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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: not 3/6
9:45 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Youth
Group (Ages 12-20)
11:00 AM Youth RE:
Pre-K-Elementary

Adult Forum Topics:

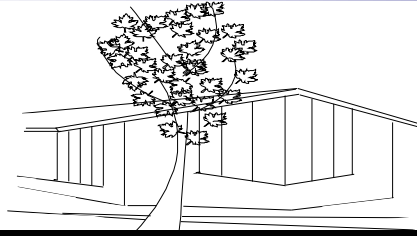
- Mar. 6, Elinor Elfner,
"Contemporary View of Unitarian
Roots in Transylvania"
- Mar. 13, Rev. Emory Hingst,
"About Ten Thousand Villages"
- Mar. 20, TBA
- Mar. 27, TBA

March
Highlights:

Rummage Sale, Sat. 3/12,
8 AM - 2 PM
(Set-up & drop-off, Fri.
3/11, 7 AM - 7 PM)

Let's Talk Open
Discussion, Sat. 3/19,
9 AM - Noon

Asking Budget Discussion,
Sun. 3/20, 12:30 PM



The Meridian

March Sundays (11:00 AM Main Service)

Mar. 6 | The Liberal Religious Bubble

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. Are we innocent or depraved? It could depend on the paradigm. Everyone relies on paradigms that explain the world and are useful in determining how we live and work. The danger is that these can become "bubbles" that diverge far from reality, restrict our thinking, and lead us to decisions and actions that run counter to reason and compassion. There are all sorts of bubbles. Liberals and conservatives are equally prone to adopt them to smooth the rough edges of living. And every bubble bursts, sooner or later. So how do we build a liberal faith community? **Speaker: Richard Dempsey; Lay Leader: Ellen Dempsey**

Mar. 13 | Giving within a Beloved Community

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. What do we give of ourselves in terms of time, energy, and caring as well as money to sustain our religious community? What do we receive back? Giving is one half of the coin, but the other face is receiving—and the coin is compassion. How well do we actually live our eloquent ideals when a major problem arises? (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.) **Speaker: Anne Rudloe; Lay Leader: Donald Crosby**

Mar. 20 | Celebration of Springtime in Florida

Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Today, March 20, is the first day of spring. Migratory birds are flying through, sea creatures are returning to the coast, trees are leafing out, and seeds are sprouting. You are invited to reflect upon the ancient origins of all the plants and animals that are now here in Florida and to celebrate the wonder of their repeated renewal here. This is a sacred story, a creation story, and a true story. To contemplate it is to venerate the web of life of which we are a part. (Shelter meal collection)

Speaker: Ellie Whitney; Lay Leader: Kristin King

Mar. 27 | Birth and Rebirth - Intergenerational Service

Encouragement to spiritual growth and respect for the interdependent web. Some flowers are born from seeds, and some from a plant that died back in the fall. For this year's flower communion, the University UUs help us focus on birth and rebirth. Are you celebrating, or anticipating, the arrival of a brand-new flower? Or reflecting on a rebirth in your life? Was the rebirth a change you chose or a transition thrust upon you? How will UUCT be reborn after "dying back?" Students and young adults often experience their own rebirths as they begin their journeys through life. Let the energy of the UUUs encourage us to grow in the sunlight and spring rains. (This is flower communion Sunday. Please bring a flower.) **Speakers: University UUs; Lay Leader: Kim Ross**

March Sundays (7:00 PM Vespers Service)

Mar. 13 | Religious Words

Presented by Ron Crowe. Music led by The Beatles.

Mar. 27 | The Gratitude Attitude

Presented by Dan Damerville. Music led by The Weavers.

President's Message

By Richard Dempsey

Okay, we're on our own. We may fly more like gooney birds than eagles, but we'll be fine. Wipe your tears and gird your loins. There's work to be done.

We've been operating on the Executive Board all year without a VP for Social Justice. Makes me feel kind of naked (that's a metaphor) without a social activist sitting with us. Someone needs to step forward. In the next Fiscal Year, we'll also need to replace the President-Elect, Secretary, VP for Finance, and a VP for Religious Education. President-Elect is a three-year commitment; Vice Presidents and Secretary serve for two years, but these aren't full-time jobs. Nominations Committee, we need to hear from you. There are other important committees that can use help, including Program, Religious Education, Buildings and Grounds, Finance, Membership and so on.

Social Justice

Meditation for Peace

The Tallahassee chapter of the international Buddhist Peace Fellowship invites UUCT to join BPF in a day of interdenominational fellowship during a "Meditation for Peace" outside the Old Capitol building on Sunday, March 20, 9 AM - 4 PM, to mark the 2nd anniversary of the start of our government's pre-emptive war against Iraq. You need not be Buddhist to participate. Come and sit or stand quietly for an hour, or all day, in expression of the wish to live with the intention of causing others no harm and in promotion of a peaceful world. Other peace and justice groups also have activities planned for March 20 at the Old Capitol. Look for the "Buddhist Peace Fellowship" banner. (For information, call John Wark of BPF evenings at 342-3370.)

