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**SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM**

- Sunday, May 6** “Meeting Jesus Again” Sara Reece  
**Sunday, May 13** “Children of A Liberal Faith: Our ‘Mother’ Olympia Brown” Rev. Amy  
**Sunday, May 20** RE Sunday Intergenerational Service “‘It Matters What We Believe’: What Do We Believe?”  
**Sunday, May 27** “Sacrificing for the Good Life” Rev. Amy

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice & Adult Forum  
 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM  
 11:00 AM Youth RE Program  
 Classes for Pre-K through High School

**IMPORTANT MEETINGS**

UUCT Annual Meeting:  
 Sunday, May 20, 12:15 PM

Congregational Forum before Annual Meeting:  
 Sunday, May 13, 1:00 PM

Mailing on Annual Meeting  
 to Members & Supporting Friends: Week of May 7



**ANNUAL “PIG” ROAST  
SATURDAY, MAY 12, 3 PM**

Not Just for Carnivores!  
 See *May Events* for details.

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

It is the time of beginnings and endings. Old board, new board. Former Director of Religious Education, Incoming Director of Religious Education. *Evensong* is about over. New projects, new programs. UUCT is poised on the cliff/valley ready to decide what to build. Pledges of money don't meet the goal for the operating budget; lots of money is pledged for a capital campaign; the endowment is shrinking in the marketplace; UUCT will receive substantial bequests. Departed parishioners register in my inner eye. Richard Lee motions me aside, "I get what you were doing in that service" he proclaims. Ralph Cook's voice rises in pitch and sound, "I'm sorry..." he says, and as decent as he is, he maybe doesn't mean it. Sally Bellamy pats my arm, "What was her name again?" she asks. I want you to know how thick you all are in my mind, on this plane and after you die. This is not goodbye, it is a greeting; and it is Thank You. Do you say to each other what you say to me? Do you realize how much pain and delight you carry, as individuals and as a congregation. Are you deepening in your Self, in you humanity, and in humility? Do you know what God means to you, and to me, and to him and to her?

You have come to me to tell of many things. You have called from work, home, the hospital, the road to recovery. On the phone or via e-mail, you spoke in confidence, and I'll not betray it. But I want you to read one of the many possible Alphabet Litanies of the collective struggle and lifeline called UUCT. I honor your words about:

Addiction, Boredom, Creativity, Dying, Evil, Forgiveness,

Grandchildren, Health, Infidelity, Justice, Knowledge, Letting go, Miscarriage, Nuptials, Old age, Pining, Questing, Rage, Sexuality, Truth, Undercurrents, Vocation, Wilderness, Xenophobia, Yourself, [and] Zeal.



On vacation, in Long Beach, California, I encountered the real live version of T.S. Eliot's poetic and mysterious lines: *We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.* There was a great Greek restaurant on Broadway, and we ate there our first day. After a few rolls of film were ready for developing, we scoured the streets for a one-hour photo shop. Surprise! —the RiteAid was across the street from the restaurant on Broadway. The first Zillion times I navigated Broadway as I taxied Ellen to and from her conference, the RiteAid was not there...or rather I was not in the position to see it. As I continued to explore, I realized needs beyond eating, and beyond memorizing the path from point *a* to point *b* without getting distracted or lost. My awareness expanded to include not just the property built up with a Greek restaurant, but also the rest of the corners on the four way stop, and then I became aware of other places on the street.

I think our spiritual journey is circular like that. We revisit the same questions and relive the same encounters with others, and if we apply our new awareness, knowledge, maps and world views, we may know the place for the first time. Eliot may be thinking of the end of exploration as the moment our lives end. I think the end of exploration happens often, and rather than marking the end of our lives, it

launches us through the next curve of our journey, and our quest "to know". To know is to discover, recognize, love, change, respect, value, move on, cherish. And once we know a place — be it geographic and physical, or invisible and on an inner level — I think we realize there's still more exploring to do. I think this moment of discovery inhabits each moment, not just the moment of death. Well, I hope it does. We at UUCT are on a journey together, one that follows a yearly cycle, and a cycle of decisions and crises (which present both danger and opportunity). I witness your individual journeys as well, and I hold your hopes and dreams before you. Go. Search for the place where they may be found. Find them. Know them. Explore some more.

