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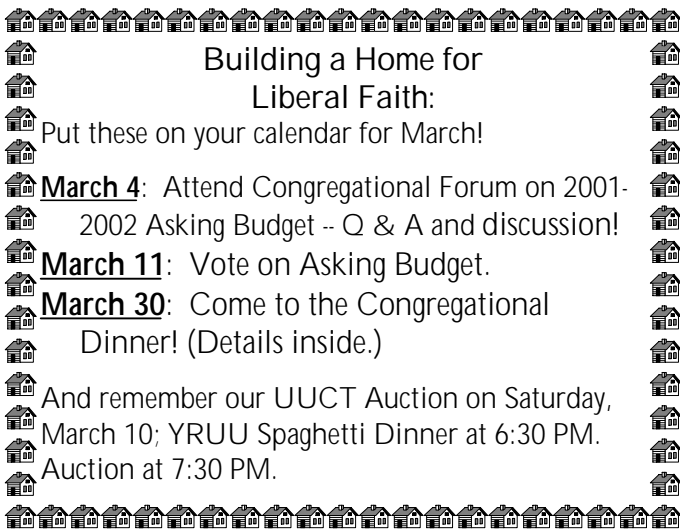
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**Building a Home for
Liberal Faith:**

Put these on your calendar for March!

March 4: Attend Congregational Forum on 2001-2002 Asking Budget -- Q & A and discussion!

March 11: Vote on Asking Budget.

March 30: Come to the Congregational Dinner! (Details inside.)

And remember our UUCT Auction on Saturday, March 10; YRUU Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30 PM. Auction at 7:30 PM.

SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

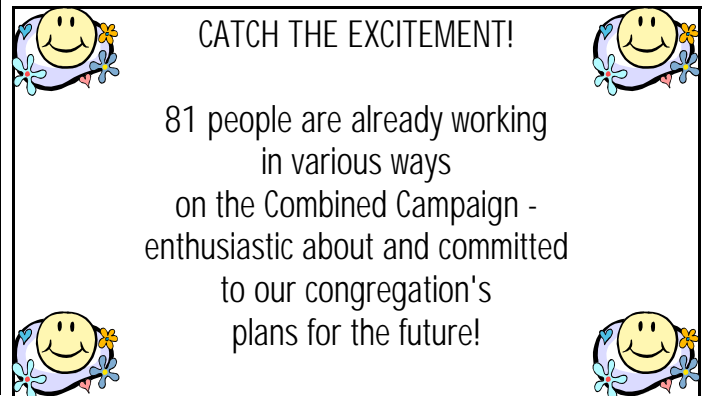
- Sunday, Mar. 4** “A Founders' Day Revival”
Rev. Amy, Founders, and Others
- Sunday, Mar. 11** “With Hope: Reaching Out Beyond Our Doors” (UUSC Sunday)
Rev. Amy with Norene Chase
New Member Welcome
- Sunday, Mar. 18** “The Courage to Amend Belief”
Rev. Amy
- Sunday, Mar. 25** Campus Ministry Sunday
Kim Ross Frichter, University UUs

EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
 - 9:45 AM Adult Forum
 - 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
 - 10:45 AM M.S. OWL off-site, March 4 and 11
 - 11:00 AM Youth RE Program
- Classes for Pre-K through High School (HS OWL off-site, March 4, 9:00 AM - 1 PM)

CATCH THE EXCITEMENT!

81 people are already working in various ways on the Combined Campaign - enthusiastic about and committed to our congregation's plans for the future!



OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOORS

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

The theme of this combined campaign is: Building A Home for Liberal Faith. "Building" in two ways: literal and figurative. Our vision includes both building programs for people and room for the programs. We include in this home many possible beliefs and many possible ways of living out one's beliefs; diverse people united by liberal faith.

I thought about my nephews when I sat down to write about our combined campaign. They were born on January 27th – twin boys. According to *Twins* magazine, it's important to accept that their lives are united in a special way (twins), but just as important to treat them as two individuals (Kyle and Scott).

In the past, it would have mattered an awful lot which one came into the world first — he would have gotten preferential treatment. However, in our modern times, birth order is not that important.

This year, the annual canvass pledge and the pledge for the capital campaign are yoked together (combined), AND each has its own focus (unique). That's like my nephews who are twinned, AND individuals. However, unlike my nephews, order does matter in the case of the combined campaign.

The larger goal — \$510,000 for the capital campaign — is the second priority. Our first priority will remain our pledge to the annual operating budget. It comes first because we choose to recommit to our mission each year by setting priorities and giving our time, energy and money to meet our communal goals.

After we give the annual canvass the attention it deserves, then we will give money to the capital campaign; a

gift payable by June 2004 (over the next three years).

May our combined campaign be good for our souls as we expand the programs and square footage of our religious home – Come, Come, Whoever You Are...we are Building a Home for Liberal Faith.

In Faith,
(Aunt) (Rev.) Amy

BUILDING A HOME FOR LIBERAL FAITH: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Where else but UUCT would I find a like-minded community, willing to tolerate, and even appreciate, my religious views?

What other community of faith is open to me, absent the UUCT? Where else would I find the questioning spirit? The commitment to all peoples? The passionate support of justice and tolerance?

UUCT is more than a church. It is an invitation to open expression, to the give and take of differences in faith and viewpoint; it is an entire community based on democratic principles and ethical growth. The UUCT demonstrates the best of human society: morality based on equality, on a shared vision of what is possible when good people work together for good, common causes. It exemplifies the ethical and moral command to "treat others as you would have others treat you." Even for an agnostic, that is the ethic of God.

-- Richard Dempsey

We each contribute to our family what we can, in ways that have special meaning to us, or in practical, down-to-earth ways. Our church

family needs each of us to make our unique contributions now, so we can pass the legacy of Liberal Faith on to Tallahassee's next generation of UUs. Worldwide, Unitarian Universalists support so many of my individual beliefs: the universality of God, or the Source; equality, ecology, humanity, understanding and justice. Let us build and grow to further these goals in Tallahassee.

-- Mary Millard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHELTER MEAL. Monday, March 12, 7:45 PM, we'll provide dinner for over 100 homeless people at The Shelter. To contribute or assist, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).

