

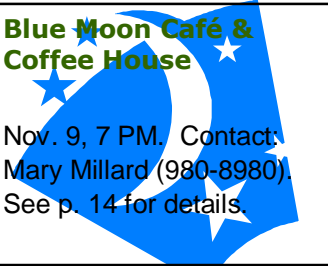
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Every Sunday:

- 9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella November 3 only.)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

**Blue Moon Café & Coffee House**



Nov. 9, 7 PM. Contact: Mary Millard (980-8980). See p. 14 for details.

# The Meridian

## November Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Nov. 3 | UUunity in the CommUUnity

The service will be led by UUCT's Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUUers), our youth group for ages 12 - 20. They will be focusing on different aspects of community and the bonds that hold a community together.

**YRUU Group; Service Associate: Rev. Amy**

### Nov. 10 | A Fire! A Fire! Bring Out Your Fiddle

**And New Member Recognition.** It's our religious duty and spiritual pleasure to help others and to change the world for the better. We know several methods, though some seem more helpful than others. Should we stop making origami peace cranes to send to refugees from Afghanistan because they won't be able to make a livelihood out of the paper...cancel our monthly Shelter meal because they get food for today but will still come back hungry tomorrow and tomorrow...stay away from organized protests because "informing" and "preventing" are quite different...quit legislating aid because assistance goes away if power changes hands? A fiddle may not be the worst tool.

**Rev. Amy**

### Nov. 17 | Working with the UUSC Around the World

This service will focus on the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) mission and service activities. There will be a second collection at this service for UUSC. Guest at Your Table boxes will also be distributed to families and others interested. We'll set them on the tables at home where we eat for daily contributions to the work of UUSC throughout the holiday season -- then return the boxes to church in early January.

**Guest Speaker: Jim Dawson; Lay Leader: Norene Chase**

### Nov. 24 | Three Faiths, Two Fathers, One Religion?

Three: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Two: God and Abraham. One? These faiths are similar but also quite different. What can bring them together? Unitarian Universalists are committed to interfaith cooperation. But sometimes our actions and words grate on our ideals. If you know a family that wrestles with a divisive issue, you know how to discourage or how to encourage interfaith dialogue. **Rev. Amy**

### UUCT Thanksgiving Dinner



**Nov. 28. Look for the sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071)  
Details p. 14.**

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

This building in Cairo, Georgia is ours. Technically. Plus, it has Open Doors, literally; vandals knocked them down. The sun was bright, the day warm, and my heart happy when I visited the old house pictured here. The light in my step came from a sense of belonging, and delight in discovery. This house has been many things over the years. Its current sign reads: Pine Park Community Center but its first ID was the Ward-White Memorial Universalist Church.

I have heard tell of this building before, but didn't visit the site until one of Daniel Patterson Ward's descendants made an appointment with me. Daniel Patterson Ward was a widower who was first married in the Baptist church and then the Methodist church. He lived from 1869–1938 and was a charter member of the now dissolved

Universalist church that bore his name. I wonder what happened?

Inside the sanctuary, now empty of religious architecture, I thought of the pews, the pulpit and the people. In my walk through the threshold over knocked down doors, I didn't feel like I was breaking in. I had permission but it was more than that; it felt like home. I'm not alone in my quest for people and places where I easily belong.

At church for the next couple of months, we'll provide more ways for you to find beloved community. One Sunday, middle school and high school youth (YRUU) will help us celebrate and know the bonds of community. Another Sunday, the University UUs will comfort us with the familiar and challenge us to reach beyond comfort to spiritual

satisfaction. We'll get Guest at Your Table boxes to fill with change as we keep the plight of others very much on The Table.

Gatherings during the week include a "warm" Thanksgiving dinner and a "cool" concert or two. As we volunteer around town, shop for alternative gifts, or go to a quiet symphony or a loud party, we'll run into other church members; I imagine caring connections that will help us thrive.

Our camping trip at Torrey (Nov. 15-17) is open to campers and to people who don't want to camp but would like to visit on Saturday for hiking, talking and eating s'mores!

Do you treat the start of November as a staging ground for the holidays? If so, then both you and I make arrangements and travel plans, resolutions and promises, prayers



and compromises, room for the holy and space for love.

May these things come to pass,

In Faith,

(Rev.) Amy

*Directions to the building: 319 N (T'ville Rd.); left at Hwy 93; right at 2<sup>nd</sup> set of lights in Cairo, GA (First Ave.); right at Hwy 84; at approx. 6 mi., look for building on the left, turn around at convenience store and go back on Hwy 84 to the building on the right.*

## President's Message

By Jennifer Carver

Anyone who's been to UUCT lately will notice a lot of changes! It's exciting to see our new building start to take shape after a long decision-making process and lots of hard work. Your Executive Board continues to work behind the scenes to ensure smooth operations. The Board held a retreat in September and identified some key areas that we'd like to focus on this year, including fostering leadership.

On February 22, 2003, UUCT will host the Florida District Board Meeting. We

will get a chance to show our almost-completed building to others from around the Florida District!

We've all worked very hard over the last couple years to make our dreams come true, so let's take some time now to step back and spend time with each other.

Everybody's returned from their summer vacations, our snowbirds are back in town, and the holidays are getting close. As you know, there are many activities going on at UUCT –

sign up for Dinners for 8 or for Families, join an Evensong group, work toward reducing the environmental footprint of our congregation with the Green Sanctuary committee, come to the Blue Moon Café or the Holiday dinner and celebration. Enjoy some time with your fellow UUCTers!

In Community,  
Jennifer

## Announcements



### Join the Sunday Service Brigade!

Our new sanctuary chairs will be delivered this month! They are shinier, spiffier, and heavier than our current chairs. So we need to put together a Sunday Service Brigade of 8-12 people who will take turns setting up the sanctuary once a month, in groups of 2-3. This will include making sure the chalice and matches are out, the gong or chimes are handy, etc. The set-up could be done Saturday (if the sanctuary was not being used) or first thing Sunday morning before choir practice. This is a great way to get a little exercise before the service and make an important contribution that does not require a great deal of time! Please consider signing up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contacting Program Committee Chair Richard Dempsey (671-2748 or richardd@nettally.com).

