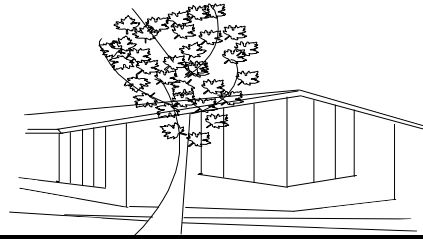


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Every Sunday:

- 9:00 AM zenTAOBuddhist Sangha (Meets at Lake Ella May 5)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum: May 12th UU-UNO, Barney Cook; May 19th, Green Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Program Classes for Pre-K-12 Grade

The Meridian

Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

May 5 | "Moral Responses Regarding the Use of Force"

This service is the second of two; last week, Rev. Amy and Rod talked about pacifism and pragmatism, and we ended the service with everyone getting to choose which response they preferred. Now, we'll hear UUCTers describe their personal moral response regarding the use of force, and whether "religious impasse" (when experience and belief are not in synch) has played a role in their choices over time. **Rev. Amy and Rod Oldenburg and UUCTers TBA.**

May 12 | "Spiritual Ecstasy and Belonging" and New Member Recognition

Since we rely on an individual's conscience to determine if they are ready to be a member, we don't have a "test" to determine membership, though we get inspiration from and trace our history to groups that did. At one time, in our own circles, claiming to know something about spiritual ecstasy might have seemed suspect. At an earlier time, not being able to make such a claim could have excluded someone. These days, whatever we think about the word "spiritual," we belong. Conversation about the apparent gap between ecstasy and reason continues... **Rev. Amy**

May 19 | Youth Religious Education Sunday

Intergenerational Child Dedication, Graduating Seniors Recognition and Youth Religious Education Sunday. **Led by: Director of Religious Education Maggie Geraci, Youth RE (Youth and Adults), and Rev. Amy**

May 26 | "Discovering the Zen in Our Lives"

What does a "Crazy Wisdom" such as The Buddha's Sutras, or Lao Tzu's *Tao Te Ching*, or the practice of Zen have to do with how we create the good life, seek peace, or discover greater mindfulness and compassion in our lives? (Can one be a UU *and* a "Zen Buddhist" too?) Come be perplexed by a *koan* or two, feel a *haiku* catching a moment in time, practice a little *za-zen* breathing meditation, and / or sense the fleeting drama in our brief lives in a story or inspirational words by the Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh, and Pema Chodron. And, especially, come to ask great questions and seek a new perspective on life and death. (Call this "Buddhism 101 for UUs.") **Led by: Will Adkins & Wimi-neng, with members of the zenTAOBuddhist Sangha of UUCT**



Annual "Pig" Roast, Sat.,

May 11, 3 PM. See *UUCT Events* for details.

Silent Auction, Sun., May 19, bidding ends 1 PM. See *UUCT Announcements* for details.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 19, 12:15 PM. See *UUCT Events* for details.

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Year-end Review

The Committee on the Ministry and I have talked about my goals for the year, and what I've done to fulfill them. The three goals were – 1. Launch “pastoral associates program”; 2. Continue to support UUCT’s vision of growth in: a) physical plant, b) number of members, and c) spiritual maturity; 3. Recognition for UUCT for social justice actions in Tallahassee. I’ll keep these goals for next year, too. Though I completed a number of the strategies that went with the goals, the goals are bigger than one year. Timing counts when setting goals, and even I am surprised at the slow rate of change of institutions!

The first and third goals depend on other institutions as well as our own. Much of the “pastoral associates program” training will come from Hospice (the UUCT Board wrote a letter of support for a grant that Hospice received for a Faith In Action Training staff position, which has now been filled). And I’m convinced that our local social justice actions will be strengthened by our participation in TEAM, Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry, the grassroots, multicultural,

interfaith group I helped form. The issues we take on will be defined by the entire membership – Tallahassee area religious communities – though one-on-one discussions are crucial to the organization’s success. TEAM has now hired an Organizer, and we’re moving toward the opening Covenant Assembly. But before then, UUCT will have a Listening Team to help deepen relationships in our congregation and to learn which social justice issues upset and motivate our members.

“The End”

I met another goal: I (finally) got to the last page of Herman Melville’s *Moby-Dick*, only 5 months after I vowed to complete the novel. What an accomplishment! Speaking of which: Congratulations to the UUCT youth who are graduating this year; I and we will miss you. Take what you have learned and what you have begun to teach and share it with the world, or at least speak out at the campuses where you’ll continue to grow a soul. Come back and say “Hi!” We bestow upon you during this time of transition Many Blessings and we are grateful for your presence here among us.

