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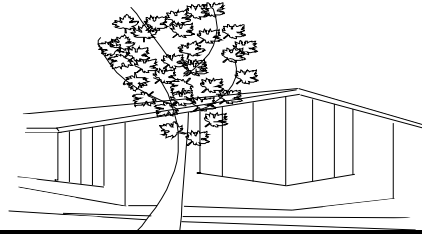
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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE for Pre-K - Middle School - Fun Day 11/30
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

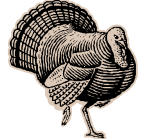
Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- Nov. 2 *Interventions for an Ailing Welfare System in Florida* - Sandy MacLeod, facilitator
- Nov. 9 *"End of Life Choices" formerly the Hemlock Society* - Faye Girsch, facilitator
- Nov. 16 *Green Sanctuary, Energy Issues: National, State & Local* - Deb Swim, facilitator
- Nov. 23 *Lotus Lake Buddhist Community, About a Study Group on Nonviolence* - Paul Normann, facilitator
- Nov. 30 *Ethnomusicology* by Rebecca Sager



# The Meridian

## November Sundays (11:00 AM)



### Nov. 2 | Campus Ministry Sunday: Making Time for Spirituality

How much time do you dedicate each day to your spiritual life? Is spiritual growth on your agenda? Is God on your To-Do list? Is spirituality really something we can plan, or does it happen spontaneously? We will explore the place of spirituality in contemporary life. **Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator and University UUs**

### Nov. 9 | Marriage: Past, Present and Future

We'll examine "Marriage for All" in this first homily in a series of two. Today I'll talk about how marriage has changed over the years and consider same-sex marriage. *We'll share candles of joy, sorrow and concern.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Nov. 16 | Religious Responses For and Against Same-Sex Marriage

The second part of our "Marriage for All" series. Some opponents of same-sex marriage quote the Bible; we'll consider the texts. It's also true that some religious people support same-sex marriage. The UUA has been blessing holy unions for decades. What shall I say to couples who seek legal recognition for a partnership already blessed by their family, friends and faith? **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Nov. 23 | UUSC Sunday: The Continuing Problem of Slavery in Our Time

Estimates of people enslaved today run to 27 million. These are not people working low-wage jobs; they are slaves. Learn the nature of present-day slavery, its effect on faith, and things we can do to stop it. Speaker Steven Lize is the lead researcher on a two-year study of human trafficking into the U.S. sponsored by the National Institute of Justice. He works through the NGO Free the Slaves and teaches at the Croft Institute for International Studies, University of Mississippi. There will be a special collection for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) and UUSC Guest at Your Table boxes will be distributed to families and others interested for daily holiday giving in our homes. **Guest Speaker: Steven Lize, Ph.D.; Lay Leader: Pippin Whitaker; For UUSC: Norene Chase**

### Nov. 30 | Yo(UU)r Religion, Between Floors

When you're in an elevator, do you get that incredible sinking feeling when asked: What's Unitarian Universalism? It may seem that 30 seconds or two minutes is not enough time to answer the question! Though our religion is complex and beliefs vary from person to person, we can be brief and accurate. We'll work on our "elevator speeches." *NOTE: If you want to write one ahead of time to present during the service, tell me.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**



Plant Sale, Sat. 11/1



UUCT Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thurs. 11/27

## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

How does this sound? Time away. A season of rest, renewal, study, and training...time to focus on projects and travel...a break from routine, and a step back to gain perspective. Plus, a job waiting for you when you get back! Some of you in academia and business have done just that—sabbatical. Mine starts in January: January, February, and May-August. (If a sabbatical appeals to you, find a way to make it happen, even for a weekend.)

You'll get a detailed sabbatical handbook this month from the Committee on Ministry. In the meantime, conventional wisdom says you'll have three questions:

- 1) Will the minister come back after sabbatical?
- 2) How will we pay for the sabbatical?
- 3) Who will do the minister's work during the sabbatical months?

My questions are the same, except change the first one to: Will they take me back after sabbatical?!

- 1) When UUCT and I put a sabbatical into our covenant and working agreement, we agreed that I won't go looking for another position and you won't go looking for another minister to fill this position, for at least a year after the sabbatical ends. I hope that this sabbatical will make it possible for us to keep working together in creative and satisfying ways, so I'm going to take a seminar on *New Visions for the Long Pastorate*.
- 2) Six years ago, we **didn't** allocate sabbatical funds, set aside each year, to cover fees for visiting Sunday service presenters or for the seminars I'll attend. However, I think those expenses are covered. The church budget you approved for this fiscal year added

money for Sunday services, and I got a grant for \$500 from the Unitarian Universalist Association's Department of Ministry and Professional Leadership.

- 3) When I'm on sabbatical, **our** shared ministry will be **yours!** The Program Committee (Sunday Service planning) and the Caring Ministries Committee will have more to do during my sabbatical. And when I get back, our shared ministry may change. However, the concept will continue to inspire and challenge us—each of us has a call to serve others, grow in spirit and commitment, and apply ourselves for the greater good.

Sometimes I feel so blessed to serve as your settled minister I could burst from the joy.

Thank you; and may joy be yours, too,  
(Rev.) Amy

## President's Message

By Neil Mooney

### Thanking The Active

The latest of our members to enlist onto the Board is your friend and long-term "activist" (in a UU sense) Rod Oldenburg. Rod enthusiastically agreed to serve out the remainder of the V.P. for Worship term, and he was just as enthusiastically and unanimously approved by the Board. To say we are thrilled to have him with us would be an understatement.

The leaders constituting your Executive Board are invariably the first persons members go to when something is needed. This is proper and logical, for those individuals especially have risen to the call to serve. They have pledged two years (or more) to serving you by serving the greater congregation. They each assist numerous committees, set

church policy at Board meetings, serve on duty at five or six Sunday services per year, and provide constant ad hoc guidance, assistance and leadership to the congregation year-round.

Interestingly, our UUA chalice was designed by a non-member who envied our spirit of service. An Austrian artist who caricatured Hitler, Hans Deutsch, fled to Portugal in 1940 where he met the Reverend Charles Joy who, from Lisbon, oversaw a secret network of couriers and agents for the Unitarian Service committee. (The service committee was founded to assist Eastern Europeans, Unitarians as well as Jews, who needed to escape.) Deutsch was soon working for him, designed the chalice for a symbol of the organization, and wrote to Charles Joy:

"There is something that urges me to tell you ...how much I admire your utter self-denial and your readiness to serve. I am not what you may actually call a believer. But if your kind of life is the profession of your faith - as it is, I feel sure - then religion, ceasing to be magic and superstition, becomes confession to practical philosophy and what is more, to active, really useful social work. And this religion...is one to which even a 'godless' fellow like myself can say wholeheartedly, Yes!" (<http://members.aol.com/UUBlooming/sermons/s20030112.html>)

I hope the Board members (and all "activists") know how grateful we are to them for serving. I believe that the best way to express it is - as Rod is doing - simply to follow their example.