SERVICE GREETERS NEEDED... Each Sunday. Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

HOST COFFEE HOUR! Sunday coffee hour is an important gathering time for our religious community. Celebrate a birthday, an anniversary or publicize your committee/group. Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair, Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

FLORIDA DISTRICT UU NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE. Copies of *The Sunshine* are available on the back counter of the sanctuary. You can also find *Sunshine* at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>

MOUNTAIN PROGRAM SCHEDULES and BROCHURES are on the back counter and bulletin board.

WANTED: JAZZ CARTRIDGE! Does anybody have an Iomega Jazz drive cartridge that they could donate to the church office? We would like to keep a copy of our computer hard drive, especially the financial data, off-site but we need another cartridge. We have two good ones, but need just

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Drinks in the Garden ... Dinner with friends ... Fabulous entertainment!

Don't miss it! Come to the Congregational Dinner on Friday, March 30th. Prepare to be amazed by the Combined Campaign Team's dedication! Revel in the beauty of our grounds as you enjoy drinks and then settle in for a delectable dinner. There will be a *brief* presentation to tell you of the Combined Campaign's progress, and then the entertainment begins! Meanwhile, nursery and childcare will be provided, with a pizza party for older kids. Don't be square, be there and help build a cornerstone for the next generation of UUs in Tallahassee!

APPRECIATION

To **Michael and Megan Bakan, Barbara Sterling, Elinor Elfner, Nancy Bass, and Jim Denny** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings February 4 - February 11.

To **Linda Winn-Brown, Ruth Pestle** and all other **kitchen helpers** for providing hospitality during the coffee hours from February 4 - February 11.

To **Jean Chulak** for keeping the bulletin boards and the papers on the back counter in the sanctuary organized.

To **all those who are working hard to get ready for our Combined Campaign.** We'll thank you all by name at the end of the campaign.

To YRUU advisors **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for taking three of our youth and to **Bob Deyle** for taking two of our youth to the Senior High *Mountain* Cons in February.

To **Annette Pearce and Steve Urse** for teaching the New UU class in February and to **Linda Oaksford** for organizing it.

To **Norene Chase** for getting the Sunday Forum started up again.

To all the **older and younger pals** who participated in the Special Pen Pals Program in February.

To **Becky Welty and Tom Chase** for always being willing to help with *Meridian* and other mailings.

To Tallahassee attorney **Terry Dariotis** for the time and expertise he shared with us for the "Creative Ways of Giving" workshop in February.

To **Ed Oaksford** for supervising fun-time for the 4th and 5th graders while their parents attended an OWL orientation on February 11.

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one more. They can only be purchased in sets of 3, and that would cost us almost \$300. If you can help, call Kathie Mackie at 385-5115.

GET A UUCT T-SHIRT! Order forms and samples of the new T-shirts are in the back of the sanctuary. Orders being taken NOW. (\$15/shirt)

CHILD DEDICATION & NAMING. A **Child Dedication** for all ages of children and youth will be led by Rev. Amy this spring; a **Child Naming** for infants may be at the same or another time. Please speak with her (383-9186) if you are interested for your child or children or if you need more information before deciding. For brief descriptions of these ceremonies, see *Lifespan Religious Education* in the February *Meridian*.

CALENDAR YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS AVAILABLE. If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase will be happy to provide one. Contact him at 422-1985 or send him a written request at 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312 or twchase@tallynet.com.

BE A UU MENTOR. As part of their Coming of Age program this semester, our high school youth will each meet once a month for four

months with an adult in the congregation in a mentoring relationship - engaging in conversation about what it means to be a part of our church. If you are an adult who feels you have experience and perspective as a UU that would benefit one of our young people, contact Sara Reece (309-1933) or DRE Michelle Buhite (553-4084).

HAVE AN ADULT RE IDEA? If you're interested in leading a discussion or book study group for Adult RE, please submit a proposal to DRE Michelle Buhite any Sunday or via email: bishri_1@lycos.com. The field is wide open - as long as topics and books are in line with our UU principles.

PLAY WIN-WIN! Earn extra income and contribute to UUCT's fundraising. Join the Bed and Breakfast hosts for UUCT's listing in the April 2001 Homecomings Directory. Here's a painless way to help UUCT and yourself. UUCT will have a church listing in the nationwide Bed and Breakfast directory, *Homecomings*. Your accommodations will be listed with our local contacts, Lois Bloom and Pam Hoskins. One of them will call you if someone wants to stay at your house. You collect the room fee and donate half of it (or more) to UUCT. To find out more or to sign up as a host, call Lois (402-9044) or Pam (893-5039).

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To the University UUs and YRUUers who prepared the February Shelter Meal: **Kim Ross Frichter, Katie Chamberlain, Jenna Gallagher, William Tucker, Lisa Jackson, Eric Primack, Kate Crawford, Jeremy Reiner, Chelsea Cline, Emma Reece, and Evan Szumowski.**

To **Kandy Crowe** for making the lovely and delicious birthday cake for Rev. Amy.

HEARTBEATS THANK YOU

Heartbeats succeeded thanks to your inspiration and perspiration! It was an evening of gentle, loving expressions. Thanks for your outpouring of joy...we hope everyone noticed your creativity in all of the parts that made this concert happy! There were: round tables, red and white table covers, and park benches; homemade red, white, and milk chocolate candies in heart-decorated flower pots; a large "Heartwell" print hanging at the front of our gathering; tea lights in clean candle holders and pink quartz ones in wine bottles; valentines; pillow-hearts, tassels, honey-comb hanging hearts, decorated cut-out hearts and stickers; raffle prizes of candies, cups, and bears; ice, sodas, wine, coffee, creamer and sugar; a heart-shaped cake, brownies, cookies, salmon spread, popcorn, candies, peanut-butter-and-marshmallow confections; flowers and vases, decorative doilies, and tic-tac-toe hearts games; music, singing, and microphones that worked. Heartbeats hugs!

Thanks for your loving support of this concert, especially to Cupid's Crew — everyone who set up and cleaned up, and huggers and all who performed and participated (by first names since the list is so long)—**Alana, Ashera, Barbara(s), Beth, Bob, Caitlan, Consuelo, Dick, Earl and Eleanor, Fran, Helen,**

Howard, Jack(s), Jason, Jennifer, Jerry, Joan(s), Kandy, Katya, Karen, Karen's son, Katie, Kim and her crew members, Linda, Lisa, Ludy, Mary, MaryLee, Meghan, Michelle, Mollie, Pauline, Rebecca, Ron, Sally, Sheila, Tom, and Vic, and to everyone else who helped or brought food.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Also see REview, available at the RE table Sundays.

