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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice (3/14 & 3/21 only)

9:45 AM Adult Forum

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

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

1st & 3rd Sundays:

6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- Mar. 7 Bud Combs & Robert Christie - "Chiapas, Mexico Warm's & Welcomes You"
- Mar. 14 Holly Binns, FL Public Interest Research Goup Advocate - "Energy Efficient Florida Campaign"
- Mar. 21 Richard Dempsey - Talking about his book trilogy "Fletcher's Lure"
- Mar. 28 Ben Wilcox, Common Cause - "Government Reform and the Florida Legislature" (FL elections and the citizen initiative on an independent commission on redistricting)

# The Meridian

## March Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Mar. 7 | Edge Living and Annual Giving

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth. We are heretics! You'll find us outside of orthodoxy, and mostly on the other side in the debate about creeds. Heretics have learned a valuable lesson about living on the edge. This is Canvass Sunday, so what we know about edge living will apply directly to annual giving.

**Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Mar. 14 | Let's Change God

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. On my sabbatical I entertained the idea and belief that we have the power to change God. Yes, we may change how we perceive God—change the images and ideas about God. But if we can also literally change God, how would that work, and what are our goals for the divine transformation? **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Mar. 21 | Iraq, the Universal Soldier, and the Quest for Peace

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. One year after the onset of "shock and awe," the battle for Baghdad, and the occupation of Iraq, we gather to reaffirm our commitment to peace. Today we experience war through the voices of a World War II general, a protestor, a poet, a Vietnam veteran, and a little boy terrified by the roar of B-52 bombers overhead. Members of several faiths share personal reflections and words from their sacred texts. In the second part of the service we explore what humans can do, individually and collectively, to bring peace to the planet.

**Guest Speaker: Mary Beth McBride; Lay Leader: Kristin King**

### Mar. 28 | TBA, Rev. Amy McKenzie

UUCT 50th Anniversary Celebration: Wed. 3/3, 7:00 PM



Congregational Voting Meeting: Sun. 3/7, Noon



More information on both in Events.

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

*The Passion of the Christ* is one of several current movies with religious themes and spiritual pull. They portray: not just violence, brutality, and a trial that results in execution but also redemption, love, free will and the drive to live. I saw *The Butterfly Effect* and *Monster*.

“God” is a name for unconditional love. The movie, *Monster*, about convicted and executed serial killer Aileen Wuornos, humanizes her. After I watched the movie, I read more about her various and vicious crimes in order to keep the cry for justice loud. Even so, let our response neither be the cold, hard ease of revenge and retribution, nor the agonizing fires of eternal damnation. It’s a worthwhile discipline to hold someone responsible when you also hold them in the human race—hold their inherent worth and dignity with their despicable acts, in

concert. Rely upon and do the work of love, forgiveness, understanding, and reconciliation.

“God” is a name for the generator of the urge to new life, the source of the nudge toward goodness. I believe that our choices change the way things will be. God hasn’t pre-ordained this moment or the next. From the moving and informative United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, I learned that our country might have altered the course of history if we had revised our immigration policy or boycotted the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

In the movie, *The Butterfly Effect*, we are warned against “playing God”—going back in time to change the future. In the movie, one person’s point of view is too small to manipulate things for the better for everyone in the scene; a small tweak makes a big

difference, but not always a better difference for the characters. I agree that the past is held in the mind of God if you will, not in the hands of humanity. But the present and so the future is in the hands of all the entities that live and act in this world.

During these final weeks of winter, ponder a religious or spiritual question.

And by the way, welcome back into my everyday schedule! We’ll talk about sabbatical and what we want to do the same and what do differently during our time together in March and April, and for the remaining months of sabbatical (summer session, May-August).

With Gladness and In Faith,

(Rev.) Amy

## President's Message

By Neil Mooney

Our twins, Austin and Pierce, are twelve. At this age, they are strong enough to be quite helpful with chores. They love our church (I’ve overheard them telling their friends!), and they’ll always go on Saturday morning to set up Sunday’s chairs if asked. That only takes twenty minutes or so, but I think they’re a help to the retirees, George (Knight) and Richard (Dempsey), who generally do it alone otherwise.

On other occasions, I get them down to workdays. You might expect three hours of taking direction from someone else’s grandfather to be a bit daunting for them: Nope! They enjoy that, too. Heck, they even ask me when the workdays are coming since I allow them to earn a little more computer time at home through the effort.

Recently Austin was teamed up alone with Ken Wood to work on playground

construction. Later he told me it was “really fun”; Ken is a prince any way you look at him, and he loves children. For Austin, a few hours with the professor whose pig roast he attends each year, taking instruction on the finer points of woodworking, was a unique and prized opportunity.

That same day, Pierce joined Francis Ventre, along with Dave Harvey and Tom Chase, to set up some shelving in the new building’s mechanical room. For Pierce, who wants to be an architect or engineer, to find himself teamed up with Francis (the former) and Dave and Tom (the latter) was really cool. It’s nice to think that when he gets closer to college age there will be some older friends he can ask about the advantages between architecture and engineering. Grandpa Mooney was an engineer, but

never lived to see his grandsons born. Grandpa Brown is more than a thousand miles away. How wonderful that the church so beautifully fills this void!

The chairman of Buildings and Grounds asked me to write on this topic. Francis also enjoys the inter-generational interaction, and something tells me he doesn’t mind the extra muscle showing up, either. It truly is a win-win situation for everyone involved. Mine aren’t the only kids who help, and the good news is there’s still plenty of opportunity for more parents with willing children to regularly pitch in on workdays and enjoy quality time with their kids and other congregants. Here’s hoping to see you and yours on the second Saturday of any month!

In Community, Neil

## Canvass 2004-2005: Building A Home For Liberal Faith

By Isabel Sheridan, Canvass Committee Chairperson

Now that our new building is open, this year's theme of the annual Canvass has special meaning. Each spring, during the annual Canvass, the church receives pledges of Money and Gifts of Self from its members and friends. These gifts are the threads that hold our church together; they connect us to each other and to all we do as a congregation for the fiscal year. This season is an especially important one; it is the first year we pay the mortgage on our new building. So we are asking you to **raise your expectations** of yourself and of us all.

In mid-February you received the Asking Budget. The Congregational Forum on the Asking Budget, Sunday, February 29, was a chance for everyone to understand how the

budget supports our staff and programs. On **March 7**, after the service, we will have the **Congregational Vote on the Asking Budget**. Please plan to attend.