Here Through Joys and Sorrows

This congregation has much to celebrate in the results from the canvass to fund next year’s programs and activities (and utilities). UUCT is a community effort. It’s hard to unlearn the societal lesson *that money makes the man or woman*. When you’re at UUCT, let it go. This church is here for you: to offer you solace, spiritual enrichment, service opportunities and social justice work. But most of all, you’re a part of a community that welcomes you when you’re here, misses you when you’re not, and accepts whatever gifts of time, talent and treasure you are able to offer. “You are welcome in this religious home...”

May You Feel Welcome, Move Fully into the next stage of life, and Accomplish your own goals,

(Rev.) Amy

Building a Home for Liberal Faith

2002-2003 Annual Operating Budget Canvass

By Bruce Brandt, Canvass Chair and Margaret Mooney, Canvass Vice Chair

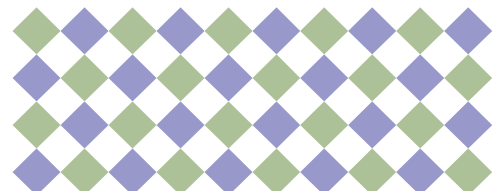
UUCT's annual spring ceremony renewing members' commitment to the mission of their church by the ritual filling out of forms pledging hearts, minds, and money to next year's program is complete! Mostly.

As this is being written, with more than two thirds of the pledges received, it is clear that everyone has been very generous. We will be able to face the new year confidently, with the resources we need to pursue our goals vigorously. Come to the Annual Meeting and have fun approving next year's budget.

Many people contributed to the success of the canvass, as can be discerned from the long list in the *Appreciation* section of this *Meridian*. We would particularly like to acknowledge Annette Pearce - she cheerily put together a complex puzzle that required meshing about fifty people's schedules over three weekends. The potluck hosts cleaned their houses, welcomed us in, and cleaned them again.

Facilitators went forth to discuss money after the meal and actually reported having had fun! And most

significantly of all, people came to the potlucks or returned the forms they received in the mail, and promised to continue building a home for liberal faith in Tallahassee.



Announcements



Auction, Auction!

Yes, we will have an auction this year, but it will be entirely “silent”!! We have received donations of some wonderful service and entertainment items, but not many “hard” items, so this year we will try something different.

A list of all the items up for bid will be available in three formats:

1. Copies of the list will be posted and available for taking in the back of the sanctuary, starting Sunday, May 5,
2. The list will be available on the UUCT website www.nettally.com/uuct throughout the month of May, and
3. The list can also be emailed to anyone who wants it. Please contact Joan Patterson at jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu to request your email copy.

Making the list widely available for several weeks will give members and friends time to look over the list and decide on the items they might wish to bid on. On Sunday, May 19, beginning at 9:00 AM, bid certificates will be placed on tables at the church and bids will be accepted. The bidding will close at 1:00 PM sharp. Winners will be contacted by phone and arrangements made for payment and picking up certificates.

So get your pencils sharpened and let's make this a successful first try at something different in the way of silent auctions. Questions? Suggestions? Call Joan Patterson (309-1248).

The Giving Tree



Do you have an artistic eye, are you good with words and / or are you interested in giving your input about UUCT's Giving Tree? If so, join us for a short brainstorming meeting to share ideas for The Giving Tree on Sunday, May 12, immediately following the service. Grab a cup of coffee and meet near the front of the sanctuary. Contact Linda Oaksford (422-0240).

Hospitality

There are two sign up sheets for Sunday hospitality on the counter at the back of the sanctuary: one for refreshments and one for clean up. Mary Millard (980-8980) coordinates refreshment sign up, and Ed Baseheart (386-6223 or ebaseheart@aol.com) assists in coordinating clean up. Please remember to sign up. Mary and Ed will also work from the "Gift of Self" hospitality list as needed.

Alternative Gifts

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue for memorial, birthday, anniversary, holiday and any other occasion gifts! Chairs are \$26.50 without arms and \$31.50 with arms. Look for alternative gift forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact Joan Patterson (309-1248, jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Electronic Meridian

Please let Kathie Mackie know if you want to be on the e-*Meridian* list, (uuct@nettally.com).

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **The Sunshine:** Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/
- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Be sure to check this bulletin board each week for information on upcoming events.

Mark Your Checks

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

Be a Delegate

Our congregation is entitled to one clergy and four lay delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUA GA) in June in Quebec City. Attendance at GA is not required to be a delegate. The vote may be cast in person or by mail. However, you do need to be willing to inform yourself about the items to be voted on and cast a thoughtful vote. Contact Rev. Amy or President Pauline Masterton if you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate delegate.

Sunday Service Participation

The Program Committee invites you to volunteer to lead: **a Sunday Service, a portion of the Sunday Service (be “lay leader”), the Chalice Lighting / Words of Welcome.** (See March *Meridian* for more details.) For all three opportunities give your name and contact information to the Program Committee, via the church office, or call Chairperson, Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.com).

