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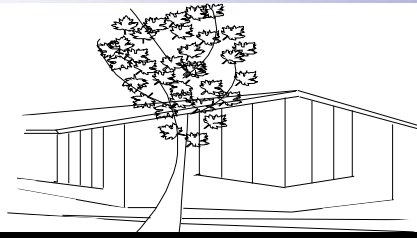
Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice: *exc.* 11/28
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Youth Group (Ages 12-20)
- 11:00 AM Youth RE: Pre-K-Elementary

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- November 7, Pam McVety, "Interfaith Efforts to Address Environmental Problems"
- November 14, George Foster, "Past Cultural Sites in Tallahassee"
- November 21, Anne Rudloe, "Buddhism and Zen"
- November 28, Pat McCaffrey, "A Personal View of Spirituality" based on Native American Spirituality

November Highlights  
Potluck & Community Night:  
Wed. 11/10, 6:30 PM  
Thanksgiving Dinner: Thurs.  
11/25, 1:00 PM



# The Meridian

## November Sundays (11:00 AM)



### Nov. 7 | Beloved Community

*Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* We celebrate belonging to and shaping UUCT, where we take seriously the bonds that unite us, come to give as much as to receive, and share a vision of religious community that nurtures, unites, and empowers. New Member Welcome. The Shelter Meal Collection.

**The Committee on Ministry (Bruce Brandt, chair; Sara Reece; Bob Deyle) and Rev. Amy McKenzie**

### Nov. 14 | When the People Err

*The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.* People make mistakes, sometimes very big ones. The Civil War was an egregious, terrible error by southern society that, if sustained by war, could have profoundly destroyed the quality of American democracy. Lincoln said that the nation could not survive half slave and half free, that we must build something of the people, by the people, and for the people, or the American experiment would fail. But the Confederacy ran ahead, headstrong, heedless, bravely, tragically. The wounds would take a hundred years to heal. Some remain un-sutured. What to do when the people err?

**Speaker: Richard Dempsey; Lay Leader: Joe Lama; Lay Reader: Ron Crowe**

### Nov. 21 | UUSC Around the World: A Little Box of Hope for Haiti

*The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.* In 1946, seventy-nine year-old Nobel Peace Prize recipient Emily Green Balch said: "We are not asked to subscribe to any utopia or to believe in a perfect world. We are asked to equip ourselves with courage, hope, readiness for hard work and to cherish large and generous ideals." Balch grew up Unitarian. Her words may encourage and inspire the members and supporters of the UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)--which works to empower people rather than convert them. UUSC is active around the world, including here in the United States. Haiti is our neighbor. You know the ethical way to treat our neighbors: as we want them to treat us. We'll talk about what UUSC is doing in Haiti, in partnership with Haitian groups, for hurricane relief and human rights. *Guest at Your Table Sunday.*

**Rev. Amy McKenzie; Lay Leader: Norene Chase**

### Nov. 28 | Love and the God of Nature

*Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* Hurricane season is drawing to a close. I would guess that the power of the winds and the trauma of the events got most of us thinking about the spiritual and religious implications. Nature demands respect and draws from us awe. Respect and awe equip us to offer thanksgiving and gratitude. And so we will. **Rev. Amy McKenzie**



## Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

With my life so rich already, I didn't expect to be grateful for Major League Baseball. However, it was almost like the hand of Providence was "relief" pitching to a hurricane-traumatized and election-weary people.

The only sport I watch regularly is basketball, and then only the WNBA games (women's pro. basketball). But one of the members of the Committee on Ministry alerted me to the fact that the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees were seriously tempting fate. Maybe the Red Sox would win, go on to win the World Series, and overcome the alleged "curse" of many decades.

A few days before game 6 of the American League championship, a colleague in UU ministry sent an email of a soliloquy from "Take Me Out," the play by Richard Greenberg. The quote describes baseball as "a perfect metaphor for hope in a Democratic society." We could all use some hope, and I took it as a further sign to watch.

I was rewarded with an upswell of hope for the future of our country when the Red Sox won in game 7. Down by 3 games, they took the championship!

Even long curses can be overcome,

with hard work and faith. So I trust that unjust governmental policies will be overturned. Imagine an end to: policies that harm people who don't have enough money; aggressive military actions; distortions of the truth; and disdain for the separation of church and state.

Justice will prevail. Maybe not this time, but in time. Love will grow. Maybe not this time, but in time. Change will come. In time and all the time!

At Thanksgiving, Unitarian Universalists wend our way through the question of who we are thanking for this great life. During baseball games, I notice that some home-run hitters point their index finger in the sky, I assume in a gesture of thanks to God. But a home run is a human event according to "Take Me Out":

*...Another thing I like is the home-run trot. Not the mad dash around the bases...I'm talking about that graceful little canter when the ball has been crushed, and it's missing, and the outcome's not in doubt. What I like about it is it's so unnecessary. [...T]he sensible things would be to say, yes,*

*that's gone, add a point to the score, and send the next batter to the plate. But that's not what happens. Instead, play is suspended for a celebration. A man rounds four bases and, if he's with the home team, the crowd has a catharsis. And from the way he runs, you learn something about the man. And from the way they cheer, you learn something about the crowd. And I like this because I don't believe in God. Or--well---don't know about God. Or about any of that . . . metaphysical murk. Yet, I like to believe that something about being human is . . . good. And I think what's best about us is manifested in our desire to show respect for one another. For what we can be. And that's what we do in our ceremonies, isn't it? Honor ourselves as we pass through Time?*

Let's do that when we settle down to the Thanksgiving meal. Celebrate and show respect. Honor humanity. Honor the people who have gathered with you. Honor yourself. What more can Life ask than to be appreciated and applied, in greater-expanding circles and for larger percentages of people?