### Sunday Service Participation

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

### Calling All Singers:

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

### 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) or Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infi.net). Donations of stock may be made to fulfill your annual pledge, your pledge for the Capital Campaign, or for any special fund 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.

### Mark Your Checks

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

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

- \* **The Sunshine:** Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: [www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/](http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/)
- \* **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- \* **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

### Attention Committees

Committees should begin now to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2003 - 2004. For the Church Council meeting in mid-January with the VP for Finance, you should have put together your program plan narrative, budget request, and any fund raising proposals. Questions? Contact VP for Finance Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infi.net).

### Scholarships to "The Mountain"

Money is available in this year's operating budget for youth and adult scholarships to The Mountain, our UU Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC. Brochures on Mountaincamp 2003 for youth will arrive soon, and registration must be sent in soon after to ensure a spot. Therefore, the **deadline for UUCT scholarship requests for Mountaincamp is Sunday, November 17.** Send a letter stating the amount requested and why to the church, care of the Scholarship Committee. "Camperships" are also available from The Mountain.

Questions? Contact Board President, Jennifer Carver (402-0622), or Director of Religious Education, Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

### Check Out RE Brochure

Stop by the RE table on Sundays to look over and pick up the Lifespan Religious Education brochure. You'll be impressed with how much we have to offer at UUCT for children, youth and adults!

### Alternative Holiday Gifts

Give the gift of a sanctuary chair or suggest one be given to you! Our UUCT alternative gift opportunity will continue for the upcoming holidays! Chairs are \$28.25 without arms and \$33.25 with arms. Look for alternative gift forms at the back of the sanctuary or contact the church office (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

## Appreciation



### To:

- \* **Don Weed, Isabel Sheridan, Richard Dempsey, Sara Reece and Jim Denny, Barbara Sterling, Pam Hoskins, Byron Spice, Carolyn DuBard, Katya Taylor, Ellen and Richard Dempsey, Nancy Bass, and Tim Campbell** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 9/22 - 10/20.
- \* **Helen Falb, Ed Oaksford, Garage Sale Volunteers, Victor Venos, Rod Oldenburg, Nancy Bass, Eleanor Moore, Margaret and Neil Mooney, Allen and Kelley Turnage** for providing hospitality 9/22 - 10/20. And to **Kandy Crowe** for the Halloween Spider cake on 10/27.
- \* **Barbara Solomon, Lorin and Tom Pratt, Sheila Meehan, Jerri Lee Wagner, Byron Spice and Kathryn Hansman-Spice, Earl and Eleanor Enge** for kitchen clean-up 9/22 - 10/20.
- \* **Dave Harvey, Francis Ventre, and Tom Chase** for shoveling and washing the driveway and sidewalk in late September.
- \* **All those who have given toward new sanctuary chairs.** (See the framed list at the front of the sanctuary of those honored or memorialized.)
- \* **Everyone who gave to the UU United Nations Office.** \$139 was collected from the church, with another \$1,806 in membership checks written directly to UU-UNO.
- \* **Jean Chulak** for serving as Mountain Ambassador for the past three years and **Linda Winn-Brown** for agreeing to be our new one.
- \* **Barbara Gearhart** for agreeing to be Dinners for 8 Coordinator.
- \* **Rod Oldenburg** for facilitating the September New UU class along with Rev. Amy.

- \* **Joan Patterson** for serving as Capital Campaign Treasurer from April 2001 - September 2002 and **Jim Dawson** for agreeing to take over the job.
- \* **Dave Haldane, Katie McAuley, Katie Chamberlain, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Director of Religious Education Maggie Geraci and Rev. Amy** for attending the FL District Consultation on Youth in October.

### Thanks to Yard Sale Volunteers

Special thanks to **Maria Mena** for organizing another successful UUCT Yard Sale. We grossed \$2,014!

And thank you to the following helpers: **Mimi Jones, Jerri Lee Wagner, Jean and Joe Chulak, DeLos DeTar, Peggy Lentz, Nancy Harvey, Dexter Easton, Byron Spice and Kathryn Hansman-Spice, Susan Snyder, Beryl Cassiday, Holly Mackie, Joy Halstead, Joan Patterson, Don Weed and Judith Webb, Will Adkins, Mary Ventre, Sharon Chackerian** (especially for clean-up), **Helen Falb** (especially for clean-up), **Mary Millard** (sign-making and clean-up), and **Beth Cavano** (clean-up).

Special thanks to YRUU Youth for selling coffee and cookies: **Katie McAuley, Kayla Szumowski, Evan Szumowski, Ethan Deyle, and Dave Haldane.** And to **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver** for making coffee and taking care of cookie/coffee sales.

Special thanks to **Earl and Eleanor Enge** for cleaning up the kitchen at the end of the day. And to anyone we may have missed who helped with the yard sale, a big thank you!

### Shelter Meal Thanks

These thanks are long overdue. Since May, three teams of volunteers have shopped for, cooked, and served the Shelter meal each second Monday. Many have helped several times, often on short notice. And Mary Bridges' parents, **Bob and Brenda Glenn**, are not even members; they just love to serve each month. Many children have been involved, both in cooking and in serving. Fran and Mary Bridges' children **Zachary and Anna Bridges** often make the cookies. Here's the list; if I have omitted anyone, I apologize. Your enthusiasm and dedication are wonderful!

