

November 2005

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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: exc. 11/27

9:45 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM

11:00 AM Youth RE

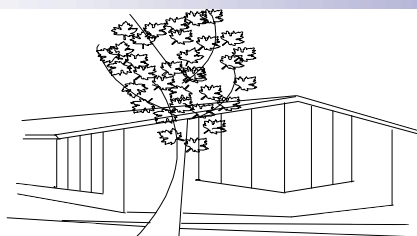
- Pre-school class, Rm C (1st - 3rd Sun.)
- Elementary classes (K - 2nd, Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)
- Middle/High School Youth Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Nov. 6 TBA
- Nov. 13 "My Roots Trip, Part II," Rabbi Emeritus Stanley Garfein
- Nov. 20 "The Future of Health Care in the U.S.," Jill Quadagno
- Nov. 27 Open discussion

**November Highlights:**

- TEAM Potluck & Rally, Mon. 11/7, 5:30 PM
- CROP Walk, Sun. 11/6, 1:15 PM
- Church Council Meeting, Sun. 11/20, 12:30 PM
- Thanksgiving Day Potluck, Thurs. 11/24, 1:00 PM



# The Meridian



## November Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Nov. 6 | Choices for Our Grandchildren's Future

*The interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.* Ministry for Earth is the focus of this intergenerational service. Through song and stories we will learn about climate change, its impact on our environment, and what we can do to ensure that we do not leave our grandchildren with an unsolvable problem. Interim minister Rev. Bill Murchison will help us consider our UU values as we make choices affecting future generations. This service was planned by the Global Climate Change Action Group and children in our Religious Education program with help from Rev. Bill.

**Speakers: Rev. Bill Murchison and youth; Worship Associate: Steve Urse**

### Nov. 13 | To Keep An Open Mind

This is the second sermon in the series that will discuss the three ideas of loving your neighbor as self, keeping an open mind and making the world a better place.

**Rev. Bill Murchison**

About the sermon series: Oftentimes we Unitarian Universalists are asked what it is that we believe, and some of the time we struggle with the answer. Rev. Bill will often answer the question by saying that we believe in the three ideas given above. He has discovered that when he uses the three phrases given, people are generally accepting of these ideas; if they wish to go farther, he can then discuss each idea in more depth.

### Nov. 20 | To Make the World a Better Place

This the final sermon of the series where your interim minister shares his ideas regarding how we live out three concepts of our Unitarian Universalist faith. (There will be a special collection for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and UUSC *Guest At Your Table* collection boxes will be available for the holidays.)

**Rev. Bill Murchison**

### Nov. 27 | Einstein and Liberal Religion

*A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.* This is the centennial of Albert Einstein's 1905 revelations to the scientific world. In late September his life was celebrated at "The Legacy of Einstein," the 41st annual conference of physics Nobelists. Guest speaker Rev. Nels Oas, minister of the UU Fellowship of Bay County, attended the Minnesota event. He will bring us conference summaries and will speak on the implications of Einstein's social and political views for religious naturalism over the past 100 years. **Guest Speaker: Rev. Nels Oas; Lay Leader: Jack McDevitt**

*A Happy Thanksgiving to All!*

## *Minister's Message: In the Interim*

By Rev. Bill Murchison

One of the ideas that I try to stress to congregations is that we are all spiritual people. By this, I mean we each have our individual spirits to nurture and to grow. We can talk about the meaning of life and what it means just to be human, and such conversations can be fun, as well as enlightening. They may even be entertaining.

In such discussions and, during my time here, you may hear me use what one might call "traditional" church language. Well, yes, I do and make no apology for it. I can do this because the words have new meaning for me and also because I am far enough away from my former faith that the old language is no longer threatening to me. So just bear with me, and let it be an opportunity for us to grow together.

In the recent ministers' retreat that I attended, much was said about spirituality and personal growth. Involvement was another word that sometimes resonated. Many of the old words were thrown around, and it was wonderful because we did not have to ask, "What does that mean to you?"

We simply either understood or accepted that we could each give our own meaning to a particular word . . . just as long as we also understood the significance for the speaker of the words.

All of this brings me to the point to say that for all of us, there is a power greater than ourselves. I cannot necessarily define it, nor can I give it a name, but for me, part of life is a given. Much of life is "nature" working within us. I have never figured it all out, and that is part of the reason that I am a Unitarian Universalist. Here I can believe, reason and think, and my answer(s) does not have to be definitive.

One of the ministers at our meeting is a long time UU and well-known within our association. I first heard him speak almost 20 years ago in a district meeting in Oklahoma City. He is the Rev. Clarke Wells. In his newest publication he leads off with these words:

*Life is too wonderful to treat like a toy, a stage prop.*

*The world must be known to the edge of God.*

*To be human we must risk again and again, in spite of the great cost, the mind and heart of human love.*

So, as we travel on these spiritual journeys, separately and together, may we be guided by love and by compassion. May we strive not to be harsh but abundant in generosity.

As we discuss seeking the meaning of life, let me remind you of the words of Joseph Campbell who wrote this:

*People say that what we're seeking is a meaning for life.*

*I don't think that's what we're really seeking.*

*I think that what we're seeking is an experience of being alive,*

*. . . so that we actually feel the rapture of being alive.*

So May It Be.

Rev. Bill Murchison

## *President's Message*

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

Does it matter whether we have a Unitarian Universalist minister at the head of our Tallahassee church? If that person is someone with honesty and integrity and can inspire us, will the religious affiliation matter? A good person is a good person is a good person. We covenant to be tolerant and accept other religious paths as each of us finds our way through life. The congregational vote in October was resoundingly for a UU minister in whatever capacity we chose to call the person. Did it really matter?

