a check to UUCT with Harmony Camp on the memo line.

We hope you will tell your friends and relatives about Harmony Camp, as we want ours to be a camper group from all areas of the city.

TEAM Talk

By Pam Crosby

Tallahassee Equality Action Ministries (TEAM) is an interfaith organization committed to effective, long-term social justice *action*. Over twenty different congregations holding diverse beliefs (AME, Baptist, Buddhist, Catholic, Friends, Jewish, Methodist, and Unitarian Universalist, just to name a few) join together to redress injustices in our community.

At the April TEAM house meeting at UUCT, nine members of our congregation gathered to discuss which matters of social justice should be addressed by TEAM Tallahassee in 2006. On Thursday, May 4, UUCT's TEAM co-leader brought these issues Mimi to make other arrangements. Those who do not have e-mail will receive the survey by "snail mail." We hope for a very high return rate; please do your part by returning the completed survey promptly.

Members of the SMSC: Bob Deyle, chair; Hollie Lloyd, treasurer; Bruce Brandt, secretary; Chris Ellrich, background; Mimi Jones, candidate arrangements; Annette Pearce, survey; and, Sara Reece, editor/distribution.

to the TEAM expanded board meeting, and on Monday, May 15, ten people from our congregation attended the TEAM community problems assembly. The majority of representatives from participating churches voted at this assembly to make affordable housing a priority in Tallahassee in addition to the ongoing issues that include transportation and healthcare.

TEAM UUCT members continued to make their voices heard for social justice by attending the May 23 Board of County Commissioners meeting to encourage commissioners to vote for a referendum for a 1/2 cent sales tax to fund health care for the uninsured in Leon County.

Look in future issues of the *Meridian* for further information on "TEAM Talk," which are sessions where invited experts from TEAM speak to UUCT members on priority issues. These sessions will begin July 18 at UUCT when Adrianne Davis, TEAM Tallahassee lead organizer, will speak to us. Please contact Pam Crosby (385-3292) or Brian Lee (877-1972) for more information on this and other topics concerning TEAM.

Canvass Campaign Report

By Jim Dawson, Canvass Campaign Chair

Last month I reported that the canvass campaign had collected \$185,000 prior to the supplemental canvass effort mounted on April 30. As the result of this second effort, there has been an increase of \$14,000 in the total pledges received through May 21, making a canvass total of \$199,000. While this is \$24,000 short of the canvass goal, it does represent an increase of \$7,000 over the current year budget.

On May 7, the Executive Board and Finance Committee met in special ses-

sion to reconcile the Asking Budget with projected income. After making some rather severe cuts in several areas, the budget was balanced, and adequate funds were allocated for next year to provide for a fulltime interim minister and to initiate the process to select a settled minister. The congregation approved this balanced Final Budget at the Annual Meeting May 21.

Supplemental and new member/friend pledges for next year continued to come in through the end of May. As

more is pledged, the Board may be able to authorize additional funding for some of the line-items that sustained cuts in the Final Budget. Supplemental and new member/friend pledges will continue to be accepted during June and into the new fiscal year.

The Canvass Committee thanks everyone for your pledges – both your initial ones and your supplemental ones. The high level of commitment in the UUCT congregation is certainly evident!

Reflections on UUCT

By Marco Messori, UUCT Member

Note: Marco, wife Melanie Hennings and son Nicolò Messori are moving to Athens, GA this summer. Marco served as a Youth RE teacher this year, and Melanie served as Nursery Subcommittee chair. Marco was raised Catholic in Modena, Italy. He and Melanie were part of the UU congregation in Paris, France before moving to Thomasville. Below are excerpts from a page of parting reflections he gave to DRE Maggie Geraci to share with others.

It has been my privilege to spend the last two years with such an extraordinary group of individuals. In these years, I have learned a lot. Churches are built by people, and this church has been built every day by extraordinary people, stunningly so. In every part of the church, I have found individuals who have inspired me, challenged me, supported me and even amused me. Every day here, I had at least one good laugh. - To our friends and members: You are the future. In our conversations I have been impressed by your passion for our mission, your dreams for the future...

