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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice (exc. 21)
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until  
12:30 PM (ages 5 & under)
- 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Youth RE  
(See Youth RE for Oct. schedule.)
  - Preschool class, Rm C
  - K - 2nd grade, Rm K
  - 3rd - 5th grades, Rm 2
  - Middle/High School
  - Youth Group, Rm 3/6

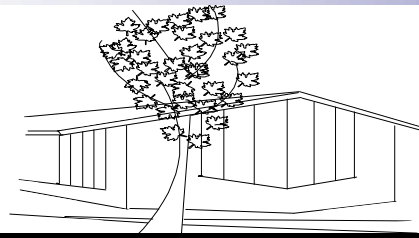
Adult Forum Topics:

- Oct. 7, Jennifer & DeWayne Carver, UUA 2007 General Assembly
- Oct. 14, TBA
- Oct. 21, TBA
- Oct. 28, TBA

Upcoming topics: Oct. - Sustainable agriculture & gardening;  
Nov. - Working for peace

October Highlights:

Solar Energy Economics Forum, Mon. 10/1, 7:00 PM  
TEAM Rally & Action Assembly, Mon. 10/1 & Mon. 10/22, 6:30 PM  
Soulful Sundown, Univ. UUs, Sun. 10/7, 7:00 PM  
Lunch Bunch, Tuesday 10/23, Noon  
WooHoo Wednesday, 10/24, 6:30 PM



# The Meridian

## October Sundays (11:00 AM)

### Oct. 7 | Think, Listen, Speak: Part 1

This will be the first of two sermons lifting up the internal and interpersonal behaviors that will help to promote this congregation's Covenant of Right Relations. We'll consider how our thoughts help and hinder interactions with others; what it means to listen; and how to speak the truth in love. (Also New Member Ceremony)

Rev. Robin Gray

### Oct. 14 | Taking a Music Bath

In this service, our music director borrows from a quote of Oliver Wendell Holmes to illustrate how a regular "music bath" can cleanse and enrich the spirit. We'll sing your favorite hymns, hear from special musical guests, and leave the service feeling energized and enriched from total musical submersion!

Service Leader: Music Director Helen Meacham

This is also **Association Sunday**, a day for UUs to demonstrate support for a growing, vital UU Association. Plan to make a donation to the special collection to support growth efforts on a national level. See page 4 for details.

During the adult service, our children and youth will have a **Youth Celebrations!** service with Rev. Robin Gray in Rm. L.

**Potluck Sunday:** At the end of the service the sanctuary will be transformed into a grand dining room. Everyone is invited to share in creating and consuming the bounty. Please bring a dish to feed four to six, and a whole lot of conversation to share with your friends at UUCT.

### Oct. 21 | Think, Listen, Speak: Part 2

Our words can create bridges or walls that reflect the internal barriers and connections with which we have landscaped our world. We will explore the ways you can insure that your words build more bridges than barriers.

Rev. Robin Gray

Participation Opportunity!! Send Robin an example of destructive or constructive use of words to use in this sermon by Tuesday, October 16. She will share the stories without revealing their source.

### Oct. 28 | Are You a Pretty Good Person?

Is pretty good, good enough? What if you judge yourself 'not good enough'? What can you do then?

Rev. Robin Gray

## *Minister's Message*

The sharing of Candles of Joy and Concern is a practice that may be uniquely Unitarian Universalist, and nearly universal in our congregations. That doesn't mean the practice is uniform. When I preached in Hendersonville, N.C. I discovered they dropped pebbles in a clear bowl instead of lighting candles. I brought the practice back to Milford, where an abiding concern for fire safety meant the "pebbles of joy and concern" were readily adopted.

This congregation has been experimenting with new practices itself. Last year, every other week, you were invited to come forward, speak your thoughts, and light a

candle. This year, after talking with the Program Committee, I am inviting all to join in trying a new format for three months. Paramount in my concern for change is creating opportunities for more to share joys and concerns.

**I'm inviting you to write down your joys and concerns** so the written statements can be shared during the service. This format will encourage people who might never speak at the front of the church to share their thoughts. For instance, you might hear a concern read as, "One among is worried about a daughter who is moving out." Of course, the Covenant of Right Relations always applies, and the

joys and concerns are not a place to air grievances.

The Practical Instructions: There will be a book on a small table at the back of the sanctuary with a supply of candles. Whenever you have a joy or sorrow you wish to have shared with the congregation, take a moment before the service to write it down and light a candle. During the service, every other week, the joys and concerns will be read from the pulpit by the Minister and service leaders. The book is now available, and joys and concerns will be read on October 7. Here's to new adventures -- Robin

## *Committee on the Ministry Update*

By Maria Mena, COTM Chair

What does the Committee on the Ministry do, anyway? I asked myself the same question before being asked to serve on the CotM 2 years ago. According to Rev. Robert Latham, the mission of the CotM is to educate, advise, and continually assess the ministry of the church. The word ministry in this case is used in its broadest sense and includes the ministry of the minister and of the congregation.

