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

- Sunday, Nov. 4** “Honoring the Mystery: The Miracle of Life”  
 Rev. Amy and Bob Deyle
- Sunday, Nov. 11** “Where Evil is Found”  
 Rev. Amy
- Sunday, Nov. 18** UUSC Sunday: “Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”  
 Cindy Huddleston, Attorney, Florida Legal Services, Guest Speaker  
 Norene Chase, Lay Leader
- Sunday, Nov. 25** “No More Giving ‘til It Hurts: Alternative Gifts and Sane Holidays”  
 Rev. Amy, Elinor Elfner, Peggy Lentz and Linda Oaksford

*For service topic details see p. 15.*

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

- 9:30 AM Zen-Tao-Buddhist Sangha  
 (Note: Meets at Lake Ella 11/4)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice & Adult Forum  
 (No Choir practice 11/25)
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE Program  
 Classes for Pre-K-12th grade  
 High School class meets off-site

**CONGREGATIONAL DISCUSSION**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 12:30 PM**

**In the Sanctuary**

**On the Possibility of Having Two Sunday Services**

**TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**OFFICE HOURS M-F - 7:00 - 3:30**

**(Closed 11:00-11:30 AM)**

**PHONE: 385-5115 FAX: 385-5834**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS: uuct@electro-net.com**

**WEBSITE: www.electro-net.com/~uuct/**



**“CHRISTMAS CAROL ON THE AIR”**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 7:30 PM**

**In the Sanctuary**

*A special preview performance benefiting UUCT*

**OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOORS**

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

*From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live. These simple words from our hymnal describe what goes into the kind of complex human relationships we cherish.* “Thanks for sharing!” I tell my niece. Today it’s a teddy bear cookie or raisin. Tomorrow it may be sweat equity, time, or money, special training, or cans of food from her cupboard—all freely offered and put in the service of aid and justice. In the New UU meetings here at church, we talk with people interested in learning more about us and discuss a concept that enriches the life of this congregation: Shared Ministry.

**Shared ministry is an invitation for everyone to serve (the root of the word “ministry”).** Perhaps the most obvious arena for shared ministry is in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. One weekend a month I’m blessed with a Sunday out of the pulpit. On those days, and during Sunday collaborations with UUCT members, our pulpit is a visible symbol of shared ministry. The Program Committee and I meet monthly to plan services—both the ones I lead and the ones that are called “lay led” Sundays. Do you have an idea for a service topic? Share it with the Program Committee, and you may end up speaking from the pulpit. Lay leaders are also needed, for which you don’t need to have a homily, sermon or talk prepared, but you will keep the service moving, and help define the theme of the day in Unitarian Universalist terms.

Shared ministry is also in effect as we care for one another in times of illness, transition, and need. The Caring Ministries Committee coordinates our response, but loving kindness neither starts nor ends there. So many people help in so many

## Alternative Gift Giving For The Holidays



If you are looking for an alternative gift idea for the holidays, you need go no further than UUCT. Please consider “giving” your spouse, child, or relative a new chair for the sanctuary, or asking them to give one in your honor. The Capital Improvement Committee has not made its final selection, so we don’t yet have a firm dollar amount to give you, but keep this in mind as you begin making your holiday gift list. We hope to have a small plaque on the gifted chairs or on a wall, indicating the name of the donor and the person in whose honor/memory it was given, and there will be a gift card that you can present to the honoree or his/her family. Stay tuned for further information.

ways, and you keep most of these actions quiet.

I want to thank the Board yet again for the fine staff I’m privileged to work with. And I want to thank all of you for your unpaid “ministries.” The Board and the committee chairs are volunteers. Those who host the coffee and conversation hour on Sundays, do the potluck dishes, cut the lawn, or blow leaves off the sidewalks are also volunteers. Youth Religious Education teachers volunteer their time, gifts, and energy. So does the choir. Some of us get paid money to exercise our gifts of ministry, most do not. However, I think we all gain rewards—in this lifetime!—from serving others and from living out our religious ideals.

Shared ministry is a journey of relationship and learning. That goes for me as well as for you. In fact, at our denominational headquarters (the Unitarian Universalist Association buildings in Boston, MA), one of the questions asked of professional ministers is: *Describe a mistake you have made in the past, and how you have addressed it.* Gosh, I wouldn’t know which of my many mistakes would be the most entertaining or informative! But I do know what the answer ought to boil down to: I address mistakes as they come up. To err is human. To admit it is hard. To do so strengthens relationship.

**And now for the errata part of this message.** When I mix up the order of service on Sundays, I’m glad for the gentle corrections you provide—no ear-splitting shouts of horror from the back of the sanctuary. Once I gave penance chocolate to our music director when I skipped over the Prelude. So you may all deserve a cake, but perhaps an apology is enough.

Here’s another mistake: a too-broad remark in last month’s *Meridian* where I wrote that European Americans were committing acts of violence against Arab Americans. Though that accurately reflected reports I had heard, I agree with Neil Mooney that I should have condemned prejudicial violence by all people—not just one group. The human potential for evil and good is present in every group and sub-group, and all are capable of exercising both kindness and cruelty. I’m sorry I neglected the big picture.

Shared ministry gets me back on track and reminds me to adjust my perspective—to keep in focus both the congregation as a whole and individuals.

A macro-/micro- vision would also come in handy for our country right now. In all areas of life, let’s not get swept up in the frenzy and let’s not get stuck in the mire. Steady On.

And, “Thanks for Sharing,”  
(Rev.) Amy

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEMORIALS

Music Director Helen Falb's father died in October after a long struggle with cancer. Donations in memory of Helen's father, Wayne Meacham, may be made to our UUCT Piano Fund.

## KEEP PLEDGES COMING

One hundred thirty seven of you pledged \$133,445 this year and have given \$45, 229 in this first third, thirty-four percent. This appears up to speed, but pledges prepaid in June contributed \$14,283 of this. Seventy-seven of you pledged monthly and have given only 27 percent. We need everyone to contribute on a timely basis. Thirty three of you requested only an annual statement so you did not receive first quarter statements in early October. Call Tom Chase at 422-1985 if you want a statement.

## DONATIONS OF STOCK

If you wish to give a donation to UUCT in the form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, please contact Joan Patterson (309-1248 or [jpatters@mail.fsu.edu](mailto:jpatters@mail.fsu.edu)). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge, your pledge for the Capital Campaign, or for any other fund or program of the church. Gifts of equities or bonds are particularly appropriate as we approach the end of the year if you wish to take advantage of the tax-related deduction.

## ELECTRONIC MERIDIAN

Thank you to all those who indicated your willingness to receive *The Meridian* electronically. We have stopped sending you your printed copy; please let Kathie Mackie know if you'd rather still receive it. If you are not on the electronic *Meridian* list and are willing to be, let Kathie know ([uuct@electro-net.com](mailto:uuct@electro-net.com)).