(Rev.) Amy

## President's Message

By Richard Dempsey

Just returned from a visit to Rome and came away much impressed by the Vatican and the city's archeological ruins. The Colosseum is colossal! The Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica are breathtaking. The Chapel ceiling and walls bear Michelangelo's paintings, as you probably know, and they depict the story of mankind from the creation of Adam to the Day of Judgment. A Christian can get the whole founding "myth" of his (and our) culture in a single visit, although it may take a few hours to scan every painting in detail, standing elbow-to-elbow with tourists from all faiths (including UUs).

It occurred to me as I craned my neck to view the ceiling that Unitarian Universalists don't have that kind of story to tell, or to fall back upon in rough times. This can be a disadvantage in talking faith with our Christian friends. The ready answers are not there at the fingertips. We have no "sacred texts." The UU faith is that answers can be found, that hope is realistic, that the sun will rise tomorrow. But, we kind of have to work at it, n'est ce pas? Nothing is given. No guarantees. We dig for it with pick and shovel.

Not an easy faith to have, especially in these times. Lots of uncertainty. Difficult issues. It gets a bit tiring, now and then, slogging through bog after bog. We'd like a break, truth be told, but the stream of life never pauses. It's sink or swim. And so we dog-paddle, try a backstroke, nothing fancy, mostly moving ahead. And the answers we seek—ah! The answers! Always partial. Never final. Usually something left unsaid. This is what it's like not to be a god. And that's our story.

In Community, Richard

## *UUCT's Religious Journey - Past, Present, and Future*

By Your Journey Learning Team

Congregation-wide Discussion  
About the History of UUCT's  
Journey as a Religious Community  
In Tallahassee, FL.

**Sunday, Nov. 14, 1:00-4:00 PM**

In the Sanctuary,  
Following the Potluck.

All Invited & Encouraged to Attend!  
Childcare to be Provided.

Join us to look at our church's heritage and present challenges. What was happening in Tallahassee and beyond when UUCT was founded and how did that affect the kind of church we were? How about in the "good old days?" How about now? Come give input!

Beforehand, **during social hour on Sunday, November 7**, we'd like you to mark your house on a large pin map of Tallahassee. Those who live outside the map boundaries will mark along the edge of the map. Different colors of pins will designate different lengths of time at UUCT, and eventually every member/supporting friend household will be marked. This should be a fun and informative exercise! Later, look for the chart displaying UUCT total Sunday attendance for the past 30 years – adults, children and youth.

**Where did we get the idea to explore UUCT's religious journey?** Last winter, the Florida, Mid-South and Thomas Jefferson Districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association sponsored an Alban Institute workshop on issues faced by mid-sized churches. The institute is a non-profit organization that studies and works with more liberal congregations, such as Reformed Jewish, Episcopal and Unitarian Universalist ones. The workshop was during Rev. Amy's winter sabbatical, so she was not able to attend. However, three UUCT members did attend – Jennifer Carver, Trudy Deyle and Annette Pearce.

The workshop's purpose was to learn a process for addressing the host of reasons why churches of our size often encounter a glass ceiling on attendance. Just addressing one or two of these reasons rarely lifts the ceiling. The process learned involves a comprehensive look at a congregation and all the issues that may be affecting participation of all ages – children, youth and adults, and current members, as well as newcomers.

The three of us who attended the workshop were convinced that this process would be very worthwhile to undertake at UUCT. We made a presentation to the Board and recommended that the congregation spend the current year going through the process. The Board endorsed doing so, and a learning team to guide the congregation was formed: the three who attended the workshop, Rev. Amy, and three additional members with varying lengths of time at UUCT – Walter Hoskins, Bob Kenon, and Molly Schmid.

**How will we do the exploring?** The eight-month process will consist of several cycles of information gathering from the congregation and other sources, summarizing this information, distributing it to the congregation, and gathering and incorporating your feedback. It will complement the Religious Education covenanting and Committee on Ministry congregational assessment processes. The Journey process is a comprehensive one, involving every area of the church.

Led by the learning team, UUCT will:

- examine our congregation in relation to our community context – both historically and at present,
- explore the current character of that context,

- discover our congregation's unique role within the community and articulate a vision based on it,
- assess how far along we are in reaching our vision, and
- determine and prioritize what else needs to be done, including whether we are ready and willing to do what is necessary.

**What will be the result?** The end product, based on congregational consensus, will be a comprehensive road map for the future for navigating the issues faced by a UU church of our size – outlining the most urgent next steps to be taken, our readiness and willingness to take them, and issues requiring more study and reflection.

**What's different about this planning process?** The Journey process was developed by an organization with many years of experience working with congregations. It also starts with the overall vision of what we want to be in our community and then addresses the specifics of how to become that. Planning processes we have followed in the past have largely been made up as we proceeded and usually went from the specific to the general, brainstorming everything we'd like to do and then crafting a vision from those specifics. We're convinced that the Journey process is different and that the final product resulting from it will be a useful guide for our future! Note: We also have copies of an Alban Institute video on attendance glass ceilings and the possible reasons behind them. To borrow a copy, contact Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057).

Your Journey Team – Rev. Amy McKenzie, Jennifer Carver, Trudy Deyle, Walter Hoskins, Bob Kenon, Annette Pearce, and Molly Schmid

## Social Justice

### Eyes Wide Open Exhibit

This exhibition of the Iraq War will be on **Monday, November 1**, from dawn to dusk in Lewis Park, Park Ave. and Calhoun St. Over 1,000 pairs of empty combat boots -- tagged with the names of U.S. soldiers who died in the Iraq war -- will be displayed, together with a 24-foot "wall" of names and incidents identifying Iraqi civilian deaths. "An exhibit that speaks directly to our hearts and reminds us of the human cost of war." The exhibit is sponsored by Tallahassee Friends Meeting, who need to raise \$2,000 in order to cover American Friends Service Committee and local expenses such as advertising. The Meeting needs and welcomes tax deductible donations earmarked for this project. Checks should be made out to Tallahassee Friends Meeting and sent to: Bob Henderson, 1015 Alachua Ave., Tallahassee, 32308.

### TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry)

Our interfaith social justice Action Assembly was a success!

UUCTers were 7 of the 325 or so people from a dozen Christian, Jewish, and UU congregations in Leon County who met with our elected officials for the cause of justice on October 26.

We added our hands and voices (clapping was encouraged!) to the Action, which was hosted by Innovation Baptist Church.

ISSUES:

#### \*Voluntary Universal Pre-K (UPK)

Representatives Curtis Richardson and Lorrane Ausley, and candidate David Coley, each agreed to support a Voluntary UPK program with at least 4 hours instructional time per day, researched curriculum, teacher training, and assessment to evaluate program effectiveness. (The

Federation of DART Organizations, Florida, a coalition of 10 organizations, including TEAM, support this issue.)

#### \*Transportation

City Commissioner Allan Katz committed to work to maintain the current level of service and funding for Dial-A-Ride through 2006. He also agreed to work to expand bus service north on Thomasville Rd. as well as to the Southwood/Capital Circle Office Complex, in order to increase access to jobs. (Both Mayor John Marks and Commissioner Andrew Gillum indicated their willingness to work with us, very cooperatively, and expressed regret over not being at the meeting.)

#### \*Healthcare

County Commissioner Ed DePuy and a representative for Commissioner Cliff Thael agreed to commit to improve health care services and decrease non-emergency use of local emergency rooms. The official language was: "Allocate an appropriate portion of the MSTU tax money for primary healthcare, apart from the women's clinic, when formally advised by the primary healthcare advisory board." (The County Commission was meeting at the same time as the TEAM Action, which affected attendance!)

The issues were chosen by the member congregations of TEAM last May, researched over the summer, and presented to the appropriate elected officials before the Action. Look for the next Issues Assembly around May 2005.

Thanks to UUCT TEAM Action participants: Nancy Bean, Norene Chase, Carla Conaway, Randall Gann, Rev. Amy McKenzie, Howard Pardue, and Steve Urse.

#### UUA Social Witness

Help UUCT participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) social witness process -- from proposals, to

study/action issues, to draft and then final statements of conscience. The Draft Statement of Conscience (DSOC) on *Criminal Justice and Prison Reform* has been posted on the Commission on Social Witness website at [www.uua.org/csw](http://www.uua.org/csw). Also posted are the Final Study Guide for the 2004-2006 Study/Action Issue: *Threat of Global Warming* and forms for congregations to submit comments. Questions? Contact Christine Boczarska (893-7079).

### Riley House's Rock-a-thon

Sign up any Sunday in November to rock and/or sponsor a rocker when UUCT raises money for Riley House Museum in this year's one and only, church-approved fundraiser for Tallahassee's nationally known African American museum.

What:

- Rock in UUCT's own rocking chair for half an hour.
- Sponsor someone to rock.
- Enjoy entertainment, food and a tour of Riley House.
- Meet and greet friends and community members.

When: Saturday, Dec. 4,  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where: Riley House,  
419 E. Jefferson Street

Why: Support Riley House in its outreach to children, college students, and the larger community.

### World Aids Day

Candlelight Memorial Service on **Wednesday, December 1**, at Lake Ella, 5:45 PM. A service of comfort and healing. Sponsored by Big Bend Cares and Canopy Connection.

## Announcements



### CoM Assessment

This is just a quick reminder that the Committee on Ministry (CoM) has begun a two-part process for assessing the present status of UUCT. The part dealing with the standing committees began with the Racial and Cultural Diversity and Buildings and Grounds committees. We are grateful for their members' prompt responses.

The questionnaire that will be sent to every member and friend should reach everyone by Nov. 15. The deadline for completion will be Dec. 6. The assessment will be most accurate if everyone fills out a questionnaire.

Contact: Bruce Brandt, Chair  
(blbrandt@earthlink.net; 893-5511)

### Attention Committees

Committees should begin to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2005 - 2006. By January 23, you should have put together your program plan narrative, budget request and any fund raising proposals and submitted them to the VP for Finance. Questions? Contact VP for Finance Del DeTar (877-6649, ddetar@infionline.net).

### Where's Our Fall Yard Sale?

The short answer is that it moved to the spring. We decided to switch the dates for the auction and yard sale, so from now on the Auction will be in the fall and the Yard Sale in the spring. It made sense to schedule a weekend event when there are no football games to compete with AND it will be cooler weather. So start your "spring cleaning" early next year, and save your treasures for our bigger, better-than-ever Spring Sale Extravaganza, sometime in March 2005. Contact: Maria Mena (907-0739; mcmena@ix.netcom.com).

### Staff Opening: Campus Ministry Coordinator

Looking for a way to be a trendsetter and leader in the UU movement? Be a voice for liberal religion on campus! Assist UU young adults in developing their spirituality!

Apply now for this ten-hour per week paid position as UUCT Campus Ministry Coordinator. Applicants should demonstrate: an interest in and commitment to young adult ministry, a strong identification with and articulation of the Unitarian Universalist Purposes and Principles (as UUs or in personal philosophy), and ability to facilitate groups and lead through shared ministry. Applicants need to be flexible in schedule and outlook. Position is year-round with 20 hours of paid vacation per year. Depending on experience, compensation will be \$10 - \$11 per hour.

For a copy of the position description, contact the church office (385-5115). For more information contact Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com). To apply, send a resume with cover letter addressing the points mentioned above to: DeWayne Carver, VP for Religious Education, UUCT, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312.

**Application deadline** is noon on **Wednesday, November 10, 2004.**

### Grounds Help Weekdays

To better keep up with our necessary landscape tasks (weeding, pruning mulching), VP for Management Steve Urse will be having work mornings during the week (for no more than 90 minutes) a couple of times a month. Please let him know if you are interested (385-2864, surse2@earthlink.net).