- To the RE staff: No one could have had a better group of people to work with and with whom to problem-solve, collaborate, learn and grow...

- To the members of the Board: Your commitment and leadership have inspired us and enabled us to participate actively in our church's life...

- To the people having any "institutional" responsibility in church life: What impressive competence and intellectual power you bring to everybody's participation in the church's life, with a drive that is so much a part of our substantive spirit...

Every day I have been here, I have looked for and found a unique sense of kinship which has made coming here more interesting, more challenging, more stimulating, and yes, more fun. You gave my family and me the freedom and opportunity to build and create, to help you lay the foundation for our post-conflict stabilization work. I have learned so much from you. I think that each of you is very clear about the kind of church you want this to be...

My most cherished sentiment as my family and I end our experience here is how proud I am of what we all have done together. "Together" is the key, because teamwork needs to be a hallmark of this church, demonstrated over and over again and allowing us to do great things. In this church many people have expressed to me the desire to be part of something bigger than oneself and to have an impact in the community where they live, following our UU principles...

I have always had a chance to say to dear friends and people that were leaving me in different moments of my life that once you are a part of the family you will always be part of it. I am counting on that...Long life to peacemakers! Long life to each of you!

Announcements

Gather Water

As is the custom in many UU churches, we will once again have an ingathering and water ceremony in September, an intergenerational sharing time either during or following a Sunday service.

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 twelve 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 05 - 06

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, <u>richardd@nettally.com</u>).

Emergency Set-Up Help Needed

Only 14 individuals have signed up to help with Sunday morning chair set-up in 2006 - 2007. It takes 2 or 3 people each Sunday morning. With 52 weeks of services, we desperately need more people willing to be on the e-mail list to help with this UUCT task. Otherwise, you may be sitting on the floor! (NO, we're sure there are others who could help from 9:00 - 9:40 AM on Sunday mornings!) Please e-mail Elinor Elfner (eelfner@comcast.net) to indicate your willingness to help. THANKS!



Each month we need one person or a team of two people to volunteer to be responsible for the Sunday coffee hour (to start the coffee and dishwasher at 10:30 AM, set out the cups and supplies, recruit clean-up volunteers, and generally oversee the Sunday kitchen for the month). If you'd be willing (especially for Oct., Nov. or Dec.), contact Nancy Harvey (npharv@aol.com, 668-9096).

Sunday Coffee Experiment

In July and August the kitchen kontrollers will experiment with serving only coffee after Sunday services. Potluck will continue as always. Our main goal is to reduce the workload on the kontrollers and kitchen volunteers. If the experiment is successful, we will continue it for the rest of the year.

Individuals and groups who want to celebrate an event by sharing food with the congregation are still welcome to do so. Let the kontroller coordinator (Nancy Harvey) or the kontroller for that month know about your plans, so we don't have more than one group bringing food the same Sunday. The person or group bringing the food is responsible for the food set up and the kitchen cleanup that day.

Strong Clean-up Volunteers!

Our new dishwasher, while greatly reducing the time spent washing dishes, requires at least one clean-up volunteer who is strong enough to lift trays full of dishes/glasses into and out of the dishwasher. If this sounds like you, please consider volunteering more often to be one of the clean-up crew! Watch for the monthly sign-up sheet at the back of the church or let the kitchen kontroller for the month or the kontroller coordinator (Nancy Harvey, <u>npharv@aol.com</u>, 668-9096) know you are available.

Check for Your Dishes

The accumulation of serving dishes in the kitchen is limiting the space for potlucks and dinners. Please check for any items that might be yours.

Audio-tapes & CDs

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

P & P Deadline 6/18

A reminder to committees that the deadline for submitting proposed **UUCT Policies and Procedures** Manual additions and revisions for FY 2006-2007 is 6/18 to Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net). Prior to submission, the proposed addition or revision should be approved and recommended by the appropriate committee/program coordinator and the Board member in charge of that area. If there is no committee or program coordinator, the Board member for the appropriate area or any Board member may make the recommendation. The proposed items will then be taken to the Board for approval at the July Board meeting.

