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Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella May 4 only.)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

9:45 AM Adult Forum

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

11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.

- 5/18 RE Sunday
- 5/25 Fun Day

6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- May 18: More on St. Joe and Panhandle Development, Speaker TBA

# The Meridian

## May Sundays (11:00 AM)

### May 4 | The Humanist Prism

Humanism is not just one thing, even within Unitarian Universalism. There's Classic Humanism, Secular Humanism and Religious Humanism. That's only three options, but a prism has three sides so I'll stop there. I've used this image before and return to it because it intrigues me and fits the topic. A prism refracts (white) light into rainbow colors. Humanism can refract faith in creative and beautiful ways. It can also saw off a big chunk of what some folks associate with their humanity. Come for history and explanation, stay for discussion. **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### May 11 | Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Right of Conscience

In this month's message on p. 2, I wrote about Emerson. Why? Because he's one of our own and May 25 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. What help can he offer as we seek to exercise the right of conscience, which appears in the Principles of our religious movement? *We'll share candles of joy, sorrow and concern.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### May 18 | The Wisdom of the Ages: Intergenerational Youth Religious Education Sunday

Child dedication, recognition of this year's high school graduates, and a year-end celebration of our Youth Religious Education Program.

**Director of Religious Education Maggie Geraci, Rev. Amy** and a cast of thousands (or at least five).

### May 25 | The World as a Self-Governing Enterprise

Taking a fresh look at the problem of evil in the modern world, the failure of common explanations for it, and why we are forced to raise our sights.

**Guest Speaker: Richard Dempsey; Lay Leader: Ellen Dempsey**

### After Sunday Services in May (Details Inside)

- ◆ May 4, 12:30 PM - Harmony Camp Planning Meeting
- ◆ May 11, 12:30 PM - Potluck, Silent Auction and Landscaping Subcommittee Meeting
- ◆ 12:45 PM - Congregational Forum
- ◆ May 18, 12:15 PM - Annual Meeting

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Like many of you, I met a spiritual ancestor in High School, but it took years to acknowledge him. Ralph Waldo Emerson was an ordained Unitarian minister and parish preacher before his famous career as a poet, lecturer and Transcendentalist (he preferred the term, Idealist). Emerson was born on May 25, 1803, which makes this year the bicentennial of his birth.

In those 200 years, he's been reviled, respected, and rediscovered by teens in English class and then adults who study our religious history and find him lurking in the background; a reluctant pastor who staged a dramatic resignation. Or he is listed among the "prophets" of liberal religion especially for his Divinity School Address in 1838. We also recognize his speeches against slavery.

The Bicentennial Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Committee asserts that our understanding of Emerson has expanded over the last generation.

The earlier image of Emerson as an isolated and self-sufficient figure has also been undercut in recent years by study of his social relationships, his antislavery activity, and his

mature, ethical thought. His optimism is understood as the fruit of a long and hard personal struggle. Appreciated in context, Emerson's self-reliance is the ability, in higher moments of faith, to affirm all creation even while coming to terms with manifest evil.

So he wasn't "flaky" or naïve. Just wise!

One of the sources of our living tradition is direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life. Emerson named the "other" of this experience: God, the One Mind, the infinite Absolute, Infinite Being, the Highest Law, the ground of being, "dread universal essence," the "vast flowing vigor," "The Over-Soul."

Direct experience of this "eternal consciousness" ought to bring about a spiritual revolution—rejecting the God above, beyond, separate and distant and revealing the God within, immanent, pervasive and experienced in our consciousness. Emerson's ideas about a higher reality were grounded in humility, but through nature and humanity (not the supernatural).

After his resignation, the church he served sang his words at the ordination of his successor. The third verse of We Love the Venerable House (Our Fathers Built to God...from 1833) goes

And anxious hearts have ponder'd here

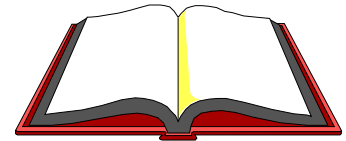
The mystery of life,

And pray'd th'Eternal Light to clear

Their doubts, and aid their strife.

It's evident that Emerson was one of the "anxious hearts" he wrote about. Though he left parish ministry, he never really stopped pondering or preaching (even in his essays)! He died in his sleep in Concord, Massachusetts on April 27, 1882. He was 79. And so, Mr. Emerson, my spiritual ancestor: Happy 200th Birthday.

(Rev.) Amy



## Sabbatical Planning

By Richard Dempsey, Committee on Ministry Chairperson

Rev. Amy's sabbatical will take place January - February 2004, plus May through August 2004. Careful planning and adequate support will be important. In preparing, we must plan for certain ongoing functions normally performed or led by the minister.

Some of her duties can be assumed in Shared Ministry by standing committees, such as Program, Youth and Adult Religious Education, or

Caring Ministries Committees. Others may require professional credentials, such as marriages, marriage counseling, funeral/memorial services, and grief counseling.

Short-term advice to parishioners involved with crisis management in their personal and/or family lives, as well as pastoral counseling, would not be available during her absence, except as arranged with other

ministers or other professionals. A list of ministers and other professionals will be provided at a later time.

If you have questions about these matters or have suggestions we may not have considered, please contact a member of the Committee on Ministry: Richard Dempsey (671-2748), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

## *President's Message*

By Jennifer Carver

I think one of the cool things about being a Unitarian Universalist is meeting other UUs. At first, we may only meet other UUs in our own congregation -- but isn't it great to know that there are a bunch of UUs in Tallahassee?

We get to know each other through our committee work and enrichment activities, such as Dinners for 8, Evensong, TEAM interviews, sprucing up our buildings and grounds on Saturday mornings, attending YRUU meetings, teaching an RE class, singing in the choir, and attending a welcome breakfast for the Florida District Board, just to name a few. All of these important activities create bonds among our members and friends, because they're a chance to talk more in-depth or work side-by-side with each other.