#### Green Team

**Jane and Amelia Anderson, Nina Cline, Dan Damerville, Jim Dawson, John, Barbara, Adam and Preston Donaldson, Mimi Jones, Sandy Smith, Joan Patterson and Erin Hamilton**

#### Red Team

**Kim Ross, and the University UUs campus ministry group**

#### Blue Team

**Laura Cook, Dexter Easton, Janet Kistner and George, Lindsay and Daniel Weaver, Holly Mackie, Margaret, Neil, Austin and Pierce Mooney, Carolyn Pardue, Susan Snyder and Frank and Patrick Deasy, and Deborah Wolfe**

#### As Needed

**Brenda and Bob Glenn, Karen, John and John V Mann, Mary Millard, Marcia Murray, Isabel Sheridan, and Katya and Alana Taylor**

Want to join us? Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785; [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, November 3, 9:30 AM**

- **YOUTH RE CONTACTS:**  
**Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416)**
- **Tina Bush Rester, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (580-6531)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREMaggie@comcast.net)**

#### Curriculum

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

#### Kid's 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, December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, 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.

#### Fun Day

The Sunday morning of Thanksgiving weekend, December 1, will be a Fun Day for the Kindergarten through Middle School classes. There will be games and special activities.

### Would You Like to Hold the Baby? (Christmas Eve)

In a celebration of the season, UUCT will be holding an intergenerational worship service on Christmas Eve. *Would You Like to Hold the Baby* is a spiritual celebration of Christmas, written specifically for Unitarian Universalists. The service celebrates the spiritual truths and metaphorical beauty found in the Nativity story. If you enjoyed *Spirit of the Christmas Tree*, last year's intergenerational Christmas service, you're sure to love *Would You Like to Hold the Baby!*

Preparations are beginning now for this very special service. Folks of all ages and talents are asked to volunteer their time and efforts towards making this a memorable event. If you're interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

#### YRUU (Youth Group)

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

#### FL District CONferences:

- \* Nov. 15 - 17 All Age, Clearwater
- \* Jan. 17 - 19 All Age, Gainesville

#### Mountain Cons (in NC):

- \* December 6 - 8, Sr. High
- \* January 24 - 26, Sr. High
- \* February 7 - 9, Jr. High
- \* February 28 - March 1, Sr. High

#### Other:

- \* January 17 - 19, Jr. & Sr. High - Remembering Martin Luther King, A Call to Action. (Registration deadline 12/16/02).

**For more information,** call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS. CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

##### ***Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.***

New groups starting periodically. In eight gatherings, Evensong participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan or Rev. Amy.

***New UU & Déjà Vu, UU.*** These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next set will be **Wednesdays, November 13 and 20, 7-9 PM** taught by Rev. Amy and Annette Pearce. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

***UUA Study / Action Issue.*** How can Unitarian Universalists respond to the unprecedented opportunities and potentially dangerous environmental, political, and quality-of-life challenge accompanying economic globalization? **Third Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM, through January in Rm 2 and second Mondays, 7 - 9 PM through February in Rm 2.** The study circles will use the book *The Lexus and Olive Tree, Understanding Globalization* by Thomas Friedman. We will learn, discuss, and understand issues about economic globalization and may continue beyond the end dates, with

## Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

further reading and discussion on this complex issue. Thursday facilitator Elinor Elfner (224-3651; eelfner@istal.com) and Monday facilitator Annette Pearce (386-4053). Cost? Book \$15. Available at local book stores.

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

- *Conversations with the Bible: Spiritual Growth for Religious Liberals*
- *Siblings without Rivalry*
- *Evolution of the Psyche: The New Evolving Psyche*
- *The Artist Way: A Spiritual Path - Starts Tuesday, November 12.* Note: Correct Contact information for Facilitator Amy Mann is 222-1420 or amann@tdo.infi.net
- *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity: An Anti-Bias Program for Adults*
- *Faithful Choices - An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values.*



### OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

### zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

Are you a 'Closet' Zen Buddhist? (Or a Zen Buddhist without knowing it?) And do you like rising early on Sunday mornings?

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha at UUCT may be your spot in the universe! We meet to practice half-hour *Zazen* (plus *Kinhin*) meditation, do check-in, and share Readings and Open Discussion on a wide variety of related topics in the history, philosophy, and practice of Zen, Buddhism, the Tao, and their many offshoots in contemporary writings and engagements in modern life. Sangha meets every Sunday morning -- 9 AM to 10:30 AM -- at the church, in Room 2, except for the first Sunday of the month, when we meet at the Black Dog Cafe (deck, inside, or at a nearby lake picnic table, depending on the weather).

If you'd like to learn more, or have any questions, please contact Will Adkins, Sangha coordinator (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu). Also, you may request to receive our quasi-weekly, e-mail newsletter, *under the Bo-tree*.

We share one very popular Zen saying:

*Before a person studies Zen, mountains are mountains and waters are waters; after a first glimpse into the truth of Zen, mountains are no longer mountains and waters are not waters; after enlightenment, mountains are once again mountains and waters once again waters.*

## Campus Ministry Corner

**Campus Ministry Coordinator: Kim Ross (kim@cennexus.com, 877-1972 or 509-0326)**

The University UUs have had a wonderful Fall 2002 so far. We have been meeting weekly for programs and discussion on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at FSU's International Center, 107 S. Wildwood Dr.** Several of our young adults from the group have volunteered to lead a meeting this semester, providing for wide variety of programming and strong leadership. We also meet for **coffee hour at Black Dog Café every Friday at 6:00 PM.**

Many thanks to Dexter Easton for the use of his beach house recently for our Fall retreat. Thanks also to those who helped us prepare and serve the Shelter meal in September when we were short on hands. We enjoyed your presence and participation.

We have been working on expanding to TCC and FAMU. I have been participating on the Campus Ministry Board at FAMU since the summer. We are beginning to publicize at FAMU, and hope to begin soon at TCC.

If you would like to help serve our young people, you can contact me or Sara Reece, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson (309-1933 or sarareece@earthlink.net). We can always use more members of our Campus Ministry Committee. We also need help posting flyers at all three colleges. We can use help baking goodies for exam week or making soup for our soup lunches, with the first of these scheduled for Sunday, November 24 after the service. And finally, be sure to greet the young adults who visit our church and tell them about the University UUs!

## Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

**Note from Jean Chulak.** *After three years as your Mountain Ambassador, I have passed the baton to Linda Winn-Brown who has a long-standing commitment to The Mountain. She is a Patron Life Member, and she and her husband have a cabin in the North Carolina mountains nearby, so she will have many opportunities to visit The Mountain and keep you up-to-date on activities and plans there. Thanks for your interest over these years.*

**WE PROMISED YOU MORE INFORMATION on the December and January programs at The Mountain, so read on!**

**December 20-22 (Fri-Sun), Gifts of the Solstice—Sources of Light.**

We'll work with the Sun, Moon, Stars, and Self as we explore sources of light. All are welcome at this intergenerational circle, a nature-based cornucopia of spirit, song, story, creativity, and sacred space.

**December 23-26, (Mon-Thu), Christmas on The Mountain.** Join us for a quiet, spiritual, noncommercial Christmas: Christmas crafts for all ages, including decorating the Christmas tree; caroling at a local nursing home; a candlelight Christmas Eve dinner followed by a meditation service with The Mountain Quartet and Jim Short; a "Yankee" gift exchange; and plenty of free time to enjoy as you please.

**December 29-January 1 (Sun-Wed), Singing, Moving & Dancing: Breathing Life into a New Year.**

Through singing and movement, service projects, worship, outdoor meditation and play, this program will inspire and offer respite and hope in this precarious world. We're honored to bring extraordinary guest artists and friends, Ken Nafziger and Robin Becker, to help us all create a remarkable experience together.

**Coming up in January and February (more details next month):**

January 24-26, Robert Burns Scottish Weekend

January 31-February 2, Dinner & a Movie—Masala Movies

February 7-9, MountainScape: Hardy Hikers—a winter hiking experience

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about these programs or The Mountain itself, check the bulletin board to the left of the pass-through at the back of the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter, or contact Linda Winn-Brown, 562-4755; lwinn41@earthlink.net. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838 or [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

## Church Community

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community

**Lois Bloom: Our New Chair of Hospitality Committee**

**Lois Bloom** is the new Chair of our ever ubiquitous, ever energetic, very busy Hospitality Committee, taking over responsibilities from **Mary Millard**, who will now be involved in setting up and running the new *Blue Moon Cafe* coffeehouses at the church. (Thank-you, Mary, for your leadership to help us get through the recent transition to a more active kitchen organization, serving and clean-up set of activities.)

The Hospitality Committee (including **Lois, Eleanor and Earl Enge, and Mary Millard**) is a very active group of dedicated folks who help us to create

an ordered, warm, friendly atmosphere for serving Hot Coffee and Refreshments every Sunday after the service and for organizing our 2nd Sunday monthly potlucks. Look around-- you will see who they are! They work hard to keep dishes and cups, spoons, cream, sugar, cookies and other goodies, chairs and tables, etc., etc., flowing smoothly to and from the kitchen and sanctuary -- quickly, without spills or breakage -- in order for the rest of us to enjoy free time to get together and enjoy fellowship with our friends and to meet new visitors. They plan birthday parties, too.

The Hospitality crew organizes volunteers from our congregation to help out on a particular Sunday -- to

bring food and other edibles, and hot and cold drinks, to share. They clean up our messes; throw out the trash; wash, dry, and put away the dishes, etc.; and put the Kitchen and Sanctuary back in order every Sunday for the next group to use and enjoy. (This is no small, easy task.)

Lois Bloom knows how to make it a fun task-- and to get the job done with minimal time and effort. Thank-you indeed, Lois!-- Please help her when she calls on you to give a helping hand, if you can, and have some fun too!

## Church Community (Continued)

### Caring Network

A Special Meeting to Create A New "Caring Network" at UUCT (To Breathe New Life into our Caring Committee)

**On Monday November 18th, at 7 PM in Room 2, there will be a first meeting of the Caring Committee this fall.** Everyone interested in helping re-organize and breathe new life into this group is invited to come

and share in a brainstorming meeting. You will get a chance to meet with and get to know everyone else in this new Core group of caring folks and to share any new ideas you have -- in order to help our church community find new ways to stay in touch with each another, to "network" in our times of special need.

At this meeting we will discuss our goals and mission, how we think

"caring" should function at UUCT, and how to go about making this aspect of our church life serve and operate well for all. Please come if you are interested, have some new ideas to share, or wish to learn more or to get involved. Come share your special "gifts of self." For more information, contact Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071).

## From our Music Director



By Helen Falb

Thanks to all who made the September 29 Music Service a great success. A special thank-you to John Mann, V, for helping out in the service and for his parking meter idea. Also, thanks to Mary Millard for making the beautiful signs to hang on the pianos,

and for decorating the piano survey box. We collected \$2,721.50 on that day, and if you double that, as our generous donor has offered to do, that means \$5,443!

Thanks to all of you who took the time to fill out a piano survey. I'll be

gathering the information collected on those and presenting it at our **next Music Committee meeting**, which will be **November 11 at 7:15 PM. Please join us as we discuss what to do next** in our goal of purchasing a new or used grand piano.

## Social Justice

### RCDC on Proposed Death Penalty Amendment

RCDC Requests That Members Pay Special Attention to Amendment #1 on the November ballot.

This is the lengthy amendment which would write the death penalty into the State Constitution, making Florida the only state to do this. It does not change the legislation already in effect which governs the use of the death penalty. It does diminish the power of the Florida Supreme Court as a "check and balance" on the Executive and Legislative branches. For more information on Amendment #1 and the other proposed amendments, visit the League of Women Voters website [www.dnet.org/my\\_state/state\\_ballotmeasures.dnet.fl](http://www.dnet.org/my_state/state_ballotmeasures.dnet.fl). Contact: RCDC Chairperson Nancy Bass (893-1806 or [Nrbass@aol.com](mailto:Nrbass@aol.com)).