Correction: Wisdom of the Ages

Grace Martin is indeed younger than sunshine! We were misinformed about her birth date, given incorrectly in last month's *Meridian*. It is actually December 29, 1917. Please wish her a Happy Birthday anytime!

Missing Hymnals

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



Appreciation

To:

- Sara Reece, Tina Bush-Rester, Carolyn DuBard, Jean and Ken Wood, Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder, Barbara Sterling and Dottie Baldwin for greeting Sundays 4/30-5/21.
- Those who hosted Sunday social hour in April: Charlotte Dudley and Ruth Pestle; Kandy Crowe for Margaret Hawkins' birthday cake; EVERYONE for a great potluck; Michele Hope and the Green Sanctuary Committee for the fruit and veggie "Florida" for Ellie Whitney's "Farewell;" and the Youth Group for the soup luncheon in late April.
- Elinor Elfner, Annette Pearce, Ruth Pestle, and Jerri Lee Wagner for April kitchen clean-up duties.
- Charlotte Dudley for serving as April Kitchen Kontroller (recruiting and overseeing the volunteers).
- Howard and Carolyn Pardue for performing kitchen and sanctuary clean-up as a very industrious, ad hoc clean-up crew on Sunday, May 14 -- not an easy task as this was one of our busier potlucks.
- Christen Ellrich, Ben Fleming, Melanie Hennings, Jennifer Carver, Paul Forgey, and Jackson Turnage for helping in the nursery in May.
- Dan Damerville, Mary Moore, Amy Hall, Stowe Alrutz, Ander Alrutz-Steirna, Linda McConnell, Brian Lee, C.B. Smith, and Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy for doing the May Shelter meal.
- The Fleming Family, Greg DeAngelo, Earl and Eleanor Enge, John Whitton, Randall Gann, and Joe Lama for May Sunday set-up.
- Ken and Jean Wood for hosting the May 13 Picnic and Outdoor Fun Day.

Buildings and Grounds Thanks

Thanks and appreciation go to the following volunteers who attended the all-church workday in May: Chris Ellrich, Mitch McDermott, and Rod Oldenburg mowed. Charlotte Dudley and Jeanne Ryder pruned azaleas and weeded. Tom Chase and Don Berger installed a drain to divert the water from the sanctuary dehumidifier, so that it no longer runs on the sidewalk and replaced the filters in the sanctuary air conditioner. George Knight cleaned the leaves and trash off the driveways and sidewalks. Steve Urse participated and advised on many of the projects, including filling holes in the lawn near the sidewalks. Prior to the workday, Bruce Brandt examined and fixed the vacuum cleaner. Ed Oaksford and Steve put in a micro-irrigation system for the butterfly garden and the Florida hammock, native-tree planting.

A Special Thank You

To the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee:

Thank you for making your beautiful sanctuary available for my students' piano recital. I heard so many compliments on the beauty of the facility and the excellent acoustics.

My students loved the Baldwin grand piano. Our recital in May was a real success, thanks to your generosity.

Sincerely, Lilla G. Turner

Note: Lilla Turner is a local piano teacher who rented the sanctuary at our regular rate.

We Love Our Teachers!

Another Youth RE year is coming to a close, and what a great year it has been. Our teachers and advisors play a huge role in the success of Youth RE. Each of these dedicated folks brings his or her enthusiasm for this important ministry. Thank you all for your great work and commitment.

Explorers (Preschool)

Eliza Coyne (also Youth RE Committee Chair)

Dee Scarlett

Artists (Grades K – 2)

Tina Bush Rester

Melissa Forgey

Terri Martin

Bridgers (Grades 3 – 5)

Stowe Alrutz

Marco Messori

Kim Ross

Youth Group (Middle/High School)

DeWayne Carver

Jennifer Carver

Scott Geraci

VP for RE

Kelley Turnage

Nursery Coordinator

Melanie Hennings

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

The good news is that all of the folks who have had recent surgeries are well on the way to complete recovery:

Leslie Wurster after a hip replacement; Lorin Pratt after removal of benign cysts and endometrial tissue; Mollie Schmid following a breast lumpectomy; Kristin King following lithotripsy for kidney stones; and Ken Wood for repair of a leg injury. We hope that each of these members will soon be up to full speed.