In short, lots of opportunities to excel. I know you're busy. That is the nature of our culture. If you weren't busy you'd be dead or dying. We need you to shove some things aside, reorder your priorities, and take on a bigger role at the church. This is a self-built religious community. If we don't do it, it doesn't get done. If you're interested, call me at 671-2748.

Now, as regards our celebrated differences. You can't be shocked that we don't completely agree about all that much. Disagreement (in contrast to disagreeable) is the very character of this community of faith. We are liberals, for Heavens sake! Our heroes are Buddha and Socrates. We question. We inquire. We don't take dogma without salt. Our role in society is to call the orthodox to account, to expand the in-group to include the out-group plus dissenters, and this tradition is at least twenty-six hundred

years old. While we strive for civility and tolerance, you shouldn't be surprised if now and then someone steps on your most cherished belief. Don't take it personal. If you wish, defend yourself! Respectfully, of course.

What sort of ministry do we want at UUCT? You tell us. This isn't the property of any in-group or secret cabal. Membership is always open. Leadership is freshened with new blood every year. If you were caught totally off-guard by the minister's resignation, it could mean you weren't paying enough attention. I'm sure you won't let it happen again. So, when we continue our dialogue March 19 and April 16, don't be bashful. Any new direction will be determined by the people who show up and speak their minds. That's how it works. Be there.

~For a strong liberal faith community,
Richard Dempsey

Harmony Camp

In February, returning campers and their friends had a pizza party at UUCT. They had fun reconnecting with old friends and made requests for what they'd like added to camp this year. We'll try to accommodate.

Last month, too, members of the Harmony Camp Committee interviewed several fine candidates to lead the camp this summer. The unanimous choice of the sub-committee was Lorraine Warren. A professional diversity trainer at the national and international level, Lorraine will be taking time off from her work at the Florida Commission on Human Relations to assume leadership of our camp.

In our first Harmony Camp, Lorraine and one of her staff volunteered several hours a day. Lorraine and

Tom Taylor offered a daily conflict resolution workshop. Lorraine is a frequent visitor to UUCT and participated in both RCDC Sunday services in 2004, the January service on Harmony Camp and the August service on Brown v. the Board of Education.

Returning campers and their parents should look for an e-mail attachment with brochure and registration form in late March. New to camp? Contact Isabel Sheridan to be on the e-mail list: 668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com.

We are looking for **volunteers**, those with special skills and those who want to help other teachers. Come to our **next meeting on Sunday, March 13, at 12:30 PM** in Room L. Get in the front of the potluck line and bring your lunch to Room L. Questions? Contact Isabel.

News from the Program Committee

By Kristin King, Program Committee Chair

The Torch Passes

Late last month, as career commitments began to gobble up more and more of his time and energy, Eric Draper reluctantly said farewell to the Program Committee. All of us on the committee are grateful to Eric for his vision, leadership, and good humor over the past year and a half. We'll miss him, but the beat goes on.

As most of you know, I've worked closely with Eric to create lay-led Sunday services for UUCT's shared ministry. I've recruited and supported lay leaders, speakers, and musicians, and I've served as liaison. Last year I coordinated many services in Eric's absence and during Rev. Amy's sabbatical. Eric thought it appropriate that I succeed him as Program Committee chair, and I've now accepted that responsibility.

Some "New Blood"

For those of us who design and coordinate lay-led services, Rev. Amy's unexpected departure presents an awesome challenge. In the blink of an eye, the Program Committee's workload has mushroomed from one or two monthly services to four or five. So in February the Program Committee hollered for reinforcements, and we're happy to report that the cavalry has arrived! We've recruited one new member, and two veteran members have returned to active duty.

Several of you have spontaneously recommended some promising new speakers and have offered great topic suggestions. Thanks for your generous and timely assistance. We're also planning to initiate a speaker exchange with the UU Church of Pensacola, and we've begun to extend speaking invitations to ministers of other Florida UU congregations.

Change and Continuity

And now for the future. For the balance of this year, we'll attempt to design services with one overarching theme: how religion helps us reach our highest aspirations and motivates us to manifest our best. Subordinate themes may well emerge as we consider new topics, speakers, and materials.

It's impossible to create services that will equally interest and inspire everyone in our diverse congregation every Sunday, but we will try to honor that diversity. In planning services on seasonal, social justice, and environmental topics, we're also developing several new ideas:

- Services highlighting famous UU thinkers: why they were the moral leaders of their times and how their insights can serve us today. We'll begin this series in April with a service on the life and writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, presented by Rev. Nels Oas of the UU Fellowship of Bay County. And each month we'll plan a different "UU teaching Sunday."

- Services that help us explore and understand other spiritual traditions: their thought, their practices, their celebrations. This idea was stimulated by a Florida District workshop titled "Integrating World Religions into Liberal Spirituality," which I attended in January with Don and Pam Crosby. With invited speakers from the community, we will offer a sampling of the many spiritual traditions that coexist here. We hope to learn not only what these traditions mean to the people who follow them but also how they may enrich and complement our UU tradition.