## *From Our Music Director*

By Helen Meacham

Some changes are afoot....we're looking for a new name for the choir, to start. We've been the "OK Chorale" for about 15 years now, and it's time to try on something new. I'm looking for suggestions from the congregation. Contact me (556-2533,

Kenn Hurto, UU District Executive, used the following analogy at our recent goal-setting retreat. The ministry of the church is like a school dance being held in the school gymnasium. The Board is like the teachers, parents, and student volunteers who are actively involved in planning and making sure the dance goes according to plan. Up on the bleachers is the CotM, looking over the big picture.

The CotM, then, is in charge of overseeing the fulfillment of the mission of our church through its ministry -- more on this in future columns. In the meantime, the CotM would like to hear from you. Look for us during Sunday services; we're the ones with the sun-like yellow stamps on our name tags, or email me ([mcmena@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mcmena@ix.netcom.com)).

[pianoskin@nettally.com](mailto:pianoskin@nettally.com)) with your best ideas. The winner will be announced at the all-music service on October 14!

Also, I'm looking for people who might be interested in participating in a folk-singing group. In addition, I'm wondering if there are any

drummers out there who'd like to be involved in a drumming circle here at UUCT. I'd love to see more people involved in making music in our congregation. Please let me know. Thanks.....Helen



## DRE Message

By Keitha Whitaker, Director of Religious Education

At our opening REflection for the new RE year we affirmed our UU principle that everyone is important. In any UU congregation it is also important for everyone to be safe. At UUCT our policy is reflected in our RE mission statement. We offer “our children . . . an environment where they feel safe, accepted, respected, happy and loved.” For that reason we believe it is important that our children and youth feel our love and attention whenever they are on church grounds or involved in a UUCT event or activity.

“At no time will any child or youth be left without supervision at a UUCT activity or class.” (UUCT Manual of Policies and Procedures, Appendix 7, page 4)

We want everyone to feel comfortable in our Lifespan

Religious Exploration environment at UUCT. If you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me (345-2268, [uukeitha@comcast.net](mailto:uukeitha@comcast.net)).

*And, now, for something completely different.* This year our children and youth are exploring our UU principles through the curriculum, *WE BELIEVE*. To encourage them to feel more involved in our congregation, we ask your assistance.

Whenever you see one of the children or youth sporting a badge or sticker with a UU principle, please engage him or her in conversation. Ask the child or youth to tell you about the UU principle they talked about in RE classes and Youth Group. And, don't be surprised if you learn something yourself! When a member of the

Youth Group approaches you about a social action event or shares a fortune with you, listen with your heart. They are speaking with theirs. Children and youth have a unique, fresh perspective on UU values and principles. They offer us insight into where we are growing and evolving in our faith. It's important that we share what we value. In so doing, we increase its value ~ to us, to our children and youth, to UUism, to the future.

Thank you for your love and support for the future of our congregation. We invite you to join us for **WooHoo Wednesdays** (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, except December) to get to know us better and to help us get to know you. Oh, and bring something good to eat for our potluck meal together!

Peace, Keitha

## Green Corner



Sara Reece, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair

“Slow Food” is the Green Sanctuary initiative this year, but what the heck does that mean?

Here's what I gleaned from the Slow Food USA website:

“Ultimately, it is about pleasure and taste, knowledge and choice.

Once we begin to take an interest in the enjoyment of food, and in finding out where our food comes from, we can begin to see the effects of these choices. When we shorten the distance—both literal and figurative—that our food travels to get to us, we are participating in the Slow Food movement. Slow Food is about coming together as a food community—connecting producers and co-producers, coming together on the farm, in the market,

and at the table—to create and enjoy food that is good, clean and fair.”

“Slow Food is also simply about taking the time to slow down and to enjoy life with family and friends. Every day can be enriched by doing something slow - making pasta from scratch one night, seductively squeezing your own orange juice from the fresh fruit, lingering over a glass of wine and a slice of cheese - even deciding to eat lunch sitting down instead of standing up.”

So there you have it. Slow Food is a 2-pronged effort. Not only does it encourage us to consider where our food comes from and how it is grown, it is also about mindfulness and slowing down. Check out the

Green Sanctuary table Sundays for interesting articles and information.

### Upcoming Slow Food Events:

**UUCT Intergenerational Field Trip** to Kurtz & Son Dairy, Live Oak, FL, Oct. 14 (see *Youth RE*)

White Oak Pastures Farm Tour, Bluffton, GA, Oct. 20 \*

Turkey Hill Farm Tour, Tallahassee, Oct. 21 \*

O'Toole's Organic Herb Farm, Madison, FL, Oct. 27 \*

Sweet Grass Dairy Fall Festival, Thomasville, GA, Nov. 17 \*

\* Check their websites for info.

