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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice  
exc. May 6
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until  
12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE,  
Preschool class, Rm C (2x/mon.)  
Elementary classes (K - 2nd,  
Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)  
Middle/High School Youth  
Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- May 6, Neil Flickenstein, "Red Hills Coastal Parkway"
- May 13, TBA
- May 20, TBA
- May 27, TBA

**May Highlights:**

- Solar Panel Dedication & Reception, Sun. 5/6, 12:00 PM
- Congregational Discussion Meeting, Sun. 5/6, 12:30 PM
- Solar Open House, Sun. 5/6, 1:00 PM
- Fun & Potluck Picnic, Sat. 5/12, 12:00-6:00 PM (Eat at 2:00 PM)
- Annual Meeting, Sun. 5/20, 12:15 PM



# The Meridian

## May Sundays (11:00 AM)

### May 6 | Earth Day Intergenerational Celebration

Come to our annual event, sponsored by our Green Sanctuary group, celebrating the wonder and awe we have for our planet and encouraging us to take care of this precious entity. At the end of the service, there will be a dedication of our newly-installed solar panels, evidence of our endeavors to care for our planet. **Rev. Lyn Plumb & Kim Ross**

### May 13 | Tradition! Tradition!

When is tradition a beneficial thing, and when is it not? How do we determine when a tradition has outlived its usefulness and meaning? Rev. Lyn will outline the history of Mother's Day, the traditions that have evolved around it, and explore the implications of traditions in all aspects of our lives. (We'll also light candles of joy and concern.) **Rev. Lyn Plumb**

### May 20 | Intergenerational RE Sunday

On this Sunday we celebrate and honor the children and youth in our midst and show our appreciation for both them and our Religious Education Program. We will welcome our youngest with child dedications. Come to this annual heartfelt service! There will be something for everyone!

**Speakers: Youth Religious Education Committee, children, youth & Rev. Lyn Plumb; Lay Leader: Isabel Sheridan**

### May 27 | War: What Is It Good For?

Are we doomed to ever escalating warfare as military technology advances with bewildering speed while the moral expertise necessary to avoid war lags far behind? No, says UUCT member and Tallahassee Community College Professor Dan Damerville. Calling upon history, political science, economic theory, biology and poetry, he will challenge us to see that far from being an inherent part of the human prospect, war is no more and no less than a bad idea. And like other bad ideas, such as slavery, dueling, and the subjugation of women, warfare is actually losing its ferocious grip on our hearts and minds. Learn why we should all be encouraged to join the anti-war-warriors who are actually winning the war against war.

**Speaker: Dan Damerville; Lay Leader: Ron Crowe**



## Rev. Lyn's Plumb Line

In those famous words from *Walden*, Thoreau said he went into the woods to live deliberately, to learn what it had to teach. After his time living in the woods, he concluded that he had learned this: "...if one advances confidently in the direction of [one's] dreams, and endeavors to live the life which [one] has imagined, [one] will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."

I would claim that you here at UUCT have met with a success, perhaps only dimly sensed or hoped for in the past, but a success far beyond what you might have expected. You have

weathered your transition time well this past year, learning much that will be of good use to you in your future. You have formulated a Covenant of Right Relations that speaks to what is most important to *you*, right here in Tallahassee. It can be a powerful tool to use in your future interactions with each other, one that I know will bear much good fruit.

Actually you have already lived out much of what this covenant now puts down in writing. You have been in right relation with each other as you dealt with hard issues concerning budget, staffing and leadership changes. You have

done well in your search for a new minister, and by the time you read this, I feel confident that that search will have had a successful conclusion.

Indeed, you have gone confidently to realize your dreams, to live the life that you had hoped to live. In that may you take time to be thankful - for each other, for all the work you have done together, for what you have created as one community. It is an awesome thing. It is a blessed thing. It is what sustains us, nourishes us, and gives us meaning.

Many blessings,

Rev. Lyn



## Rev. Robin Gray Accepts Call to be UUCT Settled Minister

By Bob Deyle, Settled Minister Search Committee Chair

Reverend Robin Gray enthusiastically accepted the UUCT congregation's call to be our settled minister shortly after the qualified members of the congregation voted to extend the call to her. The vote followed immediately after the service on Sunday, April 22.

Robin spent over a week in Tallahassee, meeting with individuals, committees, and

groups of various mixes in various settings. She preached on both April 15 and 22 to near standing-room-only congregations of over 140 members, friends, and visitors on 4/15 and over 160 on 4/22. She and her spouse, Linda Wright, have sold their house in Milford, MA, and are purchasing a house not far from the church. They will be moving to Tallahassee in July. Robin will assume her

responsibilities as UUCT's settled minister on August 1.