**Sunday, March 7, is also Canvass Day.** Rev. Amy McKenzie, in the first Sunday service after her winter sabbatical, will focus on the Canvass. As you gather for the Congregational Meeting, the Canvass Committee will hand you the Canvass packet, which contains reports from committees and staff on our accomplishments for this year and our visions for next year. The packet also includes other information to help you decide on pledges of self and money.

**Then, starting March 7 and continuing through March 27, you will attend a Canvass potluck** at the

home of a member or friend. Bring your Gifts of Self form (from the Canvass packet). After sharing a meal with friends, you will make your pledges of Money and Gifts of Self. If you have not already signed up for a potluck, you should be receiving a phone call from the Canvass Committee soon.

The last two years these potlucks were times when members and friends enjoyed sharing a meal and conversation while they did the work of the church. We hope you will attend.

### CANVASS CONTACTS:

Chairperson: Isabel Sheridan,  
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Past Chairperson: Margaret Mooney,  
[margmooney@yahoo.com](mailto:margmooney@yahoo.com), 893-8250

Potluck Coordinator: Annette Pearce,  
386-4053

## Announcements

### New Auction Format



The Silent Auction will have a fresh look this year, thanks to the new building. Bids will be accepted over the course of eight days, **beginning Sunday, April 11 and ending Sunday, April 18.** Items and bid sheets will be set up on tables in the large room of the new building, Room L, and bids will be accepted anytime during these 8 days, with final bids taken up until the close of the auction at 1:15 PM on April 18.

The Silent Auction is a major fundraiser for the church, so please start looking through your house for nice items that we can sell through the auction, or put on your thinking cap and consider donating a special service, such as a dinner in your home, babysitting, or the use of your truck. Flyers are available at the back of the sanctuary listing ideas of



services which can be offered. If we can get at least one item from each of our members, we can have a very successful auction. Questions? Offers of donations? Contact Joan Patterson, 309-1248 (H), 443-4964 (C), or [patterson090@comcast.net](mailto:patterson090@comcast.net).

### Helping the Homeless

Our YRUU Youth Group is collecting toiletry items to put into "shower power paks" for The Shelter. There is a box in the back of the sanctuary where we would love for you to put your donations of (unopened) shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, lotion, etc. (And don't forget those little bottles and soaps you get at hotels!) These items will be greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of The Shelter. The box will be there until April 4 and will have a list of requested items. Thank you!

### Campus Ministry Chair Needed

Current Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson Sara Reece has served in the position for several years and is ready to step down. The committee is a vital link between our congregation and the University UU campus group. If you'd be interested in serving in this position or learning more about it, contact Sara (309-1933, [sarareece@earthlink.net](mailto:sarareece@earthlink.net)) or Campus Ministry Coordinator Chelsea Cline (222-3931, [chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com)).

### Child Dedication & Naming

A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be led by Rev. Amy this spring. Please speak with her (383-9186) and see *Youth Religious Education* for more information.

## Announcements (Continued)

### Looking for Connection & Depth?

If you've been wanting to connect on a deeper level with others at UUCT, consider participating in Evensong II on eight Wednesday evenings starting 3/17. It's not necessary to have done Evensong I. See *Adult Enrichment*. Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

### UU World on Tape

Subscriptions to the *UU World* are free on audiotape for people who cannot read regular print materials. Simply contact Devorah Greenstein at the UUA (617-948-6451, [dgreenstein@uaa.org](mailto:dgreenstein@uaa.org)).

### Photos Needed for Directory

Ken Wood is creating a UUCT Photo Directory and needs pictures of all members, friends and families. Place a high-resolution photo in the in-box on the sanctuary back counter or see Ken after the service on a Sunday to have a digital photo taken. See *January Meridian* article. Contact: Ken Wood (229-377-8739, [caldy23@yahoo.com](mailto:caldy23@yahoo.com)).

### Missing Hymnals

If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home to make sure it was returned. We are missing some of the 94 hymnals UUCT owns.

If you'd like your own, order from the UUA Bookstore (800-215-9076,

Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM, [www.uua.org/bookstore](http://www.uua.org/bookstore), or pick up a copy of the mail-in order form from the church office). Current cost is \$28 plus shipping and handling. Hymnals can also be purchased and given to the church in memory or honor of a loved one or a fellow UUCTer.

### Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...).
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).

## Appreciation



- To:**
- \* **Isabel Sheridan, Al Starr, Carolyn DuBard, Eric Draper and Sheila Meehan, Barbara Sterling, Ed and Linda Oaksford, Barbara and John Donaldson, and Jean Chulak** for greeting on Sunday mornings 2/1-2/22.
  - \* **Carolyn Pardue, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, and all others** for hosting hospitality 2/1-2/22.
  - \* **All** who were clean up "heroes" 2/1-2/22 .
  - \* **Ansel Bailey-Mershon, Patrick Lineberry, and Elaine Comer** for volunteering in the nursery.
  - \* **Dorothy Mann and Eleanor and Earl Enge** for helping out in the office on a weekly basis.
  - \* **Margaret Mooney** for helping with filing in the office.
  - \* **Tom Chase and Dot Mann** for labeling and stuffing the envelopes for the Asking Budget mailing.
  - \* **George Knight, Isabel Sheridan, and Margaret Mooney** for labeling and stuffing the canvass packets.
  - \* **Joe Lama, Tom Chase, Francis Ventre and Bruce Brandt** for installing "rip-rap" to the side of the drainage berm north of the UUCT sanctuary on February 14, a rainy St. Valentine's Day. Look at it!
  - \* **Tom Chase and Billy Mackie** for installing wall and floor cabinets in the church office.
  - \* **Vic Venos** for straightening out the phone lines in the office.
  - \* **Barbara Sterling** for all her recent efforts as Aesthetics Chairperson to improve the way UUCT looks inside and out, and for going through our archive file boxes and then moving them from the storage shed to the Room L closet.
  - \* **Leslie Wurster, Sara Reece, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, Holly and Kathie Mackie, Malte Haupt, Van and Chelsea Fox, Carolyn Pardue, Suzanne Freynik, and Carla Conaway** for helping with the Campus Ministry soup lunch on 2/21. Also thanks to all those who helped with set up.
  - \* **Jennifer Carver** for taking youth to FL District Youth Cons in October, November and January and to The Mountain Sr. High Con in February.
  - \* **Kathryn Hansman-Spice and Byron Spice** for completing their entire 2003-2004 pledge even though they are leaving Tallahassee at the end of March.
  - \* **Jennifer Carver and Trudy Deyle** for attending the three-district UUA "Raising the Roof" workshop in February, including paying their own ways, and **Annette Pearce** for attending as a Florida District consultant.
  - \* **Chelsea and Van Fox, Nina Cline, Jackie Wurnos, Holly and Kathie Mackie, Barbara Gearhart, Pam Harris-Davidson, Jared Homan, Lee Tanner and Malte Haupt** for helping with the February Shelter Meal.