Appreciation

- To:**
- * **Dan Dammerville, Will Adkins, Carolyn DuBard, Elinor Elfner, Nancy Bass, Del DeTar, Eric Draper, Sheila Meehan, Richard Dempsey, Janet Kistner, Rosa Morgan, and DeWayne Carver** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 3/17 - 4/14.
 - * **Helen Falb and University UUs** for providing hospitality and clean up, **Eleanor and Earl Enge** for providing potluck clean up and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, 3/17 - 4/14.
 - * **Linda and Ed Oaksford** for letting the High School class meet in their home during April.
 - * **Dexter Easton, Dorothy Mann, Don Berger, Francis Ventre, Cathy Briggs, Steve Urse, Ed Oaksford and Tom Chase** for helping with the 4/20 Workday.
 - * **Mary Bridges and Joe Chulak** for their hard work removing the trees that fell across the parking lot.
 - * **Keith Henry** for his continued support and hard work that goes into maintaining our website.
 - * **Rev. Amy, Pauline Masterton, Jennifer Carver, Nancy Bass, and Norene Chase** for being UUCT delegates to the FL District Annual Assembly in April and **DeWayne Carver, Jean and Joe Chulak, and Steve Urse** for attending.
 - * **Katie McAuley and Ethan Deyle** for representing the UUCT YRUU youth group at the District Youth Caucus held during the District Annual Assembly.
- Carver was definitely the "Belle of the Ball" in her light pink, princess gown discovered at a second-hand store in Orlando! YRUUer Katie McAuley was runner-up in her very stylish dress from the local Goodwill. It took only awhile for everyone to warm up to dancing. From then on the dance floor was full for every dance, and that Rev. Amy really knows how to boogie! The YRUUers put together a great mix of our special requests for songs of our decades. The delicious punches and snacks hit the spot after dancing. Everyone left with a "prom" picture, taken in front of a hand-painted, wildflower back-drop. A lot of work went into making the evening a success. Those of us who went had a great time, and we encourage everyone to come next year!
- The YRUUers would like to thank all those who bought tickets and all those who not only bought tickets but also came! The net profit for the evening was almost \$500! They would also like to thank their wonderful advisors **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for their continued support, **Victor Venos** for his assistance with the sound system, and **Dick Leinberry** for his decade trivia quiz. Congratulations again to YRUU parents **David Beggs and Debi Gallay** for winning the trivia quiz and being crowned as the King and Queen of the Wildflower Prom!
- Thank you to our Canvass Volunteers**
- Canvass Committee: **Bruce Brandt, Margaret Mooney, Annette Pearce, DeLos DeTar** (ex officio as VP for Finance), **Rev. Amy McKenzie** (ex officio as Settled Minister), and **Tom Chase** (ex officio as Collecting Treasurer). **Trudy Deyle** provided helpful advice and lots of documents as past canvass chair and newsletter editor.
- Person in charge of potluck arrangements (lots of time on the phone): **Annette Pearce**.
- Instructions for potluck hosts: **Joan Patterson**.
- People who got on the phone to set up the potlucks: **Annette Pearce, Joanne Taylor, Barbara Sterling, Mary Ventre, Jane Anderson and Margaret Mooney**.
- People who did chalice lightings with a message about stewardship and / or supporting UUCT: **DeLos DeTar, Ed Oaksford, Steve and Mary Van Sciver**.
- Potluck Hosts: **Jan and Rod Oldenburg, DeLos and Patty DeTar, Jean and Joe Chulak, Kathryn Hansman-Spice and Byron Spice, Norene and Tom Chase, Christine Boczarska, Nancy Bass, Nancy Bean, Sara Reece and Jim Denny, Mimi Jones, Sally Andersen, Anne Van Meter and Howard Kessler, Megan and Michael Bakan, and Junelle and Bruce Brandt**.
- Childcare Arranger for potlucks: **Kim Ross**.
- Facilitators: **Eric Draper** (he also trained all of the facilitators), **Richard Dempsey**, and the following members of your Executive Board, **Pauline Masterton, Jennifer Carver, Bruce Brandt, Linda Oaksford, DeLos DeTar, Allen Turnage, Isabel Sheridan and Jim Dawson**.

Thanks to YRUU!

Super thanks to the **YRUU youth group** for a fun and wonderful evening at UUCT's first-ever Wildflower Prom! The sanctuary was draped with lights and crepe paper; a lava lamp and chili lights adorned one table. While most of us could no longer fit into the prom clothes of our decade, the evening's dress was varied and colorful - although YRUU advisor Jennifer

Person in charge of potluck arrangements (lots of time on the phone): **Annette Pearce**.