In Faith, (Rev.) Amy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, May 14, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Nursery & Preschool Volunteer:** See Kelly Turnage or Scott Geraci in the nursery to sign up for one or more Sundays.
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **UUCT B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU Bed and Breakfast directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Adult RE Facilitators:** If interested in leading a discussion or book study group, submit a

proposal to DRE Maggie Geraci any Sunday or via email (DREMaggie@aol.com).

## AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>
- **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- **UUCT T-shirt:** Order forms and sample shirts. (\$15/shirt)

## APPRECIATION

To **all those who worked hard and are still working hard on our Combined Campaign.** We'll thank you by name in June.

To **Frank Deasy, Susan Snyder, Isabel Sheridan, Richard Dempsey, Megan Bakan, Joe and Jean Chulak, Carolyn DuBard, Del DeTar, Pat Farris, Mary and Steve VanSciver, Van Fox, Tanya Guier, Barbara Sterling, Nina Cline, and Eleanore Adam** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings March 18 - April 29.

To **Becky Welty, Joanne Taylor, Joe Lama, Jean and Dexter Easton, Sheila Taylor and Joy Lewis, and Yvonne Gsteiger** for providing hospitality during the coffee hours from March 18 - April 29.

To **Randall Gann, Dexter Easton, and Tom Chase** for helping with the workday on April 21.

To **Susan Angel and Keith Henry** for teaching the Middle School Our Whole Lives (OWL)\* class, beginning last September and concluding at the end of April.

To **Bob Deyle and Linda Oaksford** for teaching the 4th and 5th grade OWL\* class in March and April.

To **Linda Radel and Tom Taylor** for teaching the High School OWL\* class in March and April.

\*OWL is an age-appropriate UU Curriculum for sexuality education and moral development.

To **Ed Oaksford** for organizing the Green Sanctuary Workshop and Potluck in April and to **UUCTers Lorin Pratt, Eric Draper, Norene Chase, Jennifer Carver, Jean Chulak, Dexter Easton, Elinor Elfner and Rev. Amy** for participating in the workshop program.

To **Maggie Geraci** for serving as Nursery Sub-committee Chairperson and to **Kelley Turnage** for agreeing to be the new Chairperson.

To **Ron Crowe** for organizing our small but dynamic UU Coffeehouse at the end of April; **Ron and Kandy Crowe, Jack and Kathy McDevitt** for setting up; and **Linda Oaksford, James Oaksford, John Mann, Barbara Lineberry** (accompanied by **Helen Falb**), **Howard Solomon, Jack McDevitt and Ron Crowe** for performing. (Next time we'll pick a date with fewer conflicts!)

To **Bob Kenon** for bringing Rev. Amy into the present century with his ministry-enhancing gift of a Palm Pilot organizer. (Everyone, please have patience as I learn this new technology! — Rev. Amy)

## THANK YOU, MICHELLE!

A big Thank You to Michelle Buhite for her volunteer Gifts of Self over the past three years and her work as a staff person for the past year. Her Gifts of Self included: music in solo and in the choir; drama; teaching the Adult RE "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" class, which has continued as a weekly Women's Spirituality Group; co-teaching the High School RE class (the teens love her!); many creative ideas; and her overall cheerfulness and positive attitude. We'll miss all her Gifts of Self! As a member of the staff, she has implemented our vision of having a

Director of Religious Education as opposed to a RE Coordinator and has implemented new ideas such as RE Family Potlucks, the special RE news-sheet *REview*, and the RE environmental clean-up day.

A fond farewell to Michelle, Les and Ashera. The best of luck in your future endeavors! Stay in touch and visit us when you can!

## WELCOME, MAGGIE

Maggie Geraci begins as our new Director of Religious Education on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome to our staff, Maggie!