**Note:** Pat needs more volunteers for the upcoming meals. Contact her at 422-2847 if you can help in any role on the second Monday of the month.



## Appreciation (Continued)

### Heartbeats Appreciation

Thanks for your loving support of our 6th Heartbeats Concert on February 14 with the theme "Love Around the World." **Ludy Goodson**, Concert Manger; **Helen Falb**, Saint Music Director; **Carolyn Pardue**, Refreshments, **Howard Pardue** for assistance, and all who brought beverages and snacks - **Christine Boczarska**, **Bettie Greenberg**, **Byron Spice**, **Peggy Lentz**, **Annette Pearce**, and **Kelley Turnage**, with good wishes from **Kandy Crowe**; **Pam Hoskins**, Publicity Coordinator and **Mary Millard** who designed the flyer; **Vic Venos**, Microphones and Audio Manager; **Randall Gann**, Room Set Up; **Nina Cline** and **Patrick Lineberry** for donating the service of child care and **Kim Ross** for coordinating it; **Trudy Deyle**, Wise Woman Consultant; and all who performed: **Katya and Tom Taylor**, **O.K. Chorale**,

**Bruce Brandt**, **Barbara and Howard Solomon**, **Mary Millard**, **Pauline Masterton**, **Jack McDevitt**, **Ron Crowe (in spirit)**, **Barbara Lineberry**, **Sally Andersen**, **Cheryl Ward**, **Marcie Gsteiger-Cox** and **Yvonne Gsteiger**, **John DuBard**, **William Adkins**, **Alan Keith**, **Bethany Cavano**, **Ludy Goodson**, **Barbara Hogan**, and **Rebecca Sager** and **Mark Wingate** (in spirit and CD). And all who attended and all who pitched in to clean up the place. May you have a happy year full of abundant love!

### A UUCT V.I.P.

We have many UUCT V.I.P.s in our midst, but special thanks go to one in particular this month. He's as dependable, trustworthy and hard-working as they come, but he doesn't like for people to make a big fuss about him. Any idea who he is?

He has recorded and deposited our pledge payments and the rest of the

Sunday collection every Monday morning for over ten years. He's also been the right-hand man on the Buildings and Grounds Committee for years and has built a number of things around the church, such as: the nametag rack, the new moveable stages, the screen door on the office, additional UUCT mailboxes when they are needed, and the walkway around the back of the pods, as well as recently being one of the main builders for the tot lot and playground.

He served on the Capital Improvement Committee for planning the new building. He's a faithful original member of the Okay Chorale and only misses a Sunday when he's out of town. He makes himself available every month to label, sort and carry The Meridian to the main Post Office as soon as it's ready. What would UUCT do without our wonderful **Tom Chase**?!

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, March 7, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

#### What is a Child Dedication or Naming?

A Child or Youth Dedication Ceremony is a traditional Unitarian Universalist ritual of accepting the parents' and

congregation's responsibilities in the religious development of the child or youth and welcoming her or him into participation in the beloved community. Verbal commitments are made to nurture and support. The participants are then dedicated to a life of love and service to the world and to one of creative possibility and meaning.

Any age child or youth may participate, both those new to our church community and those who have been here awhile. Our church will have a group ceremony once a year, but it is also possible for members to arrange individual ceremonies. For the group ceremony during a Sunday Service, we will learn why children were given their name and the hopes that parents have for their children.

A Child Naming Ceremony is a similar UU ritual usually done for infants.

These are two of the special ceremonies our church has to recognize our youths' transitions in life.

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

**Meetings:** First and Third Sundays of the month from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 3&6) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

**Service Project:** YRUU is collecting items for toiletry paks for The Shelter. See *Announcements* for details.

#### FL District Con Schedule:

- April 16-18 District Youth Caucus
- April 30-May 2 All-Age CON Vero Beach

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

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

The Adult Enrichment classes are described below. If you are interested in an upcoming or open attendance class, please contact the person listed for that class soon to express your interest. We would like to know how many are likely to attend.

#### CLASSES: ON-GOING & OPEN OR STARTING SOON

***Evensong II:*** Wednesdays, March 17 - May 5, 7:15 PM. Get to know other UUCTers more deeply through readings, reflection and the sharing of our thoughts and stories. Similar in format to *Evensong I* but with different topics: childhood memory and knowing, scripture and story, prayer and spiritual practice, fear, generosity, hospitality and the stranger, being alive, and beliefs and actions. Open to all, regardless of whether or not you have participated in *Evensong I*. 8 participants maximum. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

***New UU Fiction Book Club:*** Starting Tuesday, March 9 at 7 PM, Room C. Snacks and drinks will be provided by new UU Friend Elizabeth Vigil (656-9921, [evigil@lpoffice.com](mailto:evigil@lpoffice.com)). Read *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides for the first discussion. Please contact Elizabeth with any questions.

***The Artist's Way:*** Open to new participants. We are taking a short break and will start classes again on March 20, meeting Saturdays, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Room K. Contact Amy

Mann ([amann@infionline.net](mailto:amann@infionline.net) or 222-1420).

***Understanding the Bible - An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers and Religious Liberals:*** Continues Thursdays, 7 PM in Room C, with additional people welcome to join. Led by Rev. Harold Hawkins and based on the book of the same name by Rev. John Buehrens. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647).

***Voluntary Simplicity & Choices for Sustainable Living:*** Using Northwest Earth Institute discussion workbooks, members take turns preparing for and leading discussions centered on life style changes to reduce our impact on the earth. The current *Voluntary Simplicity* class is full, but we will be offering *Choices for Sustainable Living* in the fall.