But the UU network is bigger than our own congregation. There are many ways to get involved and get to know other UUs around the Florida District,

the country and the world. This can be as simple as visiting other UU congregations when you're out of town -- just to see their building and facilities or to experience their Sunday service. Just as you might check out other things that interest you while you're traveling to other places (for the Carvers those are sidewalks, bike lanes, trails, and bus stops!), check out other UUs!

This is also the time of year that it's easy to meet other UUs at various events. Our District Assembly was held in April, and the UUA's General Assembly is coming up in June. I can almost guarantee that for anything you're thinking about doing or a problem you're trying to solve, there is somebody who has wrestled with this issue already.

I've found that the larger UU community loves to share information when asked (or even when NOT asked -- imagine that!). Whether it's sitting with

other advisors and youth at a youth CONference, attending a District workshop, sharing a meal at General Assembly, canoeing at SUUSI, or participating in one of the many UU list-serves, it's a huge world of caring people out there.

And when you need assistance, there's a huge network out there of UUs that will step up to provide support! As I've said before, it's our family, and we're all connected. Hey, doesn't that sound like some of our principles, something about world community and the interdependent web of all existence?

In community,  
Jennifer Carver

## *Growing a Home for Liberal Faith*

2002-2003 Annual Operating Budget Canvass

By the UUCT Canvass Committee, Margaret Mooney, Chairperson

UUCT's annual spring ceremony where we all renew our commitment to the mission of our church by the ritual filling out of forms pledging hearts, minds, and money to next year's program is complete! There is some good news and some bad news. The good news is that many of us were able to increase our pledges -- collectively we increased at least \$15,000! And we have raised more money than ever before. These are wonderful accomplishments of which we should all be very proud.

The bad news is that we've lost several pledgers through death, moving and a few who have left the church. Thus our \$15,000+ gain was reduced, and we were not able to raise enough to fund all the requests in the "ambitious" Asking Budget.

Our Finance Committee went right to work, however, and, with the help of the Church Council, has drafted a new balanced budget with the pledge dollars raised. Please plan to discuss the new budget at the Congregational

Forum after the potluck on May 11th and vote on the Final Budget at the Annual Meeting after the service on May 18th.

Many people contributed to the success of the canvass -- volunteers are listed in the *Appreciation* section of this *Meridian*. Thank you all for your generosity and support. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee is soundly Growing a Home for Liberal Faith.

## Announcements



### Auction Rescheduled!!!

The auction has been rescheduled and will be held on **Sunday, May 11 from 12:30 - 2:00 PM**, which will coincide with the 2nd Sunday potluck and the Congregational Forum. This will be a silent auction, and the items and services will be displayed on tables in the sanctuary. We have received some very nice donations of both goods and services, so bring your appetite and your wallet, enjoy the good food, and then browse the auction tables, while you listen to questions and answers about the final budget and other agenda items for the Annual Meeting.

A sampling of some of the items you can bid on: two 5-course gourmet dinners; a pool party; 5 days at a marvelous cabin in the North Carolina mountains; a gourmet vegetarian dinner; a microwave; a lovely upholstered swivel chair; an exercise bike; guided nature and canoe trips; lovely hand-thrown pottery, jewelry and other hand-made items; massage and Trager therapy sessions; several dinner parties; and much, much more.

This is one of our larger fundraisers to support major church programs, including music, RE, campus ministry, and social justice, so please come by and invite some of your friends to join you. The silent bidding will close promptly at 2:00 PM. Questions? Contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mail.fsu.edu).

## Appreciation



### To:

- \* **Allen Turnage, Nina Cline, Barbara Sterling, Kathryn Hansman-Spice and Byron Spice, Jean Chulak, Walter Hoskins, Jim Dawson, Elinor Elfner, Van Fox, Danny Lambert, Christine Boczarska, Dan Damerville, and Carolyn DuBard** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 3/30 - 4/27.

### Be A GA Delegate

Our congregation is entitled to one clergy and four lay delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (UUA GA) in June in Boston. 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 President Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net) if you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate delegate.

### Check This Out!

In a show of support for our UU Military overseas, the children participating in RE classes on April 13, 2003, wrote letters and drew pictures. We sent the letters and pictures to UU Navy Chaplain Eric Johnson. He was thrilled by the thoughtful letters and colorful drawings and immediately put them on the UUMM website, a site for UU Military and their families and loved ones. He will also be sending copies of the letters and drawings to UU Military in Iraq. Please check out [www.uumm.org](http://www.uumm.org) to see the great creativity of our children. Thank you to Pam Hoskins for the great idea and organization of this endeavor.

### Child Dedication & Naming

A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be led by Rev. Amy on Sunday, May 18. Please speak with her (383-9186) or DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301) if you are interested. See p. 5 of the *April Meridian* for descriptions of these ceremonies.

### Calling All Singers:

Have you ever thought about joining the O.K. Chorale? We'd love to have you! We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. You do not have to audition. Come join us as we sing ourselves to bliss! Questions? Call Helen at 309-6853.

### Reminder: Church Office Hours

Please keep in mind that the church office is open "for business" during the week but not on Sundays. When Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie is here on Sundays, she is attending the service, not working. Please refrain from asking her questions, etc.

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

- \* **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- \* **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.
- \* **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Randall Gann, Dave Harvey and Francis Ventre** for participating in the April Saturday workday. In the sanctuary, work began on cleaning some of the interior block and re-staining the mullions--the vertical strips dividing the panes of a window. Work was also begun on reconnecting the electricity for our UUCT street sign.