Pat Farris had a virus which set her back as a result of the additional medications prescribed. We hope Pat is feeling better. She will appreciate cards.

Don Weed had knee surgery on May 18, spent three days at TMH and then went to rehab. He is now recuperating at home. Don will appreciate cards and assistance with meals.

Also **Grace Martin** would enjoy visitors; call first.

Congratulations to these 2006 High School graduates!

- Anna Bean
- Michael Donnellan

Caitlin Meehan-Draper

Meghan Meehan-Draper

Alana Taylor

Alto Trey Thomas III

Daniel Weaver

Welcome To UUCT!

- Jim Stangel (member)
- Mimi Stangel (member)

New UU Sessions

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, but occasionally in one 3-hour Sunday afternoon session. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater UU movement. There's time for some discussion. The next sessions will be this summer. A general sign-up sheet is on the back counter of the sanctuary. Or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Childcare available on request.

Summer Series of Dinners for 8

Spaces are available at these adult dinners: Sat. 7/15 Isabel Sheridan and Sat. 8/19 (Elinor Elfner & John Whitton at Oyster Bay). This is a special opportunity for newer members and friends to get better acquainted with our UUCT community. To sign up, contact Junelle Brandt (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net), who is traveling and will respond on her return.

There are two dinner categories -adults only and intergenerational. Adults without children may sign up for intergenerational, and adults with children can find a sitter and enjoy an adults-only evening. Hosting means providing the main dish -- any style or theme you'd like -- and calling the others to complete the menu.

On-going Opportunities

 Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays: Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Current UUCT Stats

- Certified Membership (as of 1/06) -174
- Current Membership 175
- Current Number Friends 58
- Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults
 - April 2006: 98
 - 7/05 4/06: 101
 - 7/04 6/05: 107.3
 - 7/03 6/04: 107.4
 - 7/02 6/03: 96.5
- RE Enrollment (nursery -12th)
 - 04-05: 61
 - 05-06: 52
- Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)
 - 9/04 5/05: 33.8
 - 5/06: 26.5
- Nursery Help: Contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@earthlink.net).
- 2nd Monday Shelter Meal: Contact Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up: June kitchen kontroller is Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- Sunday Service Greeter: Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com); after 7/1, Debbie Holt (553-3231, holt0119@earthlink.net).
- Sunday Service Set-up: Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sun., June 4, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (877-5415; krelcoyne@gmail.com)
- Vacant, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair
- Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (<u>dremaggie@earthlink.net;</u> 877-6301)

UU World Travelers – Tour Guides Needed!

The Youth RE Program is proud to offer "UU World Travelers," a summer RE program for elementary-age children, designed to explore different countries and cultures. The intention is for the kids to have some relaxed, fun times with learning cleverly woven in, and for congregation members to be able to bring unique learning opportunities to the kids on a one-time or short-term basis. If you have visited a foreign country or have special knowledge of a country, consider becoming a tour guide. Guides will lead the kids on a "tour" of a country. Kids will have their "passports" stamped as they visit and explore countries through song, dance, food, costumes, games and activities.

Visit our "UU World Travelers" display on Sundays after the service to learn more and to match you up with the special skills and contributions we'll need to help enrich summer classes. Or contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information. Our children are our "passports" to the future.

Youth Group for Summer

Our middle and high school youth group will not be meeting weekly this summer on Sundays but will get together for one or more special activities over the course of the summer. Watch for announcements; details will be provided to the youth through the youth e-mail list. For more information about the group, contact advisors Scott Geraci (877-6301; sgeraci68@yahoo.com) and Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (jzcarver@earthlink.net; ddcarver@earthlink.net; 402-0622).

June Woohoo Wednesday!