***Wayne Dyer Discussion Group:*** Meets monthly on a Sunday at 12:30 PM in Room L (next: 3/28), viewing and then discussing PBS specials by Dyer, who uses spirituality to help in counseling clients, drawing on the strong association between spiritual well being and mental health. Contact: Dick Leinberry (386-4977).

#### FUTURE CLASSES

***New UU sessions*** are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions are Mondays, April 5 and 12, 7-9 PM, Room L, taught by Rev. Amy and a church member. Contact the church office (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

#### OPEN PARTICIPATION

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

***UU Buddhist Fellowship.*** The UUBF (Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship) meets every first and third Monday at 7:00 PM in Rooms 3&6. We read and discuss books and are currently working on "When Things Fall Apart" by Pema Chodrin. In March, we will finish some final issues from Chapter 11 - nonaggression and recreating the self, and then move on to Chapters 12 and 13 to examine awareness from moment to moment, meditation with introspection and widening the circle of compassion. For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562-0739, [wmpat88@att.net](mailto:wmpat88@att.net)).

***Women's Spirituality Group.*** Meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

## *Campus Ministry Corner*

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

This month the University UUs will be having a lot of fun. We'll start the month off with preparing a meal for The Shelter, which is always a blast. We always need help with that, so please contact me if you have some time to spare on March 8.

We'll also have a brief respite from responsibility during Spring Break, the second week of March, and we will not be meeting that week. After we return

to our regularly scheduled lives, we will run right off again for a spiritual retreat with FSU's Pagan Student Association during the Equinox - an altogether pleasant way to bring in the warmer weather.

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

Note: Sara Reece (309-1933, sarareece@earthlink.net) is the current Campus Ministry Chairperson but is ready to step down. Please contact Sara or me if you'd be interested in serving in this position.

## *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? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 23 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2004. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

The positions to be filled are: (VP = Vice President for)

- President Elect
- VP Church Community
- VP Management
- VP Worship
- VP Social Justice
- VP Religious Education (2nd year of current term)
- Nominating Committee (Eric Draper & Sally Andersen positions)

If you are interested in finding out more about the open positions, viewing any of the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or someone else for consideration, please contact any Nominating Committee member by April 1: Chairperson Sally Andersen, Dan Damerville, Eric Draper, or Steve Van Sciver. Per our bylaws, these four elected members will choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

## *About Our New Members*

**Lugenia Dixon.** Lugenia is a professor of Psychology at Bainbridge College and lives in Bainbridge. She is divorced, has three children and eleven grand-children, and is from an area in Columbus and Muscogee County, Georgia called Upatoi. Lugenia's interests and hobbies include gardening, drawing, painting, learning, travel, self improvement, and music, plays, and the visual arts.

Regarding her religious journey, Lugenia says: "It has been difficult. I have never felt religious but have joined different churches at different points in my life because I felt pressure to do so – not necessarily by a particular person but pressure from society to be a member of a church."

While she had been in the Catholic Church since 1985, she had never fully accepted some of the teachings and about three years ago started going less and less, eventually stopping completely. She felt she was not being true to herself to continue going.

Lugenia found Unitarian Universalism on the internet when she was looking for information on atheism and agnosticism. She decided she was actually more interested in the UU information, searched for the nearest church and found UUCT. She decided to join because she felt it was the right thing to do, if she was going to keep attending here. She feels a need to affiliate with like-minded people, agrees with the UU principles and feels

she can support them wholeheartedly, and also likes the idea of spiritual development over religious dogma.

When asked what the church can do for her and what she hopes to find here, Lugenia says: "At the moment, the only way I know to answer this is to say that the church can meet my need for affiliation and validate my personal beliefs in the principles stated by the UU church. I hope to find a church home and a community that will continue to be just as welcoming as they have been thus far and hope to be involved in things where I can be of help to the church and where my own spiritual growth is encouraged."

## Green Corner



### Less is More

By Steve Urse

1. Ecotours are being sponsored by your Green Sanctuary Committee. Travel to the Gulf Coast Marine Specimen Lab April 3 and camp overnight at Little St George Island May 15- 16. Details in *Events*.

2. The Great Story is the Epic of Evolution. We are appreciative that Connie Barlow and Michael Dowd shared their message and resources with UUCT in February. They encouraged us to begin the Great Work by matching what gives us Great Joy to the Earth's Great Need. For essays, parables and more, see [www.greatstory.org](http://www.greatstory.org).

3. An earth-friendly national energy plan and a more energy efficient Florida would be good steps in meeting our goal to reduce global warming. FL Public Interest Research Group (and other environmental organizations) are doing something about this for Florida. Holly Binns, Clean Air and Energy Advocate, will explain what you can do at the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 14. To prepare, read their Declaration of Principles and New Energy Future ([www.floridapirg.org](http://www.floridapirg.org)).

### Ceramic Insulating Paints For Your Home

By Pam Hoskins

As spring arrives and the weather becomes more pleasant, your thoughts might be turning to opening up the

house and giving the walls a fresh, bright coat of paint. You might also want to spend some warm, dry weekend painting your home's exterior. For both of these projects, there is a unique category of paint product on the market, energy-saving ceramic insulating paints.

With these paints, room interiors feel more comfortable in cold weather, allowing the thermostat to be lowered. During hot weather, the exterior paints are highly reflective of the sun's heat, reducing air conditioning costs. In both cases, homeowners can reduce energy usage and contribute a little less to global warming.

The insulating properties of these paints are due to the addition of microscopic, hollow ceramic spheres that have a vacuum inside them. Once the paint is dried, the spheres become closely packed and form a continuous ceramic film. The vacuums inside the spheres, added to the general insulating and heat dissipating qualities of ceramic material, block radiant heat loss. They lower the emissivity of the wall surface similar to low-e window glass.

Ceramic insulating paints are available in one and five gallon cans and can be mail-ordered. I was not able to find a local retailer who carries them. There is a Tallahassee painting contractor called Liquid Ceramic who uses this kind of paint. These latex paints are a tint-able white.

Other desirable qualities provided by the ceramic spheres include a degree of sound insulation, very effective covering of surfaces, and a tendency to fill in tiny cracks and imperfections. Painted surfaces also are easier to clean and less likely to get mildewed because they are not porous. Finally, ceramic insulating paints generally last longer than conventional paints. The paint is applied much more heavily than conventional paint, sometimes eliminating the need for a primer, but its appearance is like that of ordinary flat, satin, or semi-gloss paint.