## Appreciation (Continued)

- \* **Joanne Taylor** for agreeing to be the Caring Ministries Committee Chairperson.
- \* **Dan Damerville** for facilitating the April New UU with Rev. Amy.
- \* **Jennifer Carver** for attending the April meeting of the FL District Consultation on Youth Task-force.
- \* **Nancy Bass and Laura and Barney Cook** for serving as UUCT delegates to the FL District Annual Assembly, along with Rev. Amy.
- \* **YRUUer Katie McAuley and Advisor Jennifer Carver** for attending the FL District Youth Caucus in April.
- \* **Peggy Lentz** for entering the 2003-2004 Gift of Self information in the church database.
- \* **Anthony and Melissa Angel, Elizabeth Bryan, Stephen Campbell, Patrick Deasy, Kellen Denny, Preston Donaldson, Julia Frichter, Daniel and Devin Geraci, Lucas Hafdahl, Becky Hoskins, Kelsey Martin, Austin, Caroline and Pierce Mooney, and Madeline and Morgan Stewart-Spiegel** for their clean-up efforts in Winthrop Park for our Annual Youth Community Clean-up. Every bit helps in making our community a great place to live and play. Special thanks to **Walter Hoskins, Rev. Amy, Mary Stewart and Gwendolyn Waldorf** for driving and chaperoning! And thanks to **Rev. Amy** for the sweet treats!
- \* **Pam Hoskins, Mary Stewart, Yvonne Gsteiger, and the Explorers (K-1) class** for their hard work in helping to plan the Flower Communion Service.
- \* **Tina Bush Rester, Nina Cline, Chelsea Cline, Kathie Mackie, Kelley Turnage and anyone else** we may have missed for volunteering in the Nursery. We appreciate your help!

- \* **Kelley Turnage and Lois Bloom** for planning the Parents' Night Out/Kids' Fun Night and the Sunday Hospitality by the children in April. Thanks especially to **the children** for all the hard work in making the food and handling Hospitality. GREAT JOB!!
- \* **Sara Reece, Chelsea and Van Fox, Nina Cline, Danny Lambert, Holly and Kathie Mackie, Kim Ross and Jerri Lee Wagner** for making the soup, serving and cleaning up after the University UUs fund raiser soup lunch.
- \* **Ann and Alan McKenzie, Rev. Amy's parents,** for their generous second donation to our Building Fund, after touring the new building on their recent visit.
- \* **Don and Pam Crosby** for their generous donation to the Piano Fund in memory of **Pam's mother**, who was the pianist in the family's home church in Tennessee.
- \* **Al Starr** for volunteering to be Music Committee Chairperson.

### Thank You to Our Canvass Volunteers

Canvass Committee: **Margaret Mooney, Chair; Isabel Sheridan, Incoming Chair; Annette Pearce, Potluck Coordinator; Sally Andersen and Bruce Brandt.**

Potluck Hosts: **Linda Winn-Brown, Del and Patty DeTar, Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, Steve and Mary Van Sciver, Peggy Lentz and Ray Tucker, Bruce and Junelle Brandt, Sally and Peter Andersen, Joanne Taylor, Neil and Margaret Mooney, Barbara Sterling, Mimi Jones, and Joan Patterson.**

Facilitators: **Eric Draper (trainer of facilitators), Annette Pearce, Richard Dempsey, Del DeTar, Pauline Masterton, Margaret Mooney, Isabel Sheridan, Jennifer Carver, Bruce Brandt, Neil Mooney, Linda Oaksford, Dexter Easton.**

Potluck Phone Callers: **Barbara Lineberry, Sara Reece, Rod Oldenburg, Barbara Hogan, Joe Lama, Dorothy Mann, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Bonnie Foster, Pam Hoskins, Steve Urse, Pat Farris, Pam Crosby.**

Others: **Barbara Solomon**, for preparing Canvass posters; **Tom Chase** (Collecting Treasurer) for again receiving, documenting, analyzing, and keeping track of the Gifts of Money; **Kelley Turnage and Dan Damerville** for sharing their stewardship messages with the congregation.

For various excellent reasons, a few of the volunteers ended up not fulfilling their roles, but they were READY, and we thank them. And we thank **Rev. Amy and Kathie Mackie** for their advice, support and skills.

### THANKS TO YRUU!

Super thanks to **YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists)** for a fun and wonderful evening at UUCT's Second Annual Wildflower Prom! The sanctuary was draped with colorful lights and decorations in keeping with the Prom's "Under the Sea" theme. In front of the stage sat a submarine complete with periscope and bubbles at the stern. "The Little Mermaid" video played silently behind.

The evening's dress was varied and colorful. **Ludy Goodson** was probably the most glamorous in her glittery dress, purse and make-up. Disc jockeys **Dave Haldane** and **Evan Szumowski** were most bizarre, complete with neck chains and hair glued into green spikes. **Ethan Deyle** was dapper in his bowler hat. All ages had a great time dancing, with **Dexter Easton and Pauline Masterton** shining as the best classic dancers.

Prom pictures were taken in front of a special backdrop. The YRUUers put together a great mix of our special requests for songs, and the delicious punch and snacks hit the spot after dancing. **Pam Hoskins and YRUU Advisor Howard Pardue** were

## Appreciation (Continued)

crowned Wildflower Prom Queen and King for scoring the highest on "The Little Mermaid" trivia quiz. YRUU **Advisor Rod Oldenburg** won a special "I tried" award for the most amusing answers to the quiz.

The night ended with an impromptu balloon-ball game over a colorful light chain draped across the sanctuary. Rumor has it that **Byron Spice** was

the one who first tossed a balloon over the lights. Soon balloons were flying back and forth. All joined in the fun and had a great time.