- Multipart services with one theme spanning several Sundays, though not necessarily in consecutive weeks. We got a taste of this format last December, when Rev. Amy presented a series of services on giving. Integrating such services will (1) allow time for in-depth exploration of one topic; (2) enable presenters to develop complex themes; and (3) provide needed continuity of thinking.

These are just some of the ideas floating around the Program Committee table. We'll be able to provide more details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, thanks for your support and assistance during this difficult period. Please feel free to submit ideas for future programs or to offer your services as speakers, musicians, or lay leaders.

Rummage Sale March 12

Donations needed: furniture, antiques, knick knacks, linen, clothing (no tears or stains, please), books, kitchenware, small appliances and yard/exercise equipment (in working condition), toys, lamps, etc. Bring your donated items on Friday, March 11 if at all possible. If it's difficult for you to bring items then, call or e-mail Maria to

arrange for delivery at a different time. **Volunteers needed** on Friday from 7 AM to 7 PM to take donations and organize and price items for Saturday's sale. Two or three people able to set up tables are needed early Friday morning. Also needed are one or two people with trucks or vans both on Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday, volunteers are needed starting at 7 AM and ending at 4 PM. Shifts are for 2 hours. There are sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary or contact Maria Mena (907-0739, mcmena@ix.netcom.com). Sale hours are 8 AM - 2 PM.

Announcements



Ideas and Volunteers Needed!

With the resignation of Rev. Amy, the Potlucks with a Purpose Community Evenings have been put on hold. DRE Maggie Geraci would like to continue these intergenerational monthly events, but needs some help. If you have an idea that is fun, informative, and spiritual for all ages, and would be willing to work in partnership to create a night of community sharing, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci. We hope to have enough ideas and volunteers to create a year's worth of PWAPs!

UUCTer Speaking

Don Crosby will speak on "Reflections on Spirituality" at the Center for Science and Religion at Florida Southern College, in Lakeland, FL, on March 19. Don will be one of the presenters at the center's conference on "Spirituality and Wellness." The center is funded by the Metanexus Institute, which advances research, education, and outreach on the constructive engagement of science and religion.

Audio Tapes

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

Trustee Tidbits Posted

March's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can email Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com).

Vesper Services

Unless individuals come forward to plan services for April at the March 13 planning meeting during our monthly potluck, vespers will be discontinued for the remainder of the spring.

Office Closed Some Mondays

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

Please Claim Your Things!

Please take a moment to look on the rolling cart in the kitchen and take home anything that is yours. Some things have been here since last summer. At the end of March, unclaimed items will go to Goodwill.

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** Contact Ed Tribble (877-1845, cbfia@earthlink.net).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Carla Conaway (575-8684).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For March, contact Marcia Holcomb (385-3922, marciah@infionline.net).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651, eelfner@istal.com).

UU B&B Guide

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can help you fulfill your dream. For 25 years, we've provided a network of

hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

The directory is published every year in April. For a copy of the 2005 directory, please send a check for \$18 to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806. *UU're Home* has just launched a new web site at www.UUreHome.com, which includes about half of the listings. Entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added.

Giving Statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase (twchase38@earthlink.net, 422-1985, or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

UU World Cast-offs

Recycle your *UU World* when you are done with it by bringing it to church for sharing with newcomers and University UUs. Add it to the pile on the back counter of the sanctuary. The magazine is a great way to introduce others to Unitarian Universalism, so don't let it go to waste!

UUA Gratitude & Thanks

A complete *Report on Giving to the Unitarian Universalist Association* for fiscal year 2003-2004 is online at <http://www.uua.org/giving/annualreport2004.pdf>. The report is an expression of gratitude for the individual and congregational support that makes its possible for our Association of Congregations to provide programs and services to our congregations and to bring our message of tolerance and religious freedom to the wider society. Thank you, all.

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Network

Jack Rudloe had successful, outpatient knee surgery in late February.

Eleanor Moore's leg is continuing to heal following removal of a skin cancer.

Kathie Mackie's and **Linda McConnell's** father and **Holly Mackie's** and **Terra McConnell's** grandfather, **Wilmer Cassiday**, had been in rehabilitation at HealthSouth and is now home.

Our thoughts are with frequent visitor **Clara Stafford** and her son, **Les Stafford**, as they cope with the return of his brain tumor that had been in remission for seven years.

We celebrate **Tom Pratt's** recent completion of chemotherapy, as he regains some of the energy lost through that process.

Welcome!

New Members

- *Stowe Alrutx & Eric Stierna*
- *Joe Hawkins*
- *Harold & Margaret Hawkins*
- *Melanie Hennings & Marco Messori*
- *Elizabeth Vigil*

New Friend

- *Diana Bell*

Calling All Extroverts!