In Community, Neil

## Announcements



### Travel to Transylvania, Home of Unitarians Since 1568

Elinor Elfner and John Whitton are hosting a Transylvania (Romania) Unitarian Travel soup supper for Sunday, November 9, 6:00 PM at 1107 Seminole Drive. The purpose is to explore travel to Transylvania in late April, May or June 2004 with Partner Church Council Travel Coordinator John Dale. John, who will be our guest speaker, recently managed the Ancient Churches Tour that Steve Urse participated in. Transylvania is a beautiful part of the Carpathian Basin with mountains and rolling hills and many villages with Unitarian churches.

To reserve your place at this Soup Supper, call Elinor (224-3651). If you want to know more about Transylvania Unitarians or church to church partnerships, call Steve (385-2884).

### Heartbeats Planning

We're looking for six "emcee-coordinators" to join in a *Love Around the World* Heartbeats concert on Saturday night, February 14. The emcee-coordinators will help in planning and introduce their culture-music/song-group at the concert. We will have groups of 15-minute musical selections from six different cultures and countries.

We also need a Publicity Coordinator, Door Prize Coordinator, Food Coordinator, Beverages Coordinator, Kitchen Set-Up and Clean-Up Coordinator, Room Set-Up Coordinator, and Sound Manager. If interested, contact Ludy Goodson (ludy8@juno.com, 531-9819).

### Let's Lock-In A Good Rate

If all who are able complete their Capital Campaign pledges now, we can convert our construction loan to a long-term mortgage at a very good rate. So if you can, please do so!

### Socially Responsible Investing

As a follow-up to Rev. Amy's September homily on this subject, these web-sites may help you with Socially Responsible Investing:

[www.socialinvest.org](http://www.socialinvest.org),  
[www.socialfunds.com](http://www.socialfunds.com),  
[www.domini.com](http://www.domini.com),  
[www.WaldenAssetMgmt.com](http://www.WaldenAssetMgmt.com),  
[www.coopamerica.org](http://www.coopamerica.org).

A couple of books that may come in handy: "Socially Responsible Investing" by Amy L. Domini, "Investing with Your Values: Making Money and Making a Difference" by Hal Brill, Jack A. Brill, and Cliff Feigenbaum.

If you have additional resources we ought to share with other UUCTers, please let Rev. Amy know.

### Alternative Christmas Market

Will be held at: John Wesley UMC on Old St. Augustine Road, December 6 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) and December 7 (1:00 - 5:00 PM) and Christ Presbyterian Church on Bannerman Rd., December 12 (6:00 - 9:00 PM) and December 13 (8:00 - 10:00 PM) or shop online THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER--  
[www.alternativemarket.org](http://www.alternativemarket.org).

### Visitor Brochure Available

An updated UUCT Visitor Brochure is ready and available Sundays at the Visitor Table or during the week from the church office. If you have friends or co-workers who might be interested in our church, pick up copies and share it with them. It's a great introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our church.

### At The Back of The Sanctuary

- \* **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- \* **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.



### YARD SALE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

One of our annual fund raisers for the operating budget.

Drop off all items on Friday, October 31, 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

Volunteers work Saturday 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Also need donations of individually wrapped baked goods.

Contact for questions or volunteering: Maria Mena (907-0739, [mcmena@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcmena@ix.netcom.com)).

With your help, we can make this our BEST YARD SALE EVER!

### Mark Your Checks

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

### Attention Committees

Committees should begin now to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2004 - 2005. 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@infionline.net](mailto:ddetar@infionline.net)).

### Help UUCT and Yourself!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to pay FY 2003 - 2004 pledges in full or in whatever increment works for you by December 31, 2003. It could reduce your income taxes and help UUCT meet its financial obligations.

## Announcements (Continued)

### 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 patterson090@comcast.net) or Del DeTar (878-7895 or ddetar@infionline.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.

### New UUCT Directory

An updated UUCT directory for members and friends will be distributed on Sundays in November, starting November 9. Look for Membership Chair Trudy Deyle. Or you may stop by the office during the week and pick up your copy. At the end of November, all undistributed directories will be mailed. If corrections are needed in your listing, including adding or deleting an email address, please let Kathie know right away. Bi-monthly updates will be published.

### Could You Help Once a Month?

For the next few months, could you give an hour or more once a month - either at the regular, second Saturday workday or at a weekday or weekend time convenient to you? Take a look at the lists posted on the "What's Happening at UUCT?" bulletin board and let us know what you'll help with. Contacts: Francis Ventre (402-3050, mfventre@aol.com), Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com) or Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net).

## Appreciation



### To:

- \* **Christine Boczarska, Mary Persons, Jean Chulak, Eleanor and Earl Enge, Nina Cline, Katya Taylor, Barbara Sterling, John, Barbara and Preston Donaldson, and Peggy Lentz** for greeting on Sunday mornings 9/28-10/19.
- \* **Kelley Turnage, Pam Hoskins, Susan Angel, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, and Joan Patterson** who helped with hosting hospitality 9/28-10/19.
- \* **RE Parents, William and Pat Riedell, Will Adkins, and Ansel Bailey-Mershon** for being clean up "heroes" and **everyone else** who helped with clean up 9/28-10/19.
- \* **Chelsea and Van Fox, Danny Lambert, Randall Gann, Holly and Kathie Mackie, and Malte Haupt** for cooking and serving the October Shelter meal.
- \* **Kelley Turnage** for donating a *Swiffer* mop for quick, damp mop cleaning in the new building.
- \* **Mary Stewart** for donating a sand box for the Tot-Lot playground.

- \* **Beryl Cassiday** for donating a rocking chair for the nursery.
- \* **Dot Mann** for donating a couch for Rms 3&6.

### Workday Appreciations

To **Joe Chulak** for blowing leaves, **Bruce Brandt** for carrying mulch to the Tot-Lot and playground and spreading it, **Mary Persons** for mowing the lawn and spreading mulch, **Randall Gann** for mowing the lawn and blowing leaves, **Don Berger** for electrical work, and **Tom Chase** for 24 hours of watering, electrical work and playground work on 10/4.