Lifespan Religious Education



Youth Religious Education

Youth RE Committee Meets: May 5, 9:45 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Fran Bridges, Youth RE Committee Chair (894-2965); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (877-6301).

SPRING PARENTS' NIGHT OUT/KIDS' FUN NIGHT. Our semi-annual Parents' Night Out/Kids' Fun Night will be held on Friday, May 3, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Drop your child off at church for pizza, movies, and games, and take advantage of three child-free hours! Adult supervision will be provided for the children. Cost is \$3.00 per child for the pizza dinner. Please stop by the R.E. Table on Sunday to sign your child up for this fun event.

YOUTH R.E. ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY. On Sunday, May 12, children in Youth RE will be gathering at Winthrop Park (corner of Thomasville Road and Betton Road) to pick up trash. This will occur during the time of the service. Volunteers are needed to drive the children to the park and return them to church. We also need chaperones. A permission slip has been sent in a recent parent mailing or see DRE Maggie Geraci for a copy. This important event illustrates to our children our commitment to our community. **Please have your child or children at the church by 10:45**, in

clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. If you have gloves for your child, that would help out and don't forget the sunscreen!!

YOUTH R.E. SUNDAY. Sunday, May 19, is Youth RE Sunday. The service will be dedicated to Youth RE. Children will be participating in the service as we share our program with the congregation. It's a fun event for all! We will also be having a **Child Dedication/Naming Ceremony**. If you have a young child and would like to participate in this ceremony, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci or Rev. Amy McKenzie for more information.

YOUTH R.E. FUN DAY. A Fun Day is scheduled for May 26. Since this date marks the end of regular RE classes for 2001-2002, we are holding an "End-of-the-Year" Party for the kids. The party will occur during the service, out on the playground. If you would like to donate party goodies, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

SUMMER R.E. CLASSES. Starting June 2, Summer RE classes will be held. We give the regular teachers a well-deserved break for the summer and ask for volunteers from the congregation to lead summer classes. Usually, we have two classes - kindergarten through 2nd grade and 3rd grade through 5th grade. This year, we also hope to offer a class for the Middle Schoolers. We will be using a Dr. Seuss curriculum for the elementary students.

The Middle School curriculum will be announced at a later date. If you are interested in teaching one or two Sundays during the Summer, please sign up at the R.E. table or contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

REGISTRATION FOR 2002-2003. There will be some changes to the registration process for the 2002-2003 RE year. In an effort to be more in line with the school calendar, we will begin RE classes on Sunday, August 18. Therefore, we need to start registration earlier this year. Registration for the 2002-2003 year will begin on June 2 and end in July. For currently registered students, we have printed out the information we have on file and have mailed that information to the parents. We ask that parents update the information on your children and return the form to DRE Maggie Geraci, along with your registration fee. We hope this process will eliminate the need for parents to fill out a new registration card each year and allow us to streamline the registration process. Registration fees for 2002-2003 will be \$25 for one child, \$35 for two children, and \$40 for three or more children. Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP. The focus is now on positive discipline after infancy and toddlerhood and keeping the attached relationship with older children. The group plans to use materials and books

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact Kelley Turnage, (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)

focusing on positive parenting. Children are welcome. Open beyond UUCT. Third Tuesday, 6:00 PM. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@comcast.net)

YRUU

YRUU is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds. **Meetings:** Every Sunday evening, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, UUCT Room 4. Members take turns planning and leading meetings.

CONferences - YRUU members* can go to Florida District CONS (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONS. (*YRUU members come to meetings, but not necessarily every single meeting.)

Florida District CON, May 3-5, Tampa

Other YRUU CONS/Gatherings:

☺ **May 24-26 Mountain Weekend, 7th-9th Graders**, a weekend of movement and body awareness. No movement experience required. \$85 fee.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

☺ June 20-24 General Assembly,
Quebec City

For more information about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment Contacts:
Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075). **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education** (DREMaggie@Comcast.net; 877-6301).

FOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS SEE THE *LIFESPAN RE* BROCHURE AVAILABLE FROM DRE MAGGIE GERACI ON SUNDAYS OR FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

- **Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.** If interested, contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075).
- **New UU.** Two sessions for those interested in learning more about our church and denomination. Sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Contact the church

office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

- **DejaVu, UU.** Single session about our congregation for UUs new to UUCT. Sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

ZenTaoBuddhist Sangha & Peace Walk. Every Sunday morning from 9 to 10:45 in room 2, except for first Sundays at Black Dog Cafe for check-in and *kinhin* (walking meditation) "Circle of Peace Walk" about Lake Ella. Offers a non-sectarian, eclectic, free-thought "beginners mind" path to the "Crazy Wisdom" of Buddhism and Taoism. We practice various forms of

za-zen meditation, do interpersonal check-ins, and provide a Reading/Discussion forum on topics of zen, Buddhism, Taoism, and related areas (psychology, art, poetry, history, etc.) -- led mostly by interested members of the sangha. All are invited to attend & participate in our meetings. A weekly e-mail newsletter, *under the Bo-tree*, provides schedules, poetry & articles of insight or interest. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or e-mail or wma@post.harvard.edu).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross
Campus Ministry Coordinator

We had a blast leading the UUCT service at the end of March. A special thank you to Christy Crandall from UUUs for helping us with music during our service, and a thank you to everyone who stayed after for the soup lunch. We hope you enjoyed it!