If you genuinely enjoy meeting new people and talking with them, consider volunteering for the "After-Service Greeter Corps" – a group of people who will take the initiative to connect with newcomers during social hour after the Sunday service. This connecting with first-time and returning visitors, as well as newer members and friends, will be in addition to the efforts of the regular Sunday greeters,

and a person can do both – be a periodic regular greeter, as well as a member of the after-service corps.

The Membership Committee hopes to get enough corps volunteers to have 3 or 4 people every Sunday, with two alternating groups of 5 or 6 volunteers each – to cover for those who are out of town or otherwise indisposed. Such a corps was effectively used at a Kansas City church which took part in an experimental media campaign done by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Participating churches were required to enhance their visitor welcoming practices. Let's see what instituting an After-Service Greeter Corps would do for UUCT! To volunteer, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Pictures Taken Sundays

Immediately following the service most Sundays, Mary VanSciver will be asking members and friends to have their pictures taken for UUCT's future photo-directory. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to be dressed up. If you have not had your picture taken, please make a point of connecting with Mary the next Sunday you are in attendance.

Once the directory is ready, printed copies will be available at cost. We are also planning to post the directory on the UUCT web-site with access limited to members and friends, via a secure password. The web-site will just have pictures and names; contact information will continue to be distributed in the format we have been using. For questions, please contact Mary (893-0353) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle.

Dinners

The winter series of "Dinners for 8" was a success, with eight dinners hosted, including one singles-only

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 179**
- **Current Number Friends - 55**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **Jan. 2005: 111.8**
 - **July - Jan. 2005: 106.9**
 - **July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4**
 - **July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **Feb.: 34**
 - **Sept. - Feb.: 36.7**

dinner and one intergenerational dinner. There is interest in offering another set of dinners in May and June, so watch for sign-up announcements in April.

"Dinners for 8" is a popular way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. One of the main purposes is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. Contact is Dinners' Coordinator, Junelle Brandt (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

Appreciation

To:



- **Eleanor and Earl Enge, Carolyn DuBard, Bob Kenon, Dan Damerville, Barbara Sterling, Marty Beech, Jean Chulak, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, John Murphy and Will Adkins** for greeting on Sunday mornings – 2/6 - 2/27.
- **Nancy Harvey, Maria Mena, Christine Boczarska, Amy Mann, Barbara Sterling, Sara Reece, Jim Denny, LaRae Donnellan, and Joe Lama** for providing hospitality at our Sunday Services in January.
- **Jerri Lee Wagner, Maria Mena, Ruth Pestle, Bruce Brandt, Susan Snyder, Mimi Jones/McBride, DeWayne Carver, Pat Reidell, and Randall Gann** for Sunday clean-up in January.
- **Maria Mena** for serving as Jan. Kitchen Kontroller (volunteer recruiting and overseeing).
- **Patrick Lineberry, Jean Wood, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, and Doug Martin** for volunteering in the nursery.
- **Greg DeAngelo, Ed Oaksford, Jeanne Ryder, the Mooney family, Randall Gann, John Whitton and Elinor Elfner** for setting up the sanctuary.
- **All who contributed** to the special collection Feb. 13 for the Unitarian Universalist United Nations office — \$648 total!
- **Ellie Whitney, Nancy and Dave Harvey, Jean and Ken Wood, Barbara Lineberry and an anonymous donor** for their significant and generous donations toward a dishwasher.
- **Ellen and Richard Dempsey** for their significant and generous contribution toward a new sound system for the sanctuary.
- **The twenty-two UUCTers** who participated in the City of Tallahassee Day of Dialogue on Martin Luther King Day.

- **Neil Mooney** for accepting appointment to the Endowment Committee to replace Jim Dawson, who had completed his three-year term.
- **Peggy Lentz and Ray Tucker, Leslie Wurster, Sara Reece and Jim Denny, Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, Pauline Masterton, Allen and Kelley Turnage, Mimi Jones and Bill Brubaker, and Nancy and Dave Harvey** for hosting a Dinner for 8 in the winter dinner series and **Junelle Brandt** for coordinating the dinners effort.

Building and Grounds Thanks

At the church workday on February 12 we had a really good turnout of volunteers. Thanks go out to the following for the work done.

Removing weeds were accomplished by **Sally Andersen, Michele Hope, Dick Lineberry and Steve Urse. Austin, Pierce and Margaret Mooney, James Oaksford and Rod Oldenburg** put down mulch for the tot lot. **Sally** spread coffee grounds compost around the azalea beds, cleared away brush and spread pine straw mulch. **Rod and James** raked leaves and placed them in plant beds for mulch. **Austin, Pierce, James, Rod and Steve** cleared brush from the meadow.

Dave Harvey coiled and put away the watering hoses for the winter and connected the cables purchased by **Steve** from the new 32-inch Panasonic TV purchased by **Bruce Brandt** to the VCR and DVD player donated by **Dave. Don Berger and Chris Ellrich** added safety bars to the storm drains. **George Knight** blew leaves from the sidewalks and driveways. **Tom Chase** made several trips to Home Depot to get supplies.