Ceramic paint can cost two to three times more than conventional paint, and there is additional cost if you take it to a local paint store to be tinted. The higher cost may be offset by longer life and reduced energy costs. Other products available include a ceramic sphere additive which can be mixed in with any other paint, and coatings for the outside and underside of a roof.

Some ceramic paints are low-VOC (low in volatile organic compounds), an important quality; a separate consideration in making a "green" choice in paint is the environmental effect of the materials and manufacturing process. In a future *Green Corner*, I will write more about "green" paints. I'll also report about my experience painting a perpetually-cold room in my house with insulating paint. If you would like to know more about insulating ceramic paints, please contact me (893-5039, or [pvhoskins@aol.com](mailto:pvhoskins@aol.com)).

## Board Actions in February

### February 5, 2004 Executive Board Decisions:

- Approved the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for December 2003.
- Approved the opening of a new brokerage account at Muriel Siebert.
- Approved the following recommendation to the Program Committee concerning the sale of materials on Sundays: The Executive Board recommends that there be no sale, display, or promotion in the sanctuary of speaker items or services related to the Sunday service.
- Approved the Asking Budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year.



## Social Justice

### Harmony Camp

By Joanne Taylor

We had a very productive meeting on February 8th with 13 people present. We completed our timeline of dates when specific tasks are due to be completed. We also reviewed the budget, and are grateful to all who have contributed toward the camp. Our **UUCT parents should register their children by March 15**. We are saving 20 slots for children who are not involved in UUCT, preferably children of cultures and religions other than Unitarian Universalist.

Joanne visited the Mosque on Friday, February 13 and thoroughly enjoyed the service, which described, among other things, how inclusive the Moslem faith is. Rashad Mujahid, the Imam, introduced Joanne after the service and invited her to talk about the camp. The group was most welcoming and receptive to the idea. Rashad plans to

participate in the camp and his wife, Sakinah, who owns the All Stars Day Care Center, will likely provide scholarships for a couple of her day care children to attend.

Our **next meeting** will be **Sunday, March 14** after the service. Kate Taluga plans to be with us to discuss curriculum and the ways we can include the students in the planning. Be sure to mark your calendar.

### RCDC: Riley House Museum

By Isabel Sheridan

Blended Lives, the collaboration of Riley House and Goodwood Museum in celebrating our shared history, focused this year on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brown v. the Board of Education and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. UUCT supported the January week of celebration in several ways.

**Richard Dempsey** signed books at the opening reception at TCC; the third volume of his trilogy, *Fletcher's Lure*, deals with the era of Civil Rights.

**Howard Pardue** conducted music and history workshops three days for 1,400 of Leon County's fourth graders, who visited both museums. **Elinor Elfner** served on the planning committee for the week's events. She was also a "freedom rider" on the Woodville Elementary School bus, giving children a guided tour of local sites significant in the decade of civil rights struggle.

**Joanne Taylor** was a "freedom rider" for Roberts Elementary School and for Kate Sullivan Elementary School.

**LaRae Donnellan** brought a group of her students to the Saturday tour of civil rights sites. Finally, a number of UUCT members and friends attended one or more of the events.

Thank you to all who participated in the week's events.

## Church Community News

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

### UUs On the Move

**Virginia Anderson**, our oldest living member at UUCT, has moved to the Central time zone! Her new mailing address is: Parthenon Healthcare, 17884 Northeast Crozier Street, Blountstown, Florida 32424. Until she gets her own telephone, call her at Parthenon's office: 850-674-5464. We will miss her being in Quincy. She likes her new home.

**Mary Persons** is now living in St. Augustine, in a house inherited from her mother two years ago. Mary says she misses us. She can be contacted on her cell phone (850-566-2900) or by writing her at 46 Magnolia Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32084.

**Kathryn Hansman-Spice** and **Byron Spice** are leaving us after 12 years in Tallahassee and at UUCT, to move to a 7th floor condo overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at Flagler Beach. Their big move, from their lakeside home

north of town, is a happy transition, one (as both describe it) of downsizing now, having less things to be responsible for and living more simply, and bringing a change of focus, with more time to travel, write, and enjoy the waterview and friends at Flagler Beach.

On Saturday March 27, starting at 8 AM, there will be an "Estate Sale" at their home, and on Sunday March 28 (2:00 - 5:00 PM), an "Open House." Everyone is welcome. Kathryn says: "Bring a memory (write it out if possible) to share, and say goodbye to us at the lake."

On March 31, they leave for their new home, address: 3580 South Oceanshore Blvd, Flagler Beach, FL 32136. You can always reach them at their cell phone numbers: 850-766-0652 (Kathryn) or 850-766-0654 (Byron). They'll be only 4 hours away, and they want people to come visit.

**Jean** and **Ken Wood** (ever peripatetic) are making a trip to Paris soon and will be away from March 15 to April 15.

### Audio Tapes

Audio tapes of each Sunday's service are available for four-week loan to UUCT members. Sign-out information and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact Gwendolyn Waldorf at gwndlyn@istal.com or 668-334.

### A UU Pilgrimage to Plains?

A UU Pilgrimage to Plains? Two upcoming, possible spring dates to visit Jimmy Carter's Sunday school class are March 28 and Palm Sunday, April 4. Palm Sunday may be too congested, so March 28 is advocated--in order to find a seat in the small sanctuary. Either as caravan or individually, to leave at 5:00 AM will help you arrive by 8:00 AM. A long line, fed by busloads of visitors, forms early. If interested, contact me.

## Committee On Ministry: Sabbatical Role

By Christine Boczarska, Committee on Ministry Chairperson

In last month's article, I talked about what we normally do as the Committee on Ministry (COM). When Rev. Amy is on sabbatical, we have a slightly different role in addition to our regular functions.

One change in our role involves the discretionary fund that our minister is in charge of. It is used, at her discretion, to assist members and friends who may have a temporary crisis. She appointed the chair of the COM to handle the fund in her absence - myself for January, February, May and June and Bruce Brandt, COM chair as of 7/1/04, for July and August. During sabbatical months, the COM chair is also the first contact for emergency and other pastoral needs. Rev. Amy resumes these roles for March and April and in September.