Yes, for many reasons. We are all encouraged in our journeys to value the "worth and dignity" of every human

being. Everyone is a teacher if we listen and are willing to learn. But all lessons are not equally valuable, nor do all people have an equal amount of wisdom to share. Good people do differ on philosophy, morals and behavior. Sometimes the lesson must be distilled from what the person says.

If we are truly trying a new path by following the UU principles, a person who is ambivalent about these principles or who openly follows another path is probably not the most useful counsel on how to live the principles. And if that minister is one who wholly embraces the UU philosophy yet remains within another

discipline or uncommitted to Unitarian Universalism, the nagging question of hypocrisy would inevitably pop up. That minister would most likely be bombarded by UUs asking why and how, diluting the message altogether.

I don't argue that such a person could not be a good human being. We have been graced with many speakers from many traditions who led us in very thoughtful services. There is always much to learn. But leading a church is more than just one or two good sermons. The minister must represent us in the community, counsel individuals in their struggles, attend ministerial gatherings and General

## *President's Message (Continued)*

Assembly, appear in other pulpits, speak for the UUCT, advise us on religious education, and know our history and traditions in order to do that.

Asking someone outside our tradition to do this for us is like asking for someone with a split personality. Many of us have come to this church because we could no longer believe the words we were saying in our former one. We couldn't live with the hypocrisy of not being totally within a religious group yet worshipping every Sunday with them. Would we ask a non-UU minister to do what we would not?

Of course there are exceptional individuals, and perhaps none of this would happen with a non-UU minister. The UUA, our national association, supports us in many ways. The struggle would always be there for a non-UU minister to successfully use the UUA support and to relay that to the congregation. When we come to a UU church, I think we expect there will be a UU minister to guide us in our new journey. I think most of us from other traditions came wanting to know what UUs were all about and whether it was a place we could feel at home. If the minister did not feel enough at home in the faith to join its ranks, could we have confidence making what is for many a very difficult step?

We, as individuals, are urged to keep open minds and draw from all traditions. So we look to all religions to inspire and instruct us. I think we also look for that openness in the minister who leads us. While we honor Earth-centered, Deist, Jewish, Christian, Humanist and Atheist paths, we choose not to pick just one of these to represent Unitarian Universalism. Let our vote indicate that we choose to stay within the one group we know can remain open to all paths. It is not the easiest nor the most consistent group, but its rewards are enormous.

In faith, Christine Boczarska

## *Congregational Update*

### **Ministerial Search Processes**

By Christine Boczarska

Following the decisions made at the 10/16/05 congregational meeting, the executive board has begun the discussions on an interim minister search committee, which the board appoints, and the settled minister search committee (SMSC), to which the congregation will elect four members. The board made the three board appointments to the SMSC at our 10/30/05 meeting: Bruce Brandt, Bob Deyle (representing the Committee on Ministry) and Mimi Jones. Bruce and Mimi have both served on SMSCs in previous congregations. The settled minister is to be called to serve beginning in fall 2007.

The board has agreed, with the recommendation of Rev. Bill Murchison, to seek the assistance of a UUA ministerial search representative to help us follow a process that will work best for our church. There will be more information for the congregation on this once we actually meet with the representative.

In the meantime, we have endorsed the proposal from the Committee on Ministry to have the SMSC lead the congregational conversations we need to have this year. The three board appointees will move ahead with getting the conversations started, as we are already well into this program year. The board plans monthly reports to the congregation on the progress of both search committees, its consultations with the UUA ministerial search representative, and the congregational conversations.

### **Congregational Conversations**

By Settled Minister Search Committee (as of 10/30/05)

Much progress has been made in unifying our congregation, but we have far to go: who are we, what do we want, where do we want to be in five years or ten years? We begin to answer these questions by coming together and assessing our strengths and weaknesses. This will lead to decisions about what kind of minister we need and want.

While fall 2007 seems a long way off, we have much to do. The board appointees to the SMSC would like to hold informal meetings with members of the congregation to begin the dialogue as soon as possible. Meetings will have to be organized so that everyone who wishes to participate has an opportunity to do so. Please respond with your ideas, assistance and, certainly, your participation.

We have a critical time ahead. Let's not forget to enjoy it as we work together on the future of our special UUCT! And we look forward to the four congregationally-elected members of the committee joining us, as soon as the UUA consultation, a nomination process and a congregational meeting can take place.

Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511, [blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net)), Bob Deyle (422-1057, [rdeyle@fsu.edu](mailto:rdeyle@fsu.edu)) or Mimi Jones ([mgjones@infionline.net](mailto:mgjones@infionline.net), 385-4249).

## Announcements



### Donations Needed

The Minister's Discretionary Fund was established for the purpose of assisting members and friends of the congregation who might need a temporary loan or monetary help to get through difficult times. It is administered by the minister, in accordance with the traditions of ministerial discretion and pastoral confidentiality long held sacred in UU churches. This is not a line item in the budget, so the fund depends solely on donations from members and friends, and a call is sent out when the fund starts to run short.

Well, that time is here -- the fund is running very low at the moment, so if you have a few dollars you can donate, it will be much appreciated. Please make checks to UUCT, and indicate "Minister's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line. The checks can be placed in the collection basket at a Sunday service at any time or given to Tom Chase for deposit in the fund. Thank you for answering this call.

