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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice  
*no choir practice from 6/24 - 8/5*
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until  
    12:30 PM (Also 3-5 year olds  
    for summer)
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Summer  
    Program (elementary ages)

Adult Forum Topics:

- June 3, TBA
- June 10, Jim Dawson, "Morocco: A Modern Moderate Islamic Society"
- June 17, TBA
- June 24, Nechama Gottschalk, "My Trip to Nazi Death Camps" (Tentative)



June Highlights:

- Blueberry Pickin' Party, Sun. 6/3, 4:00 PM
- Farewell Potluck for Rev. Lyn, Sun. 6/10, 12:00 PM
- Woohoo Wednesday, 6/20, 6:30 PM
- Tantulus Quartet Concert, Sat. 6/23, 4:00 PM

# The Meridian

## June Sundays (11:00 AM)

### June 3 | Evolving Faith: A Happy Humanism

For the sermon, one that was "bought" at our service auction, Rev. Lyn will explore the evolving synergy of religious humanism and scientific naturalism within our UU denomination. (We'll also have a new member recognition and a special collection for outreach/publicity.) **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

### June 10 | Godspeed

Saying our goodbyes and moving on are rooted in age-old customs and wisdoms. Rev. Lyn will share stories and some hopeful insights of her own as this interim time comes to a close. (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.) **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

### June 17 | Back to the Future

Rev. Lyn will assess our interim year together as minister and congregation, offer some pearls of wisdom to consider, and bestow blessings as you look to your future. **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

### June 24 | Does UUism Have Any Specific Religious Content?

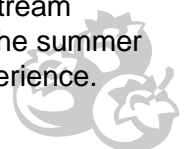
Is it just a framework or context for discussing and applying religious ideas of various sorts that its members might happen to have at a given time? Or does our denomination, as a distinctive kind of religious institution, have particular religious ideas of its own that it is in the business of proclaiming, inspiring others to commit themselves to, and applying to the thinking and actions of the world at large? Don will raise these and related issues and stress the importance of reflecting upon them.

**Speaker: Don Crosby; Lay Leader: Pam Crosby**

## *A New Dimension to Gathering Water*

As is the custom in many UU churches, we will once again have an ingathering and water communion during a Sunday service in September. The water communion will be an intergenerational sharing time where we'll each bring a little water and pour it into a common bowl. We'll begin with some of the communal water from the prior thirteen years' ceremonies and then save some of the new communal water from this year (micro-waved and frozen).

This year, Rev. Robin Gray would like us to bring water signifying our spiritual and growth journeys over the summer. The water can come from your own tap, from a place where you go to sit and think or meditate, from a local stream where you walk and reflect, or from a special place you visited over the summer — a place that brought an opportunity for growth and/or spiritual experience.



## Rev. Lyn's Plumb Line

Well, my interim time with you is coming to an end this month. My last preaching Sunday here will be June 17. The next day I will fly to GA in Portland, OR. Upon my return on June 26, I will tie up loose ends at the church, pack up my belongings and on July 2 move on to my next interim ministry position in Virginia, outside of Washington, DC.

For this, my last column to you all, I set before you the words of Sidney Greenberg from his work, *Say Yes to Life* :

*"Among the humble and the great alike, those who achieve success do so not because fate and circumstances are especially kind to them. Often the reverse is true.*

*They succeed because they do not whine over their fate but take whatever has been given to them and go on to make the most of their best."*

I have witnessed this congregation making "the most of their best" this, a rather successful year. With wonder and appreciation and admiration I have done so. I have found you to be a particularly capable, knowledgeable and diligent group, a group who explores and hones its relationship with each other both within the congregation and with those outside of your congregation.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as your interim minister. In talking with a member here

recently, I shared that I so valued my positive working relationship with you all that it has made me strive to be an even better minister. She replied, "And you have made us strive to be an even better congregation."

I wish for you such mutuality in your future — a mutual inspiration between you and your new settled minister to both be the best you can be, to make the most of your best, to continue to be - a successful, truly blessed congregation.