To **Tom Chase, Randall Gann, and Dave Harvey** for installing four sides of the playground fence, **Don Berger** for electrical work and **Francis Ventre** for blowing leaves 10/18.

To **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Dexter Easton, and Francis Ventre** for their work 10/25: re-connecting power to our street sign lights, attaching playground fencing, blowing leaves, and purchasing vertical blinds for some of the new building windows.

### UU-United Nations Sunday Special Collection

By Barnett Cook, District Envoy  
We collected \$2,054.40 for the UU-United Nations Office (UNO) at the October 12 Sunday service. I especially want to thank our speaker, Dr. Salah Aziz, who contributed his honorarium. Eighteen members have joined the UU-UNO already. I invite others to join by picking up a membership form at the church and sending your contribution directly to the UU-UNO.

### Music Service Thank You

Thank you to the **O.K. Chorale, Lindsay Worsham, Barbara and Howard Solomon, Ron Crowe, Barbara Lineberry, Beth Cavano, Yvonne Gsteiger, Alan Keith, and Will Adkins** for their participation in the September music service. A big thank you to **all who donated** to the piano fund. We collected \$1,193.76. Also thanks to **Mary Persons** who donated a beautiful antique piano stool for sanctuary use.

## Lifespan Religious Education



### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, November 2, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; kelleyturnage@hotmail.com)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (877-6301)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREMaggie@comcast.net)**

### An Old Fashioned Playground Raising

Please join us on **Saturday, November 8 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM** for an Old Fashioned Playground Raising! Bring your tools and hard working attitude to help us erect our new play structure on the main playground. Many hands make light work, so come one, come all, and let's get the play structure built in time for Sunday RE classes! The kids have been waiting a LOOOONG time to play on the playground.

Once darkness falls, stay for food and fellowship at our Chili Potluck from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Bring some chili (meat or vegetarian), some fixin's, or some dessert, and gather with our community for a good hearty meal. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information or to sign up for the potluck.

### Our Whole Lives for K-2nd Grades

A **Parent Orientation** for the K-2nd grades Our Whole Lives program will be held on **Sunday, November 9, at 1:15 PM** (after the potluck) in the Large Meeting Room. Our Whole Lives is a progressive approach to sexuality education that deals with the totality of human sexuality in an age-

appropriate manner. The Parent Orientation will provide parents with an overview of the program and its underlying values, ways that parents can support their children's participation in the program, and support to parents in their role as sexuality educators of their children. O.W.L for this age group will begin late Winter/early Spring and be 6 to 8 weeks in length. For more information or if you have questions, contact Susan Angel (906-9524) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).

### Fun Day

The Sunday morning of Thanksgiving weekend, **November 30**, will be a Fun Day for the Kindergarten through Middle School classes. There will be games and special activities.

### Parents' Night Out/Kids' Fun Night

It's that time of year again. Do you need time to do some Christmas shopping sans kids or are you dreaming of a dinner alone with your sweetie? Either way, bring the kids to our semi-annual Fun Night, get some time away from the children, and help raise money for the Youth RE Committee.

Bring your kids to UUCT on **Saturday, December 6 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM**. Food and fun for the kids will be provided. You're free to do what you please for four whole hours! Cost is \$10 for one child, \$15 for two children, or \$20 for three or more. What a bargain for four hours and food! Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information or to sign up.

### Mountain Cons

Youth and Parents interested in attending or advising for the elementary and middle school Mountain Cons, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

- November 21-22 Jr. High Con
- December 12-14 Elementary Con
- February 6-8 Jr. High Con

### YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)

**Meetings:** Every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 3&6) - with members taking turns planning and leading. See below for 11/2 and 11/9 is 6-7 PM only.

**Room Decorating:** Sunday, Nov. 2, 1:00 - 6:00 PM. (No meeting from 6:00-8:00 PM.)

**YRUU Lock-In:** Friday, November 7, 6:00 PM - Saturday, November 8, 9:00 AM. Sign-up at YRUU meetings.

### FL District Con Schedule Fall:

- November 14-16 All-Age CON Clearwater
- December 5-7 Social Action CON location TBA
- January 16-18 All-Age CON Gainesville
- February 27-29 All Age CON Lakeland
- April 16-18 District Youth Caucus
- April 30-May 2 All-Age CON Vero Beach

### Mountain CONS:

- January 23-25 Senior High CON

**For more information**, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or Howard Pardue (386-1494).

## Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator** ([blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net); 893-5511)
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education** ([DREMaggie@comcast.net](mailto:DREMaggie@comcast.net); 877-6301).

**UPCOMING CLASSES:** Most fall classes ended in October or end this month. Classes to be offered after the first of the year will be announced in the December *Meridian*.

#### CURRENT CLASSES:

**Artist's Way** class was originally formed (in 2002) as a creative workshop to pull together artist or artist-to-be from any media (painters, sculptors, writers, dancers, etc.). It was called "Dazzle Yourself: A Creative Workshop". We are now ready to go back to that format and would like to invite former classmates and anyone interested to join us on a creativity binge where we work together to produce a finished work of art. Come play.

Please note change in class time: Saturday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 AM in Room L. This is a seven week course, but will be broken up some due to the holidays (we are very flexible). Remember, everyone is an artist in some form, no experience necessary. Our goal is to create a piece (something small to start with) for submission to a magazine. This will include text and illustration. Contact: Amy Mann ([cafe@bleuheron.com](mailto:cafe@bleuheron.com) or 222-1420).

**New UU** sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions are scheduled for Mondays, November 3 and 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, and will be taught by Rev. Amy and UUCT member Rod Oldenburg. Location: Rm L. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

### NEW UU BUDDHIST GROUP



An organizational meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 10, for a new UU Buddhist Philosophy, Reading and Discussion Group. The first meeting will define our goals. Emphasis will probably be on reading, discussion and study. For more information, contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204 at home; 984-5297 at work) or William Riedell (562-0739 at home; 410-4493 at work).

Note: Will Adkins and Anne Rudloe both were (simultaneously!) planning new UU Buddhist Study Groups to begin in November. But UUCT only needs one such group! Will heartily endorses the new group and will continue to edit an email newsletter under the Bo-tree for interested readers.

#### OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L.** Open to everyone. See front page for topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** Meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563).

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

It's no surprise that the University UUs are still as busy as ever. We're all juggling hectic schedules, academic pressures, and challenging goals. Nonetheless, we've found bits of time here and there to give back to our community, and to enjoy fellowship with other UUs. November 2 marks this semester's Campus Ministry Sunday, where we will explore the concept of time and how it helps or hinders us on

our spiritual journeys. This month we will serve the shelter meal for the second time this semester. (We also served it in October).