### Bakers Needed!

On **Sunday, December 4**, the Youth RE Program will hold our semi-annual bake sale. Delicious delectables, freshly made, can be purchased to munch on during coffee hour, or to take home as treats for the family! Buy a cake or a pie for holiday gatherings! Funds raised will be used to purchase playground equipment for the Totlot. To donate food items to sell, or to otherwise help out, contact DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301) or Youth RE Chair Eliza Coyne (877-5415).

### Office Closed Some Mondays

Office Administrator Kathie Mackie will be taking some well-deserved, accrued vacation days the first two Mondays of each month through December.

### Attention Committees

Committees should begin now to think about and discuss plans for the next fiscal year, FY 2006 - 2007. Budget requests, fundraising plans and program visions (2-3 very short, key items) for 2006 – 2007 are due to VP for Finance Jim Dawson on Sunday, January 8, 2006. The asking budget development and approval calendar is tight, so this deadline is a firm one. The Church Council will have the opportunity to review the draft asking budget with the VP for Finance the following Sunday, January 15. Questions? Contact Jim (383-1213, [jwdawson53@aol.com](mailto:jwdawson53@aol.com)).

### Church Council: Where It's At!

Committee chairs and activity leaders are where it's at with UUCT. We have so many groups doing so many things in our church – all organized by committees and activities. The council is one of the most direct ways to learn what everyone else is doing and have your own issues and questions heard. Come, listen, and share.

For instance, the next meeting will include the earliest information about our approaching budget preparations, as well as the latest news about our interim ministry efforts. If you have a seat on the Church Council, and you want your committee or activity to be as effective as possible, clear your calendar for **Sunday, Nov. 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM!** We'll start at 12:30 PM sharp in Rm. L and be done no later than 2:00 PM, striving to be done in an hour, depending on agenda size.

Send any agenda items to DeWayne Carver, President-Elect and chair of the council ([ddcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:ddcarver@earthlink.net)).

### Pick Up Your Food Containers!

Empty food containers from caring meals for the Rudloes are at church. Please take them home by Sun., Nov. 13, or we will donate them to ECHO.

### Results to Date: UUCT Slogan

On Sunday 10/16/05, a short survey was distributed on whether to keep or change our current UUCT slogan: A Home for Liberal Faith. The survey results were as follows:

Keep Slogan – 23

Change to:

- Home for Liberated Religion – 4
- Uncommon Denomination – 4
- Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors – 3
- Open Minds, Open Hearts – 3
- Respecting Your Spiritual Journey – 2
- Other – 3 (United in our Diversity or Celebrating our Diversity, Searching for Truth, A Home for Progressive Religion)

The Publicity Committee wants to also hear from those who did not complete a survey. Pass along your thoughts to Pauline Masterton ([pauli1020@earthlink.net](mailto:pauli1020@earthlink.net)) or Dick Leinberry ([rlibrary@nettally.com](mailto:rlibrary@nettally.com)).

### Trustee Tidbits Posted

November's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com)). The topic is the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), an 105-year-old organization which works for freedom of religion and belief. It has evolved from a mostly Unitarian, North American organization to one with the global and interfaith representation of more than 100 member groups. The UUA has remained strongly supportive of the IARF and the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP). Joan says: "For interfaith cooperation to be genuine, it needs to contain the liberal spirit, which has always encouraged tolerance and critical thinking about religion, often not found in what today is being promoted as interfaith."

## Social Justice

### CROP Walk: Sun. 11/6

The Tallahassee CROP Walk is coming! Crop Walks are ecumenical, interfaith, community events to raise money and awareness for hunger relief locally and globally.

In the spirit of community, and to spice things up, a friendly competition is brewing amongst several groups at UUCT. Groups, such as the choir, the Board, the Freethinkers, our youth, and their parents (as a separate group), are competing to see who can raise the most money, bring the most canned goods, and have the most walkers. (We'll add cans + dollars + walkers to get the grand total.) You can sign your group up or contribute to another group financially, in canned goods or as a walker.

The details: Sunday, November 6 at Tom Brown Park at 1:15 PM. (Registration begins at 12:15 PM, so we'll caravan over after the church service.) Walk distances are 1.5 and 3 miles.

The money raised: 25% stays in Tallahassee, equally divided among ECHO (Emergency Help and Caring Organization), The Shelter meals, and Catholic Charities. Canned food items are also collected for local efforts. 75% of the money raised assists the Church World Service, sponsor of the CROP Walk, or can be pledged to another approved religious relief agency, such as the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, to assist in hunger relief, long-term development, and social justice worldwide.

The winners of our competition get: first in line, after our visitors, at the second Sunday potluck on November 13! But the real winners will be the recipients of your generosity. And of course, everyone's a winner with the good feeling you get by participating.

It's not too late to sign up to be a walker from UUCT or to make a pledge for a walker. And don't forget your cans on Sunday 11/6. Contact: UUCT walk coordinator Kim Ross (877-1972) or see Kim at church.

### TEAM Rally, Potluck & Carpool

UUCT has pledged to help the Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry show "strength in numbers" at its **Monday, November 7** rally at New Mt. Zion AME Church, 1401 Old Bainbridge Rd. Come and demonstrate TEAM community members' solidarity in presenting social action initiatives to local officials and decision-makers in the chosen issue areas. UUCT members who wish to share a potluck (or take-out) dinner and then carpool to the 6:30 PM rally will meet at 5:30 PM in the UUCT sanctuary (5:55 PM for carpooling only). Contact Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Michele Hope (894-0976) for information.

### Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

"To make the world a better place" is what the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has been about for more than 60 years. It had its beginnings in 1939 when Waitsill and Martha Sharp helped rescue people in Prague, Czechoslovakia during the Nazi invasion of that country. This year it continues its social justice work with many different projects at home and abroad. These include: the fight against privatization of water supplies, both in this country and around the world; the "living wage campaign" in the U.S., addressing workers needs for an adequate income; and the "campaign that seeks to end U.S.-sponsored torture worldwide," addressing an important concern for our times. UUSC always works with groups in the affected countries.

At the Nov. 20 Sunday service, we will have a special offering for UUSC, including the opportunity to become a UUSC member. There will also be a table with information about UUSC's many projects and "Guest at Your Table" boxes will be handed out. Families put the boxes on their tables over the holiday season and put coins in them to help those in need through

UUSC. The boxes are returned to church after the New Year's holiday, and our collective gift is sent to UUSC. Together we can make a difference! Contact: Norene Chase, long-time UUSC supporter (422-1985, nochase@earthlink.net).

### Riley House Rock-a-thon

Join us in rocking for Riley House Museum at the 6th Annual Rock-a-thon at the museum. The celebration is part of Tallahassee's Winter Festival, **Saturday, December 3**, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A sign-up table for sponsors and rockers will be outside after Sunday services all through November. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

### Katrina Assistance & Donations

**Katrina Knit-a-thon:** The twelve-hour Knit-a-thon held by UUCT's Thursday evening knitting group had raised \$760 by mid-October, with a few pledges still coming in. The group decided to donate the majority of the funds to Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks to the knitters and all who pledged!

**Hanging Textile Restoration:** UUCT member Debbie Holt will be working on restoring one of the hanging textiles from the UU Church of New Orleans. To donate to the effort or for more information, contact Debbie ([holt0119@earthlink.net](mailto:holt0119@earthlink.net), 553-3231).

**UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund:** Beginning with contributions dated 10/2/05, the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock will match each dollar given to the fund, up to a total of \$500,000. Additional contributions to the relief fund will enable ongoing assistance to those most in need.

**Call First:** Those who want to go help the New Orleans UU congregations should call the Southwestern District office first (505-758-3680), versus arriving unannounced. Also, bring tents, sleeping bags, water, towels, food, etc. because in some places these things are just not yet available.

## Appreciation



### To:

- **Pam and Joe Griggs, Barbara Sterling, Richard Dempsey, Nancy Harvey, Carolyn DuBard, Sara Reece, Linda McConnell, Jim Denny, Frank Deasy and Susan Snyder** for greeting Sundays 10/2-10/30.
- **Linda Winn-Brown, Lorin Pratt, Sally Andersen, Sheri Mishler, LaRae Donnellan, and Isabel Sheridan** for providing September Sunday hospitality.
- **Michele Hope, Jerry Lawrence, Annette Pearce, Stowe Alrutz, Patty Sanzone, Lorin and Tom Pratt, Linda and Ed Oaksford, and Jerri Lee Wagner** for September Sunday clean-up.
- **Lorin Pratt** for serving as September Kitchen Kontroller, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers.
- **Christen and Lauren Ellrich, Melanie Hennings, and Abbe Justus** for helping in the nursery.
- **Jeanne Ryder, John Sandstrum, Ben and Mame Fleming, Don Weed, Randall Gann, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Ellie Whitney, Bob Deyle, Elizabeth Vigil, and Elinor Elfner** for setting up for Oct. Sunday services.
- **Dan Damerville, Mimi Jones, Margaret Mooney, LaRae and Patrick Donnellan, Brian Lee, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, and University UU members** for doing the October Shelter meal.
- **Mimi Jones and Bill Brubaker, Pauline Masterton, Michele Hope, Dorothy Mann, Barbara and Richard Gearhart, and Peggy Lentz and Ray Tucker** for hosting Dinners for Eight this fall.
- **All those who contributed to the special collection in October for the UU United Nations Office.** A total of \$1,844 was collected, plus an additional \$680 for UU-UNO's "every child is our child" campaign.
- **Ed and Linda Oaksford** for donating the new, park-quality picnic table in the courtyard.
- **Margaret Mooney** for serving as Personnel Committee chairperson for the past several years, when much was accomplished!

### Buildings and Grounds Thanks

The all-church workday on October 8 was misnamed because for the second month in a row we had a small turnout of hardworking volunteers. Many unfinished tasks had to wait. We need more help!

Thanks go to the following volunteers: **Tom Chase** for anchoring the window blinds in the minister's office, as well as working on lubricating the lock mechanism on the door leading to the new restrooms; **Dave Harvey** for pulling cable between the church office and the RE office; **Michele Davidson and sons Imad and Hassan** for replacing a burnt-out bulb in one of the courtyard lights and spreading gravel around all the outside air conditioning units; and **Steve Urse** for removing gravel from the hickory tree in the parking lot and replacing it with mulch. Also, weeding and mulching flower and tree beds were **Charlotte Dudley, Sheri Mishler, Robyn Wallace and Steve**.

Outside of the workday, **Steve, Jack Martin and Dave** set up DSL service for Rev. Bill. **Chris Ellrich**, before the workday, called volunteers to remind them of the workday. **George Knight** blew leaves from the driveways and sidewalks. **Dave** wrote up a purchase order for installing two yard lights along our south side. And **Barbara Sterling** rearranged and watered plants in the garden by the street sign and watered the hedges along Meridian Road.

## Planned Giving: Changes in Tax Law

By Dave Harvey, Planned Giving Committee Chairperson

Have you had a situation in the past where in one year you've had deductions on your federal income tax exceeding the IRS rule allowing you to only deduct 50 percent of your income? Maybe this situation was caused by setting up an annuity, charitable remainder trust or another charitable deductions vehicle.