May peace and light and love be ever with you,

Rev. Lyn



## A Note from Robin

By Rev. Robin Gray

The weather in Massachusetts is best described as 'changeable'. This year, I attribute the flashes of heat to the warmth I brought back after being called to be your settled minister. All colder days reflect to the sadness I feel knowing it will be such a long time until I return.

No, I'm not really egotistical enough to believe that the weather responds to my moods. But, I do want you to know that having the distinct pleasure of being called to

serve UUCT inspires a continuing glow of happiness, as well as a hardly restrained eagerness to be in Tallahassee working side by side.

If everything goes as planned, I'll be in town early in July; there will be a roof over our heads and piles of boxes to sort out. Given everything I've heard about Tallahassee weather, I know I will be feeling the warmth of your welcome again as soon as I arrive.

Without so much as a glance at a long-range forecast, I can tell you that thermometers will rise on August 1 when my tenure officially begins. It's a heat I'll welcome, for it will be created by the reflected glow of joy, the fire of passion, and the combustion of a spirited, growing community. How I look forward to that day!

Yours in meteorological merriment,

Robin

## Committee on the Ministry Transitions

By Bob Deyle, COTM Chair

June marks the final month of service for COTM chair Bob Deyle who will be completing his three-year term. Maria Mena has been appointed by the Board to take over as chair, consistent with the

tradition of having the senior member of the committee serve that role. Tony Lloyd will begin his second year on the committee.

Two new members have been appointed by the Board to begin

their terms July 1 pursuant to the decision to expand the committee to four members: Mimi Jones and Chris Ellrich. Mimi and Chris both have recently completed over a year of service as members of the



## *Committee on the Ministry Transitions (Continued)*

Settled Minister Search Committee. Short bios follow.

Mimi Jones was born in San Francisco where she often heard of the League of Women Voters and the Unitarian Church in favorable terms. "One of these days I'm going to find out about them," she said to herself all through high school and college.

Years later, within days of arrival in Melbourne, FL, Mimi found a small ad in the newspaper telling of a most interesting program to be held at the Melbourne Unitarian Fellowship (before the UU merger) the next day! She went and was hooked. During her lifetime moves, Mimi learned to first call the UU church in town as well as the LWV for direction in choosing houses

and schools for the two girls (now 40 and 38). She knew the information given would be based on similar values.

Mimi served as chair of the Negotiating Team that worked with Rev. Robin Gray to fashion the Covenant and Working Agreement signed by Robin and the Board.

Chris Ellrich came to the church in 2002 along with his wife Abbe Justus and five children, ages three to twenty three. He is active with the Building and Grounds Committee and has volunteered to lead Sunday services on several occasions, usually as a team with Abbe.

Chris is presently a homicide investigator with the 2nd Judicial Circuit Public Defender and runs

the Criminal Justice Internship Program for his office. He also is a Navy Vet having retired from the Navy after over 22 years of active and reserve service. He had two commanding officer tours as well as three sea tours and has had the opportunity to travel all over the world including the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

As hobbies go, he enjoys fishing and going to the beach with his family. He also has become very much involved in American Civil War re-enacting, and his unit sponsors the annual re-enactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge here in town. He organizes programs for school children and enjoys the camaraderie and mutual love of history.

## *Social Justice*



### **Harmony Camp -- July 16-20**

Many families have already registered their children for Harmony Camp, but we still have room for a few more campers! If you are still interested in registering your child, please do so soon. Registration forms are on the information table at church or the church's webpage.

One of the activities this year will be an oral history project with senior members of our congregation. We are looking for volunteer seniors interested in being interviewed by campers and sharing information about their lives. If you are interested in volunteering to be interviewed, contact either Sally Andersen (385-4639) or Terri Martin (385-5106), the camp co-directors.

We are still joyfully accepting donations to our Harmony Camp

Scholarship Fund. If you missed the original opportunity to support this fund, donations may be placed in the offering basket on any Sunday. Write checks to UUCT with Harmony Camp Scholarship Fund on the memo line.