**Next Green Sanctuary Committee potluck meeting:** Sat. 10/13, Noon, sanctuary.

## Association Sunday: October 14



Annette Pearce, President-Elect & Church Council Chair

Plan now to be in church on Sun., Oct. 14, when we will join with thousands of other UUs celebrating our shared commitment on Association Sunday—a day to strengthen the bonds of our common purpose and combine our resources to make Unitarian Universalism a stronger voice for liberal religious values.

Fifty percent of all funds raised will support innovative national marketing programs and help give UUism a strong public voice through an

unprecedented partnership with *Time Magazine*.

Twenty-five percent of the funds will support our ministers-of-color, seminarians of color, and the congregations that call them.

The final twenty-five percent will come back to our district in support of individual congregations' growth and outreach projects.

We are better together! And nothing has shown this more concretely than the successes of the

recent regional marketing campaigns in Kansas City, Houston, and southern California. When we combine our resources and put ourselves 'out there' in the public square, we learn time and again that there are many people in our larger communities yearning for a faith like ours. It is our obligation to show them how to find us and when they come visiting to welcome them with open hearts.

Come, celebrate Association Sunday. We are better together!

## Social Justice



By Kim Ross, Social Justice Committee Chair

### TEAM News

Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry is a gathering of area churches who are committed to the idea that there is power in our numbers for making positive changes in our community. This month, we meet to stand and present TEAM issues and solutions to our local officials who can take action and to celebrate the power of people who care and stand together to effect change.

**Rally**, Mon., Oct. 1, 6:30 PM

**Nehemiah Assembly** - Standing in the Gap, Mon, Oct. 22, 6:30 PM

Contact Norene Chase (422-1985) or Nina Cline (345-7116) for info.

### Opportunities

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved with Social Justice. Look for the Social Justice table Sundays this month - for opportunities to sign up for the CROP Walk, Riley House Rock-athon, or to be a champion; to donate money or canned goods to the CROP Walk; or to write a letter

to your senators. We'll also have the ECHO box out for donations of food, towels and linens, diapers, personal hygiene products, and household goods.

Many thanks to **Susan Fleming and Hans Gregesen** for stepping up to be this year's **CROP Walk** coordinators. Look for them this month. The CROP Walk is a walk to raise awareness and funds for international hunger relief and development, and local hunger relief. It is **Sun., Nov. 4**. Be there!

Thanks also to Kay Cleary for stepping up as the champion for our 3rd principle (acceptance of one another). She has already led one letter writing campaign in support of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. Look for her to rejuvenate our process toward becoming a Welcoming Congregation. She joins Linda Logan, champion for the 6th principle (goal of world community).

There are still some slots left for champions: 1st principle (inherent worth and dignity of every person),

2nd principle (justice, equity and compassion in human relations), 4th principle (free and responsible search for truth and meaning), and 5th principle (right of conscience and use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large). Champions coordinate one or two efforts over the year to promote their principle. See the August *Meridian* for general comments and specific ideas for these principles.

### Peace Cranes

We'll have a table set up at the November potluck for children and adults to make paper cranes to hang at the Tallahassee Peace Crane Project in December. People can also comment on ending the war in Iraq on slips of paper to be displayed. The cranes and comments will be hung at Railroad Square for the First Friday Gallery Hop Dec. 7. Approximately 4,000 cranes will be made, representing the number of soldiers killed in the war. So plan now to help make cranes at UUCT on Sun., 11/11.

## Music Committee News

Dare to imagine a UUCT without music! No piano, no pianist or music director; no OK Chorale; no UU hymnals or hymn-singing. No music at all, period. Now dream of a UUCT with all the music you now enjoy ... AND MUCH MORE!

Friday night coffeehouses of folk music, singing, dancing? Concerts by young gifted artists & holiday choirs? UU Winterfest and Chili & Chocolate musical parties? Children's choir? Drumming group? Early-music consort? Bell-ringers? Prelude musical mini-concerts before Sunday services?

Come help us dream and plan for new music at UUCT. Be a friend or member of the Music Committee. We meet next on **Monday, Oct. 15 at 5:30 PM** in Rm. L. Contact Will Adkins, chair (385-5071, [meta-muse@comcast.net](mailto:meta-muse@comcast.net)) or Richard Steele (rjsteele@alum.mit.edu, 878-2799) for more information.

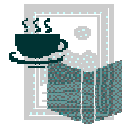
## Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Our Campus Ministry is pleased to announce Tallahassee's first **Soulful Sundown** service! It will be held at FSU's International Student Center on **Sunday, Oct. 7 at 7:00 PM**. The featured musicians will be The Mayhaws, who provided the wonderful music at UUCT's Solar Panel Dedication service. The theme of the service is "Seven Simple Principles," and we'll explore the seven UU Principles with song, dance, and more! Our intent in using this theme is to introduce newcomers unfamiliar with Unitarian

Universalism to our basic beliefs, as well as to reinforce those beliefs for those already familiar with UU.