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO "THE MOUNTAIN"

The deadline for UUCT scholarship requests for 2002 Mountaincamp was October 28. If no requests are received by then, the Scholarship Committee will honor an extended deadline of November 18. If interested, send a letter to the church as soon as possible stating the amount requested and why. Address it to the attention of the Scholarship Committee. If you have questions, contact Board President Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Director of Religious Education Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

## AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>
- **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.

## CHECK IT OUT!

Check out the new "What's Happening at UUCT?" bulletin board to the far right of the sanctuary back wall. Highlighted by a different color, it is for announcements and flyers on upcoming UUCT events. Check it out each week as you stand in line to get your coffee after the service! Let Board President Pauline Masterton know what you think of this experimental alternative to free-standing displays and taping items to the sanctuary doors and windows (via a note in her box at church or email at [Paulinemrm@aol.com](mailto:Paulinemrm@aol.com)).

Please also note that the Order of Service has new wording reminding us of the policy we've had for awhile regarding Sunday announcements: written announcements to be submitted by Thursday noon, and verbal announcements limited to congregational matters coming up after the Thursday deadline and only

made from the pulpit, as submitted prior to the service beginning.

## MUSIC COMMITTEE

We are looking for a few music-loving members and friends, especially those not in the choir, to meet two or three times a year to help plan priorities for the Music Program. Call Isabel Sheridian (668-0785) or Helen Falb (422-0603) for details.

## SUNDAY SET-UP

Five to ten people are needed to help set up the sanctuary chairs on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you are coming to choir practice or Adult Forum anyway, this is an opportunity to work on an important task and save the church some money (by doing it ourselves rather than paying a custodial service to make an extra trip). To volunteer, contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or [twchase@tallynet.com](mailto:twchase@tallynet.com)).

## ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU B&B directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Welcoming Congregation Committee:** Welcoming Congregations work toward reducing prejudice by increasing understanding and acceptance among people of different sexual orientations. If you are interested in helping our congregation become a certified UUA Welcoming Congregation, contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, November 12, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **New Social Justice Opportunity:** Or assist Crop by donating two or more tickets to a cultural event for a mentor and mentee. An example would be individual tickets that are part of a season subscription to FSU or FAMU events. Call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) at least two weeks in advance.
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Denominational Affairs Chair:** Keep the congregation informed about district and national events and issues, and represent the church at district and national meetings. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

## ATTENTION COMMITTEES

Committees should begin now to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2002 - 2003. For the Church Council meeting in January, you should have put together your program plan narrative, budget request, and any fund raising proposals.

## APPRECIATION

To **Earl and Eleanor Enge, Jean Chulak, Katya and Tom Taylor, Richard and Ellen Dempsey, Kathryn Hansman-Spice, Barbara Sterling, Sheila Meehan, Joan Patterson, Julie Golding, Megan Bakan, Elinor Elfner and Laura and Barney Cook** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings September 23-October 28.



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Helping hands are desperately needed for our nursery/preschool kids. We have had large numbers of kids under the age of 4 in the nursery on Sundays. This is great, but a little hard on our nursery care provider, especially when many of the kids need a potty break at the same time! Helpers are needed to read stories, help put puzzles together, pour juice, clean up spills, push swings, etc. Great physical strength is not necessary, but a desire to see the smile on a child's face is. Please consider giving one Sunday a month or whenever you can spare one to our littlest UUCT-ers! Contact Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, Nursery Care Provider (sgeraci10@aol.com or 877-6301).

To **Barbara Gearheart, Sharon Chackerian, Julie Douthit, Linda Winn-Brown, Jennifer Carver, Joanne Taylor and Annette Pearce** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, September 23 - October 23.

To the **Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUUs)** who helped set up chairs for the October 21 service.

To **Tom Chase and Dave Harvey** for clearing brush in the parking areas and installing a new dimmer switch.

To **Dave Harvey** for locating the part needed and repairing the leak in the water fountain.

To **Susan Snyder, Barbara Hogan, Melissa Forgey and Kelley Turnage** for volunteering in the nursery.

To **Jerri Wagner** for his ceaseless, untiring energy and work at clean-up and organization in the kitchen during Sunday coffee hours and potlucks.

To **Paul DeWalt** for donating his professional services to tune the sanctuary piano.

To **Barney and Laura Cook and Tom Chase** for folding the Sunday orders of service and inserting the UU United Nations Office brochures, for the service on October 14.

To **everyone who** gave to the UU United Nations Office. \$1,166.00 was collected.

To **Trudy Deyle** for pinch hitting for Kathie Mackie while she was away visiting her son.

To **Billy Mackie** for spending a Saturday morning assembling the beautiful & practical new desk in the church office.

To **Joan Patterson** for hosting a double-seating luncheon for our older members on October 24 and for hosting the new member breakfast on October 28.

To **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver and Margaret and Neil Mooney** for donating all or part of their federal tax rebates for new sanctuary chairs.

To **Jim Dawson** for accepting appointment to the vacant position of Board Member-at-Large.

To **Ludy Goodson** for volunteering to be Social Activities Chairperson.

To **President-Elect Jennifer Carver** for spending a week at FL District Leadership School preparing for her year of being Board President.

To **Pauline Masterton and Rod and Jan Oldenburg** for hosting the High School class on Sunday mornings during September and October.

And a special Thank-You to the **congregation** from Music Director Helen Falb for the calls, cards, flowers, prayers and thoughts following her father's death.

## YARD SALE A BIG SUCCESS!!!

*By Joan Patterson*

Our **VERY, VERY BIG YARD SALE** which was held on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of a lot of members and friends. **We netted \$2,100!**

Thanks to the following who sorted, labeled, and priced on Friday, and/or helped or sold on Saturday: **Susan Angel, Lois Ann Bloom, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, Tim Campbell, Beryl Cassiday, Jennifer Carver, Beth Cavano, Sharon Chackerian, Tom Chase, Dinah Clegg, Jean and Joe Chulak, Ellen Dempsey, DeLos DeTar, Pat Donnellan, Pat Farris, Lisa Hamilton, Erin Hamilton, Kathryn Hansman-Spice, Barbara Hines, Mimi Jones, Peggy Lentz, Barbara Lineberry, Margaret Mooney, Howard Pardue, Joan Patterson, Marianne Peters, Byron Spice, Victor Venos, Jerri Wagner, Linda Winn, and Yvonne Worden.**

Special thanks to **Mary Bridges** (and her truck), **Margaret Mooney, Victor Venos, and Jerri Wagner** for going to homes and picking up large items of furniture on Friday morning; to **Ellen Dempsey** who helped sort and label on Friday, returned early on Saturday to serve as cashier and stayed until the doors closed at 1:30 PM; and to **Ben Beldock, Bruce Brandt, DeWayne Carver, Richard Chackerian, Tom Chase, RC Mitchell, Evan Szumowski, Rob Szumowski, and Steve Urse**, for truly "saving the day" when the Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store truck failed to show up to pick up the left-over items. In the pouring rain, they loaded up Bruce's truck, delivered the items, and then returned to help clean up the sanctuary. Guys, you are our UUCT heroes!