The DRE Search Committee was very impressed with Maggie's intelligence, experience, skills, commitment to UUism and enthusiasm for the job - both the youth and adult RE portions. They felt she would be very good at bringing others together to generate ideas and accomplish mutual goals. While she has not served as a DRE before, her past experience includes networking with others, working independently or as part of a group, organizing details, and working in situations where she had to please many different people! She also has a strong liberal arts background, with a BA in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

In her letter of application, Maggie states: "I was drawn to Unitarian Universalism because of the value placed on our children, which is very much in line with my view of children. The UU emphasis on social justice, democracy, racial harmony, peace and kindness to our fellow man and to the earth illustrates to our children how important each creature is. As DRE, I would intend to build on the strengths of the religious education program by encouraging our children, providing them with a strong sense of self, and building a solid foundation of morality and

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values based on the seven principles of Unitarian Universalism. There is strong potential for growth that is apparent by the support and enthusiasm of the parents, volunteers, and members of UUCT; as DRE, I would hope to build on that support and enthusiasm to create a popular program known throughout the region."

She continues: "As DRE, I would hope to work closely with the Adult RE Chairperson to create an extraordinary adult education program that would provide unique, thought-provoking, and charismatic opportunities for learning.....I see UUCT at the center of a diverse and varied intellectual community, and I would use the position of DRE to encourage and support community involvement.....Throughout my life, I have had thoughts and dreams of a career in ministry. My life path has followed other career choices, but I find myself drawn again and again to thoughts of ministering to a religious community, especially a religious community where I truly feel 'at home'. Becoming DRE for UUCT would be the beginning of a journey I have longed to take."

We're glad you'll be taking that journey with us, Maggie!

## LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Also see REview, available at the RE table Sundays.*

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
NEXT YOUTH RE  
COMMITTEE MEETING:  
Sunday, May 6, 9:45 AM**

**YOUTH RE CONTACTS:**  
Margaret Mooney, Youth RE  
Committee Chair (893-8250); Kelley  
Turnage, Nursery Sub-Committee  
Chair (553-9416); and Maggie  
Geraci, Director of RE (877-6301).

### **KIDS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.**

The Kids Capital Campaign will continue through May 20. There will be a jar every week for loose change. Middle and High Schoolers will be given the opportunity to make a pledge; special pledge forms will be mailed to them in late May. Contact Trudy Deyle for details (422-1057).

**K-5 CLASSES.** For the first two Sundays of the month, the Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will continue their "Living the Promise" curriculum on the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures). Look for the "RE Thought for the Day" each Sunday in the announcement sheet.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS.**

The Middle Schoolers had their last OWL class session at the end of April. Welcome back on-site! You may attend the service, gather and plan your part for RE Sunday, or sign-up with Scott Geraci or Kelley Turnage to volunteer in the nursery or pre-school room.

**RE SUNDAY, MAY 20.** Sunday, May 20 is UUCT's annual "RE Sunday" – a celebration of our youth and teachers in Religious Education. The theme for the day is, "It Matters What We Believe... What Do We Believe?". Each age group will take on a different topic: the elementary group will demonstrate that "It Matters What We Learn"; the middle school will take on "It Matters What We Do/Say"; and the high school will address "It Matters What We Believe". We celebrate our youth and the things they have learned this year, and we honor the teachers who have volunteered their Sunday mornings to our youth and their religious education.

**RE FUN-DAY, MAY 27.** The last Sunday of the month will be "Fun-Day" for all classes. The Summer

RE Program will begin in June. Regular classes will resume in mid-September, with registration in late August and early September.

**YRUU BARBECUE, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 5-8 PM.** At Jennifer and DeWayne Carver's house (1608 Redwood Drive, Tallahassee). Drinks and grilling items will be provided. Bring a dish (appetizer, side dish or dessert) to share. Call 402-0622 for more info or directions. For YRUUsers and their families.