**Coffee Hour** is returning to All Saints Cafe on **Fridays at 6:30 PM**. On Oct. 5 we'll head out to the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square afterward. On Oct. 12 after Coffee Hour, we'll join our friends in the Ambassadors for Christ campus ministry program for a screening and discussion of the film *Jesus Camp*. Last year they hosted a screening of the



documentary *Hell House*, and we had a very interesting and lively discussion about the ethics of scaring people into salvation. I'm sure that *Jesus Camp* will lead to much interesting discussion as well!

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, [brianlee@hcsmail.com](mailto:brianlee@hcsmail.com)). To sign up for our email list please send an email to [UUUTally-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:UUUTally-subscribe@yahoo.com).

## Appreciation



### To:

- **Barbara Sterling, Peg Lentz, Carolyn DuBard, Joan Patterson, Christine Boczarska, Barbara Gearhart, Steve VanSciver, Rod Oldenburg and Frank Deasy** for greeting 9/2 – 9/30.
- **Dick Leinberry, Ron Crowe, Jeanne Ryder, Rod Oldenburg, Howard and Carolyn Pardue, Mary Braunagel, and Michelle Hope** for Aug. Sun. help in the kitchen. And hugs to all those who poked their heads in to see

what needed to be done and pitched in to do it.

- **Dick Leinberry (1st timer), Isabel Sheridan, Mimi Jones and Bill Brubaker, Ed and Linda Oaksford and Susan Damerville** for cooking and **Rod Oldenburg, Brian Kilgore and Brian Lee** for serving a healthy, tasty meal to over 200 diners at The Shelter in Sept.
- **Kerri Neel and Chelsea & Van Fox** for Sept. nursery help.
- **Isabel Sheridan and Jeanne & Bill Ryder** for hosting Dinners for 8 w/ Robin & Linda in Sept.

### Workday Thanks

We had a very productive Sept. workday; the weather was cooperative, and much was accomplished. The participants were: **Steve Urse, Mimi Jones & Bill Brubaker, George Knight, Joe Lama, Jim Stangel, and Don Berger**. If you can set aside the time to come to the Oct. 13 2nd Saturday workday, just imagine how productive we could be with more helpers!



## Lifespan Religious Education

### Youth Religious Education (RE)

Committee Meeting, Sun. 10/7, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

#### YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Terri Martin, Youth RE Committee Chair**  
([tmartin823@comcast.net](mailto:tmartin823@comcast.net), 385-5106)
- **Keitha Whitaker, Director of Religious Education (DRE),**  
([uukeitha@comcast.net](mailto:uukeitha@comcast.net), 345-2268)

**REminder!** Register children and youth for RE this year. Visit Sun. RE cart or contact DRE Keitha.

#### Sundays in October

**Oct. 7:** Children begin in service, then go to Rm. L with Green Sanctuary folks for field trip around UUCT grounds.

**Oct. 14:** Children and youth go directly to Rm. L for Youth Celebrations! service with Robin.

**Oct 21:** Children begin in service, then to RE classes.

**Oct. 28:** Children & probably youth go directly to Room L for UUKIDS' CAMP Halloween Party.

#### Intergenerational Field Trip

Sponsored by the Green Sanctuary and Youth RE Committees, this is a visit to the Kurtz & Sons dairy farm outside Live Oak on **Sun., Oct. 14**, leaving at noon. The farm produces environmentally-friendly (not organic) milk and meat and offers group tours on Sundays. Products are sold locally at New Leaf Market. We'll be able to purchase products at farm price, so we'll car-pool and bring coolers! Cost: \$5 per person. To sign up, see sheet on Sun. RE cart or contact Pam Hoskins ([Pvhoskins@aol.com](mailto:Pvhoskins@aol.com)).

### 2007 – 2008 Curriculum

Our curriculum is *WE BELIEVE: Learning & Living Our Unitarian Universalist Principles*, a UUA curriculum based on the 7 principles and designed for all ages. While learning more about our UU heritage, our younger congregation members will learn to articulate their UU faith through positive statements about what they **do** believe rather than the usual UU counter statements to other faiths.

#### Youth Group

The group meets Sundays, 11:00 AM -12:15 PM, and attends intergenerational church services and occasionally other services. There will be a meeting soon with the youth group and parents to discuss plans for the year, including possibly attending FL District and Mountain CONS (dates below). Advisors: Jennifer Carver (402-0622, [jzcarver@earthlink.net](mailto:jzcarver@earthlink.net)) and Scott Geraci (877-6301, [sgeraci68@yahoo.com](mailto:sgeraci68@yahoo.com)).

#### FL District CONS—Fall

10/12-14, All-age, Sarasota

11/9-11, All-age, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale

Youth Group and advisors decide which FL District CONS to attend. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district CONS.

#### Mountain CONS—Fall

11/2-4, Elementary CON

11/16-18, Jr. High CON

11/30-12/2, Sr. High CON

For more info. or to volunteer to take a group, contact DRE Keitha.

### Adult Religious Education (RE)

#### ADULT RE CONTACTS:

- **Isabel Sheridan, Adult RE Coordinator (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com))**
- **Keitha Whitaker, Director of Religious Education (DRE), ([uukeitha@comcast.net](mailto:uukeitha@comcast.net), 345-2268)**

#### Adult RE This Year

In addition to the usual 6-8 session courses, we will offer monthly (more or less) stand-alone workshops on topics of interest. Offerings for the fall are below.