Other time and effort spent outside of the church workday: **Tom** stained the deck around the old classroom building

and fabricated and installed an external drainage line for the piano dehumidifier in the sanctuary; **Elinor Elfner** painted two more driveway exit arrows and repainted some arrows; **George** blew leaves from sidewalks and driveways; **George, Ed Oaksford and Steve** did landscape work. **Steve** also cut the grass in the meadow. **Dave and Tom** reattached the slide to the playground set.

Heartbeat Thanks

A Big Thank-You to all who helped with the Heartbeats coffeehouse:

Peggy Lentz, who organized the food donations, made a beautiful spread, and then cleaned it all up; those who donated food and drink, including **Joan Patterson, Carolyn Pardue, Susan Snyder, Linda Winn-Brown, Ron and Kandy Crowe, Pauline Masterton, and Ludy Goodson**, among others; **Pauline** for publicity help; **James Oaksford, Charlotte Dudley, and Margaret, Pierce and Austin Mooney** for help in setting up; **Grace Martin** who not only sang in the choir and brought food but also dried and put away all the glassware; and **Susan Snyder** who took home all the tablecloths for laundering. And many thanks to **all the performers and contributors**, for making it all happen!

Thanks to OK Chorale

A late Valentine goes to the **members of the OK Chorale**, who were all exceptionally patient and kind about working with Carrie Hamby on the February 6 anthem. This was her first time arranging a choral piece (except for a very experimental piece in high school - she shudders to think what became of that!). The choir was easy to work with, gave constructive suggestions, and maintained a positive attitude even while trying to read Carrie's chicken scratch writing! In all, she had a wonderful time working with the choir and hopes to do it again!

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, March 6, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

UU Youth Group

Youth, from grades 6 to 12, are invited to join us in Room 3 on Sunday mornings (11:00 to 12:30) for our UU Youth Group. As a group, we plan social events, educational experiences, social action, and lots of fun! Check us out! For more information, contact advisors Scott Geraci (sgeraci68@yahoo.com, 877-6301), John and Barbara Donaldson (john0148@comcast.net, 878-5521), or Chelsea Fox (chelsuu@yahoo.com, 421-1575).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

NEW CLASS

Deep Ecology. This nine-session course will explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives, i.e., spirituality, science, Native American culture, psychology, lifestyle, and

bioregionalism. The course was developed by the Northwest Earth Institute, and is intended to clarify earth-related values through reading and discussion. Group will meet Sundays after the service. Mary Janik will lead an organizational meeting on Sunday, 3/20 at 1:00 PM, Rm 2, to determine our start date and to order workbooks. Please see DRE Maggie Geraci at the RE table on Sundays to sign up. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

CONTINUING CLASSES

Choices for Sustainability. Will meet for the last time Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 AM. Contact Kathie Mackie (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com).

Global Warming. Meets 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Room K on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, to study and recommend action on the 2004-05 UUA Study/Action Issue, the Threat of Global Warming. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

FUTURE CLASSES

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next class will meet from 7 – 9 PM for two Mondays, April 25 and May 2. Both sets of sessions will be taught by church members. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter. You may also contact the church office (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen and Listen So Your Kids Will Talk will be offered again later this spring by Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Forum. Meets 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).

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

March 8. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, by Mark Haddon.

April 12. *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*, by James McBride. The story of a young black man searching to uncover his mother's past and his own identity. Combining his own memories with facts his mother shared over the years, James recreates his mother's life. As he does he comes face to face with racism and social segregation. McBride tells one chapter, and his mother tells the next. This makes the book quite interesting and catches your eye. Once you begin, you can't stop reading until the very end.

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Meeting day has changed to every second and fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for Jan. - Apr., after that in Rms. 3 & 6. For Jan. - Apr., UUBF is presenting a series of talks on Buddhism by Anne Rudloe, Ph.D. Upcoming topics will include: the nature of consciousness; the teaching of rebirth; Buddhism in America; Buddhism and Christianity; spiritual ecology; a new scientific/religious synthesis?; and actualizing spiritual practice in daily life. For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562- 0739, wmpat88@earthlink.net).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM for 90-minute discussions. The book being studied in March will be *Freethinkers: A Secular History of the United States* by Susan Jacoby. Contact: Harold Hawkins (893-1331) or Ron Crowe (997-5307).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Knitting. Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room 3. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (339-9103).

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

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson

We are excited that Campus Ministry Sunday will be on the same day as Flower Communion Sunday. Already an intergenerational service, adding the members of our campus and young adult ministry is an even bigger blessing for our church. The Campus Ministry Committee is meeting with the students and young adults to plan a special and refreshing service.

Many thanks to Nancy Bass for volunteering her beach house for the campus ministry spring retreat. Students and young adults who are interested in participating should get in touch soon with Kim Ross (877-1972; kim@cennexus.com), as we are planning the retreat for early April.