The Search Committee wishes to express its deep appreciation for the trust and support accorded to us by our congregation and for the great effort made by so many members to participate in the process of making this very momentous decision. We are looking forward to a new era in the life of UUCT!

## Canvass Report

By Jim Dawson, VP for Finance

EUREKA---WE DID IT! A last minute flurry of new pledges raised our total pledge contributions to just over \$200,000. This has allowed the Board to approve a "slimed-down" version of the original FY 2007-08 asking budget, but

one which retains all of our priority objectives; i.e. (1) the costs of a new Settled Minister, (2) a return to full Fair Share contributions for the UUA and District, and (3) minor adjustments to staffing levels to reflect current job requirements.

Within the next week or so, you will receive a copy of this proposed budget for your review and approval at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 20. Mark that date on your calendar!



## *A Fond Farewell*

By Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education

First, I offer a heartfelt thank you to Maggie Geraci as she steps down from a successful tenure as the Director of our Religious Education Program. Her hard work and determination has made this program what it is today. We all owe her much gratitude for making our church a welcoming place for families and children, and for sharing and promoting UU values and principles with the youth of our congregation. Maggie has put her heart into this program, and it

shows in every way. For the past six years it has not always been an easy task to build and run this program of ours, but she has persevered with much grace and dignity. I truly feel that Maggie has been one of our greatest treasures.

As a congregation and as friends, we must wish her the fondest of farewells and send her off with our deepest blessings for her future work outside of UUCT. So when you see her around this last month,

give her a handshake or a hug to express your appreciation for a job well done. I am grateful to you, Maggie, as both a parent and a member of this congregation. Your sincerity and perseverance have meant the world to me and my family as the RE program has grown and blossomed. Thank you for all that you have done, and we will miss you deeply.

With much love and sincerity,  
Kelley

## *Social Justice*



### **Harmony Camp: July 16-20**

Registration for Harmony Camp is underway; many families have already registered their children. Harmony Camp's schedule has been hammered out and is close to being finalized. Children registered can watch for the camp schedule in early May. Registration forms are available at [www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct) or Sunday information table.

Want to be a volunteer? Contact Sally Andersen (385-4639) or Terri Martin (385-5106).

Contributions still welcome for the scholarship fund! Make checks out to UUCT w/ "Harmony Camp" written on memo line. Contact Sally or Terri about scholarships.

### **War & Peace Dine & Dialog**

May 27, after the service and coffee hour, the Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a soup lunch and discussion about the topic of that Sunday's service and the UUA's 2006 Study Action Issue (More details on issue at [http://www25.uua.org/csw/CSAI\\_06-10\\_P.pdf](http://www25.uua.org/csw/CSAI_06-10_P.pdf).) The Social Justice

Committee will provide the soup. Attendees are invited to bring breads and salads. Plan to stay! Contact: Kim Ross (877-1972, [Kim@AssociatedAdvocates.com](mailto:Kim@AssociatedAdvocates.com)).

### **TEAM Works!**

TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) works! Be part of it – part of the change you want to see in the world. Current TEAM issues: healthcare, transportation, homelessness. **Community Problems Assembly: Mon. 5/21, 6:30 PM**, Faith Christian Center, 310 Laura Lee Ave. UUCT Contact: Nina Cline (345-7116).

### **Construction Volunteers**

Amy Mann is interested in putting together a volunteer group to work with Rainbow Rehab doing repairs on low-income housing for those who qualify to receive help. It would involve 4-5 hours one Saturday a month, and you can specify your area of work (landscaping, roofing, wiring, painting, etc.). There will be an initial organizing meeting before the first work day. Contact Amy K.

Mann ([amann@infionline](mailto:amann@infionline), 339-9189) if you'd be interested.

### **UU-UNO News**

In mid-April, I attended the UU-United Nations Office Annual Intergenerational Seminar in New York. 60% of the attendees were young people. This year's theme, "Stop Modern Day Slavery," is also a current U.N. emphasis. An estimated 27 million people live in slavery, some in the U.S. More than 80% are women and children.

The statement issued by the seminar, "Stop Modern-Day Slavery: Breaking the Web of Human Trafficking," will go out to the U.N. and all UU congregations in the U.S. and Canada. It calls attention to the code of conduct for the tourist industry and urges UUs to use motels and hotels signing this code. At present Marriot is the only major U.S. chain to sign. The entire seminar statement is posted in the sanctuary, with more info. at [www.uu-uno.org](http://www.uu-uno.org). - Barnett Cook, FL District UU-UNO Envoy



## Announcements



- **Child Dedication & Naming.**

A Child Dedication for all ages of children and youth and Child Naming for infants will be led by Rev. Lyn on Sunday, May 20. Please speak with her (671-2634) and see April *Meridian* Youth Religious Education for more info.