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEXT YOUTH RE COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday, 3/4, 9:45 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Margaret Mooney, Youth RE Committee Chair (893-8250); Maggie & Scott Geraci, Nursery Sub-Committee Chairs (877-6301); and Michelle Buhite, Director of RE (553-4084).

DO YOU WANT TO BE RICH? Well, we can't offer you advice on how to become a wealthy person, but we can offer you the chance to be a part of a richly rewarding experience at the Tallahassee Unitarian Universalist Church. We are currently seeking adventurous, energetic, young at heart, spirited, loving, and joyful volunteers to assist in the church's nursery for the month of March and beyond. This is an entry level position with considerable hands-on involvement required. You will be asked to "read me a story," "push me on the swing," "play with me," and occasionally, "take me to the bathroom." Experience is not required, but a love of children is helpful. You will be compensated for your work with an unlimited

Creative Giving Every cent counts!

Consider:

- Giving appreciated stocks, insurance, etc.
- Making a monthly allotment from your bank account.
- Setting aside a certain amount each day -- save up your loose change, all your dollar bills . . .

Please plan NOW for your giving options. Talk with your accountant, financial advisor, or lawyer, if needed.

See article on *Ways to Give*.

supply of apple juice, graham crackers, and the love, adoration, and smiles of some of the cutest little kids and babies in all of Tallahassee. Don't miss your opportunity! Limited positions available. Apply now! Please contact Scott or Maggie Geraci to sign up. We can be reached at 877-6301 or SGeraci10@aol.com (Scott) and Minilawyer@aol.com (Maggie).

K-5 CLASSES. The Kindergarten through 5th grade classes will continue their "Living the Promise" curriculum on the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures). Look for the "RE Thought for the Day" each Sunday in the announcement sheet.

WHAT IS OWL? OWL is an age-appropriate UU Curriculum, Our Whole Lives; for sexuality education and moral development.

4th AND 5TH GRADE OWL, SUNDAYS, MARCH 4 & 11, 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The six session class is held at UUCT and taught by Linda Oaksford and Bob Deyle.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OWL, SUNDAYS, MARCH 4 & 11, 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM. The full-year class will continue to meet off-site in members' homes and is taught by Susan Angel and Keith Henry.

HIGH SCHOOL OWL, SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. The class will meet off-site at the Deyle's house. The 12 lesson course is taught by Tom Taylor and Linda Radel.

HIGH SCHOOL OWL, SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The class will be at the church, unless participants are notified otherwise.

YRUU CON SCHEDULE. The FL District Con (Youth Conference) schedule for middle and high schoolers for the remainder of the year follows. Contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

3/16-18: YRUU Leadership Development Con

4/6-7: YRUU Caucus for District Annual Assembly

5/18-20: FL District Social Action Con

YOUNG RELIGIOUS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS (YRUU) YOUTH GROUP

The YRUU group is open to middle and high school students. We go to CONS (youth conferences), eat pizza, play games, prepare spaghetti dinners, learn about other religions, participate in church activities (such as CROP walk, RE, Shelter meal), talk about being UUs in the Tallahassee community and other issues, and just have fun. We are also planning a lock-in on a Friday or Saturday night yet-to-be-determined in March or April. Please come check us out!

Because many of our YRUU members are attending the High School OWL class, we will only meet once a month for the next couple of months. We meet in the home of our really cool advisors, DeWayne and Jennifer Carver -- call them at 402-0622 for more info. Bring a friend and \$3 for drinks and food. The next meetings are: March 18, 6-8 PM and April 15, 6-8 PM. Oh yeah -- don't forget about the YRUU Spaghetti Dinner at the UUCT Auction on March 10 (see article below).

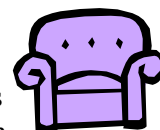
ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Formed in association with UUCT and Attachment Parenting International, this group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT. Attachment parenting is a style of parenting that develops an infant or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. Meetings are open to members and friends of UUCT and to the community. Children, of course, are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or minilawyer@aol.com).

AUCTION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, MARCH 10



UUCT will hold its annual auction on Saturday night, March 10, beginning at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Beforehand at 6:30, the YRUU group will offer a spaghetti dinner. Tickets are \$5.00 and on sale Sunday, March 4 and at the door. Proceeds will be used to help with Youth Conference registration and travel costs.



We hope you have been saving up those nice but spaces to donate for the auction. Also very welcome such as a gourmet dinner, carpentry work, a party, a etc. Yellow forms to list your donation can be found in back of the form are some ideas that might help you



unused items in your china cabinets and storage and always popular are gifts of fun or service massage, a Feng Shui consultation, babysitting, a basket at the rear of the sanctuary, and on the start thinking about what you can donate. Also,



look for the posted list of all the items that have been donated to date. The list is updated weekly, so please take a look and see what items you may wish to bid on. The auction is a popular event each year and attracts people from outside the church, so begin to invite your friends and neighbors. Flyers will also be posted in state offices and businesses around town. Linda Winn will be our talented and exuberant auctioneer, but we still need helpers for set-up and assistance the afternoon and night of the auction. If you can help, please call Will Adkins at 385-5071 or better yet (since he works at night) send him an email at wmadkins@tdo.infi.net.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADULT RE CONTACTS: Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair (668-5075); Michelle Buhite, Director of RE (553-4084).

Let Sheila know your joys and concerns about Adult RE. This will help as we add classes this year and plan for next year.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS, 9:45 - 10:45 AM. The Forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Watch for announcements of upcoming topics.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP. (Formerly "Rise Up And Call Her Name"). Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact DRE Michelle Buhite. The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

FULL CIRCLE & PEACE DANCES, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM. Full Circle, our co-ed Earth Centered Spirituality Group, will combine with the Dances of Universal Peace again on Saturday, March 3. There will be drumming at 7:00 PM, followed by dancing at 7:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

UUHUMANISTS

Sunday, March 11, 1:15 PM
Church Sanctuary

We will view a 45 minute video tape entitled *The Alphabet versus The Goddess* by neurosurgeon/part-time cultural anthropologist Leonard M. Shlain, M.D. In this tape, Dr. Shlain presents a thesis that until mankind invented written language, women enjoyed a higher status in human societies than after the alphabet was invented & writing became the dominant mode of communication. Is oral culture related to a high status of women in society? Is their lower status connected to a predominance of

written culture? Is it that female humans are more aurally focussed / connected, while the males are more visually connected/bound? This is a very strange dichotomy (if true), grounded in neurophysiological differences (if they indeed exist), needing further research. Let's talk about it -- skeptically. Come join in a discussion afterwards.