We have been diligently present at FSU's Ogelsby Union every Wednesday, setting up an information booth and making our presence known in that community. If you're in the area, feel free to stop by to say hello. As

always, we meet twice a week: Mondays at 7:00 PM at FSU's International Student Center and Fridays at 6:00 PM at JavaHeads for coffee hour. (Note: Thanksgiving week, we will only meet Monday.)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or willingness to help: [chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com) ~ 222-3931

## Social Justice

### End-of-Life-Choices Speaker

On **Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 AM**, there will be a talk in the UUCT sanctuary on "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" about preparing for a dignified death. The speaker will be Faye Girsh, Ph.D., the Senior Vice-President of the organization End-of-life-Choices. Dr. Girsh will also be a guest at the November 9 Sunday Adult Forum to discuss and answer questions on this critical and timely issue. Anyone who would like to find out more information on this organization, previously the Hemlock Society, can go to their website: [www.endoflifechoices.org](http://www.endoflifechoices.org).

### Rock for Riley House!

This month RCDC signs up people to rock and people to sponsor rockers for Riley House's Annual Rock-a-Thon. This is UUCT's approved, annual fundraiser for the African American museum. We are the only church in Tallahassee with our own chair! Sign up after Sunday service. Here are the details:

- Be a part of the Winter Festival, **December 6**
- Raise money for Riley House Museum, meet and greet Tallahasseeans, inc. local elected officials and community leaders
- Rock in UUCT's own rocking chair any time from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**
- Tour Riley House (with a WWII photo exhibit of the Ledo-Stillwell Road construction in Burma)
- Enjoy entertainment, refreshments, and crafts, too!



### Harmony Camp 2004

All is harmonious as we wait to hear the decision on our grant application to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) sometime before Christmas. We will meet **Sunday, December 7 at 12:40 PM**, to construct a time line for task completion in preparation for the camp. Watch for details in next month's *Meridian*.

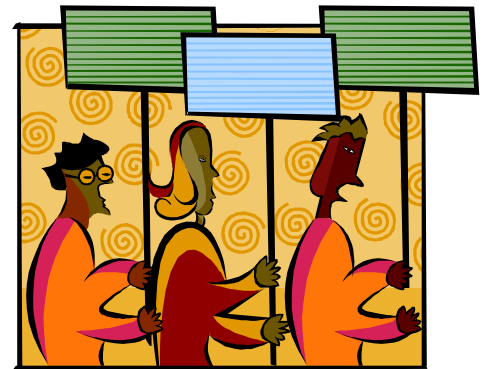
### "Direct Action Training: Nonviolent Direct Action"

- Workshop led by Starhawk
- Sunday, Nov. 9, 2-5:00 p.m.
- At UUCT
- Space limited.
- Donations to Starhawk accepted.
- Contact: Bonnie Foster, 539-5563, or [Dbdfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:Dbdfoster@yahoo.com)
- Registration: Sissy Taylor-Maloy, 524-1104, or [DragonWing56@aol.com](mailto:DragonWing56@aol.com)

**Background:** A powerful new initiative is currently under negotiation called the Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA. Equally powerful is a growing voice in opposition to the FTAA, an initiative that would effectively expand the NAFTA, which has proven to be an economic and environmental disaster. In 2003, the UUA adopted an Economic Globalization Statement of Conscience, which calls upon UU members to "bring our Unitarian Universalist principles to our understanding of economic globalization and to help mitigate its adverse effects". November 19-22, trade ministers from around the Americas will meet in Miami for talks on the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

**About Workshop:** Starhawk will lead participants to actively explore in-depth principles and techniques of non-violent direct action. Participants will also be given the opportunity to brainstorm political innovation. It is hoped that several participants will continue on to Miami to demonstrate with Starhawk against this movement of global injustice.

**About Starhawk:** Starhawk is a committed global justice activist and organizer, a veteran of progressive movements, and a highly influential voice in the revival of earth-based spirituality and Goddess religion. In addition to being published by Beacon Press, she is frequently asked to speak to UU congregations and has been a keynote speaker in the past at the UUA General Assembly.



## About Our New Members

**Ansel Bailey-Mershon.** Ansel was born in the Chicago area and lived there until 2001, when he moved to St. Augustine with his parents. He still has extended family around Chicago and in parts of Georgia and the Carolinas. He is currently a student at FSU and has also attended Western Illinois University and St. Johns River Community College. He has many interests and hobbies:

geology/geography, astronomy, teaching, multicultural studies, ancient history, social activism, science-fiction, watching movies, art, theater, martial arts, cooking, visiting museums, politics, and "who knows what else".

Ansel was raised a UU, so when asked why he joined UUCT, he responded: "I've always been a UU, so here I am. I strangely find myself attending church more as I become older and more atheistic." When asked what UUCT can do for him, Ansel's response was: "Just be a UU church." He hopes to be involved in "as much as possible without losing what little is left of my sanity."

And what does he hope to find at UUCT? "The love of my life, winning lottery numbers..., realistically I just expect to meet interesting people." Is there anything else he'd like us to know about him? "That would ruin the surprises." Ansel is also a member of our University UU campus group.

**Christopher Ellrich.** Chris is an Investigator and Public Defender and has also spent almost 22 years in the Naval Reserve. He is married to Abbe Justus, and between them, they have 5 children ranging in age from a 20 year-old to their 11-month old daughter, Samantha. Chris's interests and hobbies include Civil War reenacting, karate, reading, and history.

Chris says: "I was raised in a big Catholic family and have many happy memories. We were not strict Catholics, but I really do not think that priests expect all their flock to follow the complete dogma. I was happy being a luke-warm Catholic. That's what it says on my dog tags."

Chris and Abbe came to UUCT because Abbe wanted their new daughter to get involved in a church that had her values and taught children about good works and community service. Chris says, "I went along with her and after attending, I could not think of a reason not to join. I like the idea of a close congregation that teaches good works but is not hung up on out-of-date dogma. I enjoy the social gatherings after church and the warm atmosphere." Chris is looking forward to attending Dinners for 8.

**Abbe Justus.** Abbe grew up on a small farm in Ohio and is the youngest of five children, by ten years. She is a Research Associate at the Department of Corrections, is finishing her doctorate, and lectures at both FSU and FAMU. Her interests and hobbies are reading, writing and crafts.