This was truly a church-wide effort. There were so many of you who donated things to sell that we couldn't name everyone, but without all those

wonderful items -- furniture, toys, tools, household items, appliances, clothing, exercise equipment, books and baked goods, just to name a sampling -- there would not have been a sale. Our thanks to all of you who brought items to sell and to those of you who came to buy.

This was the first year that we had craft booths, and we are so appreciative of our crafters:

**Kathie and Holly Mackie** who sold homemade soaps, candles, stepping stones and bead jewelry; and **Bonnie Green and Lerena Fleck** who sold stained glass, pottery, jewelry and delightful little American flag pins made by Bonnie's 7 year old son.

We have receipts available for those who donated, so if you didn't get a receipt and want one, please contact Joan Patterson, 309-1248. Also, apologies if we left anyone out of the above acknowledgements.

Editor's Note: **And the biggest thank you of all to Joan Patterson who provided the leadership and organization for this successful event!**

## AUTUMNFEST APPRECIATIONS

*By Will Adkins*

**IT WAS A COLD, DARK, SPOOKY AUTUMN NIGHT**-- lit only by the waxing-to-full "Blue Halloween moon" -- that got turned into a very warm & friendly, Stars-&-Stripes flying, Jack-O-Lanterns glowing, & fun-filled evening at UUCT, thanks to the many UUs who helped to set up, or came out to, our rare (first since 1984) UU Autumnfest Halloween Party/ Poetry & Music Coffeehouse on October 27.

The church was transformed into a "Hall of American Peace-Lovers' Patriotism" and a spooky "Haunted House" for kids-- along with a spider dust, pumpkin-lit "Halloween Tree" outside the House.

Thanks to **Kathie, Billy, and Holly Mackie and Corinne Hauck** for

creating the Halloween Tree, to **John Murphy and Tim Campbell** for setting up the Sanctuary and a special sound-system, hanging the many American flags, etc., to **Joan Patterson** for the Jack-O-Lantern contests, to **Melissa Angel (aka "Harry Potter")** and her friend **"Sprite" (Kayla)** for running the coffeehouse kitchen and food entertainment, and to all the college students from **the UU University Group** who created the spookiest, most ghoulish, scariest Haunted House ever. They were **Bryn Samuels, Katie Chamberlain, Kim Ross, Lisa Jackson, Phillip Lawson, Buddy Barber, Jere, Amy Menard, Scott Darley and Campus Minister, Kim Ross**. And to **Barbara Hogan and Marcia Murray** for helping with clean-up.

Thanks to all the **UU families, with children, and friends of UUCT**, who came out to share in the mirth and fun (and spookiness) of a Halloween night! Special thanks to "poets" -- haikuist **Katya Taylor**, philosopher **Tom Taylor**, Sweet-Liberty-voice **Allen Turnage**, city poets **Julian Roberts and Sally Roberts**, to young 2+ yr-old poet-singer **Isaac Bakan** (in the arms of his mother Megan), to old time WWII storyteller **John Murphy**, to singers **Ludy Goodson and Corine Samwel** for their many songs about peace and war, and to grand-harpist **Jamie Gossett**, who performed classical musical pieces sad and glad -- to all who spoke, sang, and played, to help us to cry and find our humanity in this time of war! And thanks to **Tom and Katya** for the loving "Peace Dance" at the end of our evening together.

Editor's Note: **And a big thank you to William Adkins for conceiving of and organizing this event!**

P.S. - A song heard and sung along to at the coffeehouse honored the September 11 victims. To hear *Eternal Flame*, go to <http://www.copleys.com/skipwest/welcome.html>.

# LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NEXT YOUTH RE  
COMMITTEE MEETING:  
Sunday, November 4, 9:45 AM**

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

**PLEASE REGISTER!** If you have not yet registered your children or youth for Youth Religious Education, please stop by the Sunday RE table to do so. All children from babies to teens should be registered. If needed, scholarships are available to cover the registration fee (\$20 for one child, \$30 for two, \$35 for three or more). Contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

**OUR CURRICULUM.** The curriculum for this year includes series on justice, earth-based spirituality, and the UU principles. All classes, kindergarten through middle school, cover the same material, using age appropriate lessons. The High School class covers an eclectic mix of topics based on issues important to today's teens. See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for each age grouping, as well as descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

**FUN DAY.** The Sunday morning of Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, will be a Fun Day for the Kindergarten through Middle School classes. There will be games and special activities. The High School class will not meet that day.

**KIDS' FUN NIGHT/PARENTS' NIGHT OUT.** Hey, Parents...now's your chance to get some early holiday shopping done or have that date you've been thinking about! On Friday, November 9, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., bring your kids to UUCT for games, movies, and pizza...and you're free to leave! Adult supervision will be provided. Kids can bring games to share (please... games that more than one person can play, no *Game Boys*). We're asking for a \$3 donation for the pizza. If you're interested in having your kids participate, sign up with Maggie Geraci, DRE, at the RE table.

**SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.** This year, UUCT will be presenting a Christmas intergenerational service called "Spirit of the Christmas Tree" during regular Sunday services on December 23. This service celebrates the Christmas nativity story from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. The children of our church will be involved in this service, so make plans to attend this special event!

To help prepare the children for their part in this service, beginning on Sunday, November 4, children will not be attending the beginning of the service. Instead, they will be meeting for 15 minutes with Fran Bridges, Song leader, to learn the songs involved in this special service. After song practice, they will go to their regular RE class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact DRE Maggie Geraci ([DREMaggie@aol.com](mailto:DREMaggie@aol.com), 877-6301).

**LET'S GO TOGETHER!!** Are you anxiously anticipating the opening of the new Harry Potter Movie?? Do you want to share in the excitement with a group of your friends from UUCT?? If so, contact Fran Bridges ([fran@zseminoles.com](mailto:fran@zseminoles.com), 894-2965). If there's enough interest, we'll get together on Saturday, November 17, to go to a matinee showing.

**ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP.** Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community. Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; [DREMaggie@aol.com](mailto:DREMaggie@aol.com)).

## YRUU

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is our youth-led group for 12 - 20 year olds.

**Meetings** - Every Sunday evening, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, UUCT Room 4. Members take turns planning and leading meetings.

**Thank You** - To Rod Oldenburg for volunteering as an advisor for the YRUU lock-in on October 19 and to advisors DeWayne and Jennifer Carver for all they do, including advising for the lock-in and Youth Cons!

**Bowl-a-Thon** - To raise money for their activities and travel to Youth Cons, YRUU will have a bowl-a-thon fund raiser on Sunday, November 18 during their regular meeting time. Please consider making a pledge to one of our dynamic young people when asked!

**CONferences** - YRUU members\* can go to Florida District CONs (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONs. (\*YRUU members come to meetings, but not necessarily every single meeting.) See the list of CONs below.

### Florida District CONs:

- \* November 9-11 Jacksonville
- \* December 7-9 Social Action
- \* January 18-20 Gainesville
- \* February 1-3 Spirituality Con
- \* February 22-24 Lakeland
- \* March 8-10 Social Action
- \* April 12-14 Youth Caucus
- \* April 19-21 Vero Beach

**Mountain CONS:** Registration forms for Mountain CONs will need to be sent in immediately after the church receives them to be able to secure the limited spots at these popular events.