We'll swing into summer on Wednesday, June 21, at our monthly Woohoo Wednesday. We'll gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM for our potluck meal and move on to Room L by 7:30 PM for movie night and a make your own sundae bar. Bring an ice cream topping and your sleeping bag or air mattress, so that you're comfortable on the floor (you could even wear your pajamas!). We'll have homemade ice cream and watch a family-friendly movie together. ALL AGES INVITED! If you have an electric ice cream maker we can borrow or have any questions, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid you wouldn't be an effective teacher? How much time does it take? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Find out the answers by talking to Eliza Coyne, Dee Scarlett, Tina Bush-Rester, Melissa Forgey, Terri Martin, Stowe Alrutz, and Kim Ross. Learn how they did it! Teaching RE isn't just for parents with children in the program; we need help from all UUCT members and friends. For more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Registration for 2006 - 2007

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held Sundays in August and early September. New registrants should stop by the RE table then to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children will receive a printout of the information on file to update during the summer. Return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie by early September. Most 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 1 child, \$40 for 2, and \$45 for 3 or more. Scholarships available; see Maggie.

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- Kim Ross, Adult Enrichment coordinator (877-1972; kim@cennexus.com)
- Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (<u>dremaggie@earthlink.net</u>; 877-6301).

We're looking for a new Adult Enrichment coordinator. If you're able or want to learn what's involved, see the DRE or current coordinator.

Intergenerational Coding

To address the needs of all, find the following codes under some classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers may attend with parents, who assume responsibility for them.

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Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Summer Camp for Parents

This will be a time for parents to come together and enjoy learning in a group setting. The camp focus will be on Being a UU Parent, a UUA curriculum that offers 5 sessions on theology and real-life child rearing. Parents often wonder how they can better understand and interpret UU values during the week. Do you know how to respond to such questions as: What is the Bible? What do UUs believe about God, or about heaven and hell? This curriculum offers an initial theological exploration, an examination of ways we can encourage a greater sense of our religion in our family lives, and an opportunity for parents to raise and discuss real-life childrearing questions and challenges and how these might be answered from a UU perspective.

Camp will occur once a week on Monday nights (dates to be determined by participant majority). We might do potluck or brownbag dinners, depending on the will of the participants. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci or sign up at the Adult RE sign-up board near the Sunday RE welcome table. Childcare provided.

In the future, follow-up curricula will be offered, including *Parents as Resident Theologians,* which helps parents and kids explore together their beliefs about God, prayer and other religious issues, and *Parents as Social Justice Educators,* which provides sessions on values clarification and how to talk about social issues.

On-Going Opportunities

Adult Forum. Meets Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM, Rm. L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian* for the month's topics. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, nochase@earthlink.net). e-Ken Wilber. It's a new way for interested UUs to get together to study – online! (via email). Ken Wilbur is a modern day "Emerson" (but not a Unitarian). He's an "integral philosopher" looking for "big pictures" – writing prolifically including on the web, sharing his ideas freely. (His "Neo-Perennial Philosophy" is UUism in a nutshell.) Learn more – get connected – join us online: contact Will Adkins (metamuse@comcast.net, 385-5071).

The UUCT Book Club. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Rm. C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, <u>lloaksford@earthlink.net</u>). Childcare available upon request.

June 13, The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls. In this memoir, Walls tells about how "her rootless, feckless family, consisting of her parents Rex and Rose Mary, two sisters, and a brother, came to roost in a leaking, plumbing-free shack in Welsh, W.Va. Aimlessly, sometimes looking for work for Rex or a bar where the adults could party, they wandered the highways and byways of the great Southwest."

<u>July 11</u>, *My Name Is Red,* by Orhan Pamuk. This is at once a fantasy and a philosophical puzzle, a kaleidoscopic journey to the intersection of art, religion, love, sex, and power.

"Pamuk is a novelist and a great one. *My Name is Red* is by far the grandest and most astonishing contest in his internal East-West war. It is chock-full of sublimity and sin. The story is told by each of a dozen characters, and now and then by a dog, a tree, a gold coin, several querulous corpses and the color crimson." --Richard Eder, *New York Times Book Review*

"A murder mystery set in 16th-century Istanbul [that] uses the art of miniature illumination to explore a nation's soul. . . . Erdag Goknar deserves praise for the cool, smooth English in which he has rendered Pamuk's fine-spun sentences, passionate art appreciations, sly pedantic debates, [and] eerie urban scenes." -- John Updike, *The New Yorker*

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Will begin meeting again when Anne Rudloe is able to resume leading the group. Temporary contact: Joanne Taylor (taylorjoanne@earthlink.net, 893-9024).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Thursdays, 7:00 PM to about 8:30 PM, Rm. L. Contact Ron Crowe (rongcro2@juno.com, 997-5307).