### Riley House Rock-A-Thon

It's that time of year again! Riley House/Center, Tallahassee's African American Museum, is holding its **annual fundraiser, the Rock-a-thon, December 7, 9 AM - 2 PM.** This is a scheduled fundraiser for our church, and UUCT has its own rocking chair at the event. The Rock-a-thon will be part of Tallahassee's Celebration of Lights. There will be entertainment and prizes throughout the day. You may be sitting next to a local celebrity or see yourself on TV that night. **Sign up to rock or to sponsor a rocker at the sign-up table the last three weeks of November.** This year the preferred way to be a sponsor is to become a member of Riley House / Center. But you can also make a donation of any amount. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785 or [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

### Weaving the Fabric of Diversity

Below is a list of ideas and suggestions for UUCT from the Weaving the Fabric of Diversity course last Spring. The sessions were facilitated by members of our Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee (RCDC) and attended by representatives from various church committees, including YRUU youth.

1. Conduct a church service on the Weaving the Fabric of Diversity course (Use exercises; done)
2. Seek diverse representation on boards (Especially youth)
3. Advertise on church web page and weekly newspaper ad in order that we can meet special needs
4. "Officially" support community multicultural programs so it becomes known that "UUCT makes a statement" (Sponsor Alliance for mentally ill, other support groups)



## *Social Justice (Continued)*

5. Encourage awareness of problems concerning diversity that may exist within our congregation.
6. Establish Special Needs Committee
7. Improve welcoming of people as individuals
8. Encourage participation of differently abled people
9. Host multicultural events for the community and promote participation in community multicultural events
10. Have multicultural music and services
11. Include ableism in RE curriculum
12. Assure accessibility of activities (including for those with emotional /mental disorders)
13. Review all types of access for differently abled
14. Conduct service on mental illness (Mental Health awareness week)
15. Plan evening cultural awareness programs
16. Make photo/picture to represent ideal congregation
17. Invite friends to church
18. Work to increase diversity of congregation
19. Have RE programs focused on multicultural curriculum

## *About Our New Members*

**Holly Edythe Mackie.** Holly is our first youth member to become a full member of the church upon turning eighteen. Holly was born in Tallahassee, lived in Havana for ten years, and now lives in Wakulla County with her dad and mom, UUCT Administrative Assistant Kathie Mackie. Holly has an older brother who is currently stationed with the Marines in NC.

After her mom started working here, Holly attended some Sunday services with her, and says: "The people were so nice and welcoming. I became interested in their beliefs and did some studying, finding that I had a lot of the same questions and beliefs."

Holly likes to paint, draw, and do any other kind of arts and crafts. She also likes poetry and being outside in nature. Holly graduated from Wakulla High last spring and will start at TCC in January. When asked if there was anything else she'd like to tell us, Holly said: "Yes, no matter how much you don't care for someone or something, always try to give them/it a chance. You never know what you can discover until you open up and try it."

**Nancy Ognenovski.** Nancy was born in Rochester, NY, where she still has family. She moved to Miami in 1996, receiving a B.A. in Spanish Literature in 1998. She is currently a full-time nursing student at FSU. Her interests and hobbies include: ballroom dancing, nutrition, photography, canoeing, and hiking.

When asked what brought her to Unitarian Universalism, her response was: "It was inevitable!" At UUCT, she is interested in Caring Committee activities, mentoring with TCC's CROP program, and being a Sundaymorning greeter.

**Carolyn Rennick Pardue.** Carolyn is married to long-time UUCT member Howard Pardue. In fact, they were married in the church in 1975. Carolyn and Howard have three daughters: Jackie, a graduate student at University of Southern California; Liz a junior at FSU; and Amanda, a sophomore at University of Florida.

Carolyn had been a member of First Presbyterian Church for many years; she and Howard attended there with their daughters. Now that the girls are grown, Carolyn says she would rather attend church with Howard. She says: "I am confident in what I believe and feel that being a part of the UUCT can only enhance many of the values I hold dear." Carolyn has already become involved in several activities at UUCT.

Carolyn has been a lobbyist for 24 years for Planned Parenthood and other human service groups, primarily those supporting women's issues. She is also a co-owner of Breakaway Cafe, a breakfast/lunch eatery at Woodcrest Office Park.



## Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee Chairperson

We're off and building! The foundation blocks have been laid, and the building area within has been filled with a mixture of sand and the extra soil resulting from excavating the new driveway down to its proper level. From now on, work should progress non-stop until our move-in date of March 3, 2003. Timber retaining walls will be built where needed along the driveway, and soon we'll see the walls of the new building rising above its foundation. Now that work will proceed non-stop, Mad Dog has a supervisor on-site all the time: William Yastcanski, known to everyone as "Shemp".

**EXTERIOR COLORS.** The final exterior color scheme chosen will outline the building in darker trim, similar to our current buildings, where there are dark horizontal and vertical lines around the many windows and doors. The dark verticals, especially, help our building relate to our wooded site with its many dark verticals. The new building will, therefore, relate to both the site and the current buildings. Look for the foam board display on Sundays with drawings showing the exterior colors.

**OTHER DECISIONS.** The CIC and Buildings and Ground Committee have also been addressing the removal of a few hazardous, dead or decayed trees and placement of a few additional 100-watt street lights. These will be added along the driveway to the new building

and in the new gravel parking lot in our southeast corner.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.** As a requirement for permitting, we are placing 8,400 square feet along Meridian Rd. in a canopy road protection zone conservation easement and .77 acre along our south border and part of our west border in a steep grade conservation easement. We will not build or conduct any other disruptive activities in those areas -- now or in the future. We may, however, remove noxious and invasive vegetation. The Board has approved the easement agreements, and they will be signed with the City soon.