Abbe says: "I was raised Methodist by my siblings, Baptist by my cousins and Native American by my friends. I need a more 'thinking' religion to fit into my lifestyle now." When asked what she hopes to find at UUCT and be involved in, Abbe says: "I hope to find a place where social justice and social service are a part of the life of the church and not just part of the lip service. I want to raise awareness of the truths about society in general and Tallahassee specifically. I want to participate in the church, but with a lot of other stuff going on, I don't want to make a huge commitment." She adds that she would be happy to speak at UUCT occasionally once she gets acclimated.

When asked what the church can do for her personally, Abbe says: "It can provide a spiritual place of growth for my children. I want them to know that they may not have all the toys they want, but they are still very fortunate with their place in life and whatever they choose to do with it."

## Board Actions in October

By Carolyn DuBard, Executive Board Secretary

October 2, 2003 Executive Board Decisions:

- Approved the minutes of the September 4, 2003 board meeting, as amended.
- Accepted the following financial reports: The August Treasurer's Report and the August Balance Sheet with Outreach Expenses.

The August income was \$14,980.33; August expenses were \$13,038.05. The difference between income and expenses in August was \$1,942.28; the year-to-date difference was \$6,758.57.

- Approved the co-sponsorship of a workshop led by Starhawk on nonviolent direct action. The

workshop will be held at UUCT on November 9, 2003. There will be free-will donations by participants with 10% of the proceeds going to UUCT.

- Accepted the canvass calendar and timelines presented by the Finance Committee.



## Green Corner

By Steve Urse, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair



### Have We Lost Connection with the Land? Is this Important?

We urban/suburban dwellers have lost our connection with the land. Sue Cerulean, a Heart of the Earth (HOTE) board member, told a September UUCT Forum that their group is trying to do something about that. One method is to celebrate the earth with outdoor events quarterly, like the one some UUs participated in on the equinox where Ed Oaksford led a group to explore Bald Point State Park. Another way is to become “native to the place” by learning more about our bioregion. Susan is editing an anthology, [Between Two Rivers](#), featuring prominent local authors, that will be published next year. A third way HOTE developed is to fight global warming by taking a pledge to reduce carbon emissions. See [www.heartoftheearth.org](http://www.heartoftheearth.org).

We UU's have taken some similar measures to reconnect with the land. Some picked blueberries in the summer. Others helped just before Labor Day with the grape harvest and winemaking for Cynthia Connelly at Ladybird Organics Farm. And some participated in the Coastal Cleanup with Big Bend Sierra and Apalachee Canoe and Kayak by removing a total of 724 pounds of trash from the Aucilla River and Sink Trail ... and there was much work done and is more left to do on the UU gardening landscape. Doing good, being outdoors and connecting with the land—what a combination!

A UU and her husband (Carolyn and Ed Lichfield) living in a Transylvanian village are much more connected to the land, its bounty and the community. Here is an excerpt from a recent email. “Even though Ed's not here [visiting our daughter in Iowa], I'm staying very busy giving private English lessons and planning tours for

next summer. My garden is almost ‘put to bed’ for the winter. For all of my neighbors, even though we suffered from drought, it was a good summer especially for tomatoes and most other vegetables and fruit. The wheat wasn't very plentiful and corn not quite as good as it usually is. All the remaining fruit is being stored to make palinka [plum brandy], and the grapes have been pressed for wine. I secretly keep one neighbor lady's wine in my basement so her husband doesn't drink too much! Neighbors bring us baskets of fruit and nuts, strings of onions, bags of eggs, wagonloads of manure. And we give free rides into the city when we're going. Yes, we do fit into the daily life of our village. It's early morning here in our little valley, quite misty and mysterious.”



So if you have not done so, sign the UU pledges described below, grow something useful, go camping or just take a hike! And you may want to join us in Transylvania next year. (See *Announcements* for more on that.)

### Complete Your Action Pledge Forms

The members of the Green Sanctuary Committee invite you to join them in making Pledges to take actions that will both reduce production of greenhouse gases and minimize the negative environmental impact of the food choices we make. At our May 2003 Annual Congregational Meeting,

UUCT passed a Resolution that members and friends would be encouraged to take these pledges. They are the Response to Global Warming: 1-2-3 Pledge, and the Food for Thought (*And Action!*) Pledge.

More information about this Resolution and the Pledges can be found on the Green Sanctuary Committee's pages of the UUCT website, at <http://www.nettally.com/uuct/>

Please take the time to download and print out the Pledge Forms. (They have been fully virus checked.) Decide what actions to take, and fill them in. Then, give your completed Pledge Forms to a member of the Green Sanctuary Committee at their table Sundays after the church service. The forms may also be mailed to Kathie Mackie, given to her during office hours, or placed in the Green Sanctuary Committee mailbox. Blank forms may also be obtained from Kathie during the week or at the Green Sanctuary Sunday table.

Members of the Green Sanctuary Committee will also be personally contacting individuals who have not yet pledged to see if they are interested in doing so.

As of 10/26, 40 pledges have been received from members, friends and frequent visitors.



### Inkbank Recycling Program Update

Thank you everyone for bringing your empty inkjet and laser cartridges to UUCT. In October the church received the first checks for empty cartridges: \$106.44 and \$33.32.

## Annual Canvass News

By Isabel Sheridan, 2004-05 Canvass Committee Chairperson

### Canvass 2004-2005

The Canvass Committee is starting to get organized this month. We hope you will be a part of this year's Canvass activities.

- Would you like to share your talents and be a part of the committee?
- How about using your leadership skills as the Incoming Chair?
- Or would you prefer to do a **one-time task?** (Signing up guests for potlucks, hosting one, phoning potluck guests to remind them, arranging for childcare, or stuffing envelopes.)

We are eager to have newer members and friends be involved. **Do call** for more info. Contact Isabel Sheridan at 668-0785 or [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com).

### Canvass 2003-2004

Here are more of the hopes and dreams members and friends shared at the Canvass potlucks last year. We'll list them all, from September through February.

#### My hopes and dreams for this congregation are:

To grow and be a welcoming church, as you have been to me.

Greater fellowship.

Completion of building and growth of congregation.

Continue to grow with more programs. For it to be a spiritual home for me and my family.

Groups that encourage knowing each other, leading to shared activities and ministry.

Just to continue to be.

Challenging Sunday programs, social activities, a liberal presence in the community.

Continue excellent programs.

Steady growth.

## Our Great Expectations Workshop

By Trudy Deyle, Membership Chair

Here are a few highlights from our Great Expectations Workshop in early September with FL District consultant Connie Goodbread. Fifty-seven people attended the workshop - representing a variety of ages, lengths of time at UUCT, and involvement in church committees and activities.

In one exercise, Connie had us split into small groups and share answers:

How did I find this congregation?

What was I seeking?

How was I welcomed?