- \* *January 18-20* Jr High
- \* *February 8-10* Sr High
- \* *February 22-24* Sr High

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

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

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

### UPCOMING CLASSES

***Building Your Own Theology I & II.*** Facilitated by Rev. Harold Hawkins, and to begin as soon as can be arranged, based on convenience of enrollees. A classic program for UUs to develop, understand, and articulate their own religious beliefs and values. Contact Harold (893-1331 or revhlhawk@aol.com).

***Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.*** A new series of eight gatherings will begin in January. Evensong participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. Contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075 or smeehan@hklaw.com).

***Jesus' Sayings.*** Facilitated by Sara Reece, the class will meet Thursdays, November 8 and 15 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This is an opportunity to learn how to interpret Jesus' sayings, using the "Jesus Seminar" translations, as well as many new resources translated from Aramaic (Jesus' native tongue). Contact Sara (309-1933 or sarareece@earthlink.net).

***New UU Sessions.*** Facilitated by Rev. Amy and Rod Oldenburg on Wednesdays, November 7 and 14 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, these sessions offer an opportunity for newcomers to explore the history, philosophy and policies of our congregation and denomination, as well as to share a little about their own spiritual journeys. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

***Our Evolving Psyche.*** Scheduled for Tuesdays, November 6, 13 and 20 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM and facilitated by Pauline Masterton, this class will review several intriguing models of human psycho-spiritual development and examine some practical models for accelerating our own total growth. Specific topics will be: The Evolving Psyche - Exploring the Biggest Pictures, One Frame for Understanding, and Contexts for Transformation. Expanded versions of Pauline's sermon on *The Biggest Picture* are available for \$2/copy, with proceeds going to Adult Enrichment. Contact Pauline (385-2879 or paulinemrm@aol.com).

### OPEN PARTICIPATION

***Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:45 -10:45 PM.*** The forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested. On November 11, Richard Dempsey will lead a discussion on "Russia's Great Failed Experiment". Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program, with the November 18 topic being "Tallahassee's Spray Field". If you have ideas for programs, contact Norene Chase (422-1985) to schedule.

***Bible Study.*** On-going every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the home of Del and Patty DeTar, 1912 Sharon Rd. (385-3332). Each evening begins by watching two half-hour videos by Amy-Hill Levine on the Old or New Testament. Discussion follows. Join the group at any time; each evening stands alone.

***UU Night at the Movies.*** There will be numerous movies and videos for viewing and discussing throughout the year. Dates and times TBA.

***Women's Spirituality Group.*** Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

## ZEN-TAO-BUDDHIST SANGHA

*East is East & West is West,  
And when In Peace  
the Twain do meet, it's best! ...*  
So it is with a new UUCT group. "zen-Tao-Buddhist Sangha" -- a new "Beginner's Launch pad into Buddhism" -- a study/discussion/ meditation group, into the teachings & moral insights of The Buddha, of LaoTzu, and including Zen approaches to meditation & enlightenment. Our sangha meets every Sunday morning 9:30 to 10:45 AM -- wherever we can find room -- currently in Pod 3 or outdoors on a back-church ground grassy knoll (weather permitting). This is an informal, guru-less and Master-less, member participatory, come-as-you-are-willing-and-able, nonsectarian & eclectic "community of truth-seekers" [sangha] with a frequent e-mail newsletter "Under the Bo Tree." Open to all, young & old. Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

**On Sunday, November 4, zTB Sangha invites you to join us in a quiet, meditational "Peace Walk Around The Lake" -- at Lake Ella, 9:30 to 10:30 AM.** We'll start at the Black Dog Café deck, walk three loops around the lake, then reconvene at Black Dog to talk. (Bring a favorite Peace-Mantra to recite silently during the walk.) [Note: if raining, we will meet indoors @ Black Dog & reschedule the Peace Walk for Sunday 11/11.]

## UUHUMANISTS & SPEAK OUT

SPEAK\_OUT! and UUHUMANISTS are now turned dormant -- from once-very-active groups -- looking for new leadership to breathe life back into them at UUCT: Are you interested in leading? Contact Board member: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785). A note from Will Adkins: "Thanks to everyone who participated in these two groups, & events, in the last year, & I want to express my great pleasure & appreciation for being able to lead these two activities. We might still try to create a Darwin Day Celebration this winter at the church, to highlight the life of Unitarian scientist Charles Darwin & his highly controversial theory of "Evolution by Natural Selection." This would be on Sunday 10 Feb 2002."

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

*By Kim Ross*

University Unitarian Universalists meet on Tuesday evenings at 8 PM at the International Center on FSU's Campus (107 S. Wildwood) for discussion and fellowship. They also meet for coffee hour on Fridays at 6 PM at the Black Dog Café on Lake Ella. All students and young adults (as well as those young at heart) are invited to join us for either event. In November, we will also be preparing and serving the Cold Night Shelter meal on November 12th. For information about these and other activities, contact Kim Ross (385-6856 or 443-4361 or kim@cennexus.com).

We extend a special thank you to all of those who have made our Friends of Campus Ministry campaign so successful, as well as to Jean and Dexter Easton for the loan of their beach house for our Fall retreat.

## UUCT MOUNTAIN RETREAT

AUG. 30 - SEPT. 2, 2002

Interested in getting away to *The Mountain* near Highlands, NC?

**Activities:** Our UU Retreat welcomes singles, couples and families. Activities will be planned for all ages - recreation, community building, free time, spirituality, family fun, and much more! Your input is welcome. Contact the program coordinators (see below).

**Deposit:** We will be sending a deposit in mid-November. To reserve your spot, send \$20 for each adult, checks only, payable to UUCT. (*On the memo line write: Mountain Retreat Deposit.*) **Please give your check to Rod Oldenburg, by November 15th**, as he is handling the contract with *The Mountain*. Provided that UUCT does not break the contract, your deposit can be refunded after the Retreat, or if you choose, donated to *The Mountain* or to the UUCT Retreat account for future retreats. (You may decide this later.)

**Cost:** The cost for housing (3 nights) and 8 meals, for the three day week-end, Friday supper until Monday breakfast, is approximately: \$214 per adult (double occupancy) or \$193 per adult (multiple occupancy), \$95 per youth (12-17), and \$45 per youth (4-11), with children 0-3 free. (These are discount prices for those who register early next spring.)

### **Contacts for Questions:**

Overall Coordinator, Rosa Morgan (668-0885)

Finances/Contract, Rod Oldenburg (297-0391)

Program, Byron Spice (668-6109) and Tim Campbell (386-7085)

We're really excited and look forward to this week-end with you!

## THE MOUNTAIN

*By Jean Chulak  
Mountain Ambassador*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

#### **The Gifts of the Solstice December 20-23 (Thu-Sun)**

Each day's program will honor one of the four elements and the four directions. Childcare will be provided during some portions of the program; others will be intergenerational.

#### **Light in the Dark: Christmas December 23-26 (Sun-Wed)**

A simple, intergenerational celebration of Christmas.