### Ongoing Opportunities

- **Music Committee:** Contact Ed Tribble (877-1845, cbfia@earthlink.net).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182) or Holly Mackie (926-4324).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Carla Conaway (575-8684).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharvey@aol.com).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For November, contact Leslie Wurster (421-8129, lwurster@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (224-3651, eelfner@istal.com).

### Volunteer Computer/Data Entry Help Needed

The office administrator is looking for a volunteer who doesn't mind doing computer work and could do some data entry, among other things, for her. To volunteer, call Kathie (385-5115).

### Please Volunteer in the Nursery

Sing, dance and play, be a role model for the little ones. We need you for one hour on one Sunday before the end of the year. Please sign-up in the nursery to have some fun with our UU little tikes. For more info, contact Georgia Ackerman, 894-0182 [georgiaackerman@earthlink.net](mailto:georgiaackerman@earthlink.net)

### Meridian Schedule

Please have your articles for printed or web version either e-mailed or turned in to Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the third Sunday of every month. Please make your articles for the printed version brief. Articles for the web version can be longer, but should still be concise.

## *Announcements (Continued)*

### **Scholarships to "The Mountain"**

Money (\$300) 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. The brochure on Mountaincamp 2005 for youth should be available on-line soon. The deadline for UUCT scholarship requests for Mountaincamp is Sunday, December 5. 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, Richard Dempsey (671-2748), or Director of Religious Education, Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

### **Audio Tapes**

Audiotapes of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info. and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).

Note: A number of tapes are missing. Please check at home and return any you might have, so others may borrow them. Also please remember to sign

them out in the notebook on the back of the sound system door.

### **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 (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248) or Del DeTar (ddetar@infionline.net, 878-7895). 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 14. 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. Bi-monthly updates will be published.

### **UUCT Camping Trip**

Go camping, **Friday, December 17 through Sunday, December 19**. Have fun with UUCT adults and kids at Torreya State Park. Join Pam, Walter, Becky and Katie Hoskins, who will be tent camping there, at site 22. Come for a day, one night or two nights. It's best to make a reservation for a campsite. For more information, contact Pam Hoskins (893-5039, or pvhoskins@aol.com).

### **Alternative Christmas Market**

**Sat. 12/4, 9 AM - 5 PM; Sun. 12/5, 1 - 5 PM.** John Wesley Church, 1738 Old St. Augustine Road. A benefit for more than thirty non-profit charitable organizations. Suggested donation: one canned food item. (877-1738, johnwesley@nettally.com).

### **Please Clean Up**

As a rule our cleaning person only comes on Monday and Tuesday, so please clean up after yourselves in the classrooms. Don't leave food trash behind and debris such as popcorn on the floors. The trash has been especially bad in Rooms 3 and 6. Thank you.

## *"The More Meridian" at UUCT Website ([www.nettally.com/uuct](http://www.nettally.com/uuct))*

### **Adult Enrichment**

For more detailed course descriptions, visit *The More Meridian*.

### **Church Community Corner**

Periodic articles will appear on-line. This month find details on joining Will Adkins (385-5071, [wmadkins@infionline.net](mailto:wmadkins@infionline.net)) on two pilgrimages to former President Jimmy Carter's Sunday school class in Plains, GA Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.

### **Green Corner**

For a discussion on using, maintaining and preserving UUCT's outdoors, visit *The More Meridian*.

### **Denominational Affairs**

On-line now:

- News Clips from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)
- UUA Trustee Tidbits

### **Repeated On-line**

Calendar of events & social activities for current months; Sunday service descriptions.

### **Mountain Notes**

By Linda Winn-Brown

Celebrate Thanksgiving at The Mountain, Nov. 24 - 28. And check out this fall's Elderhostel Programs.

Information on any open-participation, upcoming programs at The Mountain is available on-line in *The More Meridian* or contact Linda (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)) or The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838, [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org)).

## Caring Network and Membership News

### Caring Network

By Joanne Taylor, Caring Ministries Chairperson

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

We send positive thoughts to **Lorin and Tom Pratt** as Tom continues chemo-therapy.

**Barbara Hogan** is in our thoughts as she seeks appropriate diagnosis and treatment for chronic back pain.

We rejoice with **Sharman Herrin and Charles Shelfer** as their new daughter, **Hannah**, joins their family.

### Lend Membership a Hand!

The Membership Committee needs:

- A Digital Photo Directory Coordinator (to compile and prepare for posting securely on-line - working with volunteer photographers, the office, the Membership Committee and the webmaster)
- Someone willing to provide transportation on Sundays and for other UUCT events to a long-time UU who has moved to Tallahassee, lives off Ox Bottom Rd., and does not drive.

Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

### Membership Notes

Welcome New Members & Friends:

- Georgia Ackerman & Rick Zelznak
- Melanie & Jeff Brooks
- Mary Janik
- Dan Peterson

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

Next new member recognition is Sunday, November 7.

Help visitors get to know us by wearing your name tag! New members and friends receive name tags. Contact office for replacements (\$4.75).

### Dinners in Homes

Dinners for 8 (all adult or intergenerational) will be happening this winter and spring. We have plenty of hosts; they will be choosing their own dinner dates. Watch for sign-ups by dinner at a Sunday dinners table after the first of the year.

Intergenerational dinners are for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend all adult

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/04) - 178**
- **Current Membership - 171**
- **Current Number of Friends - 56**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of September - 108.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance**
  - **July - Sept. 2004: 109.8**
  - **July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4**
  - **July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 48 (incomplete)**

dinners. A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set menu, providing main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring rest. Contact: Dinners Coordinator Junelle Brandt (893-5511) .