A lot of work went into making the evening a success. Those of us who went had a great time, and we encourage all adults in the church, no matter what your age, 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!** They would also like to thank their wonderful advisors for their continued support: **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Rod and Jan Oldenburg, Christine Boczarska and Howard Pardue.**

## Green Corner

Be Cool and Bright at the Same Time  
By Ed Oaksford



I don't know but are compact fluorescent light bulbs cool or what? You can actually touch them without burning your hand off like you would with an incandescent bulb. What makes compact fluorescent lights (CFL's) such a bright idea is that the energy used to power them produces light much more efficiently without the waste heat byproduct produced by incandescent light bulbs.

A typical incandescent light bulb converts about 10 percent of the electricity used to light and 90 percent to heat. When lighting accounts for about 20% of all electricity use in the country and about 15% of electricity use in our homes as it currently does, that can mean a lot of wasted energy.

ENERGY STAR qualified CFL's use 66% less energy than a standard incandescent bulb, last up to 10 times longer and operate at temperatures less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Replacing a 100-watt incandescent with a 23-watt CFL, that produces the same amount of light, can save you at least \$20 in energy and bulb costs over the life of the bulb.

Where electricity is produced from coal -- and most is -- each CFL will cut carbon dioxide emissions by about 1,300 pounds over its lifetime. When widely used, their environmental

benefits are enormous. If every household replaced its most commonly used incandescent light bulbs with CFL's, electricity use for lighting could be cut in half. Doing so would lower our annual carbon dioxide emissions by about 125 billion pounds. This action alone could halt the growth in carbon dioxide emissions from the U.S., given recent growth rates.

The electricity savings and longer life of CFLs more than justify their seemingly high cost. Put in terms of dollars and "sense", investing in a CFL provides a risk-free "return" of 25-40% a year, and with the cost of CFL's coming down, the returns are getting better. Not bad, compared to investing in passbook savings, a money market account, or even the volatile stock market. So by installing CFLs in their most commonly used fixtures, consumers will do well for the environment and their pocketbooks. If more households did this, we could take an important step towards protection from global warming.

### It's A Fact

⇒ If every household in the U.S. replaced **just one** bulb or fixture with an Energy Star qualified model, we could save more than 8 billion kWh -- equivalent to removing 1 million cars per year!

⇒ All fluorescent lights contain small amounts of mercury, and some compact fluorescent lamps with magnetic ballasts contain small amounts of short-lived radioactive material. Because of these hazardous materials, you should not toss burned-out lamps into the trash. Find out if there is a recycling program for them in your community—they are becoming more common—or dispose of them with other household hazardous wastes such as batteries, solvents, and paints at your community's designated drop-off point or during a designated day when you can put such materials with your curbside trash pickup.

### References:

U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

And a note on Green Applications, the "Yvonne" driving a Toyota Prius hybrid is UUCT Friend Yvonne Worden.

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, May 4, 9:30 AM**

- **YOUTH RE CONTACTS:**  
**Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416)**
- **Tina Bush Rester, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (580-6531)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (587-6301 or DREMaggie@comcast.net)**

### Curriculum

See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for each age grouping, names of teachers, and descriptions of special youth and family events for the year.

### Youth RE Sunday: May 18

Please join us for our annual Youth RE Sunday Service on May 18. Many special ceremonies will be shared. Come join in the celebration of our wonderful children! For more information, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### May 25 RE Fun Day

On Sunday, May 25, children will meet in Room 2 for Fun Day. They will not attend the service that day so that we can have some fun, celebrating the end of the 2002 – 2003 RE year. Kids, join us for games, food, and special summer crafts! Adults interested in helping out, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### Join Our Summer Exploration!

The lazy days of Summer are fast approaching, and it's time to prepare for our Summer Religious Education program for kindergarten through Middle School youth. This year, we are planning some wonderful unit studies,

and we are looking for volunteers with special talents or interest to help teach. No experience is necessary, and all materials and instructions will be provided. Sign up for one Sunday or for a bunch of Sundays! Get to know our vibrant, talented children in our congregation.

Our first unit will be *The Senses: Our Access to the Living Earth* – a six-week curriculum that explores the senses of touch, sight, sound, taste and smell. One of the exciting components of this curriculum is the four Sensoriums, experiential laboratories devoted separately to each of the senses. We will then focus on *Magical Objects* – a four-week unit that looks at four distinct cultures from around the world and the magical objects from those cultures. We will explore the beliefs of the Lakota, the Tuareg, the Aborigines, and the Huichol. Finally, we will spend two weeks of the summer focusing on helping our planet. The children will learn about organic gardening, how it benefits us and the Earth. They'll even gain some hands-on experience!

If any of these topics peaks your interest or you would like to help the RE program this summer, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### Our Whole Lives

The Youth RE Committee is preparing to offer *Our Whole Lives*, a lifespan sexuality education curriculum, to grades K through First, Fourth and Fifth, and Middle School in the 2003-2004 RE year. We are looking for those interested in teaching this outstanding curriculum. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Susan Angel, OWL Coordinator (906-9524), or Maggie Geraci, DRE for more information.

### What Does It Take?

Have you thought about volunteering to teach in the Youth RE Program, but hesitated, thinking it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid that you wouldn't make an effective teacher? How much time does it really take to teach RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary?

For the answers to these and other questions, **please join the Youth RE Committee on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, in the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 8:00 for our Potential Teacher Question and Answer Forum.** Learn from experienced teachers about being a RE Teacher. Refreshments will be provided and childcare will be available. This isn't just for parents with children in the program, but for all members and friends of UUCT. Please join us for this informative session and see what it really takes to make a difference in a child's life! For more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### Youth RE Registration for 2003-2004

Registration for the upcoming year will be held Sundays, August 3 to September 7. New registrants should stop by the RE Table during those dates to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children will receive a printout of the information on file to update, during July. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 7.

Most of the expenses of the RE program are met through pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees will be \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Registration and costs for OWL will be separate. Scholarships are available. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for information.

## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### **YRUU (Youth Group)**

**Meetings:** Every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

### **FL District CONferences:**

May 2 - 4, All Age, Tampa

**For more information**, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622), Rod and Jan Oldenburg (297-0391), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

### **Adult Enrichment**

#### **ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:**

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

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to establish a working Adult RE Committee to help plan and energize the Adult Enrichment program. Lots of great things are going on in Adult Enrichment. Be a part of the creativity! A planning meeting for 2003-2004 will be held in June. The date and time will be announced in the near future. Please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

### **CURRENT CLASSES:**

**The Artist Way** - The current class will resume in the summer or fall, with a new class to follow after that. Facilitator: Amy Mann (222-1420, [amann@tdo.infi.net](mailto:amann@tdo.infi.net)).

**Evensong** - New groups starting periodically, with the current group meeting Tuesdays, May 13 and 20 and Wednesday, May 28, 7:15 - 8:45 PM in Room 4.

**New UU.** These sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member. The next sessions will be in the late summer or early fall. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

### **Siblings Without Rivalry.**

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, and 21 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in Room 2. The goal of these workshops is for parents to develop specific skills to help their children learn to live together. If you are interested in attending these workshops when they are offered in the future, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

### **Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory:**

- *Evolution of the Psyche: The New Evolving Psyche*
- *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity: An Anti-Bias Program for Adults (Will be offered in Fall)*
- *Faithful Choices - An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values.*

### **OPEN PARTICIPATION**

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Usually third Sunday 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 (539-5563).

### **zenTAOBuddhist Sangha**

The **zenTAOBuddhist Sangha** meets every Sunday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in Room 2, except for the first Sunday of the month when we meet outside the Black Dog Café at Lake Ella same time.

Come try a 20-minute *zazen* meditation.

We are a sharing and support group (in the spirit of the Transcendentalists, Emerson and Thoreau) who are open to all ideas flowing from the great traditions of Buddhism, Taoism, Zen, and Eastern religious roots in general. We try to apply new ideas to our diverse lives-- to "wake up" (become enlightened! *Ha!*), to transcend -- to find some peace in a world ever full of old troubles. For more information, contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or [wma@post.harvard.edu](mailto:wma@post.harvard.edu)).





## Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

April was a busy month for the University UUs! We started off the month with Campus Ministry Sunday on April 6 (*The Pursuit of Happi-ness*) which we thought was a great success. We encouraged members of the congregation to share their visions for the year 2013. (A sampling of these visions can be found at the end of this article.)

Also in April we served a meal for The Shelter, which always brings us much satisfaction. I would like to thank **Van Fox, Nina Cline, and Holly Mackie** for helping us with the preparations. Also, a huge thank you goes out to **Maggie Geraci** who abandoned the quietude of her peaceful home to respond to a call for help. Without Maggie and her minivan, it is quite possible that this month's shelter meal would not have happened!

Our retreat at the end of the month was a nice prelude to the last week of classes. We celebrated Easter with an early morning worship service and an egg hunt. We also embarked upon several creative activities and got to know one another better. Of course, we did a lot of loafing about as well!

During the summer semester, beginning in May, we will continue to meet at Javaheads once a week -- at 6:00 PM on Fridays. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments: 222-3931 ~ chelsuu@yahoo.com.

### Visions for 2013 from Campus Ministry Sunday 4/6/03:

- No lines—no lines of race, nationality, religion or class.
- I dream of having a job I like going to. I dream of physical and mental health. I dream of detente between the west and Islam. I dream of peace and prosperity. I dream of Jeannie.
- Worldwide people will know that we are all more alike than different, that we are all brothers and sisters.
- I see a world where war (as we know it) is obsolete. Instead we will have an enlightened "United Nations" where problems/disputes are mediated.
- In 2013, no one in the U.S. has any guns, and there are no nuclear weapons being used to kill people in other countries.
- Our country would support universal healthcare and offer quality childcare to anyone who needs it.
- Peace, understanding, love, and joy between and among members of families, communities, and nations, as they face the natural challenges that they will face.
- Retired
- My dream for the future would be that all the work we do be less connected to monetary wealth and more connected to the wealth of sustainable community richness.
- More villages. Less sprawl. Less commuting.
- In 2013, people in the world have made great progress in learning to live in peace and resolve differences. Religious hatred and intolerance are things of the past. Science has made great progress in helping people's lives.
- Hillary Clinton for President!
- I envision a world with a stable human population, where resources are not abused and used up. I dream of a world where people can let go of their national and religious prejudices and work together.
- Tally with sidewalks, bike lanes, and no one-way streets.
- 2013 – The Congress of the United States is dominated by people who used to be teachers. Since this came about, there hasn't been a major war. Classroom size amendments, in place in all 50 states, assure that children are aided in their learning by caring adults.
- PhD completed and pigmy goat in my yard.
- Fairness worldwide a) use of resources, b) justice. Peace based on respect for diverse cultures.
- The world is the way it is because that is the way things are. I have no desire. I accept things the way they are. Things are and always will be neither good nor bad. Things are just the way they are and that is reality.
- I would like to have at least one children's book published.
- We are a nation known for compassion. We have regained our status as a "leader" AND especially as a team member in the world community.

## Social Justice

### Planning Meeting For Summer Harmony Camp, 2004: SUNDAY, MAY 4

As a result of interest expressed at the March 15 Continuing the Journey Toward Wholeness Event, RCDC invites **all those interested** to a planning meeting to begin designing a camp for the early summer of 2004.

We will meet in **Room 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM** The camp will involve all our youth, elementary, YRUU, and Campus Ministry. The focus will be on diversity.