- **Kitchen Kontrollers needed.**

For June & beyond. One or more kontrollers oversee the Sun. kitchen and volunteers for a month. Contact: Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).

- **Memorial Garden orders.**

Order cast-bronze plaque in memory of deceased member or engraved brick any time. Forms & directions back of sanctuary. Put form & check in sealed envelope; drop in plastic box back of sanctuary or Sun. collection basket.

- **Update to Policies &**

**Procedures Manual.** Contact Joan Patterson (309-1248, patterson090@comcast.net) if you have submissions/revisions for next manual. New or revised policies need review and approval by appropriate committee or Board VP before submission. Deadline: May 30 for new manual in Aug. or Sept.

- **Frequent Flyer Miles?**

Our UUCT Young Adult / Campus Ministry Caucus Delegate Pippin Whitaker needs to get to General Assembly in Portland. Would you give your frequent flyer miles? If so, contact Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com).

- **UUCT T-shirts.** A few left in each adult size at \$10 each. See or contact Barbara Sterling (386-7453, [sterlingsilver@earthlink.net](mailto:sterlingsilver@earthlink.net)).

- **Paid Camp Position**

**Wanted:** Child-care paid staff person for Harmony Camp 2007  
**Who:** Campers arriving between 7:30 and 9:00 AM and young children of camp volunteers (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, with a lunch break)  
**When:** July 16-20  
**How:** Contact Terri Martin (385-5106, [tmartin823@comcast.net](mailto:tmartin823@comcast.net)) or Sally Andersen (385-4639, [salbert56@earthlink.net](mailto:salbert56@earthlink.net)).  
**Why:** Because you like children and want to have fun (and make some money) making a difference.

- **Ward-White Church.** The Ward-White Universalist Memorial Church, most likely the oldest Universalist church building in GA, has been moved from Cairo, GA to Graceville, FL on the campus of a Baptist College, along with other old churches and buildings. The building will be dedicated at its new location on Friday, May 4 at 11:00 AM. Visit: [www.baptistcollege.edu](http://www.baptistcollege.edu). Rev. Charles Parker, VP of the college, is in charge of dedication.

- **May Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted in sanctuary north entry. Subject: the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

- **FL District News.** Check out the Denominational Affairs bulletin board in the sanctuary north entry for excellent, thought-provoking, monthly messages and news from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Messages can also be read on-line in FL District monthly packet ([floridadistrict.org](http://floridadistrict.org)).

### Want to Help Membership?

As we prepare for a new settled ministry at UUCT, the Membership Committee could use some help!

**Dinners for 8 Coordinator** – contact list of hosts several times per year, line up dinners, sign up guests.

**Visitor Soup & Salad Suppers Coordinator** – schedule periodic suppers at UUCT, invite visitors and UUCT reps, coordinate food and clean-up.

**New UU Coordinator** – line up facilitators & schedule sessions throughout year, identify & contact newcomers to invite.

**New UU Facilitators** – next training will be New UU sessions Tues. 5/22 & 5/29, 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

**New Member Ceremony Coordinator** – schedule ceremonies, contact new members, compile & edit new member bios.

If interested, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).





## Green Corner

By Sara Reece, Green Sanctuary Committee



### Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day could be considered the “high holy day” of Unitarian Universalism! So, why didn’t we celebrate it on the “official” Earth Day, April 22? Oh, that’s right, we called our new minister that day!

Since the Green Sanctuary Committee’s goal is to remind everyone that, really, every day is Earth Day, we decided to celebrate it and the installation of our own solar panels on **May 6** instead. We will have an intergenerational service followed by a dedication ceremony for the panels. In keeping with the spirit, we have

arranged to have a cake and sparkling cider gala following the dedication. We hope you all can join us in celebration of our accomplishment.

As part of our community outreach effort, we will hold a community open house the same day from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will have a guided, informational tour of our panels and information for people to take home. Please invite friends!

### Green Sanctuary Planning

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet on **Saturday, May 12** for its bi-monthly action planning.

Come at noon for this potluck and discussion. For more information, to add to or receive an agenda, contact Linda Logan (575-2780, Lindalogan850@earthlink.net).

### Educational Trip

Sat.-Sun., June 2-3, we’ll have a DEP-sponsored overnight to Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve on Little St. George Island. Carpool on Sat., 6:00 AM. Back around noon on Sun. Bring food. Be prepared for bugs & sleeping dorm-style. Contact: Elizabeth Vigil (656-2855, evigil@speakeasy.net).