Why, you might ask, is the chair of the Campus Ministry Committee the contact person for both of these events? Well, when we looked last fall at the coordinator position and revised the program, we realized that it truly takes a team effort to make a

successful program. So our coordinators are the contact persons for the regular meetings, and they are busy being lay ministers to the group, making contacts and keeping our presence known at FSU. These two events fall to the committee, so the coordinators can concentrate on their jobs and stay within their paid time, and so we can encourage interaction between members of the committee and members of the UUs.

As you can see, with more tasks, our attitude on the committee is 'the more, the merrier.' To join, call or e-mail me. The other thing currently needed from members of the congregation is someone who is willing to sit on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 at the UUU table at the FSU student union flea market (otherwise known as the bizarre bazaar). Student volunteer, Ansel Bailey-Mershon, has class during those times but otherwise handles the tabling. (And we do like to

encourage students to attend class!). If you can volunteer for one or more Wednesdays, I can help you with parking that's about a 10-minute walk away. Call me for more information.

Meeting times for the group are:

Coffee hour: Every Friday, 6:30 PM at All Saint's Cafe. The cafe is in the building that was once called Javaheads, 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines Street.

Weekly meeting: Every Monday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at FSU's International Student Center.

Contact coordinator Diana Bell for details (222-0399, ladydibell@hotmail.com) or assistant coordinator Melissa Forgey (229-228-7981, lovecats@rose.net), or check the UUU web-site (www.uuutally.org).

What is SUUSI? (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute)

SUUSI is an intentional community celebrating its 55th year in 2005. We are UUs and others who gather for a week in late 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, and liberating worship services.

When about 1,000 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.

Green Corner

By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

This is a follow-up to the stimulating and successful Global Warming/Climate Change Conference on February 19 at UUCT which was attended by 43 people. It was co-sponsored by the Green Sanctuary Committee and Heart of the Earth. The weekend's activities were led by Rev. Katherine Jesch from the Seventh Principle Project, a Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) affiliate organization.

Jeff Chanton, professor in FSU's Department of Oceanography, gave an outstanding overview of the history of major climate change on earth. It is clear that rapid increases in population and technology are in line with dramatic upturns in emissions of CO₂ and methane and corresponding temperature changes globally. The projections are sobering. A recent spate of news articles supports his information. Scientists worldwide are increasingly convinced from emerging data that major changes and climate disruptions are coming during this century. The research points out the complexities of our interdependent web of life on earth. It is not a topic one grasps in brief sound bites.

Holly Binns of the Florida Public Interest Research Group spoke about FPIRG's decision to target federal legislation, in particular the Climate Stewardship Act, as the best use of

their time in the current political climate. Check out their website at www.floridapirg.org for actions you can take in support of their efforts. Holly also provided a great handout, Global Warming Web Resources, which the Green Sanctuary Committee will make available to UUCT members during March on the back counter of the sanctuary.

Bob Seaton, from the City of Tallahassee Utility Services (Energy), spoke of city initiatives and incentives to residents in the form of energy audits, grants, and loans to reduce utility bills and conserve energy. The Green Sanctuary Committee will pass along to the congregation nine winter and forty summer energy tips along with information on incentives, grants, and loans.

Rev. Katherine Jesch was the final speaker. She framed an ethical and spiritual perspective from which we must find common ground with people from other faiths in our efforts to affect real change in this country. She said, "Our UU faith calls us to passionately care for the earth in both our personal and congregational lives." Rev. Jesch also inspired people at the adult forum and Sunday service on February 20, both of which were well attended.

The conference and weekend activities were a call to this congregation and

the community for action. What can we do individually and as a church community to make changes, both simple and radical, to reverse or mitigate the consequences of global climate disruptions caused by humans?

A Global Warming Study/Action group has formed at UUCT to further study climate change/disruption in order to educate ourselves and the entire church community on actions we need to take, and must take, to be more responsible stewards of the earth. In addition, the group is studying the Threat of Global Warming Resource Guide from the UUA. The issue was selected by delegates at the 2004 UUA General Assembly for a two-year study/action timeframe. Contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651, elfner@istal.com) if you'd like to join the group. They meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM.

The Green Sanctuary Committee and the Global Warming Study/Action Group will continue to provide leadership and support to the congregation as we learn more about the issue and commit ourselves to personal and community action on behalf of the earth, our home.

Congregational and Board Actions

By Carolyn DuBard, Executive Board Secretary

Congregation 2/20/05

President Richard Dempsey called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. There were 47 qualified members present, which constituted a quorum. Harold Hawkins made a motion to elect Joan Lund as FL District UUA Trustee. Dexter Easton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with 47 affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Congregation 2/27/05

President Richard Dempsey called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM. In his opening remarks, he recognized the presence of Rev. Mary Chulak Higgins, our UUA District Executive, recognized those members responsible for the reception the previous evening for Rev. Amy McKenzie, and thanked the leadership of the church for their support and actions during the tensions of the past several weeks. He also reminded us that no one is to blame for our current situation and charged us to keep in mind the best interests of our community in our discussions and votes today.