Starting June 1, Gary Stilwell's Christianity: 5000 Years of History and Development. Dr. Stilwell, after a career in science at IBM (supercomputers), earned his Ph.D. in Humanities/Religion, FSU. He currently lectures at FSU and consults. Dr. Stilwell will kick off the June presentations with an introduction to his book at the June 1 meeting.

The history of Christianity did not begin with the birth of Jesus. For millennia before his time came a concatenation of events that inexorably led to the founding of a new religion. This book begins the story around 3200 BCE in the Fertile Crescent that lies in the heart of modern-day Iraq and continues through successive regions and religions until we arrive at the first century CE. The second half of the book explores early Christianity and continues through the Enlightenment, science, and up to the present day.

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

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

The most rewarding part of campus ministry is when we can provide an opportunity for the students and young adults in UUU to put our principles into action. I was delighted to have three members of the campus ministry group attend and participate in TEAM Tallahassee's Community Problems Assembly on May 15⁻ I would like to thank **Erin Carter, C.B. Smith, and** **Christina Ward** for taking the time to join in representing UUCT at this important event.

We're suspending Monday meetings for the summer, resuming with the start of fall semester. However, for the month of June, **coffee hour will continue at 6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café, 903 Railroad Ave., one block south of Gaines St.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com). To sign up for our email list send an email to UUUTallysubscribe@yahoogroups. com.

May Board & Congregational Actions

By Molly Schmid, Executive Board Secretary

May 6, 2006 Board Meeting

The Board approved creating a balanced FY 2006-2007 asking budget with money which had been pledged to date and which included funding for a full-time interim minister.

May 7, 2006 Congregational Meeting

50 qualified members were present. Items to be voted on required a quorum of 25% of 170 qualified members (43 voters) and a simple majority to pass. Actions taken were:

1. Approved the minutes of the 2/26/06 congregational meeting,

2. Approved UUCT's "Application for Green Sanctuary Accreditation," prepared for submission to UU Ministry for Earth.

In addition, President Christine Boczarska reported that an additional \$11,000.00 in pledges had been received as a result of the supplemental canvass and that, between the increase in pledging and budget cuts to some budget line-items, a revised, balanced FY 2006-2007asking budget had been put together allowing for the funding of a full-time interim minister. This had been accomplished at a meeting of the Board, Finance Committee, and chairs of the Committee on Ministry and Personnel, Interim Minister and Settled Minister Search committees. No further budget action was necessary until adoption of the final budget at the Annual Meeting.

May 21, 2006 Annual Congregational Meeting

49 qualified members were present. Items to be voted on required a quorum of 25% of 171 qualified members (43 voters) and a simple majority to pass. Actions taken were:

1. Approved the slate of Nominating Committee and Executive Board members proposed by the Nominating Committee, with those elected assuming duties 7/1/06.

<u>Nominating Committee</u>: (2 yr. terms) Eliza Coyne Howard Pardue

Executive Board: (2 yrs. exc. as noted) President-Elect: Steve Urse (3 yr. term) VP Management: Dave Harvey VP Worship: Charlotte Dudley VP Church Community: Dick

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VP Social Justice: Melissa Forgey

2. Approved the proposed Final Budget for FY 2006-2007. The budget includes a transfer, if needed, from the Reserve Fund of \$4,039 to assist with cash flow because the proposed interim minister (see below) would start one month earlier than we had budgeted (8/1/06 vs. 9/1/06), meaning that for August we would need to cover both the final month of Rev. Bill's contract and the first month of the new interim's contract. The Reserve Fund would be reimbursed if possible. Note: This will avoid a similar situation possibly happening the following year when a new settled minister starts. 8/1 is the more common start date for ministers.