#### Adult RE Planning Meeting:

Tues., Nov. 13, 7:00 PM, Rm. K. All members and friends are invited to help plan spring courses and stand-alone workshops. We'll use ideas from last spring's survey, plus any new ideas.

#### Multi-session Courses

**Sharing Religious Outlooks.** At the planning meeting 9/23, the group chose Sundays, 7:00-8:30 PM. First session: **Oct. 14, Rm. L.** Second session: **Oct. 21, Rm. C.** Bring a journal and pen. New participants are welcome—no need to sign-up in advance!

For this six-week course our minister, Rev. Robin Gray, and UUCT members Anne Rudloe and Donald Crosby will devote two class meetings each to presenting and facilitating discussions about their respective religious outlooks. Class members will be encouraged to respond by sharing observations about their personal religious outlooks, experiences, and practices. The emphasis will be on what we positively do believe, not just on what we do not believe.

## Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

### UU Committed Couples

**Enrichment Program.** Current class is full. To express an interest in this class being held again in the future, contact DRE Keitha. This is a UU principles and values based enrichment program designed for married/partnered adults, gay and straight alike, to nurture intimacy, spiritual connection, and emotional fulfillment. Topics include: covenant, humility, trust, dignity, generosity, connection, playfulness, collaboration, commitment, love, and celebration.

Current class: Workshop Three will be Sun. 10/21, 6:30-8:30 PM, Rm. L. Child care offered. Contact: Kim

Ross (877-1972, [kim@associatedadvocates.com](mailto:kim@associatedadvocates.com)).

### Stand-alone Workshops

To register, sign up at Sun. RE cart or contact Isabel Sheridan.

**Meditation Practice.** Tues., Oct. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM, Rm. L, facilitated by Isabel Sheridan. Readings and meditation based on writings of American Buddhist monk, Pema Chodron.

**Mandalas: What They Are, How They Fit Into a Spiritual Practice.** Nov. 6, 7:00-8:30 PM, Rm. L, facilitated by Rev. Robin Gray.

**Meditation Practices Using Light, Color, and Sound.** Sun., Dec. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM, Rm. L, facilitated by Kay Picart. Description and actual practice.

### On-Going Opportunities

**Adult Forum.** Meets **Sundays 9:45-10:45 AM**, Rm. L. Open to all. Contact: Norene Chase (422-1985, [nochase@earthlink.net](mailto:nochase@earthlink.net)).

**Freethinkers' Forum.** Meets weekly to study and discuss issues of philosophy and religion — **Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Rm. L.** Open to all. For current topics, contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@juno.com](mailto:rongcro2@juno.com)).

## Announcements



### Youth RE Wish List.

Old buttons and *National Geographic* magazines. Leave donations in DRE Keitha's mailbox.

### Nursery Volunteer Needed Sun.

**Eves.** The Couples Enrichment class has 8-9 children with parents participating! If you're a nursery volunteer who can assist our nursery worker from 6:30-8:30 PM – 10/21, contact Kim Ross: [kim@associatedadvocates.com](mailto:kim@associatedadvocates.com), 877-1972.

**Sunday Hospitality.** Kitchen kontrollers needed for Oct. 14 (potluck) & 21 and November. Contact: Nancy Harvey (668-9096, [npharv@aol.com](mailto:npharv@aol.com)). And kitchen helpers needed Oct. Sundays. Contact: Carolyn Pardue for 10/7 & 10/28 ([pardue2@comcast.net](mailto:pardue2@comcast.net), 386-1494).

**Memorial Garden Notes.** Now taking orders for next set of engraved bricks. To honor a loved one or make a donation to garden, order forms are in plastic wall

pocket at back of sanctuary. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248, [patterson090@comcast.net](mailto:patterson090@comcast.net)).

**Audio-tapes & CDs.** Audio-tapes & CDs of Sun. services available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info., tapes and CDs in church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf ([dcbgbw@comcast.net](mailto:dcbgbw@comcast.net), 668-3346).

**October Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted in sanctuary north entry. Subject: the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.

**FL District News.** Check out Denominational Affairs bulletin board in sanctuary north entry for informative, thought-provoking monthly messages from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Also read on-line in FL District monthly packet ([floridadistrict.org](http://floridadistrict.org)).

### Part-time Nursery Assistants

Two positions open to Members, Friends, others.

**Hours:** 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM on alternate Sundays. (Schedule to be determined.)

**Pay:** \$10.00/hour; no benefits beyond FICA.

**NEEDED:** Experienced child care providers who respect and enjoy caring for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

**Requirements:** Must be 17 years old or older to apply. Personal interview and background check required.

**To apply:** Send cover letter and resume no later than 11/1/07 to DRE Keitha Whitaker. Email preferred ([uukeitha@comcast.net](mailto:uukeitha@comcast.net)). Or mail to: Keitha Whitaker, DRE, c/o UUCT, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32312. For information, contact Keitha (345-2268).