#### **New Years at The Mountain December 28-January 1 (Fri-Tue)**

Explore the implications of interdependence and sustainability. Programming for youth of all ages.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Volunteer Host Training January 11-13 (Fri-Sun)**

Interested in volunteering as a program host? The weekend is free, but you will be asked to commit to hosting on one or more weekends during 2002. Full details are in the blue notebook on the back counter.

#### **Adult CON January 25-27 (Fri-Sun)**

Join the Mountain staff and guest workshop leaders for the first-ever Adult CONference. Morning and afternoon workshops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about specific programs - including the many ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAMS scheduled for the fall and spring - or about *The Mountain* itself, see the bulletin board and/or blue notebook on the back counter or contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838. [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).



# OUR CONGREGATION

## OUR MISSION

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Christina Adams  
LaRae Donellan & Pat Donnellan  
Barbara Hines  
Dorothy Mann  
Kathleen McNamara  
Jane McPherson & Dan Vitkus  
Mary Stewart  
Cheryl Ward

## MEMBERSHIP

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

## UUCT NAME TAGS

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as “HOST”. New members will be given nametags. Others may order them by contacting the office (\$3.50 each).

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, January 27, 2002  
during the service.

## DINNERS

*Dinners for 8* is adults only, with all parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and their children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of our congregation. Hosts are still needed for occasional or once-a-month dinners, through May. You set the menu and provide the main dish; your guests bring the rest. (And you may also sign-up as a guest for dinners others are hosting!) Guest sign-up sheets for specific dates are on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families with Children*.

## BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

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

## UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

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

# JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Helen, Marty, Nate and Alex Falb.**  
Helen's father died in October.

**Jean and Dexter Easton** as they cope with Jean's illness and hospitalization. Jean is now at Tandem (formerly The Arbors) on Phillips Road.

## UUCT CONTACT CHANGES

### Board Member at Large

Jim Dawson (383-1213)

### Social Activities Chair

Ludy Goodson (531-9819)

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Amy McKenzie's office hours at church:** Monday & Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. *These and others by appointment.*

E-Mail: revamq@earthlink.net  
Home Study: 383-9186  
Cellular Phone: 850-566-1388

**Kathie Mackie**, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

**Helen Falb**, Music Director, 309-6853; helen@townbeacon.com

**Maggie Geraci**, Director of Religious Education, 877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com

**Kim Ross**, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 443-4361; kim@cennexus.com

**Scott Geraci**, Nursery Worker, 877-6301; sgeraci10@aol.com

## CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01).....	158
Current Membership.....	175
Current Youth Membership.....	2
Current Number of Friends.....	39
RE Enrollment.....	82

## THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

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

# GREEN SANCTUARY

*By Ed Oaksford, Chairperson*

**SOLAR SYSTEM TOUR.** On Wednesday October 10, 2001, 10 UUCTer's and their friends, family, and colleagues were treated to a wonderful tour of the 10 Kilowatt Photovoltaic Solar Electric System at the Trousdell Aquatic Center on John Knox Rd. Bryan Kervin the project coordinator for the project led the tour and answered all our questions. Look for photos and a blurb in our Green Sanctuary Notebook at the rear of the church.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT.** In the near future Green Sanctuary Committee members will be giving the entire church an environmental audit as outlined in our Green Sanctuary Manual. This is just a heads up so you can be on your "Greenest Behavior". Our in-house GS Auditors will be examining all facets of our church operation to see how effectively our church is living up to the standards presented in the Green Sanctuary Manual and providing each of our church committees and their responsible VP on the Board with kudos for all those things we're doing well and recommendations for all those things we might be able to improve. Stay tuned.

## GREEN CORNER

*By Bob Deyle*

More on energy saving appliances: Here are a few tips on refrigerators, which can be responsible for about 12% of home energy use. Information sources include the [www.energyhawk.com](http://www.energyhawk.com) website (Energy Hawk), the 2001 annual listing of energy-efficient appliances from the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE), and the Earth Communications Office (ECO) website.

If you're in the market, look for an Energy Star® label to identify the more energy-efficient models. Federal efficiency standards first took effect in 1993. Stricter standards went into effect July 1, 2001 (ACEEE).

Models where the refrigerator and the freezer are side-by-side use more energy than the ones with the freezer on top. For example, side-by-side refrigerator-freezers in the 19.5 to 22.4 cubic foot (cu ft) size range use 606-608 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year (kWh/yr) compared to 440-485 kWh/yr for top freezer models in the 18.5 to 20.4 cu ft range and 463-515 kWh/yr for top-freezer models in the 20.5 to 22.4 cu ft range. Designer built-in fridges can use more energy too.

A good rule of thumb is the larger the model, the more energy it uses. The most efficient models tend to be in the 16-20 cubic feet range.

Automatic icemakers and water/ice dispensers on the outside of the door consume more energy. Automatic defrosters use more electricity than manual ones, but only if you defrost the manual ones regularly (whenever there is ¼ inch of ice or frost). Otherwise you're using more energy once the coils ice up. Plus, it is getting pretty hard to find manual defrosters now anyhow.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE UUCT MAKES DONATIONS TO ECHO'S NEW APARTMENTS

A few days before the yard sale, word was received from Rev. Amy and the Social Concerns Committee that ECHO Outreach Ministries was in need of items for their new apartments for no-longer-homeless families located at Magnolia and South Monroe. Since so many nice things had been donated for the yard

sale, Joan Patterson and Tom Chase selected some things that were on ECHO's wish list, prior to the sale -- things like lamps, bed linen, towels, dishes, glasses and small household appliances. Special thanks to Tom for loading these goodies into his trusty VW van and delivering them to ECHO. We trusted that this would be okay with our donors.

Incidentally, ECHO is still in need of furniture, such as twin or bunk beds, bed linens, chests, night stands, toiletries, paper goods, dishes, kitchen utensils and small kitchen appliances. Small things may be placed in the ECHO box, which is in the hall near the church kitchen, under the mailboxes. Tom and Norene Chase, with Annette Pearce as back up, deliver these things to ECHO on a periodic basis. If you have larger items to donate, please call ECHO at 224-3246.

## UUCT DEATH PENALTY RESOLUTION

In January, UUCT members will consider a resolution on a "Moratorium on the Death Penalty". The draft resolution, as developed by a committee consisting of Sandy Smith, Steve Urse, and Norene Chase, follows. The draft will be reviewed by the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee at their November 13 meeting. (All interested members of the congregation are welcome.) Agreed-upon changes will be made in the resolution, with the final draft considered by the congregation at a January discussion meeting. Call Sandy (297-0012), Norene (422-1985) or Steve (385-2864) for more information.