The University UUs are winding down their wonderful Spring semester and gearing up for a relaxing summer. In summer we will have casual meetings, with a few day trips to the beach and other fun places. Call Kim for time and locations (385-6856).

Notes From The Mountain



By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

The Mountain has some wonderful events scheduled during May and June - events to make your summertime truly memorable. Check these out!

June 14-16 (Fri-Sun), MountainScape Flyfishing Weekend. Spend a weekend with avid fly fisherman and instructor, Carl Hammond-Beyer. Those of you with some fly fishing experience can refine your skills and way of thinking about the sport while casting and catching fish in nearby rivers. Topics include fishing strategies, casting skills, reading the streams, fly selection, and (of course) catching fish. Since Sunday is Father's Day, you family

members might consider a gift for dear old Dad--the opportunity to explore some of the available fishin' holes in the area with a special son or daughter.

June 14-16 (Fri-Sun), How Can I Keep From Singing? All those who love to sing are invited for this weekend of singing. **No auditions!** Whether you are a "shower only" singer or an accomplished singer, you are welcome. "No fault singing" is our motto. Jason Shelton, Director of Music at the First UU Church of Nashville, will be our leader for the weekend.

June 23-28 (Sun-Fri), Grandparent and Grandchild Week. Spend quality time with your grandchildren (ages 8-12) experiencing the riches of The Mountain and surrounding area. Come to camp and enjoy crafts, music, campfire with marshmallows, hiking, and whitewater rafting or tubing. Join in putting together a skit, and maybe even do an outdoor overnight.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about these programs or The Mountain itself, contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838 or www.mountaincenters.org.

Green Corner



A Review of Actions We Can Take

Compiled by Trudy Deyle

May 20, 2002 will mark a year since we decided as a congregation to apply for candidacy as a Green Sanctuary (GS) church. One of the actions we've taken as a GS candidate working toward certification is to include a *Green Corner* column in each month's *Meridian*. Highlights from these columns over the past eleven months follow. They suggest actions we can take to live greener lives and reduce our ecological footprints.

Centering Our Thoughts & Crystallizing Our Resolve. Five things you can do to bring silence and solitude into daily life: Turn off the phone, Walk in the park, Go on a media fast, Take a hot bath, Find the quietest time and place you know. (June 2001)

Measuring Your Ecological Footprint. Go to the *Redefining Progress* web-site to find two ways to calculate your footprint (www.rprogress.org/progsum/nip/ef/ef_main.html). (July 2001)

Hot Water Heaters (which can be responsible for 16-25% of home energy use). When buying a new one, consider gas, oil or propane-fired and a size that holds just enough water for your peak times. Bundle your water heater in an insulating jacket, unless the manufacturer says not to. Set the thermostat at 120 degrees. When going on vacation, turn the thermostat off or to the lowest setting. Insulate hot water pipes and the first three feet of cold-water pipe connected to the water heater. (August 2001)

Let's Talk Cars. Inflate tires to proper level. Switch to low-rolling-resistance tires. Keep your car tuned. Go easy on the AC at speeds below 40 mph. Travel light. Carpool. Combine errands and car trips. Use your bike or feet instead! Compare fuel economy and air emissions when shopping for a car.

Re-cycle by buying a used car instead of a new one. (September 2001)

Note: The October 2001 *Green Corner* column reported on our congregation's progress in implementing the seventeen required GS action items.

Choosing Refrigerators. Look for an "Energy Star" label to identify more energy-efficient models. Freezer on top models are more efficient, with the most efficient models being in the 16-20 cubic feet range. Automatic icemakers and water/ice dispensers on the outside consume more energy. (November 2001)

Decreasing Refrigerator Energy Use. Clean coils. Check seals. Adjust temperature. Make sure there is at least 1" of space to sides of refrigerator and 4-6" in back. Minimize the amount of time the door is open by keeping items in the same place, keeping those you use frequently in front, and labeling items in the freezer. Cool (no more than 30 minutes) and cover foods before putting them in. Freezers work more efficiently when fuller versus nearly empty. (December 2001)

Food Consumption. Buy fresh, local produce and products as often as possible. Avoid heavily packaged products. Buy organic foods as much as possible. Eat less meat. (January 2002)