## September Board Actions

By Bob Deyle, Executive Board Secretary

Formed ad hoc committee (Rev. Robin Gray, Dave Harvey, Joan Patterson, and Dick Leinberry) to review long-term rental rates for Metropolitan Community Church and Cypress Zen Buddhist group & report back to Board in Oct.

Formed ad hoc committee (Annette Pearce, Barbara Sterling, Dick Leinberry, and others to be invited) to reconsider options for "recognition tree" on Rm. L south wall & report back to Board in Oct.

Requested Barbara Sterling contact Valencia Matthews, director of Irene Edmonds Youth Theater at FAMU, to arrange a discussion with Rev. Robin Gray concerning a ceremony for dedicating the Irene

Edmonds memorial plaque and hanging to FAMU. (Note: Item formerly hung in UUCT sanctuary.)

Approved proposed amendments to *Manual of Policies and Procedures*: (a) Program Committee description (new); (b) Section H: Finance and Fiscal Management, including a new policy, H.1.16, concerning the disposition of prior-year pledge payments received after the close of each fiscal year; and (c) Memorial Garden - new policy prohibiting the storage or burial of cremation remains urns on church grounds but permitting the scattering of ashes in the Memorial Garden per specified procedures.

Accepted Nominating Committee recommendation & appointed Tom Moore to serve out the remaining term (through June 30, 2008) of the VP for Worship position following the resignation of Charlotte Dudley.

Approved proposal from Board President Steve Urse to grant Rev. Robin Gray 24 hours of "comp time" for work in July 2007.

Approved August 2007 Operating Budget Fund Report, Outreach Fund Report, and Balance Sheet.

Approved Finance Committee proposal to survey congregation's interest in using PayPal and/or credit cards to pay on pledges or for yard sale/auction purchases.

## Events: District, National & The Mountain

### FL District Events

**Light the Fire! Growing Our UU Presence in FL**, Sat. 10/27, 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Lecanto, a workshop on congregational development with Rev. Kenn Hurto.

**Growth & Diversity Conference**, SW Cluster, Sat. 11/10, 8:45 AM - 2:00 PM, Sarasota, Rev. Kenn Hurto & Rev. Margaret Beard, former UUA New Congregation & Growth Resources Director.

**Southeast Winter Institute Miami (SWIM)**, 12/26-1/1.

**Music Workshop with Carolyn McDade**, Sat. 1/26, First Unitarian Church, Orlando.

More info.: Church office, Denominational Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org).

### National Events & Programs

See denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

**General Assembly 2008**, 6/25-29, Ft. Lauderdale. Plan to attend! 200+ volunteers needed (free registration). Early Feb.: volunteer application forms available (UUA website or congregational packet) for March submission.

### Programs at The Mountain

Sept. 7-9, six women from UUCT enjoyed the **Women's Weekend** at The Mountain, our UU retreat and conference center near Highlands, NC. We traveled together making it easy to get to know one another better and returned energized by the weekend experience of having good conversations and discussions, hiking, experiencing a candle-lit labyrinth walk and eating great food. The Mountain is planning more such weekends.

The **UUCT Mountain Scholarship Committee** is organizing. Watch for scholarship opportunities, especially for our youth.

Sign up now for these programs:

**Compassionate Communication**, 10/5-7, Mary McKenzie.

**Thanksgiving**, 11/21-25, Mt. members.

**Preparing for the Solstice – Emerging into Light**, 12/14-16.

**Celebrating the New Year**, 12/28 or 12/29-1/1.

**Elderhostels** all year: Appalachia, folklore, music, nature, hiking, etc.

Membership pamphlets and program info. on sanctuary bulletin board and back counter, or contact UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)). Also visit [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).



## Events: UUCT

### Upcoming UUCT Events

**Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM.** In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Hazel Blumberg (668-2389, [hazelblumberg@nettally.com](mailto:hazelblumberg@nettally.com)).

**Forum on Nuclear Power, Monday, Oct. 1, 7:00 PM, RM L.** With Peter Bradford, Vice Chair of Union of Concerned Scientists Board. EVERYONE is invited. Utilities in Florida are beginning to push for incentives for nuclear power. We'll hear about the economics and be able to ask questions. Contact: Elinor Elfner (524-1026, [eelfner@comcast.net](mailto:eelfner@comcast.net)).

**Peace Dances, Saturday, Oct. 6, 7:30 PM.** Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor ([katyata@earthlink.net](mailto:katyata@earthlink.net), 656-9321).

**UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 PM.** Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, [lloaksford@embarqmail.com](mailto:lloaksford@embarqmail.com)).

10/9 - *The Dogs of Babel: A Novel* (Paperback), C. Parkhurst – phone conference with author at FAMU

11/13 - *The Other Florida*, Gloria Jahoda

12/11 - *Main Street*, Sinclair Lewis

**All-Church Workday, Saturday, Oct. 13, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.** Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, [berger-don@comcast.net](mailto:berger-don@comcast.net)).