**LESSONS LEARNED.** The CIC has learned some good lessons for Phase Two. First, only start work and site disruption once we are really ready to move forward with no delays. The CIC was so anxious to stick with our timetable and begin Phase One that we started site-work while there were still details to be worked out in terms of construction design, methods, and materials. Also, our site is very challenging due to the degree of constant slope. While summer was a good time to start site-work in terms of lower parking demand on Sundays, it was not a good time in terms of heavy rain on our disrupted and sloping site.

Secondly, for Phase Two, we will make sure there is adequate time to have subcontractor input as key building

systems are being designed by architectural consultants (structural, electrical, plumbing, etc. systems). We have lost some time in redesign of parts of systems, once subcontractors were chosen and reviewed the plans. They had some suggestions for changes to save money or to improve design, based on their hands-on knowledge.

Provided we are happy with their work, we will most likely continue with the same subcontractors for Phase Two, so they will be on board from the beginning as construction drawings are being developed. We will also, hopefully, not have the time pressure we had for Phase One of needing to get construction plans submitted before a new building code becomes effective, with all the implementation questions and time delays associated with it.

**LOOK ON SUNDAYS.** Be sure to take a minute to look at progress each Sunday. You should see evidence of it each week from now on! Mad Dog Design and Construction and Welch and Ward Architects continue to be wonderful partners in this enterprise of "growing" our physical space so that we have the facilities for the programs and activities we envision. We couldn't do it without them.

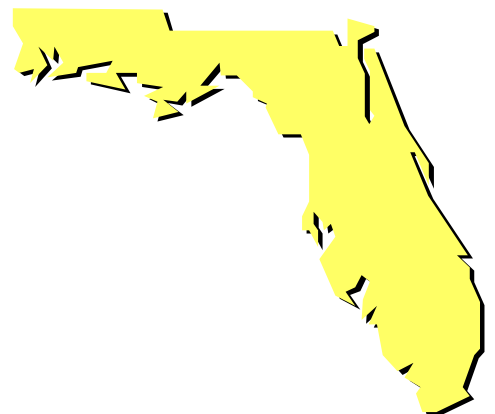
## FL District Events

### **SOUTHWEST CLUSTER WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:15 AM - 1 PM.**

How to: Start or expand Community Outreach; Launch Effective Social Action; Develop Programs for Music. Contact: UU Church of Sarasota (941-371-4974).

### **S.W.I.M. (UU SOUTHEAST WINTER INSTITUTE), DECEMBER 26 -**

**JANUARY 1.** Takes place in Miami and is an annual UU Retreat and Family Camp for UUs and like-minded people of all ages. For more information go to [www.swimuu.org](http://www.swimuu.org) or write to 40 Pearl Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711 for a brochure.



## Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

One of the 17 initiatives a church must take to attain "Green Sanctuary" status is to "pass an all-church resolution committing to an all-church environmental project for a year." The UUCT Green Sanctuary Committee plans to recommend to our Church Board that our congregation be asked to vote on such a resolution to initiate two household pledge programs modeled after initiatives taken by the First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon: (1) a 1-2-3 Response to Global Warming pledge and (2) a Food for Thought (And Action!) pledge.

The focus of the 1-2-3 household pledge is on taking local action to help reduce global warming, widely acknowledged to be the most critical environmental threat of our generation. Any steps we take to reduce energy use (unless you get your energy from solar sources) will help reduce carbon dioxide emissions and their impacts on global warming.

Some of you may remember a song from the 1960's, "One, two, three, it's so ele-men-tary." This is a simple concept that requires no committee meetings, little time, and can save you money! Each member household of the congregation would be invited to sign a 1-2-3 Pledge in which they commit to take as many as possible of the following actions to reduce global warming:

- 1) Reduce the thermostat setting at home during the heating season by 1 degree (Fahrenheit) or more and increase the thermostat setting during the air conditioning season by one degree or more.
- 2) Reduce driving speed by 2 mph or more when traveling in excess of 60 mph.
- 3) Replace three or more regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs in intensively used home lighting fixtures.

What will these 1-2-3 steps accomplish? According to a brochure

prepared by the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Committee of the First Unitarian Church, for every one degree Fahrenheit reduction of the thermostat during the heating season there is about a 3% reduction in energy consumption. For every one degree increase of the thermostat during the air conditioning season, there is about a 5% savings. This can translate into an annual reduction of 330 lbs of carbon dioxide and annual savings of about \$33.

Every one mph reduction in driving speed at highway speeds translates into a 1.5 to 2% reduction in fuel consumption. This step can save 390 lbs of carbon dioxide per year and about \$28. For the 267 mile trip to Disney World from Tallahassee that translates into an additional 6 minutes if one were to reduce average speed from 75 mph to 73 mph.

CFL bulbs use only 25% as much energy as regular incandescent bulbs. They cost about \$10 a piece, but they last 10 times as long. Three CFLs can result in 600 lbs less carbon dioxide per year and about \$28 in net savings.

The Food for Thought (and Action!) household pledge concerns the choices we make about the food we eat, a topic we've covered on two previous occasions in this column. The pledge addresses three actions: (1) eat less meat (beef, pork, lamb, poultry, and fish), (2) eat local produce, and (3) eat organic foods. According to a brochure published by the 7<sup>th</sup> Principle Committee of the First Unitarian Church, these actions can not only save energy and thereby reduce global warming, they also can help to reduce air, water, and soil pollution, reduce water shortages, reduce world hunger, promote good health, and support local farmers.

Eating less meat saves water: According to the First Unitarian Church brochure, production of one pound of beef takes an average of 2500 gallons versus 815 gallons for one pound of

chicken, 33 gallons for a pound of carrots, and 25 gallons for a pound of wheat.

Eating local produce saves energy: The average mouthful of food in the US travels 1300 miles from farm to plate. [By the way, Kathie Mackie reports that local produce also can be obtained from a farmer's market that operates at the Tallahassee Flea Market on Capital Circle Southeast.]