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

5/9-11: Beach Con, UUFellowship of the Emerald Coast, Valparaiso, FL

5/18-20: FL Dist. Social Action Con

## TEACHERS NEEDED

We will begin our summer curriculum the first Sunday in June. It is filled with great stories and activities. Last year we had record attendance throughout the summer, averaging 12-15 each week. The age span was 4 years old to 5th grade; quite a span! This year we hope to offer two classes, lower and upper elementary. We can only offer two classes if we have enough people sign up to teach each week. Our regular RE teachers have earned the summer off!

There will also be a discussion group for middle and high school youth each Sunday throughout the summer for whoever is there on a given Sunday. Discussion leaders are needed for June 3 - September 16 (6/17, 6/24 and 9/9 already taken).

To teach the elementary children or lead a discussion with the older ones on a summer Sunday, contact DRE Maggie Geraci

(DREMaggie@aol.com) or stop by the RE table and sign up. Share a bit of yourself with our children and youth this summer!

### ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP TUESDAY, MAY 15, 6 PM

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

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**ADULT RE CONTACTS:** Sheila Meehan, Adult RE Committee Chair (668-5075); Maggie Geraci, Director of RE (877-6301).

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

**ADULT RE SURVEY.** In April, the Adult RE Committee asked what kinds of programs we'd like for intellectual and spiritual growth and for ideas on a catchy name for Adult RE! Read the results of the survey - available at the back of the sanctuary.

**ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS, 9:45 - 10:45 AM.** The Forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. Watch for announcements of upcoming topics. For more information, contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

**"THE NEW UU" CLASS.** To be held Tuesdays, May 8 and 15 at 7:00 PM. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or call the church

office (385-5115). For more information, contact Byron Spice (668-6109).

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP.** (Formerly "Rise Up And Call Her Name"). Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact the church office (385-5115). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

### UUHUMANISTS

Sunday, May 27, 12:45 PM  
Church Sanctuary

Topic for discussion: "THE ASTONISHING HYPOTHESIS" (Can one talk about a 'soul' & be The Modern Humanist? What is the 'soul'?—does it really exist? Soul, belief in God [or gods], immortality — are these really 'Humanistic' ideas?) To prepare, look at Francis Crick's 1995 book "The Astonishing Hypothesis: The Scientific Search for the Soul," also David Darling's 1996 book "Soul Search: A Scientist Explores the Afterlife" — both in paperback.

Looking ahead: on Sunday June 24th, at 12:45 PM, we will have a discussion of: "Humanist Manifesto III". After that, we will take a break until August 26th. Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

### SPEAK OUT!

No meeting in May

Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 10, at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary after potluck. Then we will break until mid-August. Speak Out! is open mike. Come with your own unique beef or fantastic thesis, to "soapbox" our group! Formal protocol has it: Five minutes for each person, to speak out! (at a lectern); everyone is given the opportunity to speak out! Discussion follows. Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu.)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

By Kim Ross Frichter  
Campus Ministry Coordinator

University UUs is not taking a break this summer! In May we'll be meeting on Thursdays at 8 PM at Black Dog Cafe for coffee and discussions. Call Kim (562-7378; 443-4361) for details!

Those of you who weren't present for our March 25th service missed another awesome one. One of the features was a reading of Beatnik Poetry, written by the entire congregation. We passed around sheets of paper with words referring to spiritual fervor on it, and ask congregants to write a line and pass it on. It was then read by Rebecca McNeil, with Eric Primack on the bass and Jason Norris on the drums. We now present a stanza from the poem for all to enjoy. Copies of the full poem are available on the back counter of the sanctuary.