We will be applying for UUA grants in September so we need to start before the summer exodus. **It is essential that we know now what YOU want and how YOU will be involved.**

#### Childcare will be provided.

Questions? Call Joanne Taylor (893-9024) or Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

### Social Change and Justice Within Our Reach

It will take more than our members and supporting friends to change the quality of life in Tallahassee, and it will take more than UUCT, Faith Presbyterian Church and St. Stephen Lutheran Church (to name a few of the churches on our street). But we three congregations, and a dozen others have formed TEAM, Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry.

In order to have our organizing and issues assembly on June 2, we need to know what issues of justice and goodness people in all the congregations care about. So, UUCTers will call other UUCTers to have a one-to-one sit down conversation.

Enjoy your 30-45 minute talk with one of these people from our church!: Joanne Taylor, Isabel Sheridan, Elinor

Elfner, Lorin Pratt, Rosa Morgan, Nancy Bean, Annette Pearce, Pauline Masterton, Howard Pardue, Linda Oaksford, Christine Boczarska, Ann Conn, Byron Spice, Kathryn Hansman Spice, Dave Harvey, Nancy Harvey, Peggy Lentz, Ludy Goodson, Fran Boyle, Dewaine Rester, Dan Damerville, Maria Mena, or Cathy Briggs.



## Board and Congregational Actions for April 2003

### Board Actions

1. Approved the Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2003, and the March balance sheet.
2. Recommended the following issues be placed on the agenda for Discussion at UUA's General Assembly:

#### Study/Action Issues

- Human Rights & Peace
- Criminal Justice & Prison Reform
- Contemporary Slavery
- Civil Unions & Same-Sex Marriage
- Aging in the Twenty-First Century

#### Business Resolutions

- Registry of Marriages, Same-Sex Unions, & Domestic Partnerships

Note: UUCT received a ballot from the UUA for voting on the placement of

these issues on the agenda. In light of time constraints, the Executive Board decided to vote this year. Next year, the Social Justice cluster will provide opportunities for the congregation to learn about and discuss the proposed items and vote on our congregation's input.

3. Accepted general wording honoring the legacy of Ralph Cook for a plaque to be placed in the new building.
4. Appointed an "Honors Committee" to propose a process for acknowledging gifts of self and substance.
5. The following items were approved and will be presented to the Congregation for approval:
  - Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004

- Minutes from the March 9, 2003 Congregational Meeting
- Slate of Congregational Officers and Nominating Committee members
- Fundraisers for Fiscal Year 2003-2004
- UUCT Resolution to Meet Green Sanctuary Requirements

### Congregational Actions

A brief congregational voting meeting was held on Sunday, April 27, 2003, and the following actions were taken:

1. The minutes of the March 9, 2003 Congregational Meeting were read and approved.
2. All members present voted in favor of Joan Lund for FL District UUA Trustee, meaning that the four lay votes our congregation is entitled to will all be cast for Ms. Lund.

## Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) Chairperson

**COMPLETION DATE.** We are getting close to the end of construction and site work! Our new completion date is June 1. This will give us plenty of time to get settled in our new quarters over the summer. The CIC has developed a space usage plan for the current and new classrooms with the input of other committees, particularly the Youth RE Committee. The plan will be sent to the Board soon for final approval.

**SITE WORK.** Those present on Sundays in late April saw much evidence of drainage work and driveway and parking lot grading from week to week. The new, large mound of earth that runs along the north-side of our property opposite the sanctuary and current classrooms is a berm that will direct water draining from the driveway back to our water retention facility, keeping it from draining onto our north-side neighbor's property, as it has in the past. The berm will be shaped a little more and then planted

with sod to immediately hold it in place against erosion. We anticipate that another form of vegetation may need to be added as the permanent planting in this mostly shaded area.

You may have wondered about the large, U-shaped pipe near the street. This is a back-flow prevention valve for the City-required fire hydrant on our property. It prevents water going to the hydrant from flowing back into the City water supply. The pipe and valve will need to be protected during severe freezes, such as we had this winter. When funds are available, we may want to purchase an insulated "hot-box" to permanently keep over the pipe and valve.

**LANDSCAPING SUB-COMMITTEE.** Elinor Elfner has volunteered to head up a Landscaping Sub-Committee that will hold its first meeting Sunday, May 11. (See *May UUCT Events*.) Planning will begin on how to restore as much of our natural look as is possible, with

most of the actual work being done next fall. Initial priorities will be the island in the new driveway turn-around and the area just below the retaining wall along the south-side of the new drive. All interested are encouraged to join the landscaping effort; many hands will be needed!

**DEDICATION SUB-COMMITTEE.** The Dedication Sub-Committee, chaired by Pauline Masterton, is beginning to make plans for our Building Dedication and Community Open House on Sunday, September 14. In addition, an informal celebration of the building completion is being planned for late June or July, a picnic after the service, possibly in conjunction with a Second Sunday Potluck.

## Personnel Committee Update

The UUCT Personnel Committee (Jennifer Carver, Trudy Deyle, Pauline Masterton and Margaret Mooney) has been working steadily to develop personnel policies and procedures that will: enhance the professionalism of our staff, lead to good stewardship of the church's resources, and support our mission and vision as a congregation. The Personnel Committee handles personnel issues for all staff except the minister, whose personnel issues are handled by the Committee on Ministry, and the custodian, which is a non-staff position filled on a contract basis.

One of the Personnel Committee's goals is to initiate an annual staff review process, beginning at the end of this fiscal year. Our vision for this annual process is that it be a tool for dialogue and reaching a mutual understanding between staff member and supervisory team about

responsibilities, expectations and specific goals for the coming year. (In the staff position descriptions finalized last year, each staff member has a designated supervisory team. These teams are listed below.)

In many ways, the Personnel Committee is using Rev. Amy's relationships with the Board and Committee on Ministry as examples of efficient and effective relationships between staff member and programmatic committee or supervisory team. While we envision that employees and supervisory teams will always work together in a collegial manner, we also want to see the supervisory teams become more active in giving on-going feedback and input regarding the fulfillment of duties. We see them as having multiple functions and as being consulted often -- as being more than just a resource, advocate or liaison to the Board.