### **TEAM Report**

Dexter Easton, Dick Leinberry, Howard Pardue, Brian Lee, Elspeth Stowell, and Tom and Norene Chase were UUCT's delegates to the Community Problems Assembly for TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) on May 1. Other church members planned on being there but at the last minute could not attend. 282 representatives of the 22 member churches voted and chose the new study and action for this next year. Youth Concerns/Education won with 228 votes, and Environment/Energy was second with 33 votes, followed by UUCT's choice,

Domestic Violence, 4 votes, Crime/Drugs 15 votes and Transportation 3 votes.

A committee will form to study and bring back recommendations on how to deal with the concerns for our youth. The next community meetings for the Justice Ministry Network will be the Rally on Mon. 10/1 and the Action Meeting on Mon. 10/22.

Past years' studies do not go away; for example the Health Care Committee is very active. Norene is a member of that group. Others are working on affordable housing and transportation, including improving our bus system. They worked to provide needed bus shelters. For more information, contact Norene Chase (422-1985), Nina Cline (345-7116) or Abbe Justus for the UUCT Board (668-4122). TEAM welcomes your participation.



## Announcements



### • **Kitchen Kontrollers needed.**

For June & beyond. One or more kontrollers oversee the Sun. kitchen and volunteers. Contact: Nancy Harvey (668-9096, [npharv@aol.com](mailto:npharv@aol.com)).

### • **Memorial Garden orders.**

Order cast-bronze plaque in memory of deceased member or engraved brick any time. Forms & directions back of sanctuary. Put form & check in sealed envelope; drop in plastic box back of sanctuary or Sun. collection basket.

• **UUCT T-shirts.** A few left in each adult size at \$10 each. See or contact Barbara Sterling (386-7453, [sterlingsilver@earthlink.net](mailto:sterlingsilver@earthlink.net)).

• **June Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted in sanctuary north entry. Subject: the UUA Panel on Theological Education.

• **FL District News.** Check out the Denominational Affairs bulletin board in the sanctuary north entry for excellent, thought-provoking, monthly messages and news from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto

and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Messages can also be read on-line in FL District monthly packet ([floridadistrict.org](http://floridadistrict.org)).

• **Acknowledging Your Contributions.** '07-'08 fiscal year starts 7/1. Please complete pledges for '06-'07 by 6/30, but we'll gladly accept all late contributions. Contributions are recorded after Sun. collection and deposited next day. Contributions (pledges, non-pledges, checks and identified cash) will be acknowledged in Jan. for calendar year '07, if money is received before last working Mon. in Dec. After that, money credited to '08.

Request statement any time from Tom Chase (422-1985). Contributions appreciated any time: weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually, but other than weekly preferred. No monthly statements will be sent; only quarterly statements and a final in 6/08.

• **Reimbursements and Outstanding Bills '06 - '07.** Authorizations for reimbursement and outstanding bills for FY '06-'07

should be submitted to Treasurer Ellen Dempsey no later than 6/30. Contact Ellen (671-2748, [richardd@nettally.com](mailto:richardd@nettally.com)).

### **Want to Help Membership?**

As we prepare for a new settled ministry at UUCT, the Membership Committee could use some help!

**Dinners for 8 Coordinator** – contact list of hosts several times per year, line up dinners, sign up guests.

**Visitor Soup & Salad Suppers Coordinator** – schedule periodic suppers at UUCT, invite visitors and UUCT reps, coordinate food and clean-up.

**New UU Coordinator** – line up facilitators & schedule sessions throughout year, identify & contact newcomers to invite.

**New Member Ceremony Coordinator** – schedule ceremonies, contact new members, compile & edit new member bios.

If interested, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

## Green Corner



By Francis Ventre, Green Sanctuary Committee

### **Seven Simple Ways to Slow Global Warming**

1. Use CF (compact fluorescent) light bulbs. Each saves an average of \$30 on energy costs, uses 2/3 less energy, and lasts 10x longer than traditional bulbs.
2. Go vegetarian once a week. It takes 25 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef.
3. Don't use drive-throughs. Ten seconds of idling costs more than shutting off and turning on your engine – and adds to CO2 emissions.
4. Recycle one aluminum can a day. One can has enough energy to keep a 100-watt bulb burning for almost 4 hours or run your TV for 3 hours.
5. Walk, bike, use mass transit or carpool. Each gallon of gas
6. Unplug electronic devices such as camera or cell phone chargers. This can save 93 pounds of CO2 from the atmosphere.
7. Turn off water while brushing teeth to save 180 gallons of water per month.