3. Approved the proposed fundraisers for FY 2006-2007 and added a fundraiser for special/guest speakers to the current list of fundraisers. (In balancing the budget, that line-item had been cut severely.) The fund would be for voluntary donations.

In addition, VP for Finance Jim Dawson presented the current UUCT Financial Report and the Interim Search Committee reported that a candidate for next year's interim minister had been selected. Information about the candidate will be presented to the Board in June. If they approve the selection, the name and detailed information will then be shared with the congregation. The interim would begin meeting with the church leadership and Committee on Ministry immediately upon starting 8/1.



By Ellie Whitney for Green Sanctuary Committee

UUCT Landscape --- A Small Florida Hammock

The UUCT native-habitat landscape plan was developed by David Copps, who was also instrumental in the placement of the trees and bushes. Most of the plants were purchased from Native Nurseries; some were purchased from Tallahassee Nursery and Purple Martin Nurseries (in Crawfordville). The plan was implemented by Steve Urse with assistance from Ed Oaksford, Charlotte Dudley, Joe Lama, Greg DeAngelo, and Ben Fleming.

Out of respect for the natural trees and shrubs of North Florida, all of the plantings are of native species and one, namely Bigleaf magnolia, is endemic (meaning that it grows only in Florida). Additional native and endemic plants, including grasses and flowers, will be added as time goes on, and a micro-irrigation system has been installed, similar to the one at the IFAS/Leon County Extension Demonstration Garden on Paul Russell Road. The materials for the system were purchased from Just Fruits (a nursery on Highway 98 south and east of Crawfordville).

Species so Far:

American beech, Fagus grandifolia

Bigleaf magnolia (Ashe's magnolia), Magnolia macrophylla (endemic) (3)

Blueberry, Vaccinium species (10)*

Carolina silverbell, Halesia parviflora

Chickasaw plum (Cherokee plum), *Prunus angustifolia*

Florida anisetree, *Illicium floridanum* (7)

Highbush blueberry, *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Hog plum (Flatwoods plum), *Prunus umbellata*

Mockernut hickory, Carya alba (4)

Needle palm, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* (2)

Red buckeye, Aesculus pavia

Swamp tupelo (Black tupelo or Blackgum), *Nyssa sylvatica* (2)

White fringe tree (Old man's beard, Graybeard), *Chionanthus virginicus*

Winged elm, Ulmus alata

*Three varieties of blueberry (other than highbush) were planted: Montgomery, Onslow, and Yadkin. These were donated by Pete Andersen, who works for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the Quincy Research Center.

Common and scientific names are as in Wunderlin and Hanson, *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida*, 2nd ed., 2003.

Trustee Tidbits: Proposed UUA Employee Health Plan

By Joan Lund, FL District UUA Trustee

This month I am writing about an important initiative that is forthcoming from our Unitarian Universalist Association of congregations: a proposed, employee health plan. The most rapidly growing type of health plan in the U.S. today is one that is self-funded. It has been concluded that a self-funded UUA plan can be operative and financially viable effective 1/1/07, if 500 eligible ministers and other employees (not dependents) enroll by 10/15/06. The success of the program assumes a standard cross-section of all eligible enrollees, reflecting typical health situations and utilization patterns of health-care services.

Eligibility will be open to: persons who work at least 1,000 hours per calendar

year for UU congregations and related organizations such as camp and conference centers and urban ministries; self-employed community ministers; and recent retirees age 65+ who have Medicare as their primary health insurance. Coverage may be for an individual adult, two adults, one adult with children, or two adults with children (a family), with no discrimination based on marital status or sexual orientation. One of the most attractive features will be portability, the opportunity for ministers and others to continue their current coverage when relocating to serve another UU congregation.

Two types of plans will be offered: 1) a basic preferred provider plan (PP) using the Blue Cross, Blue Shield nation-

wide network as administered by Highmark BCBS of Pittsburgh, PA; 2) a high deductible PPO Plan featuring similar benefits as the basic plan, although with higher front-end deductibles and lower annual premiums. Plan provisions will permit enrollees to purchase and contribute to a tax-sheltered Health Savings Account (HAS) if they wish to do so. Individuals can obtain HSAs through Blue Cross, Blue Shield.