*My guru once told me...  
Blue sky and sunshine give energy to  
my being  
You are your mother/father/god  
Loving those of all sexual orientations  
intensely  
Your spirit forever will feel rousing at  
the most surprising time.  
I feel spiritual fever when I connect  
with young people.  
Walking in the park early in the  
morning  
Lack of connection is like the sound of  
one hand clapping.  
Immense lavishly in the God-being all  
around you!  
Spiritual power rests in knowing  
where power really comes from --  
within  
Shout when your Spirit Says Shout  
The crescendo of connecting with  
another person comes fully when one  
is alone in their own energy*

## CONTACTS FOR UUCT

### Adult Religious Education:

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Mary Bridges 894-2965

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### Caring Ministries Committee:

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### Capital Improvement Committee:

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Helen Falb 309-6853

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Becky Welty 422-3317

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Trudy Deyle 422-1057

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### Denominational Affairs:

Nancy Bass 893-1806

### Finance Committee:

Joan Patterson 309-1248

### Forum on Sunday:

Norene Chase 422-1985

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Contact Church Office 385-5115

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Will Adkins 385-5071

### Kitchen Committee:

Linda Logan 575-2780

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Pauline Masterton 385-2879

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Pauline Masterton 385-2879

### Mountain Ambassador:

Jean Chulak 385-2214

### Multicultural Families:

Sandy Neidert 656-7894

### Parenting Support Group:

Maggie Geraci 877-6301

### Planned Giving Committee:

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### Publicity Chair:

Barbara Hogan 668-6899

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Richard Dempsey 671-2748

### Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC):

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### RCDC Book Discussion Group:

Isabel Sheridan 668-0785

### Shared Ministry Committee:

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### Social Activities:

Jennifer Carver 402-0622

### Social Concerns Committee:

Walter Hoskins 893-5039

### Speak Out! & UUHumanists:

William Adkins 385-5071

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Jennifer & DeWayne Carver 402-0622

### Youth Religious Education:

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# OUR CONGREGATION

## OUR MISSION

“The mission of UUCT is to be a liberal religious presence that supports individual spiritual quests and service to others in a community of open hearts, minds, and doors.”

## MEMBERSHIP

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

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 3, during the service.

## UUCT NAME TAGS

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

## DINNERS FOR 8

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

## NEW MEMBER PROFILES

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

## CARING COMMITTEE

The caring committee is in the process of attempting to get rides to church on Sunday and for special occasions for all who need this service. If you are not already on our volunteer list or if you need a ride, call or e-mail me. We also need

someone to coordinate, a telephone and/or computer job, that will take about a half hour a week. To help with this important part of our caring ministry, call or e-mail Peggy Lentz (878-2226; peglantz@aol.com).

## BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

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

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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

## UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

For \$2 per month, minimum of three months, members and supporting friends may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board hanging to the right of the hymnal shelves, near the north sanctuary doors. Submit ad and check for fee to Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie. Available to others for \$5 per month.

# JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Mimi Jones**, whose husband, **Jeff Jones**, died in April after a long illness.

Congratulations to the **Crandall-Ralston family (Christy, Robin and Riley)** on the addition of **Liam Alec Ralston Crandall**, born 11/9/99.

## THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

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

## CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01)	158
Current Membership	171
Current Number of Friends	41
RE Enrollment	61
Avg. RE Attendance (3/4 - 4/8)	47
Avg. Sun. Attendance (3/18 - 4/15)	89



# MAY UUCT EVENTS

**JOINT BOARD/CIC MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 7:00 PM.** In the sanctuary. To discuss our facilities planning timeline. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**JOINT BOARD/CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 PM.** In the sanctuary. To finalize the operating budget to propose to the congregation. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

**“NEW UU” CLASSES, TUESDAYS, MAY 8 AND 15, 7:00 PM.** In Room 4. These classes are an excellent start for someone who wants to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and about this church for the purpose of exploring membership. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or call the church office (385-5115). For more information, contact Byron Spice (668-6109).

**COMBINED CAMPAIGN CLOSE-OUT MEETINGS, FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 11 & 12.** Meetings with UUA consultant Jerry King to evaluate our Combined Campaign, lay the groundwork for next year's Annual Canvass, and make plans for monitoring pledges and following-up with new members during the three pledging years of the Capital Campaign. Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**ALTERNATIVE TO THE WAR ON DRUGS STUDY/ACTION GROUP, MAY 11 & 12.** Join the UUCT Alternative to the War On Drugs Study/Action Group in the American Cancer Society 18 Hour Relay. We need walkers for the team and sponsors. Contact Allen Turnage (224-3231) or Toni Latino (402-2900).