- From FAMU's Green Campus Group





## *April Board Actions*

By DeWayne Carver, Board President

The UUCT Executive Board met 4/22/07 and took these actions:

Approved 3/25/07 board minutes.  
Approved March 2007 Treasurer's Report.

Authorized Finance Committee to fund 2006-2007 UUA Fair Shares from operating budget first, then from reserves if necessary.

Approved proposed fundraiser list and 2007-2008 final budget for recommendation to congregation.

Placed on Annual Meeting agenda: proposed Covenant of Right Relations and proposed Bylaws modifications regarding Committee on the Ministry membership and Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) revision frequency, deadline, and Board approval.

Approved having MPP revisions distributed as PDF files via email, with hard copies available to those without email capabilities.

Appointed three voting members of DRE Search Committee from among RE lay leadership and directed that two other members be found from Board-suggested list.

Authorized DRE Search Committee to spend up to \$1,000 in search expenses (including \$400 already spent for advertising).

## *May Congregational Actions*

By Barbara Sterling, Board Secretary

At the Annual Congregational Meeting 5/20/07, with a required quorum of 41 and 54 members in attendance, the congregation took the following actions:

Approved unanimously the 2/25/07 and 4/22/07 congregational meeting minutes.

Elected unanimously to begin terms 7/1/07: Annette Pearce as president-elect, Bob Deyle as secretary, Eliza Coyne as VP for RE, Joan Patterson as VP for Finance, and Nancy Bass, Christine Boczarska, and Logan Hunter-Thompson as Nominating Committee members.

Approved unanimously the UUCT Covenant of Right Relations.

Approved unanimously the FY 2007-2008 list of fundraisers and Final Budget Summary.

Approved the following modifications to the UUCT Bylaws with no changes from how they had been proposed:

- An increase in membership for the Committee on the Ministry from three members to a minimum of four (unanimous);
- Changes in frequency and deadline for an updated Manual of Policies and Procedures and in number of Board members required for approval of PPM changes (unanimous);
- Several changes to the membership section of the Bylaws including: addition of minimum amount for the required contribution (amount to be determined by Board), provision for consultation with minister on membership matters, provision for non-discrimination on basis of gender identity and expression, and creation of honorary and inactive membership categories (31 in favor, 15 opposed, with a 2/3 majority of those voting required).

Note: There was much discussion about the pros and cons of adding a minimum amount to the already required contribution. A motion to remove the word "minimum" from the proposed membership Bylaws modification was made but failed (25 in favor, 31 opposed, with a simple majority required). The current minimum is the UUA district and national fair share amounts per member— approximately \$75 for 2007-2008.



## Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Campus Ministry is slowing down for the summer. Some students are taking a few summer classes; others have headed back home to spend time with their families; and our Campus Ministry representative, Pippin Whitaker, is preparing to head for Portland's GA. Pippin and the Campus Ministry would like to extend special thanks to the anonymous donor who generously paid for Pippin's airfare to GA!

### Appreciation



#### To:

- April Kitchen Kontroller **Nancy Harvey** and kitchen helpers **Ruth Pestle, Dave Harvey, Mary Tyler, Lorin Pratt, Nina Cline, Bob Deyle, Annette Pearce, Hollie Lloyd, Bruce Brandt, Mimi Jones, Linda Oaksford, and Joe Lama** for Apr. Sun. coffee / clean-up.
- **Earl & Eleanor Enge, Debbie Holt, Isabel Sheridan, Abbe and Gabriel Justus, Randall Gann, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy,** and University UUs **Brian Lee, Charles Starr, C.B. Smith, Danny Apatiga, and Frank Green** for doing May Shelter meal.
- **Sandra Reodriguez, Rod Oldenburg, Barbara Sterling, Annette Pearce, Susan Snyder & Frank Deasy, DeLos DeTar, Christine Boczarska, Joanne Taylor, and Michele Hope** for greeting Sun. 4/29-5/20.
- **Ken & Jean Wood** for the May Fun/Picnic and **Joan Patterson** for coordinating food.