## Resolution on a Moratorium of the Death Penalty

**WHEREAS**, capital punishment violates our principle of the inherent worth and dignity of every person by failing to acknowledge that at the core of every living person lies a human soul worthy of respect and dignity, no matter what she or he may have done; and

**WHEREAS**, capital punishment violates our principle of justice, equity and compassion in human relations, by discriminating against the minorities and the poor; and

**WHEREAS**, it has not been proved that fear of capital punishment is a deterrent to crime; and

**WHEREAS**, modern justice should concern itself with rehabilitation, not retribution; and

**WHEREAS**, human judgments are not infallible, and no penalty should be used which cannot be revoked in case of error; and

**WHEREAS**, the act of execution of the death penalty by government sets an example of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association has concluded that administration of the death penalty is "a haphazard maze of unfair practices with no internal consistency" and has called for a moratorium on executions.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Tallahassee, Florida calls on the Governor and our state representatives, and President Bush and our representatives in Congress, to enact and adopt legislation imposing a moratorium on executions at least until this state and nation implement policies and procedures which:

\*Ensure that death penalty cases are administered fairly and impartially in accordance with basic due process.

\*Eliminate the risk that innocent persons may be executed by mandating that the state provide DNA testing and other newly developed scientific methods of examining case evidence for an unlimited time period for all defendants including those who have pled guilty or no contest.

\*Prevent the execution of mentally disabled persons and persons who were under the age of 18 at the time of their offenses including those defendants who are currently on death row or sentenced to death in the future.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, our state representatives, President Bush and our representatives in Congress.

## FACILITIES UPDATE

*By Trudy Deyle, CIC Chairperson*

**PERMITTING.** We are going through two permitting-related processes simultaneously. The first is a zoning change from Residential Preservation to PUD (Planned Unit Development), as required now for community services, including churches. This process has three decision levels: staff, Planning Commission and City Commission. We passed the first level in early October, with the contingency that the minimum acreage requirement for PUDs would need to be lowered before the zoning change could take effect. And indeed in late October, the acreage requirement was lowered by the City Commission from five to three acres.

The other two levels of decision-making have been advertised publicly and also to neighbors within a 525' notification boundary surrounding our property. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on November 5 and

then make a recommendation to the City Commission. The City Commission will hold a public hearing on November 28, with a final decision on the zoning change made then or postponed to a definite other date.

At the same time, we are going through a permitting process for our master site plan, as updated by the civil engineer to meet permitting requirements. Only one decision-making level is required for the site plan. Our civil engineer is currently working to resolve several concerns raised by City staff; we expect to resolve these concerns and receive a final decision on the site plan in late November. As soon as the zoning change and site plan are approved, we will proceed with applying for an environmental permit.

### **SITE WORK BIDS & PHASE ONE PLANS.**

Once the environmental permit is received in early January, site work can begin on construction of the water retention area, drainage improvements, the driveway and parking reconfiguration, and the building pad for the Phase One building. Our Construction Manager is currently soliciting site work bids from sub-contractors, and the CIC will be reviewing these soon. Our architect is beginning work on the detailed plans for the Phase One building, starting with "value engineering" conferences with mechanical/electrical and structural consultants, our Construction Manager and possible sub-contractors. (Actual sub-contractors will be picked through a bidding process.) The purpose of value engineering is to develop the best alternatives to meet the client's needs, within the budget available.

### **INTERIM SANCTUARY**

**IMPROVEMENTS.** Meanwhile, the CIC is continuing to work on researching possibilities for interim sanctuary improvements: new carpet

for aesthetics and sound absorption, new chairs for increased comfort and to replace broken ones, and possible window treatments for sound absorption and energy efficiency (with use of these to be optional for each, individual sanctuary use).

## SINGING EVENTS SONGS OF HEALING, SONGS OF PEACE

*'Tis a song, a sigh, of the weary.  
Hard times, hard times, come again  
no more.*

*Everyday you will linger, all around  
my door.*

*Oh hard times, come again no more.  
Oh hard times, come again no more.*

Stephen Foster

These are hard times indeed, and in times like these, sometimes it helps to lift our voices in song. In October, a small group began convening every other Monday night in the sanctuary at 7:30 to do just that. To sing. Just sing. Those who came said it helped them feel better to sing. So let the songs continue. Songs like Stephen Foster's Hard Times (quoted above), hymns and old gospel tunes, peace songs of the sixties, patriotic songs, old rock and roll, whatever songs we're inspired to sing. Singer, songwriter and Blues Guru Sir Charles Atkins played for us in October and enjoyed it so much, he's offered to come back whenever we need him.

"Songs of Healing, Songs of Peace" will continue this month on **Monday, November 5 and Monday, November 26 at 7:30 PM**. Please join us in healing through song. Bring a song or two of your own, bring an instrument if you play one, bring a friend, your mother, your child, or a neighbor. We all need the healing...sometimes singing is the way.

*My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation. Through  
all the tumult and the strife I hear  
the music ringing. It sounds an echo  
in my soul. How can I keep from  
singing.*

Early Quaker song

For more information, contact Beth Cavano (933-5400, 385-3399, or BHCavano@aol.com).

## ABOUT OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Christina Adams** moved to Tallahassee in August, was looking for a church, attended a UUCT Sunday service, and "met quite a few really nice people". She has gotten involved with the choir and the University UUs. She hopes UUCT will give her the opportunity to meet new people and get involved with the community.

**Dorothy Mann** is a returning UUCTer. She joined our congregation in the early 1960s while searching for a church with a liberal outlook in terms of the civil rights struggle. Her two children attended Youth RE during the early days here on Meridian Road. She has been thinking of re-joining for awhile and says that now seems like the right time. She is originally from Texas, and her husband, who is on the FSU Chemistry faculty, is from West Virginia. Sunday is their day together, and they enjoy bicycling and the great outdoors. Dot also is a quilter and a member of the local League of Women Voters.

**Kathleen McNamara** is a family practice resident at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. She grew up as a UU in Orlando, Florida. Her hobbies are bird-watching and reading science fiction. She hopes UUCT can provide a place to grow spiritually and intellectually.

**Jane McPherson** is currently a full-time mother, chauffeur, school volunteer and gardener. Previously, she worked for 6 years as a counselor at the American University in Cairo. Husband **Dan Vitkus** is an Assistant Professor of English Literature at FSU, specializing in Shakespeare and Renaissance drama. They joined their first UU church 4 years ago in Melbourne, Florida. Their children attend Gilchrist Elementary; Nathaniel is in first grade and Ursula in Kindergarten. They all enjoy biking to church.

**Mary Stewart** is an environmental lawyer and science teacher who is currently a stay-at-home mom rearing daughters Morgan 5 and Madeline 3 and home-schooling Morgan. Husband Sam Spiegel was the former Education Director of the Magnet Lab and is now developing educational materials for TSI. Mary has been attending UUCT off and on for seven years and is one of the teachers in the 5-6 year-old Explorers class. She is an avid "newshound".

**Cheryl Ward** is on the FSU Anthropology Department faculty. She moved here from Galveston, Texas in 2000, along with sons Duncan and David Haldane, ages 12 and 17, and husband Jon Stern, a marine biologist at FSU. Before Galveston, they lived in a variety of places, including Egypt and Turkey. Cheryl hopes UUCT will provide a stimulating environment for the pursuit of the potentials of the human spirit.

Note: Information in December on new members LaRae and Pat Donnellan and Barbara Hines.