## Board Actions for October

By Carolyn DuBard, Secretary

- ❖ Approved the September minutes as amended.
- ❖ Accepted the September Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report.
- ❖ Approved the change of Kathie Mackie's job title from Administrative Assistant to Office Administrator.
- ❖ Approved the revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual that were approved at the last meeting. (The September meeting had seven board members present; eight are needed for revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual.)
- ❖ Approved the extension of employment of Chelsea Fox as Campus Ministry Program Coordinator through the end of November at the level of 5 hours per week.
- ❖ Approved the Minister's Covenant and Working Agreement for FY 2004 - 2005.
- ❖ Approved the initiation of a Sunday night Vespers Service on an experimental basis starting in February 2005, with organizational meetings beginning in November 2004.
- ❖ Approved the use of up to \$5,000 towards correcting drainage problems. This money will come from the funds received after July 1, 2004 in fulfillment of pledges for the 2003-04 year.

## Appreciation

### To:

- \* **Jean Chulak, Sara Reece and Jim Denny, Nancy Harvey, Molly Schmid, Xing Wei, Cathy Briggs, Jonathan Lieb, Carolyn DuBard, Susan Snyder, and Lugenia Dixon** for greeting on Sunday mornings 10/3 - 10/24.
- \* **Bruce and Junelle Brandt, Charlie Shelfer and Sharman Herrin, Dan Damerville, Dave Harvey, Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, William and Pat Riedell, Michele Davidson, Jean Ryder, Dick Leinberry, Howard and Barbara Solomon, Dorothy Mann, and Leslie Wurster** who provided Sunday hospitality in August and September.
- \* **Randall Gann (who cleaned up every Sunday during August), Michele Hope, Will Adkins, Jerri Lee Wagner, Howard Solomon, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Linda Jamison, Grace Martin, Connie Beane, Bob Kenon, Linda Winn-Brown, Isabel Sheridan, Jerri Lee Wagner, Charlie Shelfer and Sharman Herrin, Jennifer Carver, Ellie Whitney, Sally Andersen, and Don Weed and everyone else who pitched in** as clean-up "heroes" in August and September.
- \* **Howard and Barbara Solomon and Sharman Herrin and Charlie Shelfer** for serving as "kitchen controllers" for the months of August and September.
- \* **Christen and Lauren Ellrich, Patrick Lineberry, Nina Cline, Lee Tanner, Jean Wood, Christine Boczarska, and Georgia Ackerman** for volunteering in the nursery.
- \* **Van Fox, Jessica Gist, Ann Snively, Carla Conaway, Suzanne Freynik, Pam Davidson, and Jared Homan** for volunteering for The Shelter meal.



\* **Randall Gann, Dick Leinberry, George Knight, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Elinor Elfner, the Mooney Family, Rev. Amy McKenzie, Bruce Brandt, Tom and Norene Chase, Don Weed, and Jerry Lawrence** for setting up the sanctuary 10/3 - 10/17.

### Building and Grounds Thanks

Many thanks are owed to those who completed these tasks on our church in the wildwood during the month of October (through Oct. 20). Although the October 9 workday accomplished a great deal, there still remained unfinished tasks. We are appreciative the TAPP Campaign presented an education program, Landscape BMP's for Water-Friendly Yards. UUCT has adopted those practices. Education materials are available if interested.

Warranty follow-up from the phase one capital improvement project continues. Trudy Deyle and the Building and Grounds (B&G) Committee continue to work with Mad Dog Construction and the subcontractors. The largest issue is the drainage problem with storm water runoff. A plan is being developed to improve the drainage in front of the sanctuary, in the new building courtyard near the old classrooms, and along the N/S driveway. More gravel will also be added in parking places that need it.

**For the building,** the sanctuary walkway steps were painted yellow for safety reasons. The sitting wall along that walkway was mortared. All rain gutters and the sanctuary roof were blown clean. The overhead signs for Amy's office and directions to the pods were washed. The cleaning of the sanctuary windows was begun but not completed.

**For the grounds,** stepping stones were placed along the path to the playground. The driveways and walkways were blown free of debris.

**Under landscape tasks,** all the grass was mowed including the meadow and the area north of the old classrooms. This mowing mulched the leaves and cut grass as well as making the lawn more attractive. Some landscape plants, mums and monkey grass, were moved from the courtyard garden to the magnolia tree turnaround. The turnaround was weeded in preparation for the planting. The lorepetalum now masks an AC unit.

Those helping were **Rev. Amy McKenzie, Don Berger, Tom and Norene Chase, Chris Ellrich, Dave Harvey, Pam Hoskins, George Knight, James and Ed Oaksford, Debbie Wolfe and Steve Urse.**

November 1 will welcome the new B&G Committee Chair, Dave Harvey.

### Dedication Concert Thank You's

Thanks to all who helped make the Piano Dedication Concert in early October such a success. First of all, thanks to the performers: **Morgan Stewart-Spiegel, Helen Merbitz, Daniel Peterson, Casey Herrod, Charles Witmer, Sam Hyson, Linda Oaksford, Lindsay Worsham, Vera Nessen, and Geoffrey Bays.** They presented a varied program which truly showed off the new piano! Thanks go to **Randall Gann,** for helping with chair set-up; **Daniel Peterson,** for a myriad of chores, ranging from poster-making and publicity to recording the concert; **Peggy Lentz** and the people who brought the good food and drink for the reception; and last but not least, **Kandi and Ron Crowe** for clean-up afterwards. Thanks to everyone who contributed that evening (or at any time) to the Piano Fund - we've raised more than \$4,000 OVER our goal. The piano is not only paid for, but we have a surplus, which the Music Committee will make recommendations on how to spend.



## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

**Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, November 7, 9:30 AM**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416; [kelleturnage@hotmail.com](mailto:kelleturnage@hotmail.com))**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (877-6301, [sgeraci10@direcway.com](mailto:sgeraci10@direcway.com))**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or [DREMaggie@direcway.com](mailto:DREMaggie@direcway.com))**

#### Fun Day, November 28

Kids, elementary-aged and middle schoolers, join us for a day of fun during Sunday service time. Celebrate the season with games, crafts, and FUN! Regular RE classes will not be held this day, so that we can thank our RE teachers by giving them a Sunday off! Hope to see all the kids there!