**2nd Sunday Potluck for All, Oct. 14, 12:30 PM.** Bring a dish for 4-6 to share and stay for the meal right after the service.

**Freethinkers' Lecture, Sunday, Oct. 14, 2:00 PM.** In Rm. L, "The Neurobiology of Love and War" will be presented by Kyle Lynn Gobrogge. Contact: Ron Crowe (997-5307, [rongcro2@gmail.com](mailto:rongcro2@gmail.com)).

**Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, Oct. 21, Afternoon.** See a movie chosen by consensus, then discuss at restaurant. Contact: Dave Harvey ([daveharv@mac.com](mailto:daveharv@mac.com), 668-9096).

**Lunch Bunch with Robin, Wednesday, Oct. 23, Noon.** 'Bring your own brown bag' lunch to Rm. L for an hour of discussion, perhaps ending with quiet meditation. Sign-up sheet back of sanctuary. Contact: Rev. Robin.

**Woohoo Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 PM.** Potluck dinner in sanctuary, then games, activities, or just good conversations. All ages invited! Contact: DRE Keitha Whitaker (345-2268, [uukeitha@comcast.net](mailto:uukeitha@comcast.net)).

**Memorial Garden Dedication, Sunday, Nov. 4, Noon.** Immediately following the Sunday service, we'll formally dedicate our new memorial garden in a short ceremony. Contacts: Joan Patterson (309-1248) or DeLos DeTar (877-6649).

**CROP Walk, Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:30 PM.** Registration 12:15 PM on. See *Social Justice*. Contacts: Susan Fleming & Hans Gregesen.

**Thanksgiving Potluck, Thursday, Nov. 24, Noon.** Come for a wine and cheese ingathering, with dinner beginning at 1:00 PM. Turkey provided. Bring side dishes and desserts. Come early to help set up and decorate tables. Contact: Linda Logan (575-2780, [lindalogan850@embarqmail.com](mailto:lindalogan850@embarqmail.com)).

**Riley House Rock-a-thon! Saturday, Dec. 1, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** In our annual fund-raising event for Riley House Museum, Tallahassee's African American museum and archives, we participate in their annual rock-a-thon during Tallahassee's Winter Festival. Sign up to rock (in a rocking chair) or to sponsor a rocker any Nov. Sunday. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785, [iasheridan@nettally.com](mailto:iasheridan@nettally.com)).

**Church Council Meeting, Sunday, Dec. 2, 12:30 PM.** Chairs and coordinators, plan to attend. We'll discuss communication, the council's role, and goal setting, plus network, coordinate and share. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 [annette.pearce@gmail.com](mailto:annette.pearce@gmail.com)).

**UUCWinterfest, Friday, Dec. 14, 6:30 PM.** This is our annual, festive winter holiday gathering for all ages, with hot wassail, music, storytelling, and the lighting of our UUCT winter solstice/Christmas tree. Mark your calendars now to attend this event, which will either be a dinner or dessert potluck (depending on the number who volunteer to help in the kitchen). More details in November. Volunteers needed in a number of areas. To help, contact: William Adkins ([metamuse@comcast.net](mailto:metamuse@comcast.net), 385-5071).

### Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Sat. 10/13, 8:00-10:00 PM, Duo Montagnard public concert. UUCTers welcome. Admission charge.

## Caring Network and Membership News

### Caring Ministries Network

#### Our hearts and minds are with:

**Jean Chulak** as she continues to convalesce at home following surgery on Sept. 11. And **Jean and family** as they cope with the loss of their beloved husband and father on Sept. 10. Jean is appreciative of the food coordinated by Isabel Sheridan for all of Jean's visiting family members following Joe's death and during Jean's surgery. Thanks to Isabel Sheridan, Michele Hope, Joan Patterson, Pam & Don Crosby, Peggy Lentz, Barbara Gearhart, Terri Martin, Eliza Coyne and the OK Chorale.

The **memorial service for Joe Chulak** will be at UUCT at **2:00 PM on Sun., Nov. 18**. Joe was a long-time member of our church and is revered and missed. **Finger foods and wine will be needed for the reception.** Please let Joanne Taylor know what you'll be able to bring (893-9024, taylorjoanne@earthlink.net). We want to have a wonderful celebration of a very special life. Joe's gratitude for our caring during his long illness was his last gift to us.

**Peggy Lentz** who has recovered beautifully from her surgery on September 20. She appreciates the calls, cards and meals provided for her and Ray by Joan Patterson, Christine Boczarska, Jeanne Ryder, Liz & Andy Payer, Mary Cordero and Joanne Taylor.

**Pauline Masterton** who is feeling good following her illness related to low hemoglobin.

**Molly Schmid** who is thankful for all of the calls, messages and support as she was going through

the process of trying to relocate to NH to be closely associated with her family's business there. She'll be remaining in Tallahassee and is grateful for all her UUCT friends.