# UUCT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, NOVEMBER 2001

To receive the "latest news" on changes in the social activities calendar, send your email address to Ludy Goodson at [ludy8@juno.com](mailto:ludy8@juno.com) or call Christina Adams 297-1627. To make suggestions for other events, also call Christina.

**Open invitation to bridge.** Contact Bob Kenon, 878-3645.

**Film discussion,** TBA. A group is being formed to get-together monthly to attend a currently-running movie, followed by refreshments and discussion. Contact Dixon Chandler 219-9604 or [dchandler@nettally.com](mailto:dchandler@nettally.com).

**Dance Lessons** at American Legion Hall (Lake Ella): Mon 5:30 p.m., mambo, foxtrot, \$5; Tues 5:30 p.m., ballroom, swing, \$5; Wed, 7:00 p.m., various dances \$6 until 8:00 p.m., then swing dance, \$3, no partner. For more information about Wed night dance, contact Victor Venos, 877-7242.

Early November, TBA, Tallahassee Little Theater, "**A Raisin in the Sun**", 8:00 p.m. performances, \$12 adults, \$10 students. Contact Steve Urse, 385-2879 or Ludy Goodson 531-9819.

Nov 4, Sun, **Apocalypse Now Redux**, 2:30 p.m. (3 hrs. 15 min.), Miracle 5. Dinner and discussion after for those interested. Contact Steve Urse 385-2879.

Nov 3, Sat, and Nov 16, Fri, **Irish Music at "The Warehouse"**. Free. Call Victor Venos, 877-7242, for more information or contact Christina Adams 297-1627.

Nov 10, 7:00 p.m., **Old Time Dance**, American Legion Hall (Lake Ella). No partner, no experience needed. Call Victor Venos 877-7242 for more information.

Nov 12, Mon, Veteran's Day, **Canoe Trip, Chipola River.** Depart from Service Merchandise at Tallahassee Mall, 8:30 a.m. Contact Steve Urse 385-2879.

Nov 13-16<sup>th</sup>, Tues-Fri (one of these days TBA), 8:00 p.m., **Days of Dance**, Nancy Fichter Theater @ Montgomery gym. Jennifer Handel choreographs. Contact Steve Urse 385-2879.

Nov 17, Sat, "**Singles Party**", 7:00 p.m., 2416 Old St. Augustine Road, #211. Bring dish and beverage. Contact Bob Kenon, 878-3645.

Nov 22, Thurs, **Thanksgiving Day** with friends and members at **UUCT**. (See details in Meridian.)

\*\*\*Nov 25, come **plan social activities calendar for December and January**, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 2113 Charter Oak Drive. Bring snack and beverage. Contact Ludy Goodson at 531-9819 or [ludy8@juno.com](mailto:ludy8@juno.com).\*\*\*

Nov 26, Mon, **Yoga tune-up session**, 7:00 p.m., 3322 W. Lakeshore Drive (Pauline Masterton's home). Bring blanket, large towel, or mat. Contact Ludy Goodson 531-9819.

Early Dec, **Lab theater production** at Conradi Studio Theater, date TBA. Look for announcement.

## TWO SERVICES?

Tired of having to search for a seat at Sunday services? Interested in attending church services earlier in the day or even another day? Come to a **Congregational Discussion meeting on Sunday, November 4, at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary** to give your ideas and opinions about the possibility of having two worship services at UUCT. We will be forming a task force to further explore issues raised at the discussion meeting. Contact Jennifer Carver for more information (402-0622).

## NOVEMBER NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Every Thursday (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Intro. to Zen  
7:15 PM Zen Meditation
- Every Sunday  
6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4)  
7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd  
Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Wednesday (Rm. 2)  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender
- Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3 & 4: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM & 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Urantia Workshop (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Nov. 3: 7:30 PM Peace Dances (Sanctuary)
- Friday, Nov. 9: 6:00 - 10:00 PM;
- Saturday, Nov. 10: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM; Friday, Nov. 16: 6:00 - 10:00 PM; Saturday, Nov. 17: 2:00 - 10:00 PM  
*Christmas Carol on the Air Rehearsals* (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Nov. 10 & 24: 6 PM Spiral Scouts (Rm. 4)
- Monday, Nov. 19: 6:00 PM Sierra Club (Sanctuary)



YOU ARE INVITED  
TO....

THE BAR  
MITZVAH OF

ALEX FALB, SON OF MARTY  
AND HELEN FALB.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24,  
10:00 AM, AT TEMPLE

ISRAEL. *KIDDUSH*  
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING.

PLEASE RSVP, HELEN FALB  
(422-0603).

# NOVEMBER UUCT EVENTS

**TWO SERVICES DISCUSSION, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 12:30 PM.** In the sanctuary. See separate article. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

**SINGING EVENTS, MONDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & 26, 7:30 PM.** See article on page 12. Contact: Beth Cavano (933-5400, 385-3399, or BHCavano@aol.com).

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

**ALL SOULS UU THANKSGIVINGFEST, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1:00 PM.** Our annual Gobble-Hobnobble Thanksgiving Day -- for all "homeless" UUs and their hungry relatives and friends is again happening, in a 30+ year old tradition, started by longtime member, Eleanor Moore — once again this year helped by Wes Van Sciver and Will Adkins.

The merry UU-cornucopia will include Tom-Turkey and his friend, Ham, and a potluck of hot and cold dishes with all the trimmings (including vegetarian dishes), and candles, table decoratives, good intergenerational company and conversation, and music.

Please help us plan our numbers and balances of food -- let us know the tentative size of your party and what you will bring on a Sign-Up List in the Sanctuary in early November. Help needed to set-up tables, chairs, tablecloths, candles, etc. the afternoon before. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071).

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy the fellowship of working together on the chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP TBA.** Covered Dish Luncheon, with date and time TBA. Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

## YOUTH EVENTS

See *Youth RE* (p. 6).

- **YRUU Meets** Sundays, 6-8 PM.
- **Kids Fun Night**, Fri. 11/9, 6-9 PM
- **Movie Outing** (if interest), Sat. 11/17, afternoon
- **YRUU Bowl-a-Thon**, Sun. 11/18, 6-8 PM

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

See *Adult Enrichment* (pg.7).