The tax-relief package Congress passed this year to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina now allows donors who make cash gifts to almost any

charity by the end of this year to deduct an amount equal to virtually 100 percent of their adjusted gross incomes, double the normal limit. And you may be able to take deductions this year for gifts made in past years.

This might be the time to set up an annuity with UUCT as the ultimate beneficiary. Annuities are an estate planning tool allowing you to "have your cake and eat it too." If you own some stock, for instance, that doesn't produce much income but if sold would

lead to a large capital gains tax, one of the programs managed by the UUA for UUCT might work for you.

If you'd like to find out more about planned giving to the church, contact me (668-9096, [daveharv@mac.com](mailto:daveharv@mac.com)) or one of the other members of the Planned Giving Committee, DeLos DeTar ([ddetar@infionline.net](mailto:ddetar@infionline.net), 877-6649) or Elinor Elfner (224-3651, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)). We have UUA information going into more detail about the annuities.

## *Caring Network and Membership News*

### **Caring Ministries Network**

**Fran Boyle** would enjoy phone calls and cards to let her know we are thinking of her. She has been ill with an infection.

We are continuing to hold **Anne Rudloe** in our hearts and minds as she copes with chemotherapy. Her spirits can be boosted by cards and calls.

Our love and sympathy are with **Don Crosby** as he copes with the recent loss of his father.

A recent phone conversation with **Ruth Pestle** revealed that she is feeling great after completing radiation treatment a month ago and will likely be back in Tallahassee by the time you read this.

We send our "Get Well" wishes to **Jim Dawson** who had gall bladder surgery on October 26.

We are happy to report that **Dorothy Mann** is improving after having a bout with pneumonia.

### **Photo Directory**

Slowly but surely, a UUCT photo directory is taking shape. Enough pictures have been taken to publish what we have, once all the pictures are entered in the church database. A PDF of the photo directory will be emailed to all members and friends who have email. Hard copies in black and white will be available. Watch for announcements later this fall. The photo directory and directory of addresses and phone numbers will remain separate documents.

If you have not yet had your picture taken, contact directory photographer Mary Van Sciver (893-0353 ) to arrange a picture-taking time. Couples and families should be together. There is no need to dress up.

### **"Dinners for 8"**

The fall round of Dinners for 8 is done. Other rounds will be held this winter and spring, depending on the overall UUCT calendar.

"Dinners for 8" is a way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. A main purpose is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. The dinners coordinator is Junelle Brandt (junellebrand@earthlink.net, 893-5511).

### **After-Service Greeter Corps**

The Sunday after-service greeter corps would be an on-going commitment and in addition to the regular greeters. It would be a team of UUCTers who take the initiative to really connect with visitors during the social hour after the Sunday service. A few people expressed interest in the corps or making phone calls to visitors on their gifts of self forms for the current year. However, for both, a few more people are needed to really be able to rotate the responsibility and do them on an on-going basis. Contact membership chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com) if you'd be interested in either.

### **On-going Opportunities**

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Melanie Hennings (229-226-0446, melanie.hennings@mchsi.com)
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).

### **Current UUCT Stats**

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 182**
- **Current Number Friends - 53**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **September 2005: 107.5**
  - **July - September 2005: 102.3**
  - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
  - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
  - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
  - **04-05: 61**
  - **05-06: 45 (incomplete)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
  - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
  - **10/05: 28.3**
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For November, contact Margaret Mooney (893-8250, margmooney@yahoo.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

#### Next Youth RE Committee

**Meeting: Sunday, September 4, 9:30 AM, Rm. K.**

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (877-5415; [kecoyne@gmail.com](mailto:kecoyne@gmail.com))**
- **Melanie Hennings, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (229/226-0446; [melanie.hennings@mchsi.com](mailto:melanie.hennings@mchsi.com))**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), ([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); 877-6301)**

#### Now's Your Chance!

Now's your chance to find out what teaching RE is all about! Volunteer to assist one of our RE classes. No experience necessary...it just requires one hour of your time on a Sunday morning. You will assist the regular RE teacher in reading, helping children with crafts, setting up snacks, and other activities. Get to know the kids and have a blast! To find out what Sundays are available or for more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

#### Time Is Running Out!

Youth RE registration needs to be completed for the coming year. All children should be registered for safety and record-keeping reasons, including regular nursery attendees and youth group members. New and previous registrants should stop by the RE table to fill out a registration form.

Many of the expenses of the RE program are met through our annual pledges to the church budget. A yearly fee covers additional costs. Family fees are \$30 for one child, \$40 for two, and \$45 for three or more. Scholarships are available. Contact DRE Maggie Geraci for information.

### Mountain Cons

Parents interested in serving as a Mountain Con advisor and taking a group from UUCT to a Mountain Con should contact DRE Maggie Geraci. Youth cons this fall are "Interfaith – Cross City CONs" where we'd bring a youth group from another congregation in our area.

Senior High CON, 11/4-6

Junior High CON, 12/9-11

### UU Youth Group

The UUCT Youth Group meets Sundays at 11:00 AM in Rm. 3 and is open to any middle or high school youth. As always, the group will be youth-led and youth-oriented, with some gentle guidance and adult supervision from the advisors. The youth can expect the same terrific community and fun they experienced last year in the group, and then some. This year, we'll work more closely toward the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) model of community building, social action, leadership, worship, and learning.