We will be continuing Shelter Meal participation throughout the summer. We'd like to extend our appreciation to Frank Deasy for all of his help and support as the UUCT Shelter Meal coordinator. He made it very easy for us to participate in this important program and has always been an inspiration. Thanks Frank!

Summer coffee hour is at Black Dog Café at Lake Ella on **Fridays**

**at 6:30 PM.** However, for June 1 we'll have coffee hour at All Saints Café before heading out to the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Sq.

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

- **Claudia Joyner** for volunteering in the nursery.
- **Junelle Brandt** for coordinating Dinners for 8 the past two yrs.

### Workday Thanks

Seven people attended the May workday. **Chris Ellrich** cleaned debris off the roof and the gutters and downspouts, cut down weeds, and repaired the step down to the tool shed. **Charlotte Dudley** watered plants, weeded and did other grounds tasks. **George Knight** helped with the gutter cleaning and removed leaves and trash from driveways and parking lots. **Mimi Jones** cleaned the inside of the sanctuary windows.

**Mitch McDermott** cleaned and painted tops and other parts of wood railings needing it, and removed loose rust and dirt from metal hand rails. **Tom Chase** got equipment for cleaning windows and provided advice on protecting metal hand rail supports where they contact the concrete. Thanks to **those who worked throughout the month** maintaining the property, especially the watering crew during this drought.

### 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)  
Maria Mena

#### Artists (Grades K – 2)

Pam Hoskins  
Hollie Lloyd  
Kim Ross

#### Bridgers (Grades 3 – 5)

Stowe Alrutz  
Terri Martin  
Rosa Morgan

#### Youth Group (Middle/High Sch.)

DeWayne Carver  
Jennifer Carver  
Scott Geraci

**VP for RE:** Kelley Turnage



## *Caring Network and Membership News*

### **Caring Ministries Network**

**Our hearts and minds are with:**

**Margaret, Joe, and Harold Hawkins** as Harold and Joe continue to care for Margaret at home.

**Tom Chase and Nancy Harvey**, who experienced successful carpal tunnel surgery.

**Laura Cook**, who has recovered from a severe allergic response in late April to medication for an infection.

**Anne Rudloe** following radio wave ablation of a tumor in her liver. She would appreciate cards, meals, and phone calls as she recovers from the procedure.

**Jean and Joe Chulak** since Joe is essentially homebound these days.

**Isabel Sheridan** who received a clean bill of health following hospitalization for a cardiac evaluation.

**Christine Boczarska** who was in the hospital for testing that revealed a severe intestinal infection following food poisoning. She was treated and is doing better but may still have a gall bladder problem.

**Pam Crosby** as she copes with the death of her father.

### **Directory Photos 6/3**

We need an updated UUCT Photo Directory by 8/1 for Rev. Robin Gray. If we missed you the last time (12/05) or you're new to the congregation, see Mary VanSciver on Sun. 6/3 or contact her to arrange another time (893-0353).

### **New UU Sessions**

Next sessions: Early fall. Sign up back of sanctuary, or contact church office ([uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com), 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com), 422-1057). Childcare if requested.

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights, 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. Some discussion time and opportunity for interaction with minister.

### **Dinners for 8**

Dinners for 8 resumes in early fall. Two dinner categories – Adults only and Intergenerational. Adults without children welcome to sign up for intergenerational, and adults with children find a sitter and enjoy an adult evening. Hosts welcome guests to their homes, provide main dish and contact guests to complete potluck menu. New dinners coordinator TBA.

### **On-going Opportunities**

- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** June kitchen controller TBA.
- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, [berger-don@comcast.net](mailto:berger-don@comcast.net)).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [dremaggie@embarq.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarq.com)).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Frank Deasy ([deasyf@comcast.net](mailto:deasyf@comcast.net), 907-1740).