- **Attachment Parenting Support Group**, Every Tues., 6:00 PM
- **Bible Video & Discussion**, Every Sunday, 7:00 PM

- **Evensong Gatherings**, Thurs. Eves (2nd & 5th in Nov.)
- **Jesus' Sayings**, Thurs. 11/8 and 11/15, 7 PM
- **New UU Sessions**, Weds., 11/7 & 11/14, 7-9 PM
- **Our Evolving Psyche**, Tues. 11/6, 11/13, & 11/20, 7:30 PM
- **Rise Up & Call Her Name**, Thurs. 11/8 & 11/29, 6:30 PM
- **Women's Spirituality**, Every Mon., 7:15 PM

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Open to All Interested*

- **Capital Improvement**, Thurs. 11/8 & 11/29, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- **Finance**, Mon. 11/12, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (385-3332)
- **Green Sanctuary**, Sun. 11/18, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- **Membership**, Mon. 11/26, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- **Program**, Tues. 11/20, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, Tues. 11/13, 7 PM. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647)
- **Social Justice**, Tues. 11/27, 7:15 PM. Contacts: Lorin Pratt (893-3067) & Bonnie Foster (504-2963)
- **Youth RE**, Sun. 11/4, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)



**UUCT BENEFIT: CHRISTMAS CAROL ON THE AIR**

With all our Nation is facing in this uncertain time of strife and war, getting into the "Holiday Spirit" this year may be difficult for us all. So, how 'bout a literal infusion of Spirits of the Dickensian kind... as in the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and ...Yet to Come? **Friday, November 30, at 7:30 PM**, the Nucleus Entertainment Group will offer a special preview performance of its unique rendition of the Dickens classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. Staged as a live radio drama, *A Christmas Carol On the Air*, has been a holiday favorite of Tallahassee theater audiences for 13 years. Come find out why, but be prepared to participate as the "Studio Audience" helps contribute to sound effects of ghostly wails, dragging Marley chains, chiming bells and singing Christmas Carols. Check out the fodder of Great Caesar's Hay and Feed and Jackie Horner's Figgie Pudding at intermission. Donations for the church will be accepted at the door. Guaranteed holiday cheer for children of all ages! Contact: Beth Cavano (933-5400, 385-3399, or BHCavano@aol.com)

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER NOVEMBER

### **DINNERS, THOUGH MAY.**

Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children. See *Our Congregation* page.

### **RILEY HOUSE MUSEUM'S ANNUAL ROCK-A-THON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

Sponsored by the Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC), this is our only fund raiser for Riley House for the year. Their Endowment Campaign of \$360,000 is within \$50,000 of the goal. So sign up any Sunday in November to rock (in a rocking chair) and/or to sponsor a rocker. The sign-up table will be outside, weather permitting. Questions? Call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785). LET'S ROCK!

**UU WINTERFEST, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:30 PM.** Plan to dress warm and festive to join in our annual UU Winterfest Holidays Celebration. Potluck dinner will begin at 7:00 PM (happy hour at 6:30 PM), with entertainment to start at 8:00 PM. Come enjoy music of the season — Madrigal, Yuletide, Hanukkah and Christmas caroling (with sing-alongs) — storytelling from olden days (20th C.) — plus Winter-Solstice sweets, treats and hot wassail. For all ages — especially families and children! To get involved or for more info., contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or wmadkins@infi.net).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 PM.** Our traditional intergenerational service, done again this year with Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church.

**"HEARTBEATS" CONCERT, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:30 PM.** Mark your calendars now to attend this magical UUCT fund raiser celebrating love and romance!

## MORE ON SUNDAY TOPICS

**Nov. 4 - "Honoring the Mystery: The Miracle of Life"**- Rev. Amy and Bob Deyle will conduct the second service in a series that considers ideas from Ursula Goodenough's *The Sacred Depths of Nature* about "religious naturalism" and a scientifically-informed spirituality. To prepare for this service, think about miracles. If miracles are natural rather than brought about by the suspension of the natural ("supernatural"), what miracles have you known? We'll consider acorns, Mozart, primal soup, and worship--they do fit together, really!

**Nov. 11 - "Where Evil is Found"** - Rev. Amy says "I'll be in line for opening night of the Harry Potter movie (at the end of this week). Some people will stay FAR away from the movie, as they have also avoided the books: they think the novels are evil because they help young and old readers imagine a world where witchcraft and wizardry are powerful and teachable. However, when it comes to locating evil, I think that Harry Potter's perspective may help us in our current tribulations. Harry is willing to speak the name of the person who most embodies evil, even though those around Harry hesitate to speak

the name aloud. What empowers evil? (Surely not reading a fun fantasy novel!) And where does evil live?"

**Nov. 18 - Nov. 18 - UUSC Sunday: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"** - "Norene Chase will be our Lay Leader, with Guest Speaker Cindy Huddleston, an attorney with Florida Legal Services. Cindy will address: "Facts about welfare reform and how it has affected poor families in Florida". UUSC has a Welfare and Human Rights Monitoring Project. We will learn more about how welfare reform is working in Florida.

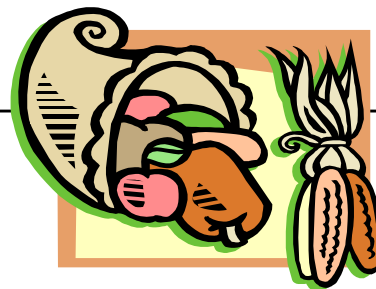
**Nov. 25 - "No More Giving 'til It Hurts: Alternative Gifts and Sane Holidays"** - Learn from those who are giving Alternative Giving a try, for the first year, or as part of a long tradition. Have you wondered: How does December change when your gift list for yourself and your loved ones includes a donation to your favorite charity? What are the pitfalls, and how do young people react? Does simplifying gift giving really return joy and love to this often stressful season? Join Rev. Amy, Elinor Elfner, Peggy Lentz and Linda Oaksford in the discussion as we talk about how to stimulate the economy by bolstering justice, charity and simplicity.

## DISTRICT EVENTS

**ORDINATION CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 4:00 PM, VALDOSTA.** Rev. Amy will deliver the sermon, and the Buckman Bridge UU Society and the UU Church of Valdosta invite our congregation to celebrate the ordination of Jack Ford at the Valdosta Church, 1951 East Park Ave., Valdosta. Dinner will follow the service. RSVP by December 1 to Virginia Branan in Valdosta (229/244-6335) or Kathy Ford in

Jacksonville (904/880-1155). Prior to the service, Jack will lead a nature walk in Grand Bay State Park. (Gather at the church at 12:30 PM.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For sermon titles & "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.	*Details on another page.	For contacts for committees, events, and classes, see appropriate articles inside.		1 7 PM Board (Rm 4)	2 6 PM UU University UUs (off-site)*	3
4 12:30 PM Congregational Discussion* (Sanctuary) 6 PM YRUU 7 PM Bible Study (off-site)*	5 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)* 7:30 PM UU Songs of Healing* (Sanctuary)	6 7:30 PM <i>Our Evolving Psyche</i> * (Sanctuary) 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*	7 7:30 PM Choir (Sanctuary)	8 6:30 PM <i>Rise Up</i> * Class (Rm 5) 6:30 PM <i>Evensong</i> Class (Rm 2)* 7-9 PM <i>Jesus' Saying</i> Class (Rm 6) 7:15 PM CIC (Rm 4)	9 6 PM University UUs (off-site)*	10 Fix a dish for Potluck.
11 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 6 PM YRUU 7 PM Bible Study (off-site)*	12 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)* 7 PM Finance Committee (Rm 4)	13 7 PM RCDC (Rm 4) 7:30 PM <i>Our Evolving Psyche</i> (Sanctuary)* 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*	14 7:30 PM Choir (Sanctuary)	15 7 PM Board (Rm 4) 7-9 PM <i>Jesus' Saying</i> Class* (Rm 6)	16 6 PM University UUs (off-site)*	17 9 AM - 1 PM Workday*
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