Eating organic produce reduces pesticide and hormone use: 67% of fruits and vegetables contain at least one pesticide; about 25% of the milk produced in the US is from cows injected with Bovine Growth Hormone which may be linked to prostate and breast cancer according to the First Unitarian Church brochure.

*So please consider supporting a congregational vote to initiate similar pledge programs for our church. "One, two, three, it's so elementary . . . Power of the Plate!"*

*For more information about these proposals, please contact Steve Urse (385-2864 or [stevur@mindspring.com](mailto:stevur@mindspring.com)) or Ed Oaksford (422-0240 or [oaksford@hotmail.com](mailto:oaksford@hotmail.com)).*



## Welcome As Members

- Steve Van Sciver
- Carolyn Pardue
- Nancy Ognenovski



## Welcome As Friend

- Marion Smith

## Membership

To explore becoming 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. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.75 each).

## New Member Recognition

Sunday, November 10.

## Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

## Directory Changes Joys and Sorrows

If your mailing address, phone number or email address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in bi-monthly directory updates.

## On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) for refreshments, Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, November 11, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

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

**Fran Boyle**, whose brother died in early October.

**Joan Patterson**, whose uncle died in late October.

## A CALL FOR HOSTS & HOSTESSES

*Dinners for 8* and *Dinners for Families with Children* will run through May. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest.

*Dinners for 8* is adults only, with all parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. If you are a newcomer or you missed the sign-up for guests or hosts and are interested, contact Barbara Gearhart for *Dinners for 8* (386-7378) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com) for *Dinners for Families*.

## Lost and Found

If you are missing anything, take a moment to look for it on top of the gray filing cabinet in the library near the kitchen or in the kitchen on the cart near the refrigerator. Items not claimed for at least two months will be sent to ECHO.

## Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

## The Committee on Ministry

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

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 172**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 51**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of September 2002 - 105.2**
- **Average Sunday Attendance for July - September- 96.6**
- **Average Sunday Attendance Past Fiscal Year: 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 45 (Incomplete)**

## November UUCT Events, Events After November

**UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 11:30 AM.** First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

### DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

*simple meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting.*

first Saturday of each month, (next one is: Nov. 2), in sanctuary, 7:30 PM.

for more info, call Tom or Katya Taylor at 656-9321, or e-mail [Katom@istal.com](mailto:Katom@istal.com)



**BLUE MOON CAFÉ COFFEEHOUSE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 - 10:00 PM.** See announcement p. 14.

**RACIAL / CULTURAL DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7 PM.** Room 4. There are two book selections: *The Piano Tuner*, by Daniel Mason -- an "anti-heart of darkness" novel -- a humble workman finds illumination of self and of the human spirit in 19th century India. The other is *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. The novel begins with a murder and builds -- with clear prose style and precise rendering of characters and events -- to its amazing climax. Contact: Marcia Murray (539-3981).

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

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, NOVEMBER 10, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share!

**CAMPING TRIP, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17.** Rev. Amy invites members and friends and families to join her on a camping trip at Torreya State Park (in Bristol, FL to the west of us). There are hot showers at the park. For reservations: contact Reserve America (1-800-326-3521 or [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com)).

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 3:00 PM.** Thanksgiving potluck at the church. More details at [www.multiculturaltal.org](http://www.multiculturaltal.org). Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

**SOUP LUNCH, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 12:30 PM.** A great way to build community is by breaking bread together! In the sanctuary, hosted by the Campus Ministry Committee and the University UUs. We will have several soup selections, rice and beans and desserts available for a love offering! Proceeds from this quarterly event will go to support our campus ministry and UUCT's operating budget.

**ANNUAL UU THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1:00 PM.** See article p. 14.

### Events After November

**RILEY HOUSE ROCK-A-THON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 9 AM - 2 PM.** See p. 8 for details.

**WINTERFEST CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 - 9:00 PM.** In the sanctuary. **Winter's Icumen In!** Let's celebrate another season of cheerful, festive Christmas holidays at the church. We are looking for everyone in our church community -- families with children, old-timers

who've seen it all, singing and storytelling entertainers, drummers, and hams who love to make merry -- and folks eager to enjoy a potluck dinner, with live entertainment.

**What It Plans To Be:** Hot wassail and cookies / a Christmastide Potluck Dinner / The O.K. Chorale and others singing secular and sacred songs and carols of the season / Christmas Carols for all to sing / storytelling, poetry and dancing / plus a mysterious new tale about the **Night Two Santas Came to Town** / and, of course, lighting of the UUCT Winter Solstice evergreen tree! For more information or to get involved, contact Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071).

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 PM.** Our traditional intergenerational service. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for and participate in the service. See article on p. 5 for details.

### UUCT Social Activities

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

- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, Nov. 2, 7:30 PM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 11:30 AM
- UU Attendance at Sneak Preview of Seven Days of Opening Nights, Thursday, Nov. 7, 5-7:30 PM. Contact: Mimi Jones (942-7199)
- Blue Moon Café coffeehouse, Saturday, November 9, 7-10 PM.
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, Nov. 10, 12:30 PM
- Soup Lunch by Campus Ministry Folk, Sunday, November 24, 12:30 PM.

## The Blue Moon Café

Our Late Fall UUCT coffeehouse - a celebrated UUCT institution, will take place from 7-10 p.m. on November 9!

Would you like to perform?

Do you know a talented young student, college student, someone from UUCT, or the community at large who might like to perform at our Open Mike night?

Performers, poets, prose-ers of all ages, let us know if you'd like to read your own words, the words of others, act or improvise a scene, rap, do stand-up comedy (political and satirical humor particularly welcome, but save the "mature" humor for later in the evening) sing, play, or lead a sing-along...

### Le Schedule:

- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Sign up to perform (plan 5-10 minutes per performance)
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. G-Rated performances
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. PG-Rated performances
- 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Everything Else: Material may not be suitable for children

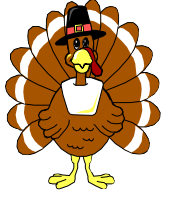
10:00- ? p.m. Clean-Up!