SPEAK OUT!

Sunday, March 25,
Meets at a new time: 12:45 PM
Church Sanctuary

Come let your creative, active, mindful, heretical Voice be heard. No topic is too taboo or off-topic for an open, tolerant hearing & active, questioning discussion. Plant seeds of new insight -- plow up new world-views -- be iconoclastic & chisel away at Old Truths -- make history here, say something meaningful! Share your thoughts!

At our February 25th meeting, longtime Tallahassee social activist (and national leader) Van Lewis came to share his radical ideas on Infant Circumcision (male & female genital mutilation) and his 30-year struggle to overthrow modern laws that allow or require - and outlandish medical quackery that endorses, rationalizes, and promotes-- circumcision of male infant babies. (And until 1997, female circumcision, sometimes involving clitorrectomy, was still legal in this country.) Some medical societies are beginning to wake up -- but the social status quo is very slow to change. Contact: VanLewis@post.harvard.edu.

Do you have a cause you feel strongly about? Do you wish to have a podium to speak from?

Contact Will Adkins
(wmadkins@tdo.infi.net or 385-5071) or come this month.

CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

By *Kim Ross Frichter*
Campus Ministry Coordinator

The University Unitarian Universalists meet at the International Student Center (107 S. Wildwood) on Mondays from 7-9 PM. We've donated a lamp to the International Student Center so that our meetings are more atmospheric. Coffee Hour is on Fridays at 5:30 at Aristotle's on Tennessee Street. Our retreat will be the last weekend of Spring Break - March 16-18. We will be using the Easton's Beach House at Alligator Point again this year. Thank you, Jean and Dexter!

Students can look for our group on Wednesdays at the Student Union, where we'll be setting out information and fundraising. We have begun selling Social Action T-Shirts, and will soon be selling Bumper Stickers, and on occasion, baked goods. This helps the church meet the \$3000 challenge grant and also lets the students contribute to their group and to the church.

We continue to work on the Friends of Campus Ministry program. We are working on contacting Alumni of Florida State who are also UUs. If you know of any UUs in other congregations who are also Alumni from FSU, please let me know. You can join the Friends of Campus Ministry Program by filling out a registration form in the pink basket at the back of the church.

WHEEL OF THE YEAR

By *Randi Modlin (Re-printed)*
VERNAL EQUINOX/OSTARA —
MARCH 20TH

One of the quarter days (solstices and equinoxes), the Vernal Equinox marks the “official” beginning of Spring. For folks in this region, though, this announcement probably seems anticlimactic. With Winter’s loose grip, Spring has sort of ‘been around’ and has certainly gotten a good start by Imbolc. Still, evidence of new growth is everywhere and modern Pagans celebrate it and the force behind it, the Verdant Goddess and the Young Lord. Another name for this sabbat is ‘Ostara’, the name of a Germanic goddess of Springtime.

Rebirth is an ever-present theme during this time in Pagan and Christian holidays, notably Easter. Easter is still calculated according to the lunar calendar, falling on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

There are many holdovers from pre-Christian times that have made their way into modern culture. These include painted eggs (symbolic of the ‘World Egg’, fertility and rebirth), bunnies (the hare is associated with the Goddess throughout the ancient world), and shamrocks (originally a symbol of the Triple Goddess in Ireland).

Light and dark are in balance at this time but light prevails as the Wheel turns toward the Summer Solstice. In your daily travels around our area, take time to notice the swelling buds on the trees and the many flowering plants that are everywhere to enjoy. Appreciate and honor these changes wherever you encounter them and know that we are all a part of it.

OUR UU HERITAGE: JOSEPH PRIESTLEY

*Excerpts: from A Faith People
Make*
by *Stephen Kendrick*

"Born in Yorkshire, England in 1733, Joseph Priestley was raised a Dissenter to the Church of England. Sickly as a child, he became absorbed in the study of science and religion. He became a minister, but continued to be interested in science and performed experiments in gases and electricity. He discovered oxygen, nitrogen, ammonia, hydrogen, chloride, carbon monoxide and other gases. He is considered one of the greatest chemists the world has ever known, and yet his first love was the ministry, not science.

Because Priestley was considered a radical in both religion and politics, a mob burned his chapel, home and laboratory in 1791. He and his family fled to London and in 1794 emigrated to America. He continued writing religious tracts, which he felt were as important as his experiments. Chief among these tracts was *History of the Corruptions of Christianity* (1782), a work that said Jesus was [not a god, but] a man and that Unitarianism was a reform back to the religion preached by Jesus.

Priestley died in 1804 in his home in Pennsylvania. During his last years, he helped start a Unitarian group in Philadelphia, exchanged letters with Jefferson, and attempted to complete his religious and scientific work. Not only a great scientist, Priestley is important as a transitional figure from English to American Unitarianism.”

ON SHARED MINISTRY

*From Rev. Amy’s Installation
1/9/00*

Thoughts on "Sustaining Shared Ministry in a Settled Ministry Context" from members of the Florida District UU Ministers Association.....

1) Have minister and lay leaders deepen their mutual understanding of what shared ministry is.

2) Have minister and lay leaders use the terms "ministry" and "mission" rather than the term "committee" in describing any activity of the congregation and its members.

3) Have an annual (late September or early January) Sunday service on Shared Ministry. (This year we had different "committee" chairs introduce each element of the service with a related comment about how their committee pursues the church mission as a ministry.) After the service have a "Ministries Faire" or "Opportunities Faire" or "Participation Faire" with each committee/program at an information and recruitment table.

4) Have experienced and supportive managers leading the Church Council of Committee Chairs, to monitor progress in ministry and mission so as to encourage and find assistance when committee leadership is faltering (e.g. not meeting, not involving an adequate number of people in caring and programmatic activities). The minister and board leaders should always be present and offering encouragement and support. (Lay ministers are usually short of time and encouragement.)

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5) Have the church program year include lots of study opportunities on UUism, World's Religions, Answering the Great Questions, Spiritual Goals and Practices, How to Help, and Diversity to help members get to the point that they feel like they know their religion and themselves and are confident representatives.

6) This year we are having our first church retreat in some time - on the theme "Getting to Know U", with the hope of deepening a sense of belonging and empowerment.