## Board & Congregational Actions

### March Board Actions

The Board met 3/25/07 and took the following actions:

- Accepted 2/24/07 Board minutes.
- Approved the Covenant and Working Agreement negotiated with Rev. Robin Gray in anticipation of her ministerial candidating visit in April.
- Accepted the February Treasurer’s Report.
- Appointed a search committee for a new Director of Religious Education, with applications to be taken now for a target start date of 6/1 & “salary and hours dependant on qualifications.”
- Decreased the weekly hours for the Office Administrator position from 40 to 30, with benefits pro-rated, effective 7/1 (or earlier if Kathie Mackie resigns before then) – based on comparative information for our church size and decision to not add financial record-keeping responsibilities as was planned when hours were increased.
- Accepted written proposal and granted a 5-week, paid sabbatical to the Music Director this coming summer (to be added to 2 weeks of paid vacation), with the understanding that she find volunteer, substitute musicians for that time, thus costing the church no additional funds.
- Approved Bylaws revisions proposed by the Membership Committee for congregational vote at the Annual Meeting.

### April Congregational Actions

The congregation met 4/22/07 and took the following action: Pursuant to the congregational vote on 10/16/06 to seek a settled minister in UUA fellowship, accepted the UUCT Settled Minister Search Committee proposal to call the Reverend Robin Gray to be our settled minister, effective 8/1/07, subject to the terms of the Covenant and Working Agreement approved by the Executive Board 3/25/07 and signed by Rev. Gray and Board President DeWayne Carver. (111 in favor, 0 opposed)



## Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

April has been a very busy month for everyone involved in Campus Ministry. On April 1 we had our extremely foolish Campus Ministry Sunday service. The UUU students and young adults did a great job putting together a very memorable service. Special thanks to Richard Dempsey for very patiently helping with the sound during rehearsal, Helen Meacham and the OK Chorale for their wonderfully appropriate music, Kathie Mackie for her patience in

our last-minute changes and updates to the Order of Service, and especially Rev. Lyn for her help in all aspects of planning and putting on the service.

The UUU's would also like to give many thanks to Nancy Bass, who donated the use of her Cape San Blas beachfront property to the group for a beach retreat in April. We had a marvelous time, with a bonfire, games, and small-group worship. Some of us even got

studying done for final exams!

As the semester comes to a close, our summer schedule for Campus Ministry will change. The UUU's decided at the beach retreat to switch locations for Coffee Hour on Fridays. **Coffee Hour** will now be at Black Dog Café at Lake Ella on **Fridays at 6:30 PM.**

Contact: Brian Lee (877-1972, [brianlee@hcsmail.com](mailto:brianlee@hcsmail.com)). To be on e-list, email: UUUtallysubscribe@yahoo.com.

## Appreciation



### To:

- March Kitchen Kontroller **Dick Leinberry** and kitchen helpers **Bruce and Junelle Brandt, Kandy and Ron Crowe, Christine Boczarska, Pippin Whitaker, Joe Lama, Pauline Masterton, Rod Oldenburg and Annette Pearce** for Mar. Sun. coffee / clean-up.
- **Dan Damerville, Ruth Pestle, Eleanor Enge, Debbie Holt, Gretchen Shankweiler, Sally and Pete Andersen, Jan Miller, Frank Deasy** and University UUs **Brian Lee, Frank Green, and Danny Apatiga** for April Shelter meal.
- **Everyone** who helped with set-up of tables on potluck Sunday and stacking chairs afterward.
- Our Settled Minister Search Committee who worked so hard to identify and articulate what we wanted as a congregation and then find a match for us: **Bruce Brandt, Bob Deyle, Chris Ellrich, Mimi Jones, Hollie Lloyd, Annette Pearce, & Sara Reece.** Bravo
- **Robin Fodor, Kelly Mackie, and Logan Hunter-Thompson** for volunteering in the nursery.

- **Carolyn DuBard, Christine Boczarska, Peggy Lentz, Barbara Sterling, Mary and Steve VanSciver, Annette Pearce, Susan Snyder, Frank Deasy, and Brian Lee** for greeting Sun. 4/1-4/22.

### Fiesta Thanks

Our Right Relations Covenant Workshop and Fiesta at the end of March were a big success! Thanks to **all those who attended** the workshop and to the **task force** who have finalized the covenant.

And special thanks to **Maria Mena** for coordinating the workshop children's program and the Fiesta!