*Lots of fun!*

Basket for contributions at the door.  
Seeking volunteers to make espresso, set up, clean up, and sell goodies:

call Mary Millard at 980-8980 — Thanks!

## Turkey et Cornucupia Alert!



By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community

COME SHARE IN OUR ANNUAL UU THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER **Thursday November 28, 1:00 PM in the sanctuary**

Eleanor Moore (who started this event thirty some years ago at UUCT!) brings a big cooked, stuffed turkey and a ham. Wes Van Sciver delivers the blessings, centered on simple love of life. The rest of us bring our hungry selves, with stories and other remembrances past to share with one another (or a poem, song, dance, puzzle, game, or book) -- along with potluck dishes of corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, wine and cheese, pecans and other nuts, breads, pumpkin and apple pies, etc., and drinks. (Our food tables ever runneth over.)

Be sure to invite your friends and relatives to come with you (let us know the number in your party, if possible), and be a part of one of our oldest UUCT traditions.

A large Sign-Up Sheet will be at the back of the Sanctuary for you to let us know you are coming -- and what items you plan to bring. (But, you don't have to sign up as precondition to coming. We always plan for 30 or more.)

Starting at 11:00 AM Thanksgiving morning, we will be setting up and decorating with festive Autumn symbols from Nature, and candles. Please bring any dried, open pine cones or fresh pine needles, flower and Nandina cuttings, etc., from your garden for table decorations. Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071) is in charge, along with help from John Murphy and Linda Logan.


### Non-UUCT Events

- Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 AM - 3 PM, Gentle Shepherd Fund Raiser (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Nov. 9, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)
- Monday, Nov. 18, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:00 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>"Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.</p>	<p>Note: Many activities described in other sections.</p>	<p><b>Meridian Schedule:</b>  <i>Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</i></p>			<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 4-6 PM                      YRUU Practice for Sunday (Sanctuary)                      7:30 PM Peace Dances</p>
<p><b>3</b> 9:30 AM                      Youth RE Comm.                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:15 PM                      Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)                      7:15 PM Program (Rm 4)                      7:30 PM Building &amp; Grounds (Rm 2)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6 AM - 8 PM                      Polling Place (sanctuary)                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:30 AM UU                      Chowdown (off-site)                      7 PM Choir                      7:15 PM Membership Comm. (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      7 PM Board (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>                      9 AM - 1 PM Workday                      7:00 PM Blue Moon Cafe</p>
<p><b>10</b> 12:15 PM                      Campus Ministry Comm. Mtg.                      12:30 PM Potluck/Meridian Deadline                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7 PM                      Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2)                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)                      7:15 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)                      7:15 PM Music Comm. (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      7 PM The Artist Way (Sanctuary)                      7 PM RCDC Book Club (Rm 4)                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      7 PM Choir                      7 PM New UU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      7 PM RCDC (Rm 4)                      7:15 PM CIC (Rm 2)</p>	<p><b>15</b>                      UUCT Camping trip at Torreya State Park</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      UUCT Camping trip at Torreya State Park</p>
<p><b>17</b> UUCT                      Camping trip at Torreya State Park                      12:30 PM Green Sanctuary &amp; Social Justice (Rm 4)                      3 PM Multicultural Families (UUCT)                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7 PM Caring Comm. (Rm 2)                      7 PM Finance (Rm 4)                      7:15 PM Women's Spirituality (off-site)</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      7 PM Choir                      7 - 9 PM New UU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7 PM                      Board (Rm 4)                      7 PM Globalization Study Circle (Rm 2)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b> 12:30 PM                      Campus Ministry Soup Lunch (sanctuary)                      6 PM YRUU (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:15 PM                      Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7 PM The Artist Way (Sanctuary)                      7 PM University UUs (off-site)                      7:15 PM Comm. on Ministry</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      7 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      1:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

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**Our Mission:**

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

**YOUTH EVENTS**

*See Youth RE (p. 4).*

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

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

*See Adult Enrichment (p. 5)*

- \* **Globalization Study  
Circles**, Mon. 11/11, 7  
PM. Contact: Annette  
Pearce (386-4053).  
Thurs. 11/21, 7 PM.  
Contact: Elinor Elfner  
(224-3651).
- \* **New UU**, Wed. 11/13 &  
11/20, 7 PM
- \* **The Artist Way**, Tues.  
11/12 & 11/26, 7 PM.
- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon. 7:15 PM

**EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEETINGS**

- \* Thurs. 11/7 & 11/21,  
7 PM. Contact: Pres.  
Jennifer Carver  
(402-0622)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

*Open to All Interested*

- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon. 11/4, 7:30 PM.  
Contact: Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)
- \* **Campus Ministry  
Committee**, 11/10,  
12:15 PM. Contact:  
Sara Reece (309-1933)
- \* **Capital Improvement**,  
Thurs. 11/14, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)
- \* **Caring Committee**,  
Mon. 11/18, 7 PM.  
Contact: Will Adkins  
(385-5071)
- \* **Committee on Ministry**  
Tues. 11/26, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Richard  
Dempsey (671-2748)
- \* **Finance**, Mon. 11/18,  
7 PM. Contact: Del  
DeTar (878-7895)
- \* **Green Sanctuary  
(& Social Justice)**, Sun.  
11/17, 12:30 PM.  
Contact: Ed Oaksford  
(422-0240)
- \* **Membership**,  
Wed. 11/6, 7:15 PM.  
Contact: Trudy Deyle  
(422-1057)
- \* **Program**, Mon. 11/4,  
7:15 PM. Contact:  
Richard Dempsey  
(671-2748)
- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, Thurs. 11/14,  
7 PM. Contact: Nancy  
Bass (893-1806)
- \* **Social Justice (See Gr.  
Sanc.)**, Sun. 11/17,  
12:30 PM. Contact:  
Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun. 11/3,  
9:30 AM. Contact:  
Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)