#### UU Youth Group

Youth, from grades 6 to 12, are invited to join us in Room 3 on Sunday mornings (11:00 to 12:30) for our UU Youth Group. As a group, we plan social events, educational experiences, social action, and lots of fun! Some upcoming events might include a youth lock-in, trip to The Mountain, or visiting retirement centers. Your input will help us decide what to do. Check us out! For more information, contact advisors Scott Geraci ([sgeraci10@direcway.com](mailto:sgeraci10@direcway.com), 877-6301) or John Donaldson ([john0148@comcast.net](mailto:john0148@comcast.net), 878-5521).

#### Mountain Cons

Youth Cons at The Mountain this fall:

11/5-7, Senior High

11/19-21, Junior High

12/10-12, Elementary

Parents interested in taking a group from UUCT to any of these should contact DRE Maggie Geraci for more information.

### 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@direcway.com](mailto:DREMaggie@direcway.com); 877-6301).**

The fall 2004 adult enrichment program is underway. Look on the web for *The More Meridian*, call the contact person, or come by the RE table on Sunday morning for more details about the classes listed below.

#### Fall Classes That Are Open

**Choices for Sustainability.** Saturdays at 10:30 AM. This class is still open on a limited basis, with room for 2-3 more people. Workbooks are \$17 with the check made payable to UUCT and "For RE Workbook" on the memo line. Contact Kathie Mackie (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)).

**Understanding the Bible** meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 PM through Nov. 2. It will break and resume Jan. 4. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647).

#### Future Classes

**New UU sessions** are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions will be in January or February, taught by Rev. Amy and a church member. A sign-up sheet is on the back counter, or contact the church office (385-5115, [uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com)) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, [gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)).

**Four Spiritualities - Growing Your Spirituality.** Date/time to be set. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

#### On-Going Opportunities

**Adult Forum.** Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room L. Open to everyone. See front page for the month's topics. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).

**UUCT Book Club** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Room C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact Elizabeth Vigil at 656-9921.

November's book will be *The Great Fire: A Novel* by Shirley Hazzard. December's book will be *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The book follows the stories of Amir, the privileged son of a wealthy businessman in Kabul, Afghanistan, and Hassan, the son of Amir's father's servant, as Afghanistan moves from the relative stability of the 1970s through the chaos of more recent times.

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** The UUBF meets every first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in Room 3/6. We read and discuss books and have just started *Learning to Fall, the Blessings of an Imperfect Life* by Phillip Simmons. For information contact Anne Rudloe (984-5204) or William Riedell (562- 0739, [wmpat88@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpat88@earthlink.net)).

**Knitting.** Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Room 3. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox (421-1575).

**Women's Spirituality Group.** Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (539-5563 or [dbdfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:dbdfoster@yahoo.com)).

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson

Many thanks to **Chelsea Fox** for her time served as Campus Ministry Coordinator. I've heard students describe her as loving, caring, and someone they respect and love. Ya' done good, Chelsea!

By the end of November, we hope and intend to have hired a new Campus Ministry Coordinator. Until then, we can use lots of help. (OK - after then, I'll be asking for help, too.) Maybe you've wanted to meet with the students for coffee hour, or have an interesting topic of discussion or program for them. Now's the time to contact me with your ideas.

If you've got a couple of hours on Wednesday, please volunteer to sit at the Wednesday table in the FSU Union to get the word out about our group.

Many thanks to group and church member **Ansel Bailey-Mershon**, who has spearheaded this effort. Ansel has also been a true UU and has been very active in FSU CAVE - a get-the-student-vote-out group.

**Campus Group meetings are held every-other Monday at 8:00 PM.** The location varies, so please check the website for up-to-date info: [www.uuutally.org](http://www.uuutally.org).

**Coffee Hour: 6:30 every Friday** at All Saints Café, in the building that was once called Javaheads, 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines St.

The Campus Ministry Committee will meet again in November. Please keep an eye on your bulletin to see which Sunday afternoon the meeting will be. If you'd like to join in, call me or shoot me an email (877-1972; [kim@cennexus.com](mailto:kim@cennexus.com)).

## Green Corner

By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

Walk for Wakulla Springs, Saturday, Nov. 13 at 9:00 AM at Tallahassee City Hall. Learn about the connections between Tallahassee and Wakulla Springs and how storm water and wastewater are affecting the springs. After a rally at Tallahassee City Hall, we will walk to Lake Munson (about 5 mi.) with interpretive stops at Cody Scarp and Church Sink.

Walkers will enjoy a free picnic lunch and exhibits at Lake Munson. Free transportation will be provided back to City Hall from Lake Munson.

The first 200 participants who register will get a free T-shirt. Call 561-7278 to register and to get more information. Sponsored by Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park, Big Bend Environmental Forum, and the Florida Wildlife Federation.

Support your springs!

Please see *The More Meridian* website article for discussion of the questions "How shall we use, maintain, and preserve our natural spaces at UUCT?" and information on current and future landscaping and maintenance of UUCT grounds.