**FIFTH ANNUAL “PIG” ROAST, SATURDAY, MAY 12, MID-AFTERNOON.** Not just for carnivores anymore! This year there will also be a tofu pig and many other vegetarian dishes. At Ken and Jean Wood's home in south Georgia. Watch for Rod Oldenburg and Steve Urse on Sunday to purchase tickets or purchase them at the pig roast that day.

**MOTHER'S DAY & CELEBRATION POTLUCK, SUNDAY, MAY 13, 12:30 PM.** Our usual second Sunday potluck with an extra celebration for Mother's Day and the success of our Combined Campaign!

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM ON FINAL BUDGET AND PHASE 1, SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1:00 PM.** An opportunity after the potluck to ask questions and discuss the proposed 2001-2002 Final Budget, proceeding with building permitting, and any other items to be voted on the following Sunday. Members and Supporting Friends will receive a mailing during the week prior to the forum.

**ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 6:00 PM.** See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301 or DREMaggie@aol.com).

**JOINT BOARD/CIC MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7:00 PM.** In the sanctuary. To begin reviewing Phase One construction estimates. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

**RACIAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 7:00 PM.** In Room 4. Contact Bob Kenon (878-3647).



**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Come enjoy the fellowship of working together on the numerous chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY, MAY 20, 11:00 AM.** The service will be a celebration of our RE Program and what the children and youth have done this year. See *Youth RE* for more details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 12:15 PM.** As prescribed by our by-laws, our meeting to elect members of the Board and Nominating Committee, adopt a final 2001-2002 Budget, decide whether to proceed with master plan permitting, and vote on any other items needing our attention. All are welcome, with voting limited to those who have been members for at least 30 days. Childcare and supervision provided. Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

(877-6301).

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 12:30 PM.** Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

**YRUU BARBECUE, SUNDAY, MAY 20, 5:00 - 8:00 PM.** For youth and their families. Bring a dish to share. See article in *Youth RE*. Contact YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

**UU HUMANISTS MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1:15 PM.** See separate article for details on this month. Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 29, 7:15 PM.** In the sanctuary. This will be a meeting to formulate our Membership Plan for next fall, based on current activities and new ones called for in the membership section of our *Strategic Program Plan*. Anyone interested in helping in the area of membership is invited to attend; you may choose to be on the committee itself or help in a specific area such as greeting, visitor contacts, new member linkages, etc. Contact Incoming Membership Chairperson Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER MAY

**SPEAK OUT! SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1:15 PM.** In the sanctuary after potluck. Contact: William Adkins (wma@post.harvard.edu or 385-5071). See separate article.

**UUHUMANISTS, SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 12:45 PM.** Contact William Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

## DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2001, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 21 -25.** Held in Cleveland, OH, the theme will be *Claiming our Heritage*. Registration: \$230 adults ; \$120 youth, theological students and retired ministers. Scholarships available. Hotel rates \$99 - \$145, lower cost housing with area UUs. Contact the church office for more information (385-5115).

**SUUSI, SUNDAY - SATURDAY, JULY 22 - 28.** Held on the Virginia Tech Campus in Blacksburg, VA, this is the 51<sup>st</sup> Southeastern Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute - a

### BE OUR NEW SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

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

gathering of about 1,000 people of all ages. This year's theme is "The Interdependent Web", with workshops, worship, evening programs, outdoor adventures, dancing, singing, and much more. For more information, contact Cathy Ring at info@suusi.org.

## THE MOUNTAIN

*Jean Chulak*  
*Mountain Ambassador*

Some upcoming programs at The Mountain still have room:

**June 17-21, Mountainscape: Exploring the Nantahala Wilderness.** With naturalist George Ellison and folklorist Lee Knight.

**July 1-7, Family Mountaincamp.** Full of typical "camp" activities.

**July 8-14, Leadership School for Social Justice.** For rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders through 2001 high school graduates.