Natural Landscaping. Landscape to minimize mowing, watering and fertilizing needs. Enrich soil by adding compost. For extra nutrients, use organic fertilizers. Control weeds, and improve soil even more, with organic mulches. To reduce pests, cultivate plants that attract beneficial insects. Keep your mower in good repair. Get rid of gasoline-powered yard tools all together, replacing them with electric or manual ones. (February 2002)

Reducing Pesticides. Get tough turf. Mow right. Water deeply. Know your enemies. Go lightly. Use biological warfare. Pick your chemical pesticides carefully. Follow directions. (March 2002)

Cleaning House. All-purpose cleaner: a few tablespoons of baking soda in a quart of warm water, or vinegar and salt mixed with warm water. Scouring cleaner: plain salt or baking soda. Disinfectant scourer: equal amounts of baking soda and borax with a little hot water. Drain Cleaner: ½ cup baking soda, followed by ½ cup vinegar, followed by ½ gallon boiling water 15-20 minutes later. Toilet bowl cleaner: ½ cup vinegar and baking soda, or 2/3 cup borax and 1/3 cup lemon juice. Glass cleaner: club soda or warm water with a little vinegar. Furniture polish: olive oil mixed with a little lemon juice. Floor cleaner: equal parts vinegar and warm water for light jobs, vegetable-based liquid soap for tougher jobs. Air freshner: set out bowls with a little vinegar, boil cinnamon and cloves, open windows. (April 2002)

On Religious Community

by Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed

The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be done, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done. Together our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

Welcome New Supporting Friends

John and Nancy Ball

Karen Evans

Howard Kessler and Anne Van Meter

George Weaver

Xing Wei

Membership

If you wish to explore being a member or friend of our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

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 given nametags. Others may order them (\$3.50 each); contact the office.

New Member Recognition

Sunday, May 12.

UUCT Classifieds

For \$2 per month (3 month minimum), *members and supporting friends* may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board near the north sanctuary doors. *Available to others* for \$5 per month. Submit ad with check to church office.

Dinners

Dinners for 8 (for adults) and *Dinners for Families with Children* will resume in September. A primary purpose for both is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of the congregation.

Contacts: Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

Are you expecting or adopting a child? If you or another UUCT member is expecting a new arrival, contact Megan Bakan (216-0510, Dixon@psy.fsu.edu). If you are interested in preparing meals for new arrivals and their families during the first days of parenthood, please contact Megan.

On-going Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, May 13, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

UUCT Directories

All members and friends should have a new directory, either received through the mail or picked up on a Sunday or from the church office. If corrections are needed or there are any changes in your listing, let the office know. There will be bi-monthly updates.

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts...., those in post-operative rehabilitation: Barbara Lineberry, Norma Sansevero, Virginia Anderson.

Also **Trudy Deyle and family.** Trudy's mother is struggling to make a comeback after almost dying earlier this year.

Congratulations to **Karen Krebs** who will be marrying **Michael Share**, 10/12/02. To **Carrie Sandahl and Randall Svea** on the adoption of their son, **Gregory**, born April 5, 6 lb. 9oz. To **Katie Beggs** and **Ethan Deyle** for being chosen to be Ascenders for Mountaincamp 2002 and **Anna Deyle and Allison Paul** for being chosen to be counselors.

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Annette Pearce (386-4053)
 Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
 Christine Boczarska (893-7079)
 Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Lost and Found

We have many items in the lost and found. If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library near the kitchen. Items not claimed for at least two months will be sent to ECHO.

Current UUCT Stats

- * **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- * **Current Membership - 177**
- * **Current Youth Membership - 2**
- * **Current Number of Friends - 46**
- * **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of March - 109.8**
- * **Average Sunday Attendance 7/1-3/31 - 103.5**
- * **RE Enrollment - 84**

May UUCT Events

SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAY, MAY 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1:00 PM.

See p. 3 for details

ADULT ENRICHMENT FAIR, SUNDAY, MAY 5, NOON. During coffee hour, visit tables to learn about adult classes to be offered next fall. Also take a look at curriculum options that do not have leaders at this time and see if there is something you might want to consider teaching. Become a leader! Contact: Adult Enrichment Chairperson, Sheila Meehan (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075).

CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION: UUCT RESOLUTION ON DEATH PENALTY MORATORIUM, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 12:45 PM. At our Annual Meeting May 19, we will be voting on a revised UUCT Resolution on a Moratorium on the Death Penalty. In early March, the congregation voted for the resolution as proposed to be referred back to committee for editing, so that it could be supported by the greatest number of church members, both those who support and those who are opposed to the death penalty itself. This is an opportunity for congregational input regarding the wording of a revised resolution, which will then be distributed by email and other means to members and friends prior to the 19th voting meeting. Contact: Sandy Smith (297-0012) or Norene Chase (422-1985).