Rev. Jack Donovan, Gainesville

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role in our church? Want to have more of a say in how things operate around this place? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Church Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 20 Congregational Meeting (for terms beginning July 1).

- President-elect
- Secretary
- Vice President for Religious Education
- Vice President for Finance
- Nominating Committee (2 positions, each for a 2-year term)

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of the open positions, viewing the job descriptions, or nominating yourself or someone else, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members: Jennifer Carver, Chair (402-0622), Steve Urse, Bob Kenon, John McDevitt, or Nancy Bass **by Sunday, April 1.**

UUCT BOARD ACTIONS

FEBRUARY 1 AND 15

*Reported by Trudy Deyle
Past President*

To approve the process recommended by the Capital Improvement Committee for selecting a construction manager for the Phase 1 expansion (with the scope of Phase 1 to be decided on by the congregation after the Combined Campaign).

Regarding the Fund Raising Committee's proposal to sell UUCT classified advertising for member/friend services and businesses, to not include advertising in *The Meridian* but to ask the committee to explore other options for providing ad space.

To accept the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2001.

To approve an Asking Budget for 2001-2002 to be proposed to the congregation.

To approve for proposal to the congregation a list of authorized 2001-2002 Fund Raisers, as submitted by the Finance Committee.

To authorize the use of \$2,050 from the UUCT Capital Improvement Fund for Combined Campaign costs, including a brochure, paper, copying, postage, and childcare, supplies and some of the food for campaign events.

Per Consultant Jerry King's advice, to have the following Capital Campaign policy: (1) All gifts of stock will be sold as soon as reasonably possible after the stock is received in the church's brokerage account; and (2) Decisions on acceptance of any

gifts of real property will be made by the Executive Board.

To approve the Fund Raising Committee's proposal for a classified ad bulletin board in the north entrance of the sanctuary.

FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE

*By Trudy Deyle, Chairperson
Capital Improvement Committee*

As reported last month, the Capital Improvement Committee is getting ready for what will need to be done once the Combined Campaign is over and the congregation has decided on the scope for a Phase 1 expansion. We are in the process of selecting a construction manager who will work with the committee and our architects during the development of detailed building plans (advising us on materials, costs and building methods) and then serve as our contractor during construction (soliciting bids from subcontractors and supervising and coordinating their work). We have extended our timetable for selecting a construction manager by a few weeks to allow more time for information-gathering; a brief status report on the selection follows.

In early February, letters of invitation were sent to 12 contractors (including 3 minority contractors) telling them about our project and asking them to respond if interested. Six indicated an interest. On February 15, a one-hour session was held at UUCT with the 6 interested contractors to introduce them to our project and facilities and to give us a chance to meet them. Four of the contractors subsequently withdrew from consideration - most indicating their current workload could not

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accommodate our project.

On February 22, the CIC conducted interviews with the two interested contractors. Each interview began with a presentation by the contractor addressing relevant experience and giving an overview of the working relationships among client, architect and construction manager. The CIC then asked a variety of questions, including current use of minority subcontractors and openness to soliciting bids from qualified minority subcontractors. Both contractors distributed copies of information booklets about themselves; copies of these will be available at the CIC table on Sundays. Architect Andy Welch was present for the introductory session and the interviews.

Following the interviews, the CIC concluded that we have 2 solid companies to choose from, and so we will pursue collecting more information about both of them. Architect Andy Welch agrees that we have a good selection in these 2 contractors, both of which are medium-size companies and therefore a good fit with our project. For both contractors, the CIC will be making office visits, contacting client and subcontractor references, and visiting completed projects (especially ones where a high environmental sensitivity was needed). We will discuss all the information we have gathered at our meeting on March 8 and make a recommendation for selection to the Board.

Once the selection is made, there are design issues we can begin to address with limited funds and without knowing the exact extent of Phase 1. Doing so will put us in a good position to move forward quickly once the Combined Campaign is completed and we have decided on the Phase 1 scope.

WAYS TO GIVE TO A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*By Jerry King
UUA Fund Raising Consultant*

CASH: The most common way for people to pay their commitments to a Capital Campaign is through payments of cash or checks. For some people, this may not be the best way to pay your pledge. Pledges can sometimes be paid in a way to provide a greater tax advantage to you. Those options are explained in the following sections.

STOCKS: Stocks or bonds are a common way for people to pay their pledges. The pledge need not be unusually large for a donor to benefit from paying a pledge with stock. Currently, donors are allowed to transfer ownership of stock to the congregation and claim the appreciated value (current market price) of the stock as the amount of their gift. If the ownership of the stock is transferred to the congregation, then the donor is not responsible for any taxes that would be due if the stock was simply sold. The congregation may then sell the stock without responsibility to pay taxes, as it is a 501.c3 corporation.

The process works as follows:

* An individual paid \$300 per share for XYZ stock when it was purchased three years ago. The stock is currently worth \$500 per share. If the donor transfers ownership of 4 shares of XYZ stock to the congregation, the tax donation that can be claimed is \$2,000 and has no tax liability. If the stock was sold, the individual would be responsible for taxes on the appreciated value of the stock,

or \$800.

* When the congregation receives ownership of the stock, it can sell it at the market price of \$2,000, and the congregation is not responsible for any taxes on the stock sale.

* The donor was able to turn \$1,200, the amount paid for the stock, into a \$2,000 tax deduction. The congregation received a \$2,000 gift for the capital campaign.

All gifts of stock to the UUCT Capital Campaign will be sold soon after being received, to provide the cash that will be needed for construction.

LIFE INSURANCE: An individual may give an existing life insurance policy to the congregation in payment of a pledge. This applies only to Universal Life or Whole Life Policies that have cash value. Once the congregation has been made owner of the policy, it will sell it back to the company for its current cash value.

Typically, life insurance policies that are given to a congregation are ones that are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were purchased. For example, a parent with a young child might purchase a life insurance policy to cover the child's college education if something happened to the parent before the child had completed his/her college study. If the child has completed college and is now gainfully employed and on her/his own, the parent may consider making the congregation the owner of the life insurance policy.

The benefit to the donor from making the congregation the owner of a life insurance policy is that the cash value of the policy becomes a

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tax deduction for the year in which ownership was transferred. Since the policy has been paid for over time, there is no additional current expense for making the gift. Thus the donor can enjoy the deduction without a corresponding expense in that same year.