**August 31-September 3, A Leadership Odyssey.** Leadership training for young adults.

## ABOUT E-MAIL

- If you wish to be taken off a fellow UUCTers mailing list, politely ask the sender.
- And sender, please honor the receiver's request.
- Also, if you have "BCC" capability, try using it to suppress the list of receivers, so only the message is viewed or printed! (Insert your e-mail address in the "To" line, then put the list name in the "Bcc" line.)

## MAY NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday (Sanctuary):  
6:00 PM Intro. to Zen  
7:15 PM Zen Meditation

Every Sunday:  
6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4)  
7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)

Every Wednesday (Rm. 4, except 3rd Wed., Rm. 5)  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous GLBT Group

Peace Dances (Sanctuary):  
Sat., May 5, 7:30 PM

Unity in Leadership (Sanctuary):  
Sat., May 12, 9 AM - 2 PM

Family Tree Fund Raiser (Sanctuary):  
Sat., May 12, 4 PM - 12 AM

Funeral & Memorial Society (Sanctuary):  
Sat., May 19, 11 AM-3 PM

Sierra Club (Sanctuary):  
Mon., May 21, 6 PM,

Audubon (Sanctuary):  
Tues., May 22, 7 PM,

Yoga (Sanctuary): Mon., May 28, 5-9 PM

## BOARD ACTIONS

APRIL 23, 2001

Approved Treasurer's Report through March 2001.

Approved DRE Search Committee recommendation to hire Maggie Geraci as UUCT Director of Religious Education beginning 5/1/01, for 15 hours per week.

Approved DRE Search Committee recommendation that the Board create a Lifespan RE Steering Committee composed of the minister (ex officio), the DRE (ex officio), the VP for RE, and the Youth and Adult RE Committee Chairs, which would decide with the DRE on the focus of her work for the year and do an annual performance evaluation of the DRE based on the goals for that year.



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## UUCT Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
For sermon titles and "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.	See page 6 for UUCT Contacts for events.	<b>1</b> 7 PM Joint Board and CIC*	<b>2</b> 7:30 PM Choir	<b>3</b> 7 PM Joint Board/Church Council Budget Meeting*  8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion*	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1-4 PM <i>Evensong</i> (off-site)*
<b>6</b> 9:45 Youth RE Com. Mtg.	<b>7</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group* (off-site)	<b>8</b> 7 PM New UU Class, Rm. 4*	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM Choir	<b>10</b> 8:30 PM <i>Evensong</i> (off-site)*  8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion*	<b>11</b> 7 PM Capital Campaign Cabinet w/ consultant*  Study/Action Group @ 18 hr. Relay*	<b>12</b> 9 AM Monitoring & Follow-up with consultant* 3 PM "Pig" Roast*  Study/Action Group @ 18hr. Relay*  Fix a dish for potluck
<b>13</b> 12:30 PM Potluck & <i>Meridian</i> Deadline  1 PM Cong. Forum*	<b>14</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group* (off-site)  7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)	<b>15</b> 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Rm. 2)*  7 PM New UU Class, Rm. 4*  7 PM Joint Board and CIC*	<b>16</b> 7 PM RCDC (Rm. 4)*  7:30 PM Choir	<b>17</b> 7 PM Board  8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion*	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9AM - 1 PM Workday*
<b>20</b> 11 AM Intergenerational RE Sunday 12:15 PM Annual Meeting* 12:30 PM Multicultural Families Support Groups* 5 PM YRUU Barbecue*	<b>21</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group* (off-site)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 PM Choir	<b>24</b> 7-8:30 PM <i>Evensong</i> (off-site)*  8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion*	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> RE Fun Day 12:45 PM UUHumanists*	<b>28</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group* (off-site)	<b>29</b> 7:15 PM Membership Committee Planning Meeting*	<b>30</b> 7:30 PM Choir	<b>31</b> 8 PM University UUs coffee & discussion*	<b>*Details on another page.</b>	