For more information about the group, contact advisors Scott Geraci (877-6301; [sgeraci68@yahoo.com](mailto:sgeraci68@yahoo.com)) and Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622; [jzcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:jzcarver@earthlink.net); [ddcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:ddcarver@earthlink.net)). Christine Boczarska will be assisting the advisors with discussion activities.

### FL District Cons

The Youth Group and their advisors will be deciding which FL District Cons to attend this year. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district cons.

11/11-13 Social Action CON, Vero Beach

1/13-15 All-Age CON, Gainesville

2/17-19 Trans-In CON, TBA

3/17-19 All-Age CON, Clearwater

4/7-8 Youth Caucus, Vero Beach

### Adult Enrichment

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Kim Ross, Adult Enrichment coordinator (877-1972; [kim@cennexus.com](mailto:kim@cennexus.com))**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education ([dremaggie@earthlink.net](mailto:dremaggie@earthlink.net); 877-6301).**

#### New Classes and Opportunities

**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 offered Mondays 11/7 and 11/14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Rm. L. Sign-up sheets are 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)).

#### On-Going Opportunities

##### Cakes for the Queen of Heaven.

A UUA-sponsored program to explore female religious history and reclaim its meaning in women's lives. Six sessions total on two Thursdays each month, Oct. - Dec., 7:00 PM in Rm. 2, \$5 fee for materials.

Nov. 3 - Seeking the Female Presence in Biblical Judaism and Eastern Religions

Nov. 10 - Seeking the Female Presence in Old-world Christianity: Gnostics and Mary

Dec. 1 - Seeking the Female Presence in Contemporary Witchcraft

Dec. 8 - Creating the Female Presence in Your Future Spiritual Life

While the session objectives are cumulative to some degree, you are welcome to contact Pauline if you are unable to attend all sessions and would like to discuss attending selected sessions of particular interest. Contact Pauline Masterton (385-2879, [pauline.masterton@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.masterton@gmail.com)).



## *Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)*

### **Ballroom Dance Interest Group.**

Anyone interested in ballroom dancing is invited to join this interest group. We learn dances and practice by going to the various dance venues around town. Partners not required. All sessions will be in Rm. L:

Thurs. 11/3 (a 3/4 hour lesson from 7:00 - 7:45 with Carolyn DuBard)

Tues. 11/8, 7-9 PM

Tues. 11/15, 7-9 PM

Mon. 11/21, 7-9 PM

Tues. 11/29, 7-9 PM

The non-lesson sessions will be for practice and for trying new steps. Contact Annette Pearce (385-4053, [Annette.Pearce@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.Pearce@gmail.com) ).

**Evensong.** Come share and listen deeply about meaningful personal topics (religious and spiritual experiences, thoughts on the divine and being human, community, death and other endings...). This structured series of gatherings for a small group is being offered in Thomasville this fall on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Forgeys' home. Contact Bruce Brandt ([blbrandt@earthlink.net](mailto:blbrandt@earthlink.net), 893-5511) for more information about or if interested in future sessions.

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

**Deep Ecology.** Meets 2nd Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm. 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives - reading and discussion.

November 13 topic is Simplicity. With conveniences of modern life come distractions. What are the benefits and challenges of living a simple life in a society of materialism and technology? Discussion led by Linda McConnell.

December 11 topic is Bioregionalism. Discussion of how developing a deeper understanding of our bioregion may enable us to better care for the earth. Discussion led by Michele Hope. Final topic of the series.

New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik ([marybethtally@earthlink.net](mailto:marybethtally@earthlink.net), 878-5060) for study material.

**The UUCT Book Club.** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in Rm. C. Newcomers are welcome. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, [lloaksford@earthlink.net](mailto:lloaksford@earthlink.net)).

November 8, *The Magician's Assistant*, by Ann Pachett. What is to become of a magician's assistant without her magician? Sabine asks herself this after the death of Parsifal, the magician she worked with for more than 20 years....

December 13, *Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie*, by Barbara Goldsmith. Through family interviews, diaries, and Curie's work books, Goldsmith reveals a deep understanding of what Curie went through in her personal and scientific life. She struggled to balance the prejudice against women in science while receiving 2 Nobel prizes and having 2 daughters. As a bipolar person, she had many ups and downs, but her passion led her to discover Radium and radioactivity.

**UU Buddhist Fellowship.** Meetings TBA. Temporary contact is Joanne Taylor ([taylorjoanne@earthlink.net](mailto:taylorjoanne@earthlink.net), 893-9024) until Anne Rudloe is able to resume leading the group.

**Knitting for All.** Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. 3/6. This class is for people who would like to learn or improve skills, and/or knit with others. Contact: Chelsea Fox ([chelsuu@yahoo.com](mailto:chelsuu@yahoo.com), 421-1575).

**Women's Spirituality Group.** Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site.

Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563, [dbdfoster@yahoo.com](mailto:dbdfoster@yahoo.com)).

**Freethinkers' Forum.** Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM, in Rm. C on the first Thursday of each month and in Rm. L on the other Thursdays.

November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Dr. Gary J.

Whittenberger, a member of Freethinkers' Forum, will present his intriguing book, *God Wants You to be an Atheist*, in eight weekly sessions. We will address questions such as these: Why does God want you to be an atheist? Does God even exist? If God exists, what does he want from us? How can belief in God be measured? What might have happened before the Big Bang? What are the twelve flaws in the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus? Does free will explain the existence of evil in our world? Does religion actually spawn violence? Can a new approach help to persuade liberal Christians to take a different path toward free thinking?

January 5, 12, 19, 26 and continuing: We will present and discuss: *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* by Sam Harris (W.W. Norton and Company, 2004).

Contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)) to be included in notifications of each week's topic.

**Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond.** The group will meet Wednesday, November 16. We will be discussing Carolyn Myss's *Invisible Acts of Power*. We are a group of "over 50's " (some of us more over than others!), and we welcome newcomers. If you are a "newby," call or e-mail Peggy Lentz ([peglentz@aol.com](mailto:peglentz@aol.com), 878-2226), so we can put you on our contact list in case there are changes.

## Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

**Weekly meetings** continue at FSU's International Center on **Mondays at 6:30 PM**. The International Center is on campus at 107 South Wildwood Dr. across from the Student Life Center. These meetings will be centered on topics of interest to our members.

**Coffee Hour** continues at **6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café located at 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south

of Gaines street. This is an informal meeting, a time to relax and chat.

Thanks to UUU members **Frank Green, Gabrielle Giron, Charlie Starr, Steve Lize, and Ansel Baily-Mershon** for helping the UUCT prepare and serve October's Shelter Meal.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, to volunteer your time for tabling at Market Wednesday, or to give your input for meeting topics or service project ideas, please contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com). You can also learn more about the group at: [www.uutally.org](http://www.uutally.org).

## Green Corner



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair

The Green Sanctuary Committee is sponsoring a **Hybrid Car Roundup** after the service, **Sunday, November 6**, to give members a chance to examine the features others like best about their hybrid cars. There are at least eleven UUCT hybrid owners. Talking with these members may help you make decisions about your next car purchase. There is a lot to learn about the kinds of hybrids on the market today.

If you're ready to learn the differences between a mild hybrid, full hybrid, muscle hybrid, or hollow hybrid, check out [HybridCenter.org](http://HybridCenter.org), the new web site from the Union of Concerned Scientists. This excellent resource has car reviews, interactive comparison charts, drive train diagrams, state-by-state tax credit information, and a watchdog column to alert you to deceptive manufacturer greenwashing.

Reading the information on this website will help you understand the technology of hybrid cars in order to make informed decisions about buying smart to conserve resources. Or stop by the Green Sanctuary table on Sundays to pick up paper copies of information.

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet **Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 PM**, Room K.

## Mountain News

Could you, would you be interested in a UUCT retreat at The Mountain on Memorial Day Weekend, May '06? Please be giving it some thought and plan on attending our first meeting, to

be announced soon in November. There are also some upcoming winter programs planned at The Mountain for all ages. Please check the winter calendar at [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org),

or contact your "Mountain" Ambassador, Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, [lwinn41@earthlink.net](mailto:lwinn41@earthlink.net)).

## September 2005 Executive Board Actions

By Molly Schmid, Executive Board Secretary

- Approved the minutes of the August 28, 2005 meeting.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report for August 2005.
- Approved establishing a UUCT database of members and friends willing to provide emergency and special events housing.
- Approved holding a congregational discussion on October 9, 2005 followed by a congregational meeting on October 16, 2005 to vote on the future ministerial needs of UUCT.
- Approved a motion to accept and send the final draft of the letter of

dismay to Dennis Hale about his criminal history, written by Richard Dempsey on behalf of the Board.

(Note: Rev. Dennis Hale was UUCT guest speaker on Sunday, 6/26/05, and did not disclose his criminal history prior to speaking.)

## UUCT Operating Budget Income And Expenses

July - September 2005				
INCOME	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	TOTAL
Pledges	31,053.88	10,370.00	9,310.00	50,733.88
Non-pledge cash/checks	741.00	814.38	695.03	2,250.41
All Other Income	2,046.55	237.01	562.72	2,846.28
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,841.43</b>	<b>11,421.39</b>	<b>10,567.75</b>	<b>55,830.57</b>
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses	4,556.31	3,990.38	4,746.34	13,293.03
Nat'l & District UU Fair Share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Campus Ministry	544.34	530.98	530.98	1,606.30
Religious Education	1,068.25	1,076.39	1,106.83	3,251.47
Music	1,679.73	1,634.73	1,762.31	5,076.77
Other Programs & Committees	407.72	434.65	191.72	1,034.09
Buildings & Grounds	2,578.14	1,939.77	3,312.09	7,830.00
Minister's Package	4,324.35	4,776.85	4,903.60	14,004.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,158.84</b>	<b>14,383.75</b>	<b>16,553.87</b>	<b>46,096.46</b>

## October 2005 Congregational Actions

By Molly Schmid, Executive Board Secretary, UUCT

A meeting of the congregation was held 10/16/05. Christine Boczarska, president of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. A total of 67 voting members were present for the meeting. As the first order of business, the minutes of the 5/22/05 Annual Congregational Meeting were approved, unanimously. The following motions were then addressed: (Fall dates refer to when a minister would start. Search processes would begin well before, per UUA timetables.)

Motion #1 – Become lay-led. Motion failed. (Approved – 4, Opposed – 54, Abstained – 3)

Motion # 2 – Consider non-UU candidates for any interim minister searches. (See below motion #3.)

Motion # 3 – Consider non-UU candidates for any settled minister searches.

\* A motion was made by a congregation member to delete motions # 2 and # 3 from the agenda.