TEACH-IN, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM. On Nicaragua and the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Public invited. By Bud Combs, who recently visited Nicaragua with Witness for Peace. Bud did a teach-in on Cuba about two years ago at UUCT and a Sunday service on Cuba last year based on the book, *Cuba, Neither Heaven nor Hell*. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985).

SIXTH ANNUAL "PIG" ROAST, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 11:00 AM.

Once again, Jean and Ken Wood have offered their beautiful lake and house near Whigham, GA for UUCT's 6th Annual VERY VERY BIG Pig Roast, for meat eaters and vegetarians.

The Woods' home is 45 miles north of the church, and it is an easy drive of about an hour. Plan on arriving anytime after 11:00 AM and bring a folding chair, beverage, snacks and eating utensils for each person in your party. If you plan to enjoy the water sports offered by the lake, bring your bathing suit, towels, canoe, fishing gear, tubes, floats, etc. **Eating begins at 3:00 PM**, and Jane Anderson will again bring a tofu pig for non-carnivores. This is a potluck fun(d) raiser, so side dishes such as rice, coleslaw, salad, beans, and desserts are welcome but not required.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the pig planners/roasters – Ken Wood, Steve Urse, Rod Oldenburg, Ed Oaksford, or DeWayne Carver – or you can purchase them at "the door" on the day of the roast. Directions to the Woods' house are on a handout at the church or available from any of the ticket sellers. This is a really fun event! If you need more information, call Joan Patterson (309-1248; or e-mail, jpatters@mailier.fsu.edu).

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1:00 PM. An opportunity to ask questions about and discuss the items to be voted on the following Sunday at the Annual Meeting. Background material on the items will be mailed to all members and friends in early May. Contact: Board President Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

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

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12:15 PM. Our meeting to elect Board and Nominating Committee members, adopt a final budget for the next year, and transact any other important business. Childcare and playground supervision will be provided. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, MAY 19, 12:30 PM. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

Voces Angelorum, the Women's Chamber Choir of Tallahassee, will perform at **UUCT on Friday, May 31st at 8:00 PM** in a joint fund-raiser. Director Charles Witmer founded the group in Fall 2000. Twenty women, including UUCT's **Beth Cavano** and **Mary Millard**, sing in the choir — and **Helen Falb** now accompanies the group.

Voces Angelorum ("Voices of Angels") performs classic choral music of excellence. The program includes works by Purcell, Pergolesi, Schubert, Brahms, Casals, Szymko, Thomas and Walker. Come hear wonderful, exciting music, support the arts, *and* support your church.. Invite some friends! **Concert is free and open to the public; tax-deductible donations are requested. Proceeds of this concert go jointly to Voces Angelorum and**



UUCT Events After May

RCDC BOOK CLUB, MONDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 PM. Room 4. The selection is Elderidge Danticat's *Breath, Eyes, Memory*.

National

UUSC WORKCAMP, JULY 15 - 21 AND 22-28. UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) North Carolina summer farm worker camp in Greenville. Contact: uus.org/involved/summerworkcamp061501 uus.org/involved/ncworkcamp011502

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - MONDAY, JUNE 24. Quebec City. All are welcome to attend the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists. More information at the back of the sanctuary or at www.uua.org/ga.

SUUSI, JULY 21-27, BLACKSBURG, VA. The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute. 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.

The theme this year is "Blessings". Contact info@suusi.org or visit their website, www.suusi.org. Brochure is available at the back of the sanctuary.

UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Do you want to draw attention to a special social activity for which you wish to recruit or invite other folks from our UUCT community? If so, please contact Ludy Goodson, 531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or write her a note and give it to her when you see her on a Sunday.

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, May 1, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, CIC Chairperson

Site Work. The drainage easement agreement with our neighbors to the north, Sheila and David Hutcheson, has been signed and recorded. Thanks to the Hutchesons for granting us the easement! (They did receive some compensation for it.) Our environmental permit has been granted, so we have the go-ahead to proceed with site work. Our construction manager, Curtis Whigham at Mad Dog Design and Construction, is now working out the final details to enable site work to begin. Thanks to the efforts of our civil engineers, the markings on newly paved Meridian Rd. were repainted to give us a turn lane into the church driveway, as had been requested prior to the re-paving.

Landscape Sub-Committee. The newly formed Landscaping Sub-Committee of the Buildings and Grounds Committee has been reviewing the landscaping portion of the site work plans and the current landscaped and natural areas on our property. Primary goals will be to use native plants for any new landscaping and to gradually weed out the exotics, such as nandina and ardesia, from the property. A big thanks to new member Cathy Briggs for contributing her landscape architect knowledge and skills to the effort. The Sub-Committee also met with Curtis Whigham to review plans for protecting trees during site work and building construction and felt satisfied with the measures to be taken.