There were 110 qualified members present. Since a quorum for a valid vote requires 25% of the 174 qualified members (44 voters), there was a quorum of qualified voting members.

A motion was made by Elinor Elfner to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2004 annual congregational meeting. Christopher Ellrich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jennifer Carver, and seconded by Barbara Lineberry, to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2005 congregational meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

With the meeting notice and agenda mailed to each member, the Executive

Board included three recommendations concerning Rev. Amy McKenzie's resignation, her severance package, and the calling of an interim minister. The following were the actions of the congregation concerning the Executive Board recommendations:

- 1) The Executive Board recommended that the congregation accept the resignation of Rev. Amy McKenzie effective March 1, 2005, and that her duties as settled minister shall terminate on that date. The recommendation was approved with 65 "Yes" votes, 6 "No" votes, and 25 abstentions.
- 2) The Executive Board recommended that severance pay for Rev. McKenzie be established at payment of the Total Cost of Ministry Package (TCMP) from March 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005, less any compensation received for a professional ministry position or contracted employment as minister obtained by Rev. McKenzie, of which she shall be obligated to provide timely notice to the Executive Board, during the same period (March 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005). The recommendation was approved with 63 "Yes" votes, 16 "No" votes, and 8 abstentions.
- 3) The Executive Board recommendation concerning calling an interim minister was amended by a motion by Robert Deyle, which was seconded by Albert Starr. The amended motion reads "In accordance with UUA Guidelines for Finding and Hiring An Interim Minister, and Pursuant to UUCT Bylaws, Article IX-A, Decision to Search for a Minister, and Article IX-B, Interim Minister or Other Type of Minister, that the congregation authorize the Executive Board to make application to the UUA, appoint an Interim Task Force, and take other appropriate actions to seek

interim minister services for a period of up to two years to begin September 1, 2005." This motion passed with 50 "Yes" votes, 2 "No" votes, and 4 abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.

Executive Board

The Executive Board of UUCT met on February 10, 18 and 27. The following were actions of the board:

February 10, 2005

Approved the Committee on Ministry's recommendation to mail out to all members and friends a copy of the summary of the 2004 Congregational Assessment of Church and Minister. The full report is available as a PDF file. At the meeting, Mary Higgins, our UUA District Executive, conducted the Transition Survey with the Board.

February 18, 2005

Approved the minutes for the January 17 and the February 10 meetings.

Amended its January recommendation concerning the "severance package" for Rev. Amy McKenzie. The amended recommendation was the same as that in the package mailed to members and friends before the February 27 congregational meeting.

Appointed DeWayne Carver as chair of an Interim Minister Task-Force, contingent on the congregation voting to proceed with the application for an interim minister.

Appointed Christine Boczarska as chair for the committee for planning for the congregational discussion meetings on March 19 and April 16.

February 27, 2005

Approved Kelley Turnage for one of the two remaining positions on the Interim Task Force.

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 22 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2005. 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 Finance
- VP Religious Education
- VP Social Justice
- Secretary
- Nominating Committee (2 positions now held by Dan Damerville and Steve Van Sciver)

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of 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 Steve Van Sciver, Dan Damerville, Barbara Donaldson, William Riedell, or Neil Mooney, who is the past president serving on the committee. Per our bylaws, the four elected members choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

Canvass 2005 - 2006

By the Canvass Committee

The Canvass this year will be streamlined – only one pledging party at the potluck after the Sunday service, April 10. And there will be only one Canvass mailing, to be mailed March 14.

Each member and supporting friend will receive a separate Canvass packet (so we can use bulk mail rate). The packet will contain the following:

- Cover letter from Board President
- Asking Budget with explanatory notes
- Accomplishments and Visions of Committees and Groups

- Gifts of Self form and explanatory notes
- Giving Guide
- Gift of Money form

Please note that both the Gifts of Self and Gift of Money forms will be in the packet. We have done this to help you plan in advance of the pledging party. Bring the packet with you on April 10. For those of you who pledge as a unit, you will use only one Gift of Money form but both Gifts of Self forms.

Here is the schedule for March and April:

March 15 or 16 – Receive Canvass packet in the mail.

March 20 – Informal meeting of congregation to discuss the Asking Budget at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary.

April 3 – Congregational voting meeting on the Asking Budget at 12:30 PM in the sanctuary.

April 10 – Pledging party and potluck, after the Sunday service.

Unitarian Universalist Association News

New Discussion List

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people trained in science, engineering and other technical disciplines have found a comfortable spiritual home in one of our UU congregations. One of the reasons for this is that UUs do not hold dogmatic supernatural beliefs that must be reconciled with the revelations of science. A new UUA-hosted email forum, Scitechnetwork-uu, provides an opportunity for UUs with scientific and

technical interests to discuss how their scientific perspective relates to their liberal religious or humanistic faith. Sign up at www.uua.org/mailman/listinfo.