Motion passed. (Approved – 57, Opposed – 7, Abstained – 3)

Motion # 4a – Conduct concurrent searches for Fall 2006 settled or 2<sup>nd</sup> year interim minister. Motion failed. (Approved – 17, Opposed – 46, Abstained – 3)

Motion # 4b – Conduct immediate search for Fall 2006 settled minister. Motion failed. (Approved – 23, Opposed – 36, Abstained – 3)

Motion # 5 – Conduct search for Fall 2007 settled minister; make no further decisions on interim ministry until early 2006. Motion failed. (Approved – 8, Opposed – 38, Abstained – 2)

Motion # 6 – Conduct search for 2<sup>nd</sup> year interim followed by search for Fall 2007 settled minister. Search for interim may include asking Rev. Murchison to serve a 2nd year. Motion passed. (Approved – 46, Opposed – 8, Abstained – 3)

The following motions were not called to question due to approval of Motion #6, which covered different actions

than the ones proposed in these motions:

Motion #7 – Conduct search for Fall 2007 settled minister; have no minister for 2006-07.

Motion #8 – Establish concurrent ministerial search committee for Fall 2006 interim or settled minister.

Motion #9 – Establish search committee for Fall 2006 settled minister.

Motion # 10 – Establish search committee for Fall 2007 settled minister, as set forth in our bylaws. Motion passed. (Approved – 50, Opposed – 0, Abstained – 1)

Motion #11 – Establish 2<sup>nd</sup> interim minister search committee. A motion was put forth to table motion #11, as the action is already provided for in our bylaws. Motion Passed. (Approved – 42, Opposed – 4, Abstained – 4)

## Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social

### Upcoming UUCT Events

**Peace Dances, Saturday, November 5, 7:30 PM.** In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (katyata@earthlink.net, 656-9321).

**CROP Walk, Sunday, November 6, 1:15 PM.** At Tom Brown Park, with registration beginning at 12:15 PM. See *Social Justice*. Contact: Kim Ross (kim@cennexus.com, 877-1972).

**TEAM Potluck & Rally, Monday, November 7, 5:30 PM.** Gather in the sanctuary for a quick potluck, then carpool to rally. See *Social Justice*. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879) or Michele Hope (894-0976).

**All Church Workday, Saturday, November 12, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

**Second Sunday Potluck, November 13, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish.

**Church Council Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 12:30 PM.** In Rm. L for all committee chairs and coordinators. See *Announcements* for more details. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622, ddcarver@earthlink.net).

**Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, November 20, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

**Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 24, Noon.** Come at noon for a wine and cheese ingathering, with dinner beginning at 1:00 PM. Turkey and ham will be provided. Our Muslim community of families has been invited to join us. Help set up the sanctuary Wed. afternoon and decorate tables Thanksgiving morning (10:00 AM - noon). Questions? Contact Will Adkins (metamuse@comcast.net, 385-5071).

**Riley House Rock-a-thon, Saturday, December 3, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.** See *Social Justice*. Contact: Isabel Sheridan ([iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com), 668-0785).

**UU Winterfest 2005, Friday, December 16, 6:30 PM.** Come for the hot wassail ingathering at 6:00 PM and potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, with lighting of our annual winter-solstice evergreen tree, secular holiday music and sing-along, poetry, storytelling, and a peace dance. After 8:30 PM, there'll be an outdoor campfire party for the clean-up crew and late-nighters in need of a warm "afterglow."

Come celebrate the return of winter. Help us "deck the halls" with your festive attire, jinglebells, necklace lights, and Santy hats. This is intergenerational and a special event for children and families. Bring one tree decoration to add to our tree. Bring a relative or friend or two. Come warm your spirits!

To help with set-up or other related activities, contact Will Adkins (385-5071, [metamuse@comcast.net](mailto:metamuse@comcast.net)). We'll set up the tree on Saturday, Dec. 10. Sanctuary set-up and table decorating after 9:00 PM on Thursday, Dec. 15 and all day on Friday, Dec. 16. Please help as you are able.

**Christmas Eve Service, Saturday, December 24, 7:00 PM.** Our traditional intergenerational service, followed by a dessert potluck.

### UUCT Social Events

See Events listings. Contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- Peace Dances, Sat. 11/5, 7:30 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck, 11/13, 12:30 PM
- Movie Discussion Group, Sun. 11/20, afternoon
- Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, Thurs. 11/24, noon
- UU Winterfest, Fri. 12/16, 6:00 PM

### Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)

### FL District Event

For more information on these events, contact church office or denominational affairs coordinator Jennifer Carver (402-0622, [izcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:izcarver@earthlink.net)), or visit [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org).

- **Fall Leadership Conference**, Sat. 11/12, Orlando. "That I Might Know Your Mind: Identity and Diversity in Unitarian Universalism" with UUA Moderator Gini Courter as speaker and facilitator.
- **UU FL Women and Religion Retreat**: Fri. – Sun., 11/11-13, Ellenton. "Laughing at Sacred Cows." For more info. call Michele Hope (894-0976) or visit: [www.floridawomenandreligion.org](http://www.floridawomenandreligion.org)
- **"Creating the UU Church of the Future,"** Sat. & Sun. 2/3-4, Vero Beach, with Mike Durrall, author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era*. (\$500 for unlimited no. per church.)
- **Interweave Convo**, Fri. – Sun., 2/24-26, Clearwater, "Accepting Ourselves, Accepting Each Other."
- **District Annual Assembly**, Fri-Sat., 4/7-8, Vero Beach.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All-Cluster UU Renewal Service**, Wed. 5/24, Clearwater, with Rev. William Sinkford.

### UU in the Pines Elderhostels

UU in the Pines is a UU conference center in west-central Florida specializing in Elderhostel programs that explore the FL wilderness. Nov. 13 – 18, it is offering "Explore Florida's Ecosystems from the Water Up: Canoeing Three Rivers." To register, contact Elderhostel (phone toll free at 877-426-8056, fax to 877-424-2166, on-line at [www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org), or by mail to 11 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111-1746).

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