Fiesta helpers: **Joan Patterson, Dorothy & Amy Mann, Eliza Coyne, Mimi Jones, Annette Pearce, Frank Deasy, Tony, Hollie, Sierra, & Drew Lloyd, Victoria & Antonio Juarez, Mireya Martinez, Abbe Justus, Emmy Barthel-Mackie, Isabel Sheridan, Joanne Taylor, and all who set up tables.**

Fiesta Clean-up: **Randall Gann, Elinor Elfner & John Whitton, Joe Lama, Tim Campbell, Will Adkins, Ed, Linda & James Oaksford, Barbara Hogan, Kay Picart, Pauline Masterton, Rev.**

**Lyn Plumb, Trudy & Bob Deyle, and anyone else** we've forgotten.

Fiesta Salsa lesson: **Kay Picart and friends.**

### Workday Thanks

Seven people attended the workday from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. Some were having so much fun that they stayed longer! **Don Berger** cleaned debris off the roof and cleaned the gutters and downspouts. **Charlotte Dudley** watered plants, weeded and did other grounds beatification tasks. **George Knight** removed leaves and trash from driveways and parking lots. **Joe Lama**, among other things, washed many of the sanctuary windows. **Jim Stangel** repaired the torn vapor barrier in the ceiling of the new building. **John Whitton** pruned shrubs and painted the portion of railing replaced due to a fallen tree.

Also thanks to those persons who have worked throughout the month: **Mitch McDermott**, mowing; **Ed Oaksford**, planting and watering; **Francis Ventre and George Knight**, clearing leaves from walks and drives every week; & **others** who help keep things looking good.



## Caring Network and Membership News

### Caring Ministries Network

**Our hearts and minds are with:**

**Margaret, Harold, and Joe Hawkins**, with Margaret being cared for at home again.

**Will Adkins**, who is recovering from a painful injury to his foot.

**Grace Martin**, who was hospitalized very briefly and is now home and just fine.

**All of those connected with Virginia Tech and the community of Blacksburg.**

Note: Caring Chair Joanne Taylor sent a message to the UU congregation in Blacksburg letting them know that candles of concern had been lit for the VA Tech community during our Sunday service and that our hearts and thoughts were with them. The message received in response was: "Thank you and your church for their concern. We are collecting all of the notes of encouragement during this time of grief and shock to share with the congregation."

### In Memoriam

Long-time member Eleanore Adam died in April after a very brief hospitalization. Following her wishes, there was a private burial in Miami and no memorial service. Eleanore was a regular Sunday attendee until she moved to Westminster Oaks. She had joined the FSU faculty in 1953 and was chair of the Department of Clothing, Textiles & Fashion Merchandising, 1968 - 1979. Before that, Eleanore had taught at Cornell and Simmons. She was the author of many articles and abstracts and a well-known speaker in her field. After retirement she volunteered for the Arthritis Foundation and served as Tallahassee Branch coordinator.

### Directory Photos 6/3

We need an updated UUCT Photo Directory by 8/1 for Rev. Robin Gray. If we missed you the last time (12/05) or you're new to the congregation, see Mary VanSciver on Sun. 6/3 or contact her to arrange another time (893-0353).

### New UU Sessions

Next sessions: **Tues. 5/22 & 5/29, 7:00-9:00 PM.** Sign up back of sanctuary, or contact church office ([uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com), 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com), 422-1057). Childcare if requested.

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights, but occasionally in one 3-hour Sunday afternoon session. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater UU movement. Some discussion time. Rev. Lyn co-facilitates.

### Dinners for 8

Dinners for 8 resumes in early summer. Two dinner categories – Adults only and Intergenerational. Adults without children welcome to sign up for intergenerational, and adults with children find a sitter and enjoy an adult evening. Hosts welcome guests to their homes, provide main dish and contact guests to complete potluck menu. If you'd like to host, contact Junelle Brandt (893-5511, [junellebrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:junellebrandt@earthlink.net)).

### On-going Opportunities

- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** Contact May kitchen controllers: Nina Cline, Carolyn Pardue, Tom Wheatley.

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 163**
- **Current No. Friends - 62**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **March 2007: 79.3**
  - **7/06 - 3/07: 97.4**
  - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
  - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
  - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
  - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
  - **06-07: 44 (incomplete)**
  - **05-06: 52**
  - **04-05: 61**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
  - **4/07: 29**
  - **9/06 - 3/07: 27**
  - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
  - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**

- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, [berger-don@comcast.net](mailto:berger-don@comcast.net)).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net)).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Frank Deasy (907-1740, [deasyf@comcast.net](mailto:deasyf@comcast.net)).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, [holt0119@earthlink.net](mailto:holt0119@earthlink.net)).





## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

Committee Meeting, Sun. 5/6,  
9:30 AM, Rm. K

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair**  
([krelcoyne@gmail.com](mailto:krelcoyne@gmail.com);  
877-5415 )
- **Vacant, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE),**  
([dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com);  
wkdays, 443-2586;  
eves & wkends, 877-6301)

### May Religious Education Classes

#### All classes

- 5/6 Intergenerational Earth Day Service -- All ages  
5/20 Intergenerational Youth RE Service -- All ages  
5/29 End of Year Fun Day -- All elementary age children in Rm. L

#### Explorers (ages 3 to 5 / pre-K)

- 5/13 We Give Thanks for Our Year

#### Artists (grades K, 1, 2)

- 5/13 A Time to Say Goodbye

#### The Bridgers (grades 3-5)

- 5/13 The Good Samaritan

#### Youth Group (grades 6 – 12)

Sundays 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM: business meeting, discussion topics, & activities. Contact a Youth Group advisor for more details.

#### May Woohoo Wednesday!

All ages are invited to participate on **May 30**. At **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary, we'll have our community potluck. After dinner,

we'll share some musical games & fun. Bring instruments if you have any! Contact: DRE Maggie.

### Summer Religious Education

Summer is quickly approaching and with the lazy days of summer, the format of Sunday morning RE changes. Starting **Sun. 6/3**, the children will go to class upon their arrival. They do not attend the service. Elementary-age children will meet in Room K for the UU World Travelers class. Preschool children will attend the nursery, and youth grades 6-12 will attend the Youth Group. The summer format continues through Labor Day weekend (Sun. 9/2).

### UU World Travelers -- Tour Guides Needed!

By popular demand, the Youth RE Program is again offering "UU World Travelers," a summer program for elementary-age children, designed to explore different countries and cultures. The intention is for the kids to have some relaxed, fun times with learning cleverly woven in and for congregation members to be able to bring unique learning opportunities to the kids on a one-time or short-term basis.

If you have visited a foreign country or have special knowledge of a country, consider becoming a tour guide. Guides will lead the kids on a "tour" of a country. Kids will have their "passports" stamped as they visit and explore countries through song, dance, food, costumes, games and activities. Visit our "UU World Travelers" display on Sundays after the service to learn more and to match you up with the special skills and contributions we'll need to help enrich summer classes. Or contact DRE Maggie.

### What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as teacher in the Youth RE Program, but thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid you wouldn't be an effective teacher? How much time does it take? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Find out the answers by talking to Eliza Coyne, Maria Mena, Kim Ross, Hollie Lloyd, Pam Hoskins, Terri Martin, Stowe Alrutz, and Rosa Morgan. Learn how these busy, involved people did it! Teaching RE isn't just for parents; we need help from all UUCT members and friends. For more info., contact DRE Maggie.

### Adult Religious Education (RE)

#### ADULT RE CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult RE Coordinator (668-0785,**  
[iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com))
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education**  
([dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com);  
wkdays, 443-2586; eves & wkends, 877-6301)

#### Adult RE Planning Meeting

All are invited to plan Adult RE activities for the summer and to discuss possibilities for the fall. We will meet in Room K on Sunday, May 6, from 7:00-8:00 PM. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

#### Intergenerational Coding

In an effort to address the needs of all our congregants, find the following codes at the ends of some classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers welcome to come w/ parents, who assume responsibility for them.





## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

Childcare provided – Childcare has already been lined up for this.

Childcare available upon request – Let contact know childcare needed; s/he will arrange for it at or near gathering.

In addition, transportation can be arranged upon request for those who cannot or prefer not to drive. Please contact the Adult RE coordinator.

### **Future Classes and Opportunities**

The following classes will be offered in the future.

**Evensong.** This 8-session course is designed by UUA to promote a deeper sense of community in a small group setting that allows deep listening and knowing of each other. To sign up for next course, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

**Right Relations.** In six sessions, stand in a place of curiosity as you reflect upon, experience, and build skills that make relationships lively and life-giving. Learn about right

relations and how practicing them strengthens our church community.

To sign up for next course, contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

### **Exploring Spiritual Practices.**

The group will resume in the fall.

Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** Will resume when Anne Rudloe is again able to lead the group. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, [rudloe@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:rudloe@bio.fsu.edu)).

### **UU Committed Couples**

**Enrichment Program.** A UU principles- and values based enrichment program designed for married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional fulfillment. Topics include: covenant, humility, trust, dignity, generosity, connection, playfulness, collaboration, commitment, love, and celebration.

To be offered as a series of short workshops. Will begin **Sat., June 9, 2:00-5:00 PM**. Other dates will be decided then. Contact Kim Ross NOW to sign up (877-1972, [kim@associatedadvocates.com](mailto:kim@associatedadvocates.com)).

### **On-Going Opportunities**

**Adult Forum.** Meets **Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM**, Rm. L. Open to everyone. See front page of this *Meridian* for the month's topics. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, [nochase@earthlink.net](mailto:nochase@earthlink.net)).