When did I feel I belonged?

When was I aware that I had made a commitment?

How did I learn about the congregation as a system? (How decisions are made, how committees work, etc.)

The answers to these questions were all thoughtful and informative. Connie suggested that we all might want to think about and share our answers with others at UUCT, as a way of getting to know each other better. Your Membership Committee would be

interested in hearing any insightful answers you have with regard to the "journey to membership".

Connie reviewed the stages in this journey, giving specific examples:

Testing the waters - Newcomers are looking for a variety of things: messages they can agree with, an accepting faith and community, to be welcomed in, a church without dogma, social action - deeds matching the message, and perhaps friends who are already here and religious education for themselves or their children.

Making connections - When newcomers don't continue, it's usually because they haven't made connections. This is the stage to introduce them to others with common interests, invite them to the New UU sessions, personally invite them to dinners and social events, and ask for their help with small, one-time tasks, where they will get to know others.

Making the commitment - This is the stage where newcomers attend the New UU sessions and are introduced

to our culture of generosity (generous in spirit, in acceptance of others, and in our gifts of self and money). When they are ready, newcomers become a member or supporting friend. In doing so, they make a financial commitment to the congregation (the gift of money). They also think about the talents and interests they have and which ones to commit to using here at UUCT over the next year (gift of self).

Deepening the commitment - This is a stage Connie felt UUCT needed to strengthen, because it is very important to really go deeper in our faith. It is where all of us build our spiritual lives through increasing our knowledge and nurturing our wisdom. We all need to keep alive our sense of exploration and excitement and also remain open to further knowledge and insights. Adult Enrichment is a key ingredient at this stage.

The Membership Committee would like to stress that helping newcomers move through these stages is the work of the entire congregation, not just the committee. We need everyone's help!

## Church Community News

by Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline.net)

### About Church Community (Part II)

**Hell's Kitchen:** Our UUCT kitchen is a gloriously noisy, wetsome abode deep within its working bowels -- where service to others (our church community) takes on whole new, special, heartfelt dimension. I recently did such a Sunday duty-- and it was "heavy;" it was October potluck Sunday. I discovered in its hectic sling and crash of never ending cascades of dirty dishes, spoons, cups and saucers, not what most UUs had in mind for their "Heaven." Add some wet dish towels and hot sudsy water and you have what most wish they had never ever volunteered for.

Yet this, for all its negatives, is just a microcosm of life itself. What we make of it determines how happy we feel about it. If we can see it as a necessary chore that has to get done, and done well, for the good of our religious community; if we can laugh at it all and laugh at ourselves too; if we can make frivolity and fun of our misery; if we can tell crazy stories and laugh and joke it up -- just maybe we can enjoy this agony of volunteering. And come out alive and renewed by it all! And say good things about it to others who may be next to get their hands dirty in this HelluvaHeaven!

**Is it My Imagination or What?** I know that we UUs stream in and out of UUCT all year long, and that there are always many things going on at church, no matter what time of year - but!... it just seems to me that come Autumn harvest time, when the holiday season is about upon us, UUCT quickens its pace and "comes alive" big-time, with hustle and bustle wonderful to behold! Is it not our "homecoming" season? Wildflowers dance in the wind, the woods turn brown and yellow, the air cools,

pumpkins spring up orange everywhere, fields glow with white cotton-- and we are at home in our church again! Why, now, does this happen? Is it part of Nature's cycles? Are we triggered by some deep-seated biological signals? Is our pilgrimhood to communal thanksgiving and sharing of candles at Winter Solstice a deeper unconscious part of our inherited DNA? (Mysteriously, it just happens.)

**We Need Community to Live!** The UU church community is, for those of us who choose it, a "family" - a "village" - but not one that's given, but one chosen. It is our "extended family" of kindred spirit-of-life friends that says Yes! to freedom of thought and a right to think for oneself, even to disagree with all and to be a part of the community still. Ours is a village with no barriers or outsiders - it's all inclusive. (Or strives to be.) It advocates "Open Minds, Open Hearts and Open Doors," and it works at compassion toward all who suffer and lose out, and need a helping hand. It's okay to need this community. It's okay to ask for help. It's okay to give a helping hand to another in time of need. It's okay to be here, and to listen, and to learn, and to change, and to grow, and to become someone new. We teach our children this lesson. We know it's a good thing to grow and change - no matter how old we are. "Community" is our most basic, primal religion. Let us not forget it.

### A Young Prize-Winning Poetess In Our Midst

Eight-year old Sierra Christianna Bush Restor, daughter of Tina Bush Restor and Dewaine Restor, loves poetry; and she loves to write it, with a collection of over 30 of her own poems, written since she was 5. Sierra attends the School of Arts and Science in Tallahassee and also weekly poetry

readings at the FSU-sponsored Warehouse. In a recent poetry competition (including 12 adults and one 7th-grader), she won first place with the prize of a Dell desktop computer. Her winning poem was called "choices":

choices when you go to jail  
you are held in your prison of choices  
you are the slave of choices  
he who is fate becomes your master  
fate holds the scene in front your  
eyes.....  
forever

### New Publicity Chair Announced

On Sunday, October 26, when she became a new member at UUCT, Kristin King also became our new Publicity Committee chair. Kristin brings a lot of good business sense and experience, and much enthusiasm for the challenges of this special responsibility. Kristin also serves on the Program Committee and, as a peace-advocate Zen Buddhist, helped with the interfaith peace vigil at UUCT last May. Get to know Kristin and give her your ideas on how to make our church and the "UU Gospel" better known to Tallahassee.

### Audio-Tape Distribution Coordinator Needed

Are you who we are looking for to copy and distribute audio-tapes of the Sunday services? We want to make the tapes more widely available to those who are homebound and to others who have missed a service and want to hear it. The job also involves keeping track of the tapes, getting them back for further lending or re-use, and keeping the Sunday service tape collection organized. Why not volunteer and help serve UUCT in a very important way? Contact Will Adkins or the church office.

## Welcome New Members

- *Chris Elbrich*
- *Abbe Justus*
- *Kristin King*

## Membership

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

## UUCT Name Tags

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

## New Member Recognition

A Sunday in January.

## Baby, What's for Dinner?

If you or another UUCT member is expecting or adopting a child, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you are interested in preparing meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

## Dinners In Homes

*Dinners for 8* (Adults Only or Intergenerational) are being organized. Sign-up sheets for hosting and for being a guest are on the back counter of the sanctuary. Intergenerational Dinners are for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend Adult Only Dinners.