Staff Supervisory Teams are as follows:

Administrative Assistant: Minister, President, VP for Operations

Music Director: Minister, VP for Worship, Music Committee Chair

Campus Ministry Coordinator: Minister, VP for RE, Campus Ministry Committee Chair

Director of Religious Education (DRE): Minister, VP for RE, Adult RE Committee Chair, Youth RE Committee Chair

Nursery Care Provider: Nursery Subcommittee Chair, DRE, VP for RE

If you have any questions or input for the Personnel Committee regarding the annual staff review process or other personnel issues, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

## Welcome New Member

- *Chelsea Cline Fox*

## Welcome New Friend

- *Linda McConnell*

## Membership

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

## UUCT Name Tags

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

## New Member Recognition

A Sunday in August.

## On-going Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).

## Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4 or next available room)*
- *Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, May 12, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

## Dinners In Homes

*Dinners for 8* (Adults Only or With Children) will resume in September. Dinners with Children will be for both those who wish to include their own children and those who do not have children or children at home and would like the opportunity to have an intergenerational experience.

A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends.

Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest. Contacts: Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7378) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

## Joys and Sorrows

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

**Susan and Dan Damerville** on the recent death of Susan's father; **Dot and Amy Mann** as Dot recuperates at home after hospitalization; **Del DeTar** as he continues to recover from recent surgery; **Cheryl Ward** and husband **Jon Stern** as Jon recuperates at home after hospitalization; and **Dick Gearhart** as he recovers in rehab.

Congratulations to: **Van and Chelsea (Cline) Fox** and son **Sebastian** on Van's and Chelsea's marriage in March; **Ethan Deyle** for being accepted as a Counselor-In-Training at The Mountain this summer; **Trudy Deyle** for winning the FL District Unsung Hero Award at this year's District Assembly.

## About Our Former Members

Several of our long time members might remember Dorothy Robb, who's moved again and reports getting along well after some problems she has, of course, surmounted, being Dorothy! New address: Dorothy M. Robb, Apt. 220W, The Plaza, 1700 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957.

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



**Contact Tina Bush Rester, (580-6531) or Scott Geraci, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)**

## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)  
Christine Boczarska (893-7079)  
Bruce Brandt (893-5511)  
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) -174**
- **Current Membership - 180**
- **Current Number of Friends - 46**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of March - 98.4**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - March - 96.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45**

## May UUCT Events, Social Activities

### May UUCT Events

**DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, MAY 3, 7:30 PM.** Simple meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In sanctuary. Contacts: Tom or Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

**HARMONY CAMP MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 4, 12:30 PM.** See article under *Social Justice*. Contact: Joanne Taylor (893-9024).

**INTERFAITH MEDITATION VIGIL, PRACTICES FOR PEACE, MONDAY, MAY 5, 7:00 PM.** The fourth monthly gathering, sponsored by Our Social Justice Committee. Members of the Cypress Tree Zen Group and other local Buddhist groups will offer practices for peace. All are welcome. Contact: Kristin King (425-4658).

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 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).

**VOCES ANGELORUM - IN CONCERT - AT UUCT, SUNDAY, MAY 9, 8:00 PM.** The women's chorus, *Voces Angelorum*, is directed by Charles Witmer. This auditioned chorus will be singing a wide variety of music spanning from the Baroque to the Contemporary era, from G. F. Handel to Gwyneth Walker. In addition, Mr. Witmer will sing French *chansons* accompanied by our own Helen Falb, who is the pianist for the chorus. This non-profit group will charge no admission, but donations will be accepted for both *Voces Angelorum* and our church, which is sponsoring the event. Please try to be present for what promises to be a great concert!

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 10, 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).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, MAY 11, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 12:30 - 2:00 PM.** Items and services will be displayed on tables at the east-end of the sanctuary. See article in *Announcements* for more details. Contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu).

**LANDSCAPING SUB-COMMITTEE, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 12:30-2:00 PM.** The CIC is organizing a sub-committee to address efforts to retrieve a woody, natural look to our UUCT property. We will have an organizational meeting in May, have a June meeting with "experts" and then do the major work as climate and weather permit - probably with a lot of effort in the cooler weather. PLEASE JOIN US. We need ideas and knowledge. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM, SUNDAY, MAY 11, 12:45 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 was mailed to all members and friends at the end of April. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

**PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER, SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1:00 PM.** Come to the home of Ken and Jean Wood near Whigham, GA. The fun starts at noon. Activities include boating, hiking, swimming, fishing, and the famous water slide. The pig will be served at 3:00 PM, along with rice, coleslaw and corn-on-the-cob; there is also a tofu pig. Additional food dishes are welcome. Bring table service, beverage, folding chairs, tablecloth

and bathing suits. Tickets available Sundays, from contacts, or that day. Contacts: Rod Oldenburg (297-0391), Ed Oaksford (422-0240), and Steve Urse (385-2864).

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, MAY 18, 12:15 PM.** The following items are on the agenda for approval: minutes from April 27, 2003 congregational meeting, the slate of congregational officers and Nominating Committee members, the Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, the Approved Fundraisers for Fiscal Year 2003-2004, and the UUCT Resolution to Meet Green Sanctuary Requirements.

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1:00 PM.** Off-site. Check the group's website for final details. Contact:

**POTENTIAL RE TEACHER FORUM, TUESDAY, MAY 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** A question and answer session with current teachers for any UUCT member or friend who might be interested in teaching in the Youth RE Program. Childcare available. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877- 6301).

### UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note given to her on a Sunday) regarding possible UUCT Social Events.