Both times when Rev. Amy returns, the COM will meet to discuss and help "debrief" her regarding her sabbatical studies. This will give us some idea of

what she has absorbed through her work in the two courses she pursued and how she will be using this to help reach her goals and the congregation's as well. Then we will help her with a new plan for the upcoming year of her current contract. During the discussion we will refer to last year's goals and address any new issues. This process will repeat after the second part of the sabbatical is concluded.

Keeping in touch with UUCT committees' needs and suggestions provides the COM with useful information to move the minister and congregation forward together. There are so many functions in the church and so many people performing them that it is very easy to feel separate or disparate. We hope to work with the Executive Board and the Church Council to make each member feel a part of this larger whole we call a community of faith.

Every 3 years the COM is in charge of conducting an evaluation of "ministry."

This is a review of all of us and how we work together. The UUA has a model on which we will base our review. The model has a congregational survey and outlines a process for analyzing and using the information gathered. The survey will come sometime in the fall of this year, and I hope everyone responds to it, so we can get a true "temperature" of our church community. We know we're good, but just how good are we?

The results of this review will be part of the church's future planning, with improvements, revisions and changes that many of us may want to see but haven't voiced yet. This is a very different time for our congregation with a beautiful new building, many committees active in both the church and the community at large, and a minister who has been part of all that. It can only get better from here.

## Publicity: What's Up with the UUCT Ad?

By Kristin King, Publicity Committee Chair

The Publicity and Membership committees continue to receive questions and comments about UUCT's revised weekly *Democrat* ad. Although many comments have been favorable, some people want to know why we dropped the title of the service and the speaker's name from the ad. This article is an attempt to explain how we arrived at that decision.

When the Publicity and Membership committees met in December 2003, we discussed the current budget and priorities for the next fiscal year. Some members complained that the *Democrat* ad was too busy and that the type size was too small. Realizing that there was not enough money left

in the current budget to enlarge the *Democrat* ad, we pondered other ways to create an attractive, eye-catching ad. Finally we decided to remove the bubble containing the speaker's name and the title of the service, and to enlarge the type size for the remaining text. We retained Rev. Amy's name because she is our full-time, settled minister, regardless of her sabbatical schedule or whether she is speaking on any given Sunday.

Based on visitor statistics for 2002 and 2003 (see note at end of article), we also agreed that any additional money for FY 2004–2005 should be spent on other types of publicity, not on enlarging the *Democrat* ad.

In January 2004 we began placing ads in several local publications read by diverse audiences. (See the new UUCT ads in *Kaleidoscope*, the *Apalachee Tortoise*, and the *Center for Participant Education Catalog*.) We also started publishing notices of special events in the *Democrat's* Religion Briefs and religion calendar. In early February we revised one of the questions in the visitors' log to identify the publications in which visitors learn about UUCT. The data we collect this year should tell us whether our additional advertising is bringing us new visitors.

The Program and Membership committees believe these were

## Publicity (Continued)

equitable choices, given the visitor statistics and the budget money available. The weekly *Democrat* ad, now very noticeable (and readable), still provides the church's Web site and phone number. Anyone who wants to know the topic and speaker for a particular Sunday service can either go to our Web site or call the church office. (Check out our new Web page, redesigned and updated by our Webmaster, Jack Martin, at <http://www.nettally.com/uuct/>.)

We appreciate your comments on our publicity efforts. Please take a look at the new ads and tell us how you like them, and give us your creative ideas for publicizing UUCT activities.

Note on visitor statistics: Since December 2002, comments compiled from the visitor logs have helped us determine how visitors learn about UUCT. Our statistics reveal that in 2002 and 2003 only 4 percent of all

visitors came to UUCT because they read the *Democrat* ad. Most people (30.6 percent) heard about the church from their friends. The first contact for another large group (22.5 percent) was our Web site. Other respondents said they learned of UUCT by word of mouth (about 12.2 percent), called the church (4 percent), or found us by other means (about 26.5 percent).

## UUA Trustee Tidbits

By Joan Lund, FL District Trustee

I'd like to say welcome to spring time, but as this is being written the weather doesn't impart that. So welcome to another column. One of my favorite relaxing activities is wandering the UUA web page. I may be looking for certain information and then find myself way off course finding so much interesting and informative "stuff", that I will have forgotten my original quest (maybe that's a symptom of my years on the planet).

As a result of visiting one of our Florida congregations and hopefully sparking an interest in becoming actively involved in social justice in their community, I researched social justice through [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for additional areas of concern. Seven were listed, and all had a wealth of information, plus words asking what the reader thinks and listing the email address at which questions may be sent: [www.socialjustice@uua.org](mailto:www.socialjustice@uua.org).

One important issue is Accessibility. Persons with disabilities are members of America's largest minority, cutting across racial, ethnic, religious, economic, and social lines. The UUA

committed itself to the removal of all barriers that prevent the full participation of persons with disabilities in the life of our Association. The UUA Board of Trustees appointed an Accessibilities Committee to provide planning, implementation, and support to our congregations because so many have yet to remove the barriers that keep persons with disabilities away from our religious communities. Our faith requires us to begin or continue the task of removing both the physical and attitudinal barriers to those persons in our congregations who have disabilities. I hope your congregation is working toward or has completed this task.

I offer a few suggestions to assist congregations in this endeavor. Before becoming an "accessible congregation", an audit must be conducted to determine the architectural, attitudinal, and communications barriers currently existing in your congregation. Once the physical barriers have been removed, it becomes time to make certain the Sunday service and all other activities are "user friendly". This should include

the use of an amplified sound system, provision of assistive listening devices, and large print orders-of-service, hymns, and readings. There should be a list of volunteers willing to provide transportation to and from meetings, service, and other congregational services. Ushers and greeters need training in the etiquette of welcoming persons with different types of disabilities.

The UUA website on social justice offers many more suggestions for becoming a more welcoming congregation to persons with disabilities. You know I enjoy and expect to hear from you so "keep those cards and letters coming". In this day and age, rather than cards and letters, I can be reached at [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727.

### Non-UUCT Events

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

## Welcome New Members

- *Eliza Coyne*
- *Lugenia Dixon*

## Welcome New Friends

- *Alec Falb*
- *Elizabeth Vigil*

## New Member Recognition

Sunday, April 18

### Membership

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

### UUCT Name Tags

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

### On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** March Hospitality Chair: Nancy Harvey (668-9096).
- **Music Committee:** Members needed - anyone who loves music. Contact VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, March 8, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

### Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (All Adult or Intergenerational) will be happening this spring. We have plenty of hosts; they will be choosing their own dinner dates and contacting both newcomers and longer-term members and friends about attending. If you want to be sure to attend a dinner, please contact Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Intergenerational Dinners are for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend All Adult Dinners. A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set menu, providing main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring rest.