A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest. Contacts: Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

## Our Board

- \* Neil Mooney, President
- \* Jennifer Carver, Past President
- \* Richard Dempsey, President Elect
- \* Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
- \* Dexter Easton, VP for Operations
- \* Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- \* Annette Pearce, VP for Social Justice
- \* Del DeTar, VP for Finance
- \* Susan Angel, VP for Religious Education
- \* William Adkins, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- \* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- \* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- \* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer
- \* Rev. Amy McKenzie, Settled Minister

## Joys and Sorrows

**We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts...** Barbara Lineberry who is recuperating from a recent hip operation, **Harold Hawkins** who was in a car accident recently and injured his knee, and the families of former UUCTers who died recently: **Howard Winter** (on 7/25) and **Randi Modlin** (on 9/20).

Best wishes to: **Marcia Murray** on her re-location to Tennessee and **Aaron Oldenburg** in his return home after serving in the Peace Corps in Africa.

## On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** November Hospitality Chair: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).
- **Music Committee:** Members needed - anyone who loves music. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, November 10, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Pat Farris (422-2847).
- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Contact **Scott Geraci**, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301 or **Holly Mackie**, hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497)



## The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)  
 Bruce Brandt (893-5511)  
 Sara Reece (309-1933)  
 Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) - 174**
- **Current Membership - 176**
- **Current Number of Friends - 48**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of September - 116.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July - September 2003 - 104.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 38 (incomplete)**

## November UUCT Events & Social Activities

### **DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7:30 PM.**

Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, [Katom@istal.com](mailto:Katom@istal.com)).

### **SAMHAIN GATHERING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 3:00 PM.**

Come learn about and discuss Samhain (Halloween) and the Day of the Dead. Bring a momento of a deceased loved one. Meet on the lawn of UUCT. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

### **UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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).

### **PLAYGROUND RAISING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1:00 - 5:00 PM.**

Our second Saturday workday this month will be an afternoon playground raising, followed by a potluck chili supper in the sanctuary from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. See *Youth RE* for details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, [DREMaggie@comcast.net](mailto:DREMaggie@comcast.net)).

### **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, NOVEMBER 9, 12:30 PM.**

Bring your favorite dish to share.

### **TRANSYLVANIA TRAVEL, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:00 PM.**

A soup supper off-site to explore this possibility. See *Announcements*. RSVP: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

### **MOM'S NIGHT OUT, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 6:30 PM.**

At 1 *Fresh Stir Fry*. Moms with one or more children at home, come out and join us for conversation and companionship. Contact: Susan Angel (906-9524).

### **CAMPING WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, NOVEMBER 14 & 21-22.**

Florida Caverns in Marianna. Call toll-free to make reservations at 1-800-326-3521; the campground number is 850-482-9598. Please join us if you want to camp or just come out for the day - ride a bike, tour a cave, hike, canoe, play on the playground, make campfire-fun. If you want to know more about November 14, contact Yvonne Gsteiger ([ygstieg@hotmail.com](mailto:ygstieg@hotmail.com)); for November 21-22, contact Pam Hoskins ([pvhoskins@aol.com](mailto:pvhoskins@aol.com)). FYI: The "Hoskins tent" will be at Site 12, in the Blue Hole Family Camp loop (with electricity and water).

### **SOUP LUNCH, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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.

### **MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 3:00 PM.**

Our annual Thanksgiving Potluck, UUCT Rm. L. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885, [www.multiculturalTal.org](http://www.multiculturalTal.org)).

### **GLOBALIZATION STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 7:00 PM.**

This study circle continues to meet each third Thursday. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

### **THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1:00 PM.**

Come and bring your whole family (and friends) to share in our annual communal dinner. This is one of UUCT's most famous traditions, with Eleanor Moore cooking the Tom turkey every year. Be sure to check the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary

to help us plan a potluck with variety and cornucopic fullness. Rev. John Murphy will offer the blessings. If you can, come help set up tables and create table-decorations starting at 10:30 AM Thanksgiving morning. We use natural decorations (pine cones, green ferns, etc.) and votive candles. Our ingathering with receiving of the dishes and drinks begins around 12:30 PM. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071, [wmadkins@infionline.net](mailto:wmadkins@infionline.net)).

### **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. **Check Social Activities section of UUCT website for more activities:** [www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct).

- Peace Dances, Sat. 11/1, 7:30 PM
- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wed. 11/5, 11:30 AM
- Monthly Potluck, Second Sun. 11/9, 12:30 PM
- Mom's Night Out, Tues. 11/11, 6:30 PM
- UU Camping Trips to Marianna Caverns, Fri. 11/14 and Sat. & Sun. 11/21-22
- Soup Lunch, Sun. 11/16, 12:30 PM
- Thanksgiving Potluck, Thurs. 11/27, 1:00 PM

### **BOARD GAMES FOR ADULTS!**

Archaeological excavations of Mayan temple complexes, civilization-building in Mesopotamia, undersea exploration, and more. Contact Gary Robinson ([chuft@comcast.net](mailto:chuft@comcast.net) or 877-3513).

## Events after November & District Events

### Events After November

**RILEY HOUSE ROCK-A-THON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** See *Social Justice*. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

**SEASON OF CARING LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, NOON.** Mark your calendars for this luncheon for all UUCT members and friends, in the sanctuary. RSVP: Joanne Taylor (893-9024 or taylorjoanne@earthlink.net)

**TREE DECORATING, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:00 - 7:00 PM.** As part of the Parents' Night Out/Kids' Fun Night, there will be a tree-decorating party for the children at the beginning. A large evergreen tree from late Charlie Terrell's tree farm in Georgia is being cut and set up in the afternoon. Let Will Adkins know if you could help with tree set-up and hanging lights after 2:00 PM. Contact: William Adkins (385-5071, wmadkins@infionline.net).

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT/KIDS' FUN NIGHT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:00 - 10:00 PM.** See *Youth RE*. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net).

**WINTERFEST CELEBRATION, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:30 PM.** Our annual Winterfest Christmas Holidays Celebration. A potluck winter feast with wassail, music, songs and Christmas caroling (with Helen Falb and the O.K. Chorale), storytelling, dancing, and general merry-making. Children very welcome!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 7:00 PM.** Our traditional intergenerational service, with a dessert potluck afterwards. More in December.

### District Events

**WOMEN AND RELIGION RETREAT, NOVEMBER 7-9.** Held in Daytona Beach, the theme is "Flowing to the Sea". For information and registration: Sondra Ickes (407-647-5418)

**SOUTHWEST CLUSTER FALL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8.** Held in Naples, the workshop led by District Executive Mary C. Higgins will be: "Strengthening Your Congregation". Contact office for info.