PROPERTY: All gifts of property to the UUCT Capital Campaign will be considered offers until approved by the Executive Board. In addition to the above gifts that are readily turned into cash, sometimes congregations are offered real or other property. These types of gifts may be very valuable to congregations and a good way for the donor to support the Capital Campaign. However, there are many aspects of this type of gift that must be studied closely before the gift is accepted.

Examples of gifts of real property are: a home or condominium, a building lot, or a timeshare vacation home. In addition to real property, there are other types of property that are sometimes offered in payment of pledges. Examples are: an antique automobile, works of art, jewelry, or a coin or stamp collection.

All gifts of property with a valuation of more than \$500 must be accompanied by an appraisal by a person or firm qualified to appraise the type of gift that is being offered. If these gifts are to be used as tax deductions, then the appraisal value needs to represent the estimated resale value of the item. This is not an appraisal for insurance purposes that indicates how much it might cost to replace the item. Make sure you tell the appraiser the reason you want the appraisal.

A CAUTION TO THE DONOR: When making a large pledge to a capital campaign, it is always advisable that an individual speak

with her/his tax advisor to determine the best way to make the gift.

Note: For more information on giving, visit the Capital Improvement Committee table on Sundays and pick up a copy of "Selected Topics in Charitable Giving" by Tallahassee attorney Terry Dariotis, who did the "Creative Ways of Giving" workshop for UUCT in February.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

2001 DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 6 - 8, 2001

"Growth SpUUrts: Flowing Toward Wholeness" is the theme for the District Annual Assembly to be held at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo, FL. Rev. Dr. Arvid Straube, Senior Minister of the Eno River UU Fellowship in Durham, N.C. will keynote. Rev. Dr. Straube has been the minister at one of our most dynamic UU congregations as it moved from a membership of 170 to 675 members. His address will be: *"Live or Die: The Fate of Unitarian Universalism in the 21st Century"*. He says: "I will talk about the Universalist message of universal divinity and how we are all connected. We need to act on that message to bring people into our faith because they need the wholeness and connectedness we can provide. If we fail to do this, choosing instead to cling to old and familiar ways of doing things, it is a sure bet our movement will not survive the 21st century."

Sunday programs have been added for this District Assembly, including a "ripped from the headlines" forum entitled *"Talk Lively! Faith Based Programs and Our UU Faith"* and a full Sunday

service led by District Executive Rev. Mary Chulak Higgins. Workshops on Saturday will be on topics as varied as *"Sexuality and Religion"* and *"Leadership From the Inside Out"*, *"Healthy Congregations"* and *"What is Fair Compensation?"*. Additional time has also been added for us as individuals to convene others to talk about the topics and issues of concern to us.

This will be a weekend of high energy, beautiful retreat time, stimulation and intellectual inquiry, and coming together to celebrate the larger community of faith we are part of. It will be a time to renew ourselves and energize ourselves for the next steps in building community and transforming our world. Registration forms are available in the church office.

RAFTING AND CONGREGATIONS?

RULES FOR WHITE WATER RAFTING AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

*by Patrick O'Neill,
Re-printed from FL District Sunshine*

1. It's what you came for. Enjoy it.
2. Rest in the calm places. There will be more white water soon.
3. Never stop paddling, even when it seems hopeless.
4. When you're in trouble, don't panic.
5. If you go under, let go. You'll come back up.
6. Don't be surprised if the raft doesn't go where you want to go.
7. Everyone paddles furiously, but it's still the current that takes you.
8. The more activity on the right, the more the raft goes left, and vice versa.
9. Decide who is going to steer, the person in the bow or the person in the stern.
10. Balance, balance, balance.

OUR CONGREGATION

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.”

MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Rev. Amy.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, March 11, during the service.

UUCT NAME TAGS

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as “HOST”. New members will be presented with nametags. Others may order nametags using the sign-up sheet and payment envelope for chalice name tags (\$3.50 each) in the foyer.

DINNERS FOR 8

Sign-up for HOSTS AND GUESTS is on-going. Hosts will cook main dishes, and guests will bring the rest. Look for the sign up sheet on Sundays or call the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

If you missed a new member recognition and want a copy of the introduction of each of our new members, contact the church office, 385-5115.

DRIVERS WANTED

Several of our members and friends are able to attend church on Sunday mornings only if transportation is provided. If you live in or pass by the following areas on your way to church and can help, please contact

Caring Ministries Committee
 Chairperson Peggy Lentz (878-2226; peglantz@aol.com)—
 Sungate Apts. (Tennessee and Pensacola), Westminster Oaks (Dempsey Mayo and Mahan), Capital Circle and Centerville, Ross Road (between the Woodville and Crawfordville Highways).

JOYS AND SORROWS

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

The family and friends of **Linda Gallagher**, who died last month.

Mary Jones, who is now at Hospice House, and her family.

Congratulations to Jack and Terri Martin and Kelsey on the birth of **Scott Parker Martin**. Scott was born February 8. Baby Scott weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz and was 20 inches long. Baby and Terri are doing fine.

If you know of other Joys and Sorrows, please tell Rev. Amy or Peggy Lentz, Caring Ministries Committee Chairperson (878-2226). Please let us know even if you ask that the information not be published here or in the Sunday Order of Service.

BABY, WHAT’S FOR DINNER?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? The Caring Committee would like to help you keep well nourished in those wonderful first days of parenthood by bringing a meal to your home. If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, please contact Megan Bakan (216-0510, dixon@psy.fsu.edu). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families, please contact Megan.

ADDRESS CHANGES

When you have address and phone number changes please let the office know. We will also print changes in *The Meridian*, unless you direct us otherwise.