Building Permit. Our architects are responding to minor points raised by the City in reviewing our detailed building plans and construction documents prior to issuing a building permit. We anticipate receiving the permit this month.

Sanctuary Improvements.

Meanwhile the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) is continuing to make plans for interim sanctuary improvements. Thanks to Tom Chase for constructing a ramp and four moveable stage sections that will give us flexibility in stage size for different occasions. On Sundays, we will normally use two sections for a stage, with the choir sitting on the other two sections. Our plan is to have new carpet put down this summer, once we work out how to handle the sound system without a permanent stage. The ramp and stage sections will also be carpeted. Once we've set the timetable for re-carpeting, we will order the new chairs. Church Chair Industries will let us order, at the current price, the number of chairs we will eventually need when the sanctuary is enlarged in a later phase, but we can postpone the manufacture and delivery of a portion of the chairs until a number of years later.

Please don't hesitate to speak with me or another member of the CIC if you have questions or concerns regarding our facilities planning. (Trudy Deyle, 422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Intro. to Zen; 7:15 PM Zn Meditation*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepard Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, May 4, 7:30 PM, Peace Dances (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, May 11, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)*
- *Saturday, May 18, 11:00 AM, Funeral Consumer Association of Leon Co. (Sanctuary)*
- *Monday, May 20, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)*
- *Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)*

May 2002

“Every Sunday” activities, see the front page.

Note: Many activities described in other sections.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Meridian Schedule:

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>1 11:30 AM Downtown Chowdown 7 PM How to Talk... 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Rise Up (Rm 5) 7 PM Board Meeting (Rm 4)</p>	<p>3 6-9 PM Parents' Night Out / Kids' Fun Night</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee 12:00 PM Adult Enrichment Fair 12:45 PM Discussion Death Penalty Moratorium 6 PM YRUU (Rm. 4)</p>	<p>6 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:15 PM Evensong II (Rm 4)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 6:30 PM Rise Up, Final Class (Rm 5) 7 PM RCDC (Rm 2) 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)</p>	<p>10 2 PM Committee on Ministry - COM, (minister's office) 7-9 PM Social Justice: Nicaraguan Teach in</p>	<p>11 11 AM Pig Roast -- Food 3 PM (off-site)</p> 
<p>12 11 AM Youth RE Park Clean-Up 12:00 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 1 PM Congregational Forum 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>13 7 PM Finance (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) 7:15 Evensong II (Rm 4) 7:45 Shelter Meal (off-site)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 7 PM Board Meeting (Rm 4)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9 AM - 1 PM Workday</p>
<p>19 12:15 PM Annual Congregation Meeting (sanctuary) 1 PM Green Sanctuary / Social Justice (Rm 4) 12:30 PM Multicultural Families 1 PM Silent Auction Ends 6 PM YRUU (Rm. 4)</p>	<p>20 7:15 PM Program Committee (Rm 4) 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p>21 11:45 AM Membership (off-site) 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Rm 2)</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
		Rev. Amy Away at Seminar →				
<p>26 11 AM Youth RE End-of-Year Party 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p>27 <i>Office closed for Memorial Day</i> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site) Rev. Amy Away</p>	<p>28 7:15 PM Evensong II</p>	<p>29 7:30 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8 PM Voces Angelorum & Choir Joint Fundraiser</p>	

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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."

YOUTH EVENTS <i>See Youth RE (p. 5).</i> * YRUU Meets Sundays, 6-8 PM.	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS * Thurs. 5/2 & 16, 7 PM. Pres. Pauline Masterton (385-2879)	* Membership , Tues. 5/21, 11:45 AM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
ADULT ENRICHMENT <i>See Adult Enrichment (p. 6)</i> * Attachment Parenting Support Group , Tues. 5/21, 6:00 PM * Evensong Gatherings , Mon. 5/6 & 5/13, Tues. 5/28, 7:15 PM * How to Talk , Wed., 5/1, 7:00 PM * Rise Up , Thurs. 5/2 & 9, 6:30 PM * Women's Spirituality , Every Mon. 7:15 PM.	COMMITTEE MEETINGS <i>Open to All Interested</i> * Capital Improvement , Thurs. 5/9 & 5/23, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057) * Committee on Ministry , Fri. 5/10, 2 PM. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053) * Finance , Mon. 5/13, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895) * Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice) , Sun. 5/19, 1:00 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)	* Program , Mon., 5/20, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748) * Racial & Cultural Diversity , Thurs. 5/9, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806) * Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary) , Sun. 5/19, 1:00 PM. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563) or Lorin Pratt (893-3067) * Youth RE , Sun. 5/5, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)