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, May 7, 11:30 AM
- Potluck, Sunday, May 11, 12:30 PM
- Pig Roast, Saturday, May 17, 1:00 PM

## *Events After May, District & National Events*

### **Events After May**

**TEAM ISSUES & COVENANT ASSEMBLY, MONDAY, JUNE 2, 6:00 PM.** A gathering of all the congregations involved in Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) to decide on the community issue(s) to be addressed next year. New Mt. Zion AME Church. 1401 Old Bainbridge Rd., at the intersection of 7th Street. Contact: Rev. Amy (383-9186).

### **Florida District Events**

**FLORIDA WOMEN AND RELIGION SPRING RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, MAY 16 - 18.** Held at the UU in the Pines Retreat Center, Brooksville, FL. A celebration of fairies! To sign up go to [www.floridawomenandreligion.org](http://www.floridawomenandreligion.org).

### **National Events**

**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY - MONDAY, JUNE 26 - 30.** Held in Boston this year. All are welcome to attend. Detailed information and registration forms available at the UUA GA office (617-948-4209 or [gaoffice@uua.org](mailto:gaoffice@uua.org)).

## *Notes from The Mountain*



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

There are two exciting events happening at The Mountain for the Memorial Weekend.

May 23-25 - "The Retreat You Don't Have to Plan III". This will be a very special weekend celebrating Peace. Bring yourself or bring a group. Families welcome.

May 23-25 - "MountainScape Climbing and Rappelling." For the brave and daring, a wonderful chance to learn the basic skills.

June 13-15 MountainScape presents "Fly Fishing Weekend." This could be the perfect gift for Father's Day. The perfect weekend for Dear Old Dad to refine his casting skills and catch some mountain trout.

See or Call Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, or e-mail: [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)) for registration forms for any of the above events.

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

Looking for a great, affordable vacation for yourself or your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with UU friends? Come to SUUSI! You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community of 1,000.

Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, of family. You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making

music, and spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. We have special programs for youth and teens so be sure to bring the whole family.

SUUSI is a UU summer institute, July 20-26, at the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg – a great little spot in the mountains. Brochures are on the back counter of the sanctuary, visit [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org), or contact Helen Falb,

an enthusiastic SUUSI attendee for the past few years (309-6853 or [helen@townbeacon.com](mailto:helen@townbeacon.com)).



# UUCT Calendar of Events for May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 PM RCDC, Rm 2	2 6 PM University UUs, off-site	3 7:30 PM Peace Dances
4 9:30 AM Youth RE Committee, Rm 2 12:30 PM Harmony Camp Planning Meeting, BYOL, Rm 4 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	5 7 PM Interfaith Peace Vigil, sanctuary 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (WSG), off-site 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Comm, Rm 4	6	7 11:30 AM UU Chow- down, off-site 7 PM Green Sanctuary Comm, Rm 4 7 PM Siblings without Rivalry, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	8	9 6 PM University UUs, off-site 8 PM UUCT Sponsored <i>Voces Angelorum</i> Concert, sanctuary	10 9 AM -1PM Workday
11 12:30 PM Potluck & <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 12:30 PM Landscaping Sub- committee 12:45 PM Congre- gational Forum 12:30 Silent Auction 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	12 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site 7:15 PM WSG, off- site 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rev. Amy's office	13 7:15-8:45 PM Evensong, Rm 4	14 7 PM Siblings without Rivalry, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	15 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm 4 7:15 PM CIC, Rm 4	16 6 PM University UUs, off-site	17 1 PM Pig Roast Fund raiser, off- site (food at 3 PM)
18 12:15 PM Annual Meeting 1 PM Multicultural Family Group, off-site 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	19 7 PM Finance Committee, Rm 4 7:15 PM WSG, off-site 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm 2	20 6:30 PM Potential RE Teacher Forum, sanctuary 7:15-8:45 PM Evensong, Rm 4	21 <b>NO OFFICE HOURS FOR REV. AMY</b> 7 PM Siblings without Rivalry, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	22 <b>NO OFFICE HOURS FOR REV. AMY</b>	23 6 PM University UUs, off-site	24
25 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4	26 Office closed for Memorial Day 7:15 PM WSG, off-site	27	28 7:15- 8:45 PM Evensong, Rm 4 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary	29 11:30 AM Leadership Develop- ment, off- site	30 6 PM University UUs, off-site	31

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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**

*See Youth RE (p. 7).*

- \* **YRUU** meets regularly  
Sundays, 6-8 PM.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

*See Adult Enrichment (p. 8)*

- \* **Evensong**, Tues. 5/13 &  
5/20, Wed. 5/28,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Rev. Amy (383-9186)
- \* **Siblings without  
Rivalry**, Wed. 5/7, 5/14  
& 5/21, 7 PM. Contact:  
Maggie Geraci  
(877-6301)
- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Bonnie Foster  
(539-5563)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- \* Thurs. 5/15, 7 PM.  
Contact: Pres. Jennifer  
Carver (402-0622)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon. 5/5, 7:30 PM.  
Contact: Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)
- \* **Capital Improvement**,  
Thurs. 5/15, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)
- \* **Committee on Ministry**  
Mon. 5/12, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Richard  
Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* **Finance**, Mon. 5/19,  
7 PM. Contact: Del  
DeTar (878-7895)
- \* **Green Sanctuary**, Wed.  
5/7, 7:15 PM. Contact:  
Steve Urse (385-2864)
- \* **Membership**, no May  
meeting. Contact:  
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- \* **Personnel**, TBA.  
Contact: Jennifer Carver  
(402-0622)
- \* **Program**, Mon., 5/19,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Richard Dempsey  
(671-2748)
- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, Thurs. 5/1,  
7 PM. Contact: Isabel  
Sheridan (668-0785)
- \* **Social Justice**, no May  
meeting. Contact: Lorin  
Pratt (893-3067)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 5/4,  
9:30 AM. Contact:  
Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)