**Randall Gann** as he has recovered from shoulder surgery.

#### Welcome New Members!

- *Caroline (Kay) Picart*
- *Elliot Haworth and Mary McEwen*
- *Hazel Blumberg*

#### New UU Sessions

Next sessions: **Wed. 10/3 and 10/10**, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, Rm L. OR **Thurs. 11/8 and 11/15**, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM, Rm C.

Sign up back of sanctuary, or contact church office ([uuct@nettally.com](mailto:uuct@nettally.com), 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle ([gdeyle@juno.com](mailto:gdeyle@juno.com), 422-1057). Childcare for Nov. if requested.

Offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two weeknights, but occasionally in one 3-hour Sunday afternoon session. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn about UUCT and the greater UU movement. Some discussion and opportunity for interaction with Minister.

#### Dinners for 8 w/ Robin & Linda

The first round of Dinners for 8 for the new church year is get-to-know-you dinners with Rev. Robin Gray and her spouse, Linda Wright. Dinners will continue until all interested attend. Sign-up sheets are on the sanctuary back counter:

- Fri. 10/19 at Barbara Sterling's
- Fri. 10/26 at the Harveys'

### Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 173**
- **Current No. Friends - 54**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
  - **Aug 2007: 112.8**
  - **7/07 - 8/07: 95**
  - **7/06 - 6/07: 99.8**
  - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
  - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
  - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
  - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
  - **07-08: 22 (partial)**
  - **06-07: 44**
  - **05-06: 52**
  - **04-05: 61**
- **RE Summer 2007 World Travelers Cum Atten.: 33**
- **Average RE Attendance**
  - **9/07:**
  - **9/06 - 5/07: 27**
  - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
  - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**

**Dinner hosts needed.** Contact Carolyn Pardue (386-1494, [pardue2@comcast.net](mailto:pardue2@comcast.net)). Preferred nights: Sun., Tues., Wed. and Fri.

#### Sunday Greeters Needed

We're experiencing a real shortage of greeters, a job so important for welcoming newcomers. If you'd be willing, contact Greeter Coordinator Debbie Holt (553-3231, [holt0119@embarqmail.com](mailto:holt0119@embarqmail.com)).

## October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm TEAM Rally, Off-site 6:30pm Forum on Nuclear Power Economics, Rm L 7:00pm Bldgs. & Grads. Comm., Rm C	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm New UU Session, Rm L 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:15pm Membership Comm., Rm C	<b>5</b> 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	<b>6</b> 9:00am Board Retreat, off-site 7:30pm Universal Dances of Peace, Sanctuary
<b>7</b> 9:30am Youth RE Committee, Rm K 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:30pm Program Committee, Rm L 7:00pm Soulful Sundown Service, off-site	<b>8</b> 5:00pm University UUs, off-site 7:15pm The Shelter Meal, Off-site	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Meditation Practice, Rm L 7:00pm Playspace Subcommittee, Rm C 7:00pm UUCT Book Club, Off-site 7:15pm Publicity Committee, Rm K	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Committee on the Ministry, Rm K 7:00pm New UU Session, Rm L 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:15pm Personnel Committee, Rm K	<b>12</b> 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	<b>13</b> 9:00am All Church Workday 12:00pm Green Sanctuary Potluck Meeting, Sanctuary
<b>14</b> 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 11:00am Youth Celebration, Rm L 12:00pm Intergen Field Trip 12:30pm Potluck, Sanctuary 2:00pm Freethinkers' Lecture, Rm L 7:00pm Religious Outlooks, Rm L	<b>15</b> 12:30pm Meridian Deadline 3:00pm Finance Committee, Rm C 5:30pm Music Committee, Rm T	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L	<b>19</b> 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> No Choir Practice Movie Dis Grp, Off-site 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 6:30pm Couples Enrichment, Rm L 7:00pm Religious Outlooks, Rm C	<b>22</b> 6:30pm TEAM Action Assembly, Off-site	<b>23</b> 12:00pm Lunch Bunch, Rm L	<b>24</b> 6:30pm WooHoo Wednesday, Sanctuary / 7:30pm, Rm L 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L	<b>26</b> 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 11:00am Youth RE Halloween Party, Rm L 5:00pm Board Meeting, Rm L	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30pm Choir Practice, Sanctuary			

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

**Our Board**

- \* Steve Urse, President
- \* DeWayne Carver, Past President
- \* Annette Pearce, President Elect
- \* Bob Deyle, Secretary
- \* Dave Harvey, VP for Management
- \* Tom Moore, VP for Worship
- \* Vacant, VP for Social Justice
- \* Joan Patterson, VP for Finance
- \* Eliza Coyne, VP for Religious Education
- \* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- \* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- \* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- \* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer

**The Committee on the Ministry**

- Maria Mena, chair
- Tony Lloyd
- Chris Ellrich
- Mimi Jones

**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.

**Membership Notes**

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Robin Gray, Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or President Steve Urse.

Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).

Next new member recognition: 10/7.

**Mark Your Checks**

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.