## Joys and Sorrows

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

**Ansel Bailey-Mershon**, who received a serious back injury in a car accident. Ansel is doing minimal driving and may need some assistance.

**Ann Conn**, who broke her foot and ankle and would appreciate cards.

**Molly Schmid's** two year old son, **Ian**, who has totally recovered from surgery to remove a cyst on his neck.

**John Murphy, Ron and Kandy Crowe, and others** who have been down with extended, bad head colds.

Thanks to all who have been so helpful to **Pam and Don Crosby** with visits and delivery of meals. It was wonderful to see them at church in mid-February. Then on Monday 2/23, Don had an episode which was possibly related to new medication. He was hospitalized for diagnostic work-up to ensure there was no serious problem. All the testing was negative; the doctor said he was in great health and would be going home soon. Our hearts and positive vision are with Don as he continues to recover from his earlier surgery.

### New Arrivals

If you or another UUCTer is expecting or adopting a child, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you'd like to prepare meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact **Scott Geraci**, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301 or **Holly Mackie** hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497)

### The Committee on Ministry

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

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 179**
- **Current Number of Friends - 48**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of January - 121.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2003 - January 2004 - 104.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 56**



## March UUCT Events, Social Activities, & Events After March

### UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 11:30 AM.

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

### UUCT 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 7:00 PM.

A special celebration of our past and a welcome of the start of our 51st year with a gala program of story and song and a display of scenes and mementos from our history as a liberal religious community in Tallahassee. Contact Pauline Masterton (pauli1020@earthlink.net, 385-2879).

### DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 7:30 PM.

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

### CONGREGATIONAL VOTING MEETING, SUNDAY, MARCH 7, NOON.

An important meeting to vote on the FY 2004-2005 Asking Budget. Plan on attending. Childcare will be provided. Contact: Board President Neil Mooney (893-8250, neilmooney@yahoo.com).

**CANVASS POTLUCKS, MARCH 7 - 27.** In members' homes. See *Canvass 2004 - 2005* p. 3. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053).

### ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

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

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, MARCH 14, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

### MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES, SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 3:00 PM.

Location TBA. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885, www.multiculturalTal.org).

### VISITOR INFORMATION SESSION, SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 12:30 PM.

In Room 2, an opportunity for visitors to ask questions and learn a little about our church and Unitarian Universalism, before attending New UU sessions. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

### UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note on a Sunday) about possible UUCT Social Events. **Check Social Activities section of UUCT website for more activities: [www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct).**

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wed. Mar. 3, 11:30 AM
- Peace Dances, Sat. Mar. 6, 7:00 PM
- Second Sunday Potluck, Mar. 14, 12:30 PM
- Carnegie Hall Concert, Tues. Mar. 30 (see below)
- Older Gals Sleepover, Fri. Apr. 30, 7:00 PM (see below)

**CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT, TUESDAY, MARCH 30.** Several OK Chorale members, along with other UUCTers, will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of the Tallahassee Community Chorus, directed by Andre Thomas. The members are Christine Boczarska, Bruce Brandt, Junelle Brandt, Ludy Goodson, Pauline Masterton, Isabel Sheridan, and Lindsey Worsham. They will sing Haydyn's "Lord Nelson Mass." Joan Patterson will be going to this performance. If you'd like more information, contact Joan (jpatters@mailier.fsu.edu, 309-1248).

### OLDER GALS SLEEPOVER, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 7:00 PM.

How about a pajama party sleepover? Yes, to popcorn and wraps and champagne or soda or espresso. Maybe a movie? And just the girls! OK, just the grown-up girls! Pssst..you don't have to be single. ;-) If interested, contact Ludy (656-8058, ludy8@juno.com).

**AND THANKS** to UUCT frequent visitor **Dean Falk** for her home-hospitality and Indian cuisine for ten over-fifty 'singles' back in late-January.

### Events After March

### GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 10:00 AM.

A three-hour tour by Jack and Anne Rudloe of the Gulf Specimen Marine Lab Aquarium in Panacea, the dock, and the marsh. For all ages, with the cost \$9.00 per person and children under 3 free. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com).

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 12:30 PM.

A meeting of all committee chairs to review the proposed fund-raisers for 2004 - 2005 and recommend to the Board which to approve. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

### UUCT SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAYS, APRIL 11 - 18.

See *Announcements* for details. Contact: Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248).

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00 PM.

A meeting of all committee chairs with the VP for Finance to review the proposed Final Budget for 2004 - 2005. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

### ANNUAL PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, MAY 8.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual event in the great outdoors of southern Georgia, hosted by Ken and Jean Wood.



## *After March, District & National Events*

**GREEN SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 15 & 16.** An overnight field trip to Little St. George Island, with a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 15. We'll arrive by 10 AM Saturday at the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) and take a boat to the island, where there's a nice cabin to stay in. To sign up, contact Steve Urse (surse2@earthlink.net) or Lorin Pratt (prattl@talgov.com).

### **District Events**

**MEMBERSHIP PRACTICES WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MARCH 13.** All-day workshop at the UU Church of Jacksonville. Contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle if interested (gdeyle@juno.com).

**SOUTHWEST CLUSTER WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, MARCH 13.** Held in Sarasota, the topics will be: the Discipline of

Listening, Criminal Justice and Prison Reform, and Civil Liberties (with James Abraham, husband of former UUCT member Ginger Abraham). Contact office for information (385-5115).

**WEST CENTRAL CLUSTER WORKSHOP, MARCH 13.** Held in Clearwater, the topic is "Religious Right: Radically Wrong" with Rev. Barry Lynn, Executive Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Register by e-mail (wcc.fduua@earthlink.net).

**RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, APRIL 3.** Conducted in N. Palm Beach by FL District Executive Mary Chulak Higgins and addressing all types of church risk. Contact: Steve Jens-Rochow (954-463-2085). Note: There will be a workshop in northern FL later this year.

**DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 16-17.** Held in Oviedo, FL at the Canterbury

Retreat Center and open to all. This year's program is "Gather the Spirit: Celebrating Unitarian Universalism in Words and Music" with a dynamic team from Nashville, TN: the Rev. Mary Katherine Morn and Music Director Jason Shelton, whose music we sang at a Sunday service in early February. Brochures, with registration forms, on sanctuary back counter.

**WOMEN & RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 25.** Held at The Pines Conference Center in Brooksville, FL.

### **National Events**

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

## *Notes from The Mountain*



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

The time is here to start planning our Mountain Retreat! Since I have never before planned a retreat, I need the help of experience. If you have been active in planning previous retreats, your expertise would be most helpful. There will be a sign up sheet for The Retreat Planning Committee in the

back of the Sanctuary. We plan to have our retreat over the Labor Day Weekend (September 4-6), with hopefully our first meeting in April. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or input. Thank you!

For more information on The Mountain, check the bulletin board or Mountain notebook at the back of the sanctuary. Or contact Linda (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)) or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838, [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org)).

## *What is SUUSI? (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute)*

SUUSI is an intentional community celebrating its 54th year in 2004. We are UUs and others who gather for a week in July to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing.

And SUUSI is an experience with many levels: fun times, great scenery, sparkles of insight during workshop discussions, high-energy dancing, moments of reflection and awareness, connections with new friends, liberating worship services, even good grits (what, you've never had grits?).


When about 1000 people assemble for a week with a common objective—to establish an intentional community with harmony, spirit, and spice—magic happens. Be there, this year. Bring your friends and family, and develop new friends and a new sense of family.

Watch for more information on the back counter of the sanctuary or visit [info@suusi.org](mailto:info@suusi.org).



# March 2004



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>New Building</b></p> <p><b>Rm L - Large Room</b></p> <p><b>Rm C - Corner Room</b></p> <p><b>Rm K - Kitchen To Be</b></p> <p><b>Rm N - Nursery</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 7 PM UUBuddhist Fellowship, Rms 3&amp;6 7:15 PM Artic. UU Faith, Rm K 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:30 PM Building and Grounds Comm., Rm C</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2 7-9 PM Leadership School, Rm L</p>	<p><b>3</b> 11:30 AM UU Chow down, off-site 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM UUCT Anniversary Celebration, sanctuary <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm L 7 PM Understanding the Bible, Rm C 7:15 PM Evensong, Rm K</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10:30 AM Voluntary Simplicity, Rm C 7:30 PM Peace Dances, sanctuary</p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm. Meeting, Rm 2 <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b> 12:00 PM Cong. Vote on Asking Budget, sanctuary 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&amp;6</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (WSG), off-site</p>	<p><b>9</b> (All Day Polling, sanctuary) 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2 7-9 PM Leadership School, Rm L 7 PM Fiction Bk. Club, Rm C</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7 PM Understanding the Bible, Rm C 7:15 PM Evensong, Rm K</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 9 AM - 1 PM All Church Workday 10:30 AM Voluntary Simplicity, Rm C</p>
<p><b>14</b> 12:30 PM Potluck &amp; <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 12:30 PM Harmony Camp, Rm 2</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7 PM UUBuddhist Fellowship, Rms 3&amp;6 7 PM Finance Committee, Rm 2 7:15 PM WSG, off-site</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2 7-9 PM Leadership School, Rm L</p>	<p><b>17</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM Green Sanctuary Comm., Rm 2 7:15 PM Evensong II, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7 PM Understanding the Bible, Rm C 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rm K</p>	<p><b>19</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p><b>20</b> 2 PM Artists Way, Rm K</p>
<p><b>21</b> 12:30 PM Vis. Info. Session, Rm 2 3 PM Multicultural Families Grp, location TBA 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&amp;6</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:15 PM WSG, off-site 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm L 7:15 PM Membership Comm., Rm 2</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM Evensong II, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7 PM Understanding the Bible, Rm C</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p><b>27</b> 2 PM Artists Way, Rm K</p>
<p><b>28</b> 12:30 PM Wayne Dyer Discussion, Rm L <b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:15 PM WSG, off-site</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 2</p>	<p><b>31</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM Evensong II, C</p>	<p><b>31</b> (cont.) 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary</p>	<p><b>Meridian Schedule:</b>  Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</p>	

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**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

- \* **Articulating UU Faith**,  
Mon. 3/4, 7:15 PM.  
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Artist's Way**, Sat. 3/20  
& 3/27, 2 PM. Amy  
Mann (222-1420)
- \* **Buddhist Fellowship**,  
1st & 3rd Mon., 7 PM.  
Anne Rudloe (984-2504)
- \* **Evensong**, Thurs. 3/4 &  
3/11, 7:15 PM. Bruce  
Brandt (893-5511)
- \* **Understanding the  
Bible**, Every Thurs.,  
7 PM. Bob Kenon  
(878-3647).
- \* **Voluntary Simplicity**,  
1st two Sat. of month,  
10:30 AM. Kathie  
Mackie (385-5115).
- \* **Wayne Dyer**, Sun. 3/28,  
12:30 PM. Dick  
Leinberry (386-4977).

- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon., 7:15 PM.  
Bonnie Foster  
(539-5563)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- \* Thurs. 3/4, 7 PM.  
Pres. Neil Mooney  
(893-8250)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

- \* **Adult RE**, Sun. 4/18,  
12:20 PM, Rm 2. Bruce  
Brandt (893-5511)
- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon. 3/1, 7:30 PM.  
Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)
- \* **Committee on  
Ministry**, Thurs. 3/18,  
7:15 PM. Christine  
Boczarska (893-7079)
- \* **Finance**, Mon. 3/15,  
7:00 PM. Del DeTar  
(878-7895)

- \* **Green Sanctuary**, Wed.  
3/17, 7 PM. Steve Urse  
(385-2864)
- \* **Harmony Camp**, Sun.  
3/14, 12:30 PM. Joanne  
Taylor (893-9024)
- \* **Membership**, Mon.  
3/22, 7:15 PM. Trudy  
Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Music**, TBA.
- \* **Personnel**, Tues. 4/6,  
11:30 AM. Margaret  
Mooney (893-8250)
- \* **Program**, Mon. 3/22,  
7:15 PM. Eric Draper  
(668-5075)
- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, e-mail. Isabel  
Sheridan (668-0785)
- \* **Publicity**, TBA.  
Kristin King (425-4658)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 3/7,  
9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)