## November UUCT Calendar of Events

Mon 1	7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site. (Bonnie Foster: 539-5563, dbdfoster@yahoo.com) 7:00 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, Rm 3&6. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (William Riedell: 562-0739; Anne Rudloe: 984-5204) 7:30 PM Building and Grounds Committee, Rm C. (Dave Harvey: 668-9096, daveharv@mac.com)
Tues 2	All Day-Polling Place. 6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rms 3/6 & 2. (Patty Burton: 942-4056) 7:00 PM Christianity without God, Rm K. (Harold Hawkins: 893-1331, revhlhawkins@aol.com) 7:15 PM Understanding the Bible, Rm C. See <i>The More Meridian</i> . (Bob Kenon: 878-3647, rkenon@aol.com)
Wed 3	11:30 AM UU Downtown Chow-Down, off-site. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, all welcome. Soup and salad \$6.95, full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP; just come. (Annette Pearce: 386-4053 or 891-8660) 6:30 PM Dream Interpretation Workshop, Rm K. (Elizabeth Vigil: 656-9921; evigil@lpoffice.com) 7:15 PM Membership Committee, Rm 2. (Trudy Deyle: 422-1057; gdeyle@juno.com) 7:15 PM Nature Centered Spirituality, Rm C. (Don Crosby: 385-3292, donald.crosby@att.net) 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary. (Helen Falb: 309-6853, pianoskin@comcast.net)
Thu 4	7:00 PM The Knitting Goddess, Rm 3/6. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (Chelsea Fox: 421-1575, chelsuu@yahoo.com) 7:00 PM New UU Course, Rm L (Trudy Deyle: 422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com)
Fri 5	6:00 - 9:00 PM FSU Tolerance Dialogue Group Dinner, sanctuary, see p. 13. (Rev. Amy: 566-1388; revamq@earthlink.net) 6:30 PM University UUs, off-site. (Chelsea Fox: 421-1575; chelsuu@yahoo.com)
Sat 6	10:30 AM Choices for Sustainability, Rm C. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (Kathie Mackie: 385-5115) 7:30 PM Peace Dances, sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. (Tom and Katya Taylor: 656-9321; Katom@istal.com)
Sun 7	9:30 AM Youth RE Committee Meeting, Rm 2. (Kelley Turnage: 553-9416; kelleturnage@hotmail.com) Afternoon - Movie Discussion Group (Dave Harvey: 668-9096, daveharv@mac.com)
Mon 8	7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site. (See 11/1 for contact.) 7:15 PM The Shelter Meal, off-site. (Carla Conaway: 264-3249; carlaconaway@hotmail.com) 8:00 PM University UUs, off-site. (See 11/5 for contact.)
Tues 9	6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rms 3/6 & 2. (Patty Burton: 942-4056) 7:00 PM UU Fiction Book Club, Rm C. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (Elizabeth Vigil: 656-9921, evigil@lpoffice.com) 7:00 PM Christianity Without God, Rm K. (See 11/2 for contact.) 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rev. Amy's office. (Bruce Brandt: 893-5511; blbrandt@earthlink.net)
Wed 10	6:30 PM Dream Interpretation Workshop, Rm K. (See 11/3 for contact.) 6:30 PM Potlucks with a Purpose, sanctuary. See p. 13. (Maggie Geraci: 877-6301; Rev. Amy: 385-5115, 566-1388) 7:15 PM Nature Centered Spirituality, Rm C. (See 11/3 for contact.) 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary. (See 11/3 for contact.)
Thu 11	HOLIDAY: OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM New UU Course, Rm K. (Trudy Deyle: 422-1057; gdeyle@juno.com) 7:00 PM Knitting Goddess, 7 PM, Rm 3/6. (Chelsea Fox: 421-1575; chelsuu@yahoo.com) 7:00 PM Lama Gursam on Death & Dying, sanctuary. All welcome. See p. 13. (Anne Rudloe: 984-5204)
Fri 12	6:30 PM University UUs, off-site. (Chelsea Fox: 421-1575; chelsuu@yahoo.com) Spiral Scouts Camp-out, off-site: 11/12 - 11/14 (Patty Burton, 942-4065)

## November UUCT Calendar of Events (Continued)

Sat 13	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM All Church Workday. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. (Dave Harvey: 668-9096; daveharv@mac.com) 10:30 AM Choices for Sustainability (See 11/6 for contact.)
Sun 14	12:30 PM Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. 1:00 PM Congregation-wide Journey Event. See p. 3. (Rev. Amy McKenzie and team, 385-5115)
Mon 15	7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site. (See 11/1 for contact.) 7:00 PM UU Buddhist Fellowship, Rm 3/6. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (See 11/1 for contacts.) 7:00 PM Finance Committee, Rm 2. (Delos DeTar: 877-6649, ddetar@infionline.net) 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm L (Eric Draper, 668-5075, edraper@audubon.org)
Tues 16	11:30 AM Personnel Committee, Rm 2 (Margaret Mooney: 893-8250, margmooney@yahoo.com) 6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rms 3/6 & 2. (Patty Burton, 942-4056) 7:00 Christianity without God, Rm K. (See 11/2 for contact.)
Wed 17	6:30 PM Dream Interpretation Workshop, Rm K. (See 11/3 for contact.) 7:00 PM Executive Board, Rm L (Richard Dempsey, 671-2748, richardd@nettally.com) 7:30 PM Choir, sanctuary. (See 11/3 for contact.)
Thur 18	7:00 PM The Knitting Goddess, Rm 3. See <i>Lifespan RE</i> . (See 11/4 for contact.)
Fri 19	6:30 PM University UUs, off-site. (See 11/12 for contact.)
Sun 21	12:30 PM <i>Meridian</i> Deadline. 12:30 PM New UU Course, Rm L. (Trudy Deyle, 422-1057) 12:30 PM Playground Lunch & Get-Together, off-site. Come have fun together after church on a beautiful autumn afternoon at the Winthrop Park playground. Families can bring a lunch, or come after lunch, then socialize and play together. Canceled if raining or play equipment is wet. (Pam Hoskins: 893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com)
Mon 22	7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site. (See 11/1 for contact.) 8:00 PM University UUs, off-site (See 11/12 for contact.)
Tues 23	6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rms 3/6 & 2 (Patty Burton, 942-4056) 7:00 PM Christianity without God, Rm K. (See 11/2 for contact.)
Wed 24	No choir practice.
Thur 25	1:00 PM Thanksgiving UU Dinner, sanctuary. See p. 13. (Will Adkins, 385-5071, wmadkins@infionline.net)
Mon 29	7:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site. (See 11/1 for contact.)
Tues 30	6:30 PM Spiral Scouts, Rm 3/6 & 2. (Patty Burton, 942-4056) 7:00 PM Christianity without God, Rm K. (See 11/2 for contact.)