### **Current UUCT Stats**

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 164**
- **Current No. Friends - 61**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **April 2007: 123.4**
  - **7/06 - 4/07: 100.3**
  - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
  - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
  - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
  - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
  - **06-07: 44 (incomplete)**
  - **05-06: 52**
  - **04-05: 61**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
  - **5/07: 27**
  - **9/06 - 5/07: 27**
  - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
  - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**

- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, [holt0119@earthlink.net](mailto:holt0119@earthlink.net)).

### **Connecting with Visitors**

The "Greet & Meet Group" is a special team of UUCTers who take the initiative to really connect with visitors during Sunday social time. To volunteer for group or making phone calls to visitors, contact Linda Oaksford (422-0240, [lloaksford@earthlink.net](mailto:lloaksford@earthlink.net)).



## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Committee Meeting, Sun. 6/3, 9:30 AM, Rm. K**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Terri Martin, Youth RE Committee Chair** ([tmartin823@comcast.net](mailto:tmartin823@comcast.net); 385-5106)
- **Vacant, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE)**, ([dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com); wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)

#### June Woohoo Wednesday!

We'll swing into summer on **June 20**, gathering in the sanctuary at **6:30 PM** for our potluck meal and moving on to Room L by 7:30 PM for a family-friendly movie and a make-your-own sundae bar. Bring your favorite ice cream topping and your sleeping bag or air mattress, so you're comfortable on the floor. (You could even wear your pajamas!) ALL AGES INVITED! If you have an electric ice cream maker we can borrow or have any questions, contact DRE Maggie.

#### Registration for 2007 - 2008

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be 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 the DRE 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 the DRE or the Youth RE Committee Chair.

#### Traveling Around the Globe!

Our elementary-age children are doing some majoring "traveling!" As part of the UU World Travelers summer RE program, the children will "visit" some wonderful destinations with the help of members of the congregation. The tour will kick off with a Bon Voyage party and trip to Switzerland on June 3. Children will have their photos taken for their passports. On June 10, the children will tour South Africa. Other countries are being scheduled. This program is a fun way for children to learn about different cultures.

#### Tour Guides Needed

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.

#### 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 our teachers this year.

(See list under *Appreciation*.) Learn how these busy, involved people did it! Teaching RE isn't just for parents; we need help from all UUCT members and friends. For more info., contact DRE Maggie.

### Adult Religious Education (RE)

#### ADULT RE CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult RE Coordinator** (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com))
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education** ([dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com); wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)

#### Intergenerational Coding

In an effort to address the needs of all our congregants, find the following codes at the ends of some classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers welcome to come w/ parents, who assume responsibility for them.

Childcare provided – Childcare has already been lined up for this.

Childcare available upon request – Let contact know childcare needed; s/he will arrange for it at or near gathering.

In addition, transportation can be arranged upon request for those who cannot or prefer not to drive. Please contact the Adult RE coordinator.

#### Adult RE Survey

The Adult RE Committee met May 6 and decided to prepare a survey on classes and workshops the congregation may want this year.

**Sun. 6/3 is the last day to complete** a survey; copies are on the sanctuary back counter. We will work with Rev. Robin after her arrival in August on setting up a schedule of Adult RE classes and events for the fall.

Watch next month for the results of the survey. Questions? Contact





## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com).)

### **Classes Beginning**

#### **UU Committed Couples**

**Enrichment Program.** A UU principles and values based enrichment program designed for married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional fulfillment. Topics include: covenant, humility, trust, dignity, generosity, connection, playfulness, collaboration, commitment, love, and celebration. To be offered as a series of short workshops.

On **Sat. 6/9, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**, Rms 3/6, there will be a couples' get-to-know-you and planning session. Couples, or individuals within couple, are welcome (i.e. if both in a couple can't make it, that will be

OK). We'll have coffee, discussion on what it means to be a couple, and see if we can make our schedules coincide. The actual class will be delayed until there is enough interest and time on people's schedules. Contact: Kim Ross (877-1972, [kim@associatedadvocates.com](mailto:kim@associatedadvocates.com)).

