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**SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 7</b>	"Make Your Own Music" Helen Falb, Service Leader Rev. Amy, Service Associate
<b>Sunday, Oct. 14</b>	"Living With Islam" Cheryl Ward & Jane McPherson, Service Leaders
<b>Sunday, Oct. 21</b>	"Challenges to American Foreign Policy in the Coming Decade" Dr. Michael Creswell, Service Leader Richard Dempsey, Lay Leader
<b>Sunday, Oct. 28</b>	"Day of the Dead for the Living" and New Member Recognition Rev. Amy McKenzie & Kathryn Hansman-Spice, Service Leaders (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

*For service topic details see p. 13.*



**VERY, VERY BIG YARD SALE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6  
8:00 AM UNTIL NOON OR WHENEVER  
THE LAST ITEM IS SOLD**

**EVERY SUNDAY:**

9:30 AM	Zen-Tao-Buddhist Sangha
9:45 AM	Choir Practice & Adult Forum
10:30 AM	Child Care - until 12:30 PM
11:00 AM	Youth RE Program
	Classes for Pre-K-12th grade
	High School class meets off-site



*All Souls UU Autumnfest,  
October 27, 7:00 PM*



**TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**OFFICE HOURS M-F - 7:00 - 3:30 (Closed 11:00-11:30 AM)**  
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**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 15-19.**

**Rev Amy Off Duty:** October 8-10 morning, Florida  
Minister's Association Meeting (FUUMA)  
October 13-21, Vacation

**OPEN MINDS - OPEN HEARTS - OPEN DOORS**

# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

On September 11, 2001 our peace was disrupted, our faith shaken, and our breath and words got caught in the shallows of our throats. Some have admitted sadness and numbness. We are beginning to find our voices, and the heart to go on: upholding our trust in conversation and idea-sharing, as well as committing to recover our joy, heal our hearts and establish peace in our world.

For a Unitarian Universalist response to the tragedy of September 11 and its aftermath we may refer to the cover of our Sunday order of service. "Freedom, Reason and Tolerance" are printed there. So is "Search."

We each have our own way of defending those values, and not all will agree on the best course of action, but from since before I came to serve as your minister, this congregation has put those words right out front—they are among the first words visitors and guests read.

My own hope is that **Freedom** will be religious as well as political, for others as well as ourselves, include thinking before acting, and taking responsibility for whatever we do. I want **Reason** to be informed by justice, curiosity and the will to understand. I long for **Tolerance** that blooms into love and respect. Our **Search** is for answers and the right questions, for truth but also for a religious response that acknowledges free choice at the same time as it celebrates the Web of Life that connects us all.

During this crisis we are witnesses to humanity in our glory and disgrace—

**Disgrace** like: violence (from the outside enemy against America, but also by Americans against other Americans, as Arab American citizens have been targets of European Americans)—and blame

and hatred (most notable by the terrorists who attacked, but also from the Revs. Falwell and Robertson who blamed the feminists, ACLU, pro-choice advocates, pagans, People for the American Way, and gays and lesbians [*by the way, I've seen reports that among the dead are three gay men: one of the pilots of American Airlines Flight 77 which struck the Pentagon; a passenger who called his mother on a cellular phone from the United Airlines flight that crashed in Pennsylvania; and the New York Fire Department's Catholic chaplain—Amy*]); Falwell and Robertson didn't include themselves on the hate list, but the Taliban rejects Christianity, even though most Christians are loving, open and kind). Disgrace, yes, but there has also been

**Glory** like: heroism, compassion, generosity, and the welcome but surprising return to love, faith and hope that some have woken up to suddenly and mysteriously, as sadness and numbness melted away—the return of joy, peace and determination.

Through the emotional storm since the day of terror, I've worked to uphold four UU values: freedom, reason, tolerance and search(ing). I wrote to President Bush and my Senators to urge that reason and understanding prevail as much as prayers and anger. I wrote to local Mosques and Islamic Student Groups that our beliefs should not separate our common quest for meaning, right action, peace, justice, and hope. I'll continue to speak out against rash revenge, and hate crimes. I'll look for the most genuine response this UU and minister can muster.

For those who did not know about the **Wednesday, 9/12 Vigil** at church, I'm sorry we didn't get word out better. We needed to gather in our religious community, to reflect, light candles and share with one another, sing, and write our thoughts and feelings on paper. The vigil words are on our website and I know we'll

come together again, as religious liberals, US citizens, and caring friends. (If more contacts via the Phone Tree would be okay with you, encourage the Board to expand the definition to include additional events besides official meetings and fund raisers, and possibly more than once a month. I thought it best we not overwhelm the Tree or the system with two calls at once.)

The call already out was for **the vote on Sunday, 9/16 on Phase One** of the physical plant expansion and its financing, the results of which I commend you for. I'm nervous, too, but I think the vote to build three multipurpose rooms, the nursery, restrooms, and stubbed-out kitchen was a great but realistic act of faith in this congregation, yourselves, and the future.

**In the days, weeks and months to come**, like you, I'll continue to mourn the loss of thousands of individuals who died in a fiery explosion, or by the crush of buildings, or from being outside the reach of rescue. I'll continue to carry a great sadness for those whose beloved died. I'll work to keep peace and love, curiosity and hope in my heart, even though President Bush seemed more like Sherriff Bush than Sherlock (Holmes) Bush at first. I'll also continue to push for answers about our "enemy"—what can we learn about them and us?