**Freethinkers' Forum.** Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion, including the contributions to civilization of freethinkers across the ages, the history and evolution of religious mythology, and the effects of organized religion on our democracy and the world's civilizations. Meets **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**, Rm. L. For current topics, contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

## *Events: National & The Mountain*

### **National Events & Programs**

More info.: Denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

**UU University.** Tues. & Wed. 6/19-20. Portland, before GA. With Gil Rendle, author of *Leading Change in Congregations* and *Holy Conversations*. Registration: [uua.org/DIST/uuuniversity](http://uua.org/DIST/uuuniversity).

**UUA General Assembly.** Wed. - Sun. 6/20-24, Portland. Open to all! Registration at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).

**SUUSI, Sunday – Saturday, July 15 – 21.** Are you looking for a great, affordable experience for your family, one with lots of adventures, challenging conversations, nature trips, and workshops on an unbelievable number of topics? Then, come to Blacksburg,

VA for the Southeast UU Summer Institute! See the online catalogue for more information: [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org). Contact: Rosa Morgan (212-3135).

### **Programs at The Mountain**

**Elderhostels** throughout the year. Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, nature, hiking & outdoor adventures.

**Mountaincamp** registration open. Visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

**Mountain School for Congregational Leadership, 7/22-7/28.**

**Mother's Day, 5/11-13**, intergen. prog.

**Family Camp, 6/15-17**, intergen. prog.

**Chamber Music in the Mountains, 7/13-18**, w/ Highlands-Cashiers Fest.

**Spiritual Practices for Peacemaking, 8/6-11**, Dr. Kenneth Nafziger & Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt

**Women's Weekend Retreat, 9/7-9**, all ages

**Compassionate Communications, 10/5-7**, Mary McKenzie

**Thanksgiving, 11/21-25**, Mt. members

**Preparing for the Solstice – Emerging into Light, 12/14-16**

**Celebrating the New Year, 12/28 or 12/29-1/1**, w/ Randy & Sandra Locke

Contact The Mountain (828-526-5838, [info@mountaincenters.org](mailto:info@mountaincenters.org)) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)) or visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).



## Events: UUCT & District

### Upcoming UUCT Events

**Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM.** In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Maggie Geraci ( 877-6301, [dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com)).

**Voces Angelorum Concert, Thursday, May 3, 8:00 PM.** In sanctuary, sponsored by Music Committee, Tallahassee's community women's chamber choir singing romantic choral music of Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Strauss. Charles Witmer, director and tenor soloist. Contact: Helen Meacham (556-2533, [pianoskin@nettally.com](mailto:pianoskin@nettally.com)).

**Peace Dances, Saturday, May 5, 7:30 PM.** Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, [katyata@earthlink.net](mailto:katyata@earthlink.net)).

**Solar Panel Dedication/Celebration, Sunday, May 6, 12:00 PM.** Outside, immediately following the church service. Contact: Sara Reece (309-1933, [sarareece@earthlink.net](mailto:sarareece@earthlink.net)).

**Congregational Discussion Meeting, Sunday, May 6, 12:30 PM.** Ask questions about and discuss items to be voted on at Annual Meeting. Background material distributed in advance. Childcare provided. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

**Solar Community Open House, Sunday, May 6, 1:00 PM.** Outside until 3:00 PM. Contact: Sara Reece (309-1933, [sarareece@earthlink.net](mailto:sarareece@earthlink.net)).

**UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 PM.** Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, [lloaksford@earthlink.net](mailto:lloaksford@earthlink.net)).

- 5/8: *The Inheritance of Loss*, Kiran Desai
- 6/10: *A Bit on the Side*, W. Trevor

**All-Church Workday, Saturday, May 12, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.** Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, [berger-don@comcast.net](mailto:berger-don@comcast.net)).

**Fun & Potluck Picnic, Saturday, May 12, 12:00 - 6:00 PM.** At GA country home of Ken & Jean Wood. Carpooling is a must! Bring chairs, dishes, utensils, AND food and beverages to share. Eating at 2:00 PM; barbecues available. Socialize, hike, canoe, swim, and enjoy giant water slide. Bring sunscreen, bug repellent, towels, swim wear, life jackets. Overnight camping Fri. or Sat. encouraged. Contact Joan Patterson (309-1248, [patterson090@comcast.net](mailto:patterson090@comcast.net)) to coordinate food contributions. Printed maps in sanctuary beforehand.

**2nd Sunday Potluck, May 13, 12:00 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 20, 12:15 PM.** Elect Board/Nominating Comm. members, adopt final budget and fundraisers for coming year, adopt Covenant of Right Relations, approve Bylaws revisions, and transact any other important business. Childcare provided. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

**Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, May 20, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then discuss at restaurant. Contact: Dave Harvey ([daveharv@mac.com](mailto:daveharv@mac.com), 668-9096).