Serving on UUA Committees

Do you have interests and talents that you'd like to use to benefit Unitarian Universalism and our wider UU family? The UUA relies on energetic and committed volunteers to serve on the committees, boards and panels that work

with staff to carry out the mission and ministry of our association. Information about available positions and an application form are at www.uua.org/TRUS/cocmbrochure.html. The deadline is August 15, 2005, for 2-year committee terms that begin in January 2006. This is a great way to meet other UUs, serve our movement and sharpen your leadership skills!

March 2005 Monthly Planner

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Events: Upcoming UUCT, Social, FL District, Beyond

Upcoming UUCT Events

Peace Dances, Saturday, March 5, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

All Church Workday, Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Second Sunday Potluck, Sunday, March 13, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Let's Talk, Saturdays, March 19 & April 16, 9 AM - Noon. Congregational conversations/open discussions will be held in the sanctuary, led by a committee headed by Christine Boczarska, president-elect of the Executive Board, and open to all members and friends of the UUCT. These conversations are being held to give all an opportunity to be heard on all current and future church matters, including the recent resignation of Rev. Amy McKenzie. Plan now to attend these important congregation-wide gatherings. Please call Christine at 414-7071 (work) or 893-7079 (home) as soon as possible if you plan to attend and will need child care.

Asking Budget Discussion Meeting, Sunday, March 20, 12:30 PM. An information and discussion meeting in the sanctuary on the proposed 2005 – 2006 Asking Budget. Members and friends will receive it by mail before. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

Playground Lunch & Get-together, Sunday, March 20, 1:00 PM. Winthrop Park playground. Come have fun together after church on a beautiful spring afternoon! Families can bring a picnic lunch, or come after lunch, then socialize and play

together. If raining or playground equipment is wet, rescheduled for March 27. Contact: Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com)

UUCT Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, March 20, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Congregational Voting Meeting, Sunday, April 3, 12:30 PM. To adopt the 2005 – 2006 Asking Budget. Contact: Richard Dempsey (richardd@nettally.com, 671-2748).

UUCT Social Events

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

- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 3/5, 7:30 PM
- **Second Sunday Potluck**, Sun. 3/13, 12:30 PM
- **Playground Lunch & Get-together**, Sun. 3/20, 1:00 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 3/20, Afternoon

March Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Wed. 3/9, 6:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)
- Sat. 3/19, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd MCC (Rm L)
- Tues. 3/22, 6:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)

District Events

Info. at back of sanctuary or in office, or visit www.floridadistrict.org.

- District Annual Assembly with UUA President Bill Sinkford, Fri. & Sat. 4/8-9, Oviedo. Topic: Walkin' and Talkin': Taking our UU Message to the Streets. Also workshop by UUA director of office of Information and Public Witness on how to make our

message effective, timely, and what we want it to be.

- Deep Caring & Risk Management Workshop, Sat. 4/16, Gainesville
- Roots Hold Us Close: An All - Age FL UU Fest, Fri. - Sun., 5/27 - 29, Oviedo (worship, share, explore, sing, laugh)

UUA General Assembly

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

wUUrld's 2005 Whale Coast Alaska

Five Alaska UU fellowships invite other UUs from "outside" for our UU eco-spiritual/intercultural programs in July, 2005. See the *REAL Alaska!* Stay in UU homes in Anchorage, Seward, Fairbanks, Juneau and Sitka and enjoy discussions and dinners with Alaska UUs. See whales, sea otters, sea lions, seals, bears, moose, caribou, wolves, Dall sheep, puffins, eagles and other birds in the wild from the Arctic Ocean to the Inside Passage in the south. Visit Denali's Mt. McKinley and Kenai's fjords and glaciers. See totem poles, native arts, dancing, story-telling. Rev. Dick and Mary Weston-Jones, leaders. Visit website www.wuurld.org, e-mail dick@wuurld.org, or phone toll-free 1-888-998-8753 for a brochure. Reservations due April 1.

Mountain Events

March, a busy month at The Mountain, brings 4 Elderhostel Programs. There may possibly still be some openings. Also:

March 18 - 20 - UU Singles Retreat.

Summer Camp: It may not be too late to enroll your child for summer youth camp; 1st grade through Senior High.

For info and registrations, contact www.Mountaincenters.org or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Linda Winn at lwinn41@earthlink.net.

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quests and service
to others in a
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Our Board

- * Richard Dempsey, President
- * Neil Mooney, Past President
- * Christine Boczarska, President Elect
- * Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
- * Steve Urse, VP for Management
- * Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- * (Vacant) VP for Social Justice
- * Del DeTar, VP for Finance
- * DeWayne Carver, VP for Religious Education
- * William Adkins, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- * Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- * Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- * Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer

The Committee on Ministry

Bruce Brandt, Chair
Sara Reece
Bob Deyle

Directory Changes

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

Membership Notes

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.

Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.20).

Next new member recognition is Sunday, April 10.

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.