## November UUCT Calendar of Events

### Upcoming UUCT Social Activities

We have several ongoing social activities in our church community and welcome new ones. We've had pajama parties, over-50-only dinners, game nights, baseball gatherings, news-discussion potluck dinners, group rides on the Ichnetucknee, and more. Do you have an idea for a small social gathering that you'd like to plan or host? If so, get in touch with the new social activities coordinator, Pam Hoskins at pvhoskins@aol.com, or talk with her after services on Sundays.

- **UU Downtown Chow-Down**, Wed. 11/3, 11:30 AM
- **Peace Dances**, Sat. 11/6, 7:30 PM
- **Movie Discussion Group**, Sun. 11/7, afternoon
- **Potluck with a Purpose**, Wed. 11/10, 6:30 PM
- **Second Sunday Potluck**, 11/14, 12:30 PM
- **Playground Lunch & Get-together**, Sun. 11/21, 12:30 PM
- **Thanksgiving Dinner**, Thurs. 11/25, 1:00 PM
- **Winterfest Dinner & Celebration**, Fri. 12/10, 6:30 PM
- **UUCT Camping Trip**, Fri. 12/17 - Sun. 12/19

**Cancellation Note:** Joe Lama's Housewarming Party, Sat. 11/13

### Potlucks with a Purpose

Introducing UUCT Community Night:

Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share and the SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.

Games, music, fun!

### Wednesday, November 10

6:30 PM meal in sanctuary

7:15 - 8:00 PM Gathering in Room L

Contact: Maggie Geraci, DRE (877-6301, DREmaggie@direcway.com) or Rev. Amy (566-1388, revamq@earthlink.net).

### Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Starting at 1:00 PM with a prayer-message of thankfulness -- and Great Turkey and lots of good food! Eleanor Moore, 90+ years old, started this annual event at our church over 30 years ago and every year

provided a Tom turkey and Henry ham.

New volunteers are needed to bring either meat for our party of about 30 to 40 UUs, friends and family. One option is to purchase a Publix precooked, 30-lb. turkey and ask for a free-will donation. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071, [wmadkins@infionline.net](mailto:wmadkins@infionline.net)) with suggestions. Set up of tables and tabletop decoratives (flowers, pinecones, ivy, greenery, candles) will start at 10 AM. Help is welcomed. See the sign-up poster, to help in planning, at the back of the sanctuary.

### Annual Winterfest Holiday Party

Friday December 10, 6:30 to 9:00 PM is our intergenerational Christmastide potluck party! Festive caroling and wassail, overflow potluck supper tables, and O.K. Chorale-led music, with children's poetry, old time Christmas storytelling, and lighting of the "solstice evergreen tree." To help with setup, decorations, etc., or to be a participating winter-solstice poet, storyteller, or musician, let Will Adkins, ([wmadkins@infionline.net](mailto:wmadkins@infionline.net), 385-5071) know as soon as possible. We will plan to cut down a tree and haul it to church, from late Charlie Terrell's south Georgia tree farm, on Saturday Dec. 4. We need children for decorating the tree after it is set up.

### Upcoming Events

**Christmas Eve Service.** Friday, December 24, 7:00 PM. Our traditional intergenerational service, with a dessert potluck afterwards. More in December.

**Lama Gursam Talk.** Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. As part of his speaking tour of the US, Tibetan Lama Gursam (resident in India) will give a talk on death and dying to the Tallahassee Buddhist Sangha and the general public during Cypress Tree's Thursday meditation period. As Lama Gursam is fluent in English, he will address us directly instead of via an interpreter. All are invited. Sponsored by Cypress Tree Zen (<http://webdharma.com/ctzg/index.html>) and Lotus Lake Buddhist Community ([www.lotuslake.org](http://www.lotuslake.org)). For more information on Acharya Lama Bursam please visit [www.lamagursam.org](http://www.lamagursam.org).

### District Events

More information at back of sanctuary or in office.

- Social Justice Workshop, Sat. 12/4, East Orlando - Global Warming
- Southeast Winter Institute (SWIM), 12/26 - 1/1, Miami - Intergenerational retreat. Contact: [www.swimuu.org](http://www.swimuu.org).
- Integrating World Religions into Liberal Spirituality, Sat. 1/29, Jacksonville
- Healing the Interdependent Web...Let It Begin with Me, Margot Adler, Fri.-Sun., 2/18-20, Ft. Myers
- District Annual Assembly with UUA President Bill Sinkford, Fri. & Sat. 4/8-9, Oviedo

### November Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Tues. 11/9, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)
- Wed. 11/10, during day, Tai Chi Society (Sanctuary)
- Thurs. 11/11, evening, Tai Chi Society (Rm L)
- Fri., 11/12, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Tai Chi Society (Sanctuary)
- Mon. 11/22, 6:30 - 9:30 PM, Therapy Group (Rm L)

### *FSU Tolerance and Dialogue Group (TDG) & Unitarian Universalist Church*

*Cordially invite you to attend*

### *Ramadan Dinner*

**Time:** 6 - 8:00 PM on Friday, November 5, 2004

**Place:** Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee

P.S. The dinner is a gift, and the menu is from Turkish cuisine. After dinner, there will be a 20-minute talk about fasting in monotheistic religions. RSVP to office by Wednesday, November 3 (385-5115).

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*These and others by appointment.*

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**Holly Mackie**, Nursery Worker, 926-4324

### 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."**

### Our Board

- \* Richard Dempsey, President
- \* Neil Mooney, Past President
- \* Christine Boczarska, President Elect
- \* Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
- \* Steve Urse, VP for Management
- \* Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- \* (Vacant) VP for Social Justice
- \* Del DeTar, VP for Finance
- \* DeWayne Carver, 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

### The Committee on Ministry

Bruce Brandt, Chair  
Sara Reece  
Bob Deyle

### Directory Changes

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

### Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the year for pledge checks: 03/04 or 04/05.
- Write separate checks for the Operating Budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- And a reminder that the three-year Capital Campaign pledge period ended 6/30/04.