I'll keep asking to be included in local interfaith dialogues, as I did for the one on Thursday, September 20, at First Presbyterian Church. East Hill Baptist Church is making cassette copies of the panel and dialogue. **The Muslims of Tallahassee request** that the rest of us not avert our eyes when we glance their way and that we correct anyone who suggests that Islam supports terrorism, hatred, or intolerance. We should seek to understand, not to place blame. And calm down, slow down, get to know each other. Learn

what the Five Pillars of Islam are and clear up your misconceptions by talking with Muslims about their beliefs and their values.

**Islam is not the enemy, and our congregation will learn more** about this major world religion, and local faith tradition, during Sunday services (of special note: **the October 14 service**) and through Adult Enrichment movie and discussion nights.

Our religion provides values and principles that will help us wend our way through this crisis. Our affirmation of life will keep us going, even though we realize all we can count on is this very second. That has always been so, but now more than ever, we are aware: life, freedom and individuals are precious. The temptation to hate, seek revenge, condemn to eternal punishment, or just plain give up on goodness is very strong. Life and Love are stronger. I think that as a congregation and as individuals our response ought to affirm: justice not vengeance, growth not stagnation, peace not war, building up not tearing down.

Yours in Faith  
(and possible disagreement),  
(Rev.) Amy

*"If we agree in love, there is no disagreement that can do us any injury, but if we do not, no other agreement can do us any good."*

Hosea Ballou, (1771-1852)  
Universalist minister,  
born in this country

## INTERFAITH THOUGHTS

*Some thoughts expressed at the September 20 Interfaith Dialogue in which Rev. Amy participated; gathered by Trudy Deyle.*

\* What will put the world together is putting ourselves together as individual human beings. We must start with ourselves, for the greatest struggle is the struggle within each one of us.

\* The founding fathers of the United States had a vision of a diverse people living together in freedom and in peace. They gave us the structure to do this. It is up to us to fulfill the vision.

\* We can start by building community right here in Tallahassee, and it can spread. We must not sink back into complacency.

\* We need a paradigm shift in how we think about and treat one another, based on seeing each other as individual human beings, not as members of a certain group of people. Profiling must stop. We must recognize the divinity within each of us.

\* We must each come out of our protective shell and be open about our deepest held beliefs. We must "walk the talk".

\* Are we willing to do all of this?  
Can we afford not to?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST HELPING RESPONSE

*From the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)*

"Unitarian Universalists are responding to this massive disaster in several ways, and many have asked both UUSC and the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) how they can contribute financially to the relief effort. We ask that you take a special Sunday collection for the joint UUSC/UUA "New York City Humanitarian Relief Fund," [ours was



## VERY, VERY BIG YARD SALE

Don't forget the VERY, VERY BIG YARD SALE on Saturday, October 6. The sale starts at 8:00 AM and will end at noon or whenever the last item is sold. Donations will be accepted on Friday, Oct. 5 between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Helpers are still needed on both days, so if you can give a few hours of your time either day, let us know. We also welcome donations of homemade, individually wrapped cakes, cookies, brownies, rice-krispy squares, etc., to sell with coffee. Call Joan Patterson (309-1248) if you can volunteer time or need information about donations.

on September 23] and also encourage congregation members to contribute individually. Donations may be sent to:

*New York City Humanitarian Relief Fund; Unitarian Universalist Service Committee; PO Box 845259; Boston, MA 02284-5259*

Consistent with our UU principles and the missions of the UUA and UUSC, all donations will be used in collaboration with colleague agencies in the disaster areas that are focusing on humanitarian relief and follow-up human rights programs for the families of victims of the disaster."

### EMAIL CONTACTS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

To write to the President,  
[president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

For your repre representative, go to  
<http://www.house.gov/writerep>

For your senator, go to  
<http://www.senate.gov/senators/index.cfm>

## SUNDAY SET-UP

Five to ten people are needed to help set up the sanctuary chairs on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you are coming to choir practice or Adult Forum anyway, this is an excellent opportunity to work with fellow congregants on an important task and help save the church some money (by doing it ourselves rather than paying a custodial service to make an extra trip). To volunteer, contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or [twchase@tallynet.com](mailto:twchase@tallynet.com)).

## SCHOLARSHIPS TO "THE MOUNTAIN"

Money is available in this year's operating budget for youth and adult scholarships to The Mountain, our UU Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC. Brochures on Mountaincamp 2002 for youth will go out in late October, and registration must be sent in soon after to ensure a spot. Therefore, the **deadline for UUCT scholarship requests for Mountaincamp is Sunday, October 28th**. Send a letter stating the amount requested and why to the church, care of the Scholarship Committee. "Camperships" are also available from The Mountain.

Questions? Contact Board President, Pauline Masterton (385-2879), or Director of Religious Education, Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

## CHECK OUT RE BROCHURE

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

## ELECTRONIC MERIDIAN

Thank you to all those who indicated your willingness to receive *The Meridian* electronically. We have stopped sending you your printed copy as of September; please let Kathie Mackie know if you'd rather



## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Helping hands are desperately needed for our nursery/preschool kids. We have had large numbers of kids under the age of 4 in the nursery on Sundays. This is great, but a little hard on our nursery care provider, especially when many of the kids need a potty break at the same time! Helpers are needed to read stories, help put puzzles together, pour juice, clean up spills, push swings, etc. Great physical strength is not necessary, but a desire to see the smile on a child's face is. Please consider giving one Sunday a month or whenever you can spare one to our littlest UUCT-ers! Contact Kelley Turnage, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (553-9416) or Scott