**SOUTHEAST CLUSTER FALL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8.** Held in Miami, there will be a workshop on "Building Covenant Groups" in the afternoon. Contact office for info.

**RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, JANUARY 17, 2004.** Location to be announced.

**RAISE THE ROOF TRAINING, FEBRUARY 20 - 22, 2004.** By Alice Mann from the Alban Institute for congregations moving from small to mid-size in the Florida, Mid-South and Thomas Jefferson Districts.

**SPIRITUAL ELDERING WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 28.** Led by Rev. Pat Hoertdoerfer. Location TBA.

**DISTRICT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, APRIL 16-18.** Location TBA.

## Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

**A Magical Winter Solstice, Dec. 19 - 21.** Make candles and luminarias, learn about labyrinths and then create and experience our own, explore Celtic Solstice traditions.

**Let's Pretend It's New Years I, Dec. 26 - 28.** Don't want to travel mid-week for New Year's Eve celebrations? Then come to The Mountain the weekend before!\*

**Let's Pretend It's New Years Too, Jan. 1 - 3.** Join the UU Congregation of Metro Atlanta North for a fun-filled and thoughtful program centering around bringing one year to a close and opening another.\*

**New Year's at The Mountain, Dec. 30 - Jan. 1.** Join us for our traditional toasting and singing in the New Year, and weather-permitting, snow tubing for those interested.\*

\* All three New Year's programs have arts and crafts activities, a special workshop on connecting principles and values to justice work, a Not-Necessarily-Talented Show and individual time for walking and hiking.

See information at the back of the sanctuary or contact Linda Winn-Brown for registration forms for these programs (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net).

### Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 2); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 2 or next available room)*
- *Every Thursday, 7:15 PM Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, November 9, 10:30 AM -12:30 PM End of Life Choices Speaker (Sanctuary)*



# November 2003 Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>New Building</b> Rm L - Large Room	Rm C - Corner Room Rm K - Kitchen To Be Rm N - Nursery					<b>1</b> 7 AM - 3 PM Yard Sale 10 AM Artist's Way, Rm C 7:30 PM Peace Dances
<b>2</b> 9:30 Youth RE Committee, Rm 2 3 PM <i>Samhain</i> Gathering UUCT Lawn 1-6 PM YRUU Rm 3&6 (Decorating)	<b>3</b> 7-9 PM New UU, Rm L 7:15 Women's Spirituality Group (WSG), off-site 7:30 PM Buildings & Grounds, Rm C	<b>4</b> 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rm L	<b>5</b> 11:30 AM Chow-Down, off-site 7:15 PM Membership, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary	<b>6</b> 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm L	<b>7</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site 6 PM YRUU Lock-In, Sanctuary	<b>8</b> 9 AM End of YRUU Lock-in, Sanctuary 10 AM Artist's Way, Rm L 1-5 PM Playground Raising 5-7 PM Chili Supper Potluck, Sanctuary
<b>9</b> 12:30 PM Potluck & <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 1:15 PM K-2 OWL Parent Orientation, Rm L 2-5 PM Starhawk Activist Workshop, Sanct. 6 PM YRUU (1 hour only), Rm 3&6 6 PM Transylvania Potluck, off-site	<b>10</b> 7-9 PM New UU, Rm L 7 PM UUCT Buddhist Group, Sanc. 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 WSG, off-site 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Mom's Night Out, off-site	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary	<b>13</b> 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7:15 PM CIC, Rm L	<b>14</b> 6 PM University UU, off-site UUCT Camping Trip off-site	<b>15</b> 10 AM Artist's Way, Rm L
<b>16</b> 12:15 PM Adult RE, Rm 2 12:30 PM Campus Ministry Soup Lunch, Sanc. 3 PM Multicultural Families Thanksgiving Potluck, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	<b>17</b> 7 PM Finance Committee, Rm 2 7:15 Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7 PM University UUs, off-site	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary	<b>20</b> 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2	<b>21</b> 6 PM University UUs, off-site UUCT Camping Trip, off-site	<b>22</b> 10 AM Artist's Way 2-5:30 PM Member's private event, Sanctuary UUCT Camping Trip, off-site
<b>23</b> 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	<b>24</b> 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 WSG, off-site 7:15 PM Program Comm., Rm L	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>No Office Hours for Rev. Amy</b>	<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Thanksgiving Dinner Set-up 1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner <b>No Office Hours for Rev. Amy</b>	<b>28</b> <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>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6						



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**YOUTH EVENTS**

See Youth RE (p. 5).

- \* **YRUU**, Every Sun.,  
6:00 PM (Exc. 1-6 PM  
11/2)

**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

See Adult Enrichment (p. 6)

- \* **Artist's Way**, Every  
Sat., 10:00 AM. Amy  
Mann (222-1420)
- \* **Morningsong**, Thurs.  
thru 11/20, 10:00 AM.  
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Women's Spirituality**,  
Every Mon., 7:15 PM.  
Bonnie Foster  
(539-5563)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- \* Thurs., November 6,  
7 PM. Pres. Neil  
Mooney (893-8250)

**COMMITTEES MEET**

Open to All Interested

- \* **Adult RE**, Sun., 11/16,  
12:15 PM. Bruce Brandt  
(893-5511)
- \* **Buildings & Grounds**,  
Mon., 11/3, 7:30 PM.  
Francis Ventre  
(402-3050)
- \* **Capital Improvement**,  
Thurs., 11/13, 7:15 PM.  
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Committee on  
Ministry**, Tues., 11/4,  
7:15 PM. Christine  
Boczarska (893-7079)
- \* **Finance**, Mon., 11/17,  
7:00 PM. Del DeTar  
(878-7895)
- \* **Endowment**, Next:  
January. Jim Dawson  
(383-1213)
- \* **Green Sanctuary**, Next:  
Early December.  
Steve Urse (385-2864)
- \* **Harmony Camp**, Next:  
Sun., 12/7, 12:40 PM.  
Joanne Taylor  
(893-9024)
- \* **Membership**, Wed.,  
11/5, 7:15 PM. Trudy  
Deyle (422-1057)
- \* **Music**, TBA. Al Starr  
(383-2556).
- \* **Personnel**, Next: Tues.,  
1/20, 12 PM. Margaret  
Mooney (893-8250)
- \* **Program**, Mon., 11/24,  
7:15 PM. Eric Draper  
(668-5075)
- \* **Racial & Cultural  
Diversity**, via e-mail.  
Isabel Sheridan  
(668-0785)
- \* **Youth RE**, Sun., 11/2,  
9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage  
(553-9416)