Temporary Mailing Address for Richard and Sharon Chackerian: 2534 34th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry is:
 Chair: Byron Spice (668-6109),
 Annette Pearce (386-4053);
 Richard Dempsey (671-2748).
 Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

CURRENT UUCT STATS	
Certified Membership (as of 1/01)	158
Current Membership	168
Current Number of Friends.....	40
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. Sun. Attendance (month of January)	123

CONTACTS FOR UUCT

Adult Religious Education:

Sheila Meehan 668-5075

Buildings & Grounds Committee:

Mary Bridges 894-2965

Campus Ministry Committee:

Sara Reece 309-1933

Caring Ministries Committee:

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Capital Improvement Committee:

Trudy Deyle 422-1057

Choir:

Helen Falb 309-6853

Church Council:

Becky Welty 422-3317

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Denominational Affairs:

Nancy Bass 893-1806

Finance Committee:

Joan Patterson 309-1248

Forum on Sunday:

Norene Chase 422-1985

Full Circle/CUUPS:

Contact Church Office 385-5115

Fund Raising Committee:

Will Adkins 385-5071

Kitchen Committee:

Linda Logan 575-2780

L-G-B-T Welcoming Congregation Committee:

Pauline Masterton 385-2879

Charlene White 562-8935

Membership:

Pauline Masterton 385-2879

Multicultural Families:

Sandy Neidert 656-7894

Parenting Support Group:

Maggie Geraci 877-6301

Planned Giving Committee:

DeLos DeTar 385-3332

Publicity Chair:

Barbara Hogan 668-6899

Program Committee:

Richard Dempsey 671-2748

Barbara Hogan 668-6899

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC):

Bob Kenon 878-3647

RCDC Book Discussion Group:

Isabel Sheridan 668-0785

Shared Ministry Committee:

Becky Welty 422-3317

Shelter Meals:

Karen or John Mann 562-4781

Social Activities:

Jennifer Carver 402-0622

Social Concerns Committee:

Walter Hoskins 893-5039

Speak Out! & UU Humanists:

William Adkins 385-5071

YRUU (ages 12-20):

402-0622
Jennifer & DeWayne Carver

Youth Religious Education:

Margaret Mooney 893-8250

Workdays:

Tom Chase 422-1985

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REV. AMY MCKENZIE'S OFFICE

HOURS AT CHURCH:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY:

1:00 - 5:00 PM

THURSDAY,

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

THESE AND OTHERS BY

APPOINTMENT

Rev. Amy's cell phone:

850-566-1388

MARCH UUCT EVENTS

CANVASSER ORIENTATION, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 2 & 3. Canvassers for the Leadership Canvass plus the Combined Campaign Cabinet and Executive Board will be attending one of three orientation sessions with UU consultant Jerry King - Friday evening or Saturday morning or afternoon. Another set of orientation sessions will be held in mid-March. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

SOCIAL ACTIVITY, ST. MARKS REFUGE VISIT, SATURDAY, MARCH 3. A relaxing day of walking, nature watching and a visit to the lighthouse. For anyone interested, we may have dinner at the coast afterward. Call Minel or Betsy Borges at 383-0816 for details.

FULL CIRCLE & PEACE DANCES, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM. Full Circle, our co-ed Earth Centered Spirituality Group, will combine with the Dances of Universal Peace again on Saturday, March 3. There will be drumming at 7:00 PM, followed by dancing at 7:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

FORUM ON ASKING BUDGET, SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 12:30 PM. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions and discuss the proposed 2001-2002 Asking Budget, program highlights and fund raisers, all of which were mailed to the congregation in late February. The following week we will vote to adopt an Asking Budget. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511) or Joan Patterson (309-1248).

SOCIAL ACTIVITY, DINNER & A MOVIE, FRIDAY, MARCH 9. Call Minel or Betsy Borges for details (383-0816).

YRUU SPAGHETTI DINNER, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and available Sunday, March 4 or at the door. Contact: YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

UUCT AUCTION, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 7:30 PM. Plan on attending and bringing friends to this major UUCT fund raiser. See separate article. Contact: William Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@tdo.infi.net).

VOTING MEETING ON ASKING BUDGET, SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 12:15 PM. As prescribed by our bylaws, the meeting to vote to adopt a 2001-2002 Asking Budget. All are welcome, with voting limited to those who have been members for at least 30 days. Childcare and supervision provided. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 12:30 PM. Remember to bring your favorite dish to share!

UU HUMANISTS MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1:15 PM. See separate article for details on this month. Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@tdo.infi.net).

SOCIAL ACTIVITY, GAME NIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30 PM. At Becky Welty's house. Cards and board games, no charades. Bring a snack food to share; non-alcoholic drinks provided. Becky has lots of games, and you are welcome to bring one of yours. Call Becky at 422-3317 to RSVP and get directions.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come enjoy the fellowship of working together on the numerous chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985).

CANVASSER ORIENTATION, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 17 & 18. Canvassers for the General Canvass will be attending one of three orientation sessions with UU consultant Jerry King - Saturday morning or afternoon or Sunday afternoon. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SATURDAY, MARCH 17. Contact Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP EVENT, SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 5:30 - 7:30 PM. A kick-off event for our elected leaders and all those working on the Combined Campaign. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

YRUU MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. See article in Youth RE. Contact YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 6:00 PM. See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or minilawyer@aol.com).

RACIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 7:00 PM. Contact Bob Kenon (878-3647).

SPEAK OUT! SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 12:45 PM. Note new time. Contact: William Adkins (wmadkins@tdo.infi.net or 385-5071). See separate article.

RCDC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, MARCH 28, 6:45 PM.

Held in Room B at the Main Library. Join UUCT friends to discuss Geoffrey Canada's book *Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence*. Questions? Call Elinor Elfner (224-3651). Canada is a UU who grew up in South Bronx and shares with us the lessons he learned about fights, protection, survival, and the rules of conduct. Inner city violence is common, but the nature of violence changed radically with the proliferation of guns that began in the late 1970s. This Beacon Press book is also available from your favorite on-line company.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER, FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 6:30 PM.

Dinner is at 7:00. Pizza and entertainment for children; childcare for the youngest. See separate article. Contact: Peggy Lentz (878-2226).

SOCIAL ACTIVITY, ICE

SKATING, TBA. Date and time will be determined when the March Ice Skating schedule is announced. Call Sandy Smith at 297-0012 for details.

UUCT EVENTS AFTER MARCH

DINNERS FOR 8, THROUGH

MAY. Sign-up is on-going on Sundays for hosts and guests, dinner by dinner. Contact Membership Chair Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

ANNUAL PIG ROAST, MID-

MAY. This will be held on a Saturday afternoon at Ken and Jean Wood's home in south Georgia. Date TBA.

DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

SOUTHWEST CLUSTER ANNUAL SPRING MEETING, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2001.

Held at the UU Congregation of Greater Naples, the topic will be "Church-State Relations Under the New Regime", with Howard Simon as speaker. Registration form available in the church office. For information call 941-455-6553.

FL DISTRICT NORTHEAST CLUSTER SUPER SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Super Saturday seminars are one-day workshops designed to provide congregations with new and interesting experiences in four central areas of church life: leadership, religious education, finance and worship. Home hospitality and child care may be available if requested before March 15. Cost is \$25.00 per person with every fifth person free. If needed,

UUCT may be able to cover registration costs. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

FL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY -

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 8. Open to all interested. See article in *Denominational Affairs*.