### **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](mailto:nochase@earthlink.net)).

**Freethinkers' Forum.** Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion, including the contributions to civilization of freethinkers across the ages, the history and evolution of religious mythology, and the

effects of organized religion on our democracy and the world's civilizations. Meets **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**, Rm. L. For current topics, contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

### **Spiritual Practice Opportunity**

Interested in a spiritual practice that may be new for you? You are invited to an introduction to Yoga Nidra by Chandrakant, a senior teacher from the Amrit Yoga Institute in Salt Springs, Florida.

Two sessions will be offered, both on Saturday, June 9.

- 10:00 - 11:30 AM at Unity Eastside Church,

- 4:00 - 5:30 PM at Namaste Yoga Center (E. Lafayette St.)

Questions? Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

## *Events: National & The Mountain*

### **National Events & Programs**

More info.: Denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

**UU University.** Tues. & Wed. 6/19-20. Portland, before GA. With Gil Rendle, author of *Leading Change in Congregations* and *Holy Conversations*. Registration: [uua.org/DIST/uuuniversity](http://uua.org/DIST/uuuniversity).

**UUA General Assembly.** Wed. - Sun. 6/20-24, Portland. Open to all! Registration at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).

**SUUSI, Sunday – Saturday, July 15 – 21.** Are you looking for a great, affordable experience for your family, one with lots of adventures, challenging conversations, nature trips, and workshops on an unbelievable number of topics? Then, come to Blacksburg, VA for the Southeast

UU Summer Institute! See the online catalogue for more information: [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org). Contact: Rosa Morgan (212-3135).

### **Programs at The Mountain**

**Elderhostels** throughout the year. Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, nature, hiking & outdoor adventures.

**Mountaincamp** registration open. Visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

**Congregational Leadership School**, 7/22-7/28.

**Family Camp**, 6/15-17, intergenerational program.

**Chamber Music in the Mountains**, 7/13-18, w/ Highlands-Cashiers Festival.

**Spiritual Practices Peacemaking**, 8/6-11, Dr. Kenneth Nafziger & Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt.

**Women's Weekend Retreat**, 9/7-9, all ages.

**Compassionate Communications**, 10/5-7, Mary McKenzie.

**Thanksgiving**, 11/21-25, Mt. members.

**Preparing for the Solstice – Emerging into Light**, 12/14-16.

**Celebrating the New Year**, 12/28 or 12/29-1/1, w/ Randy & Sandra Locke.

Contact The Mountain (828-526-5838, [info@mountaincenters.org](mailto:info@mountaincenters.org)) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)) or visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).



## Events: UUCT & District

### Upcoming UUCT Events

**Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM.** In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@embarqmail.com).

**Peace Dances, Saturday, June 2, 7:30 PM.** Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, katyata@earthlink.net).

**Miracle Sunday for Outreach, Sunday, June 3.** Special collection during service will give us a chance to support 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. Goal: raise at least \$1,500 to purchase space in *Tallahassee Democrat's* annual "Living Here," printed in August and available to newcomers all year. We'll also place a more informative listing in the 2008 yellow pages. Any additional funds raised will go toward upgrading our weekly *Democrat* ad to provide more information on Sunday services. Contact: Pauline Masterton (pauline.masterton@gmail.com, 385-2879).

**"Annual" Blueberry Pickin' Party, Sunday, June 3, 4:00 PM.** Until dark at Tom Moore's house. Bring drinks and desserts for adding fresh blueberries. Ice provided, and freezer available for ice cream. Carrie Hamby and friends will play and sing. Maps will be at UUCT (just go past fire station 8.5 miles out Centerville Rd. from Capital Circle NE and turn at balloons). Contact: Tom Moore (893-6015, 321-7770).

**All-Church Workday, Saturday, June 9, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.** Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).

**Farewell Potluck for Rev. Lyn, Sunday, June 10, 12:00 PM.** Our 2nd Sun. potluck will be full of thanks and good wishes as Rev. Lyn prepares to leave us and move on to another interim appointment. Contact: DeWayne Carver (ddcarver@earthlink.net, 402-0622).

**UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 PM.** Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

- 6/10: *A Bit on the Side*, W. Trevor

**Woohoo Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 PM.** Potluck in sanctuary, then ice-cream sundaes and a family-friendly movie in Rm. L. See *Youth RE*. All welcome! Contact: DRE Maggie (877-6301; dremaggie@embarqmail.com).

**Tantalus Quartet Concert, Saturday, June 23, 4:00 PM.** At the invitation of our Music Committee, Tantalus returns to perform a program of new and familiar works, before their summer tour of Germany. Program includes works by Mozart, Brahms, and even a Sea Shanty! Contact: Charlotte Dudley (668-7126, lcdudley@yahoo.com).

**Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, June 24, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then discuss at restaurant. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

### Non-UUCT Events

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

### FL District Events

- West Central Cluster 5th Annual Pride in Paradise & Street Festival, 6/29 - 30. Help raise our collective UU voice in support of GLBT people and their families and friends.

More info.: Church office, Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org).

### UUCT JustWorks Camps

- Freedom Summer 2007: A Civil Rights Journey (Intergenerational), 7/7 - 7/14.
- D.C. Teen Leadership Camp, 8/5-8/10.

See denominational affairs bulletin board or visit [uusc.org](http://uusc.org).



## June 2007

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   |   |   |   |  | 1<br>6:30pm University<br>UUs, Off-site  | 2<br>7:30pm Universal<br>Dances of<br>Peace,<br>Sanctuary                                       |
| 3<br>9:30am Youth RE<br>Committee, Rm<br>K<br>9:45am Adult<br>Forum, Rm L<br>12:30pm Program<br>Committee, Rm<br>L<br>4:00pm Blueberry<br>Pickin' Party,<br>Off-site<br>5:00pm Executive<br>Board, Rm L | 4<br>7:00pm Bldgs. &<br>Grnds. Comm.,<br>Rm C                                       | 5   | 6<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Practice,<br>Sanctuary                       | 7<br>7:00pm Knitting for<br>All, Rm 3/6<br>7:00pm<br>Freethinkers'<br>Forum, Rm L  | 8<br>12:00pm Personnel<br>Committee,<br>off-site<br>6:30pm University<br>UUs, Off-site | 9<br>9:00am All Church<br>Workday<br>2:00pm Couples<br>Enrichment<br>Class Planning,<br>Rms 3/6 |
| 10<br>9:45am Adult<br>Forum, Rm L<br>12:30pm Goodbye<br>Potluck for Rev.<br>Lyn, Sanctuary  | 11<br>5:00pm University<br>UUs, off-site<br>7:15pm The<br>Shelter Meal,<br>Off-site | 12<br>6:30pm Committee<br>on the Ministry,<br>Rm K<br>7:00pm UUCT<br>Book Club, Rm<br>C | 13<br>7:30pm Choir<br>Practice,<br>Sanctuary                      | 14<br>7:00pm<br>Freethinkers'<br>Forum, Rm L<br>7:00pm Knitting for<br>All, Rm 3/6 | 15<br>12:30pm Meridian<br>Deadline<br>6:30pm University<br>UUs, Off-site               | 16<br>12:00pm Green<br>Sanctuary<br>Planning<br>Potluck,<br>Sanctuary                           |
| 17<br>9:45am Adult<br>Forum, Rm L   | 18<br>3:00pm Finance<br>Committee, Rm<br>C  | 19  | 20<br>6:30pm Woohoo<br>Wednesday,<br>Sanctuary (Rm<br>L, 7:30 PM) | 21<br>7:00pm<br>Freethinkers'<br>Forum, Rm L<br>7:00pm Knitting for<br>All, Rm 3/6 | 22<br>6:30pm University<br>UUs, Off-site   | 23<br>4:00pm Tantulus<br>Quartet Concert,<br>Sanctuary  |
| 24<br>No Choir Practice<br>Afternoon Movie<br>Discussion<br>Group, Off-site<br>9:45am Adult<br>Forum, Rm L  | 25  | 26<br>7:30pm Publicity<br>Committee, Rm<br>C  | 27  | 28<br>7:00pm Knitting for<br>All, Rm 3/6<br>7:00pm<br>Freethinkers'<br>Forum, Rm L | 29<br>6:30pm University<br>UUs, Off-site   | 30  |

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