**Freethinkers' Forum Speaker, Sunday, May 20, 2:00 PM.** In the sanctuary, attorney John D. C. Newton, well-received at UUCT's Sunday Adult Forum, will speak on "Too Many Constitutional Rights? What Good Do They Do Anyway?" Free admission; all UUs and public invited. Sponsored by Center for Inquiry - Tallahassee and UUCT Freethinkers. Contact: Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

**War & Peace Dine & Dialog, Sunday, May 27, 12:30 PM.** See *Social Justice*. Contact: Kim Ross (877-1972, [Kim@AssociatedAdvocates.com](mailto:Kim@AssociatedAdvocates.com)).

**Woohoo Wednesday, May 30, 6:30 PM.** Potluck in sanctuary, then music time together in Rm. L. See *Youth RE*. All welcome! Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci ([dremaggie@embarqmail.com](mailto:dremaggie@embarqmail.com), 877-6301).

**Miracle Sunday for Outreach, Sunday, June 3.** Special collection during service will give us a chance to support public witness efforts to make our presence more visible to seekers in our community - to let people know where we are and what we're about. Goal: raise at least \$1,500 to purchase space in *Tallahassee Democrat's* annual "Living Here," printed in August and available to newcomers all year. We'll also upgrade our weekly *Democrat* ad to provide more information on Sunday services. Any additional funds raised will go toward a telephone book ad.

**Farewell Potluck for Rev. Lyn, Sunday, June 10, 12:00 PM.** Our 2nd Sun. potluck will be full of thanks and good wishes as Rev. Lyn prepares to leave us and move on to another interim appointment.

### Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Mon. 5/14, 6:00 PM, Lilla Turner, Piano Recital (Sanctuary)
- Fri. 5/25 & Sat. 5/26, Tentative Wedding (Sanctuary)

### FL District Events

More info.: Church office, Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org).

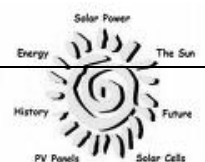
**FL UU Women & Religion Conference, Fri. 5/18 – Sun. 5/20, Clearwater.** Theme: Healing and Changing Our World. Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." We'll look at ways to do that & have a good time, too. Music by Amy Carol Webb. Contact Michele Hope (894-0976) for more info. & possible carpooling. May be some "home hospitality" if apply soon. Visit: [floridawomenandreligion.org](http://floridawomenandreligion.org).

**4th Annual All-Cluster Revival Service, Wed. 5/23, St. Petersburg, Rev. Kendyl Gibbons.**



# May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	3 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm K 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	4 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	5 7:30pm Universal Dances of Peace, Sanctuary
6 No Choir Practice 9:30am Youth RE Committee, Rm K 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:00pm Solar Dedication & Party, outside 12:30pm Cong. Disc. Meeting, Sanctuary 12:30pm Program Comm., Rm K 1:00pm Solar Community Open House (til 3:00pm) 7:00pm Adult RE, Rm K	7 7:00pm Bldgs. & Grnds. Comm., Rm C	8 7:00pm UUCT Book Club, Rm C	9 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	10 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L	11 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	12 9:00am All Church Workday 12:00pm Green Sanctuary Planning Potluck, Sanctuary 12:00pm Fun and Potluck Picnic, off-site (eat 2:00pm, over 6:00pm)
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20 Afternoon Movie Discussion Group, Off-site 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:15pm Annual Meeting, Sanctuary 2:00pm Freethinkers' Speaker, Sanct.	21 3:00pm Finance Committee, Rm C 6:00pm Committee on the Ministry, Rm K 6:30pm TEAM Community Problems Assembly, off-site	22 7:00pm New UU, Rm L 7:30pm Publicity Committee, Rm C	23 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	24 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L	25 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	26
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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."**

<p><b>Our Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* DeWayne Carver, President</li><li>* Christine Boczarska, Past President</li><li>* Steve Urse, President Elect</li><li>* Barbara Sterling, Secretary</li><li>* Dave Harvey, VP for Management</li><li>* Charlotte Dudley, VP for Worship</li><li>* Abbe Justus, VP for Social Justice</li><li>* Jim Dawson, VP for Finance</li><li>* Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education</li><li>* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community</li></ul>	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer</li><li>* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer</li><li>* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer</li></ul> <p><b>The Committee on the Ministry</b></p> <p>Bob Deyle, chair Maria Mena Tony Lloyd</p> <p><b>Directory Changes</b></p> <p>If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates.</p>	<p><b>Membership Notes</b></p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Lyn Plumb, Membership chair Trudy Deyle or president DeWayne Carver.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition: Sun. 6/3</p> <p><b>Mark Your Checks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)</li><li>• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.</li></ul>
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