MARCH NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Every Thursday:	
	6:00 PM Intro. to Zen
	7:15 PM Zen Meditation
Every Sunday:	
	6:30 PM Urantia
	7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church
Yoga (Sharon Reiter):	Mon., Mar. 5, 12 & 26, 5-9 PM
Sierra Club:	
	Mon., Mar. 19, 6 PM
Macrobiotic Nutrition Seminar:	Fri., Mar. 23, 7-9 PM & Sat., Mar. 24, 9 AM - 4 PM
Audubon:	
	Tues., Mar. 27, 7 PM

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

- * Friday, April 6, 7:00 PM. FSU Flying High Circus. Call Jennifer Carver (402-0622) by Tuesday, April 3.
 - * Saturday, April 7, 10:00 AM. Hike at Leon Sinks. Contact: Minel or Betsy Borges (383-0816).
 - * Saturday, April 14, 7:00 PM. Saturday Night Chatroom at Becky Welty's home. RSVP: Becky (422-3317).
 - * Saturday, April 28. Canoe trip with Sierra Club. Call Jennifer Carver (402-0622) by Thursday, April 26.
- For more details on these events, pick-up a *Social Activities Calendar* at the back of the sanctuary.

BE OUR NEW SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

If you'd be willing to organize the quarterly calendar of social events, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

UUCT is starting a new service for members and friends called "UUCT CLASSIFIEDS". A bulletin board has been put up on the wall to the right of the hymnal shelves, near the north entrance door, where classified ads can be posted. Members and contributing friends who wish to advertise their business or service can "post" an advertisement for \$2.00 per month. Ads should be given to Kathie Mackie or put in her box with a check for the fee, and she will develop a monthly listing that will be posted on the bulletin board. Minimum fee of \$6 for three months; \$12 for 6 months; \$24 for a year.

The ad must include the name of the member or contributing friend who is advertising, the business or service being offered, and any other information the advertiser wishes to have posted. Kathie will include an expiration date which will indicate how long the ad will be posted, i.e. how many months the advertiser has paid for. Non-members and non-contributing friends may also post business or service ads, but will be charged \$5 per month.

Members and contributing friends who have need of a service may post their notice on the bulletin board free of charge. The board will be cleared monthly of these free postings if the individuals have not themselves removed them.

Be sure and check the Classifieds Bulletin Board from time to time to see what great services our members and friends have to offer. By supporting them and using their services you will also be supporting UUCT.

KEEPING THE CALENDAR

There have been some problems recently with the church calendar - conflicts, important meetings or events not written in or written in without Kathie being told about them. As Administrative Assistant, Kathie is the keeper of the "official" church wall calendar. We can help avoid problems if all of us (staff, board members, committee chairs, and members of the congregation) remember to do the following:

- * Finalize dates after first checking with Kathie, even if the calendar looks clear.
- * Rather than writing directly on the calendar, leave Kathie a note in her box or on her desk asking her to write in the date or meeting on the calendar, so that she knows everything that is going on it.
- * Even if a date or dates are listed on a timetable, in committee minutes, in a Meridian article you submit, etc., give Kathie a note asking her to put the date or dates on the calendar. Kathie has a lot to keep track of!
- * Tell Kathie which room you will be using.
- * Inform Kathie of any arrangements which have been made with regularly scheduled groups to switch their meeting time or place.

Thanks for your cooperation!

OUR VISION ... IS OF A GROWING, CARING CONGREGATION

*WHICH is dedicated to the principles of the UUA

*WHICH fosters a sense of community

*WHICH provides opportunities for spiritual and intellectual enrichment, and emotional support to its members

*WHICH provides religious education and a nurturing community for its children

*WHICH welcomes people of different racial, ethnic, and cultural groups, different sexual orientations, and different religious and political preferences

*WHICH respects the diverse interests of its members in an atmosphere of freedom, reason, and tolerance

*WHICH focuses, mobilizes, and makes visible UU principles in Tallahassee and the surrounding area

*And, IN WHICH members personally contribute and participate in a spirit of stewardship and giving aimed at accomplishing our mutual goals and better serving the broader community.



March 2001 UUCT Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For sermon titles and "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.	See page 12 for UUCT Contacts for events.	*Details on another page		1 7 PM Board	2 5:30 PM University UUs at Aristotle's 7-10 PM Canvasser Orientation	3 9 AM -Noon & 1 - 4 PM Canvasser Orientation* Social Activity: St. Marks* 7 PM Full Circle/Peace Dances*
4 9 AM - 1 PM HS OWL (off-site) 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee Meeting 10:45 MS OWL 12:30 PM Forum on Asking Budget* 3-5 PM 4th-5th OWL	5 7-9 PM University UUs 7:15 PM Goddess Spirituality Group* (off-site)	6	7 7:30 PM Choir	8 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Committee	9 5:30 PM University UUs at Aristotle's Evening Social Activity: Dinner & Movie*	10 6:30 PM YRUU Spaghetti Dinner* 7:30 PM UUCT Auction*
11 10:45 AM MS OWL (off-site) 12:15 PM Congregational Voting Meeting* 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 1:15 PM UU Humanists* 3-5 PM 4th-5th OWL 6-8 PM HS OWL	12 7:15 PM Goddess Spirituality Group* (off-site) 7:45 PM Shelter Meal	13 7:15 PM Program Committee	14 7:30 PM Choir	15 7 PM Board	16 7:30 PM Social Activity: Game Night (off-site)*	17 9 AM - 1 PM Workday* Multicultural Families Support Group
18 5:30 - 7:30 PM Leadership Event for Canvassers (off-site)* 6-8 PM YRUU (off-site)*	19 7-9 PM University UUs 7:15 PM Goddess Spirituality Group* (off-site)	20 6 PM Parenting Support Group* (Rm. 2)	21 7 PM RCDC* 7:30 PM Choir	22	23 5:30 PM University UUs at Aristotle's	24
25 12:45 PM Speak OUT!*	26 7-9 PM University UUs 7:15 PM Goddess Spirituality Group* (off-site)	27	28 6:45 PM RCDC Book Discussion Group (off-site)* 7:30 PM Choir	29 7:15 PM Capital Improvement Committee	30 5:30 PM University UUs at Aristotle's 6:30 PM Congregational Dinner*	31