There is much information available to all interested UUs at the UUA website. I urge every congregation who has employee(s) who qualify to research this offering. The Board of Trustees will vote final approval of the plan at our October, 2006 meeting if the enrollment target has been reached.

Events: UUCT Upcoming, National

Upcoming UUCT Events

Cottage Meetings, Thursday, June 1, 7:00 PM & Other Dates. See article by Settled Ministry Search Committee for details. ALL are encouraged to participate. Hosts needed. Sign-up sheets on Sundays or contact: Mimi Jones (mgjones111@earthlink.net, 385-4249). 6/1 – 6/8 only, contact Bob Deyle (422-1057, redeyle@fsu.edu).

First Fruits Blueberry-Picking and Potluck, Sunday, June 4, 5:00 PM. The entire congregation, all ages, is invited to Tom Moore's blueberry farm off Centerville Rd. (8.5 miles from Capital Circle NE) to pick berries for about an hour and then enjoy a potluck and musical entertainment. Plenty of parking and ripe berries. Maps available at church the day of the event. Bring a dish to share. Helpers needed that day. Contact: Tom Moore (893-6015, trmoore17@yahoo.com).

All Church Workday, Saturday, June 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Peace Dances, Saturday, June 10, 7:30 PM. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

Second Sunday Potluck, June 11, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

Tantulus Quartet Concert, Saturday, June 17, 4:00 PM. In the sanctuary and sponsored by the Music Committee, a classical guitar concert by a group of FSU doctoral students who have performed throughout Europe, Canada, and the U.S. Collectively, they have won five 1st prizes at recognized guitar competitions and have been invited to perform or lecture at significant music festivals all over the world. The concert is free, with donations graciously accepted to fund the quartet's travel to an upcoming festival in Nova Scotia. A variety of music will be performed from the Renaissance to the present, including Brahms, Mozart, Domeniconi and Granados. For more on the group, visit <u>www.tantalusquartet.com</u>. Contact: Helen Meacham (556-2533, pianoskin@nettally.com).

Woohoo Wednesday, June 21, 6:30 PM. A communal meal in the sanctuary, followed by intergenerational movie and sundae night in Rm. L. See *Youth RE*. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net).

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, June 18, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

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Non-UUCT Events

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

National Events

2006 UUA General Assembly

Wed. - Sun., 6/21-6/25 in St. Louis, MO. Theme: Toward Right Relations. Open to all interested. Registration and housing at uua.org.ga.

UUSC Freedom Summer Camp

Third annual, intergenerational civil rights journey through several southern cities, Sat. 7/8 – Sat. 7/15, concluding with a service component in Atlanta. Participants must be age 14 or older and provide own transportation to and from Atlanta. \$500 fee to cover costs. Download application and learn more at: www.uusc.org/FreedomSummer. Or call 800-388-3920, ext. 201.

SUUSI (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute)

"Rejoice and Renew," July 16 - 22, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA. A community of nearly 1,000 and a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, of family. Special programs for youth and teens, so be sure to bring the whole family. Visit <u>www.suusi.org</u>.

Programs at The Mountain

For more information, contact The Mountain (info@mountaincenters.org, 828-526-5838) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net) or visit www.mountaincenters.org.

Family Mini-Camps. 10% discount for families of 4 or more. #1: Fri. 6/30 - Sun. 7/2. #2: Fri. 7/14 - Sun. 7/16.

Interfaith Visions for Peace. Mon. 8/7 - Sat. 8/12 with UU minister Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt and others.

Compassionate Communication & Peaceful Living. Fri. 9/8 - Sun. 9/10 with Mary Mackenzie, author of *Peaceful Living: Daily Meditations for Living with Love, Healing and Compassion*, as guest facilitator.

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Directory Changes

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

Membership Notes

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership chair Trudy Deyle, president Christine Boczarska, or Rev. Bill Murchison.

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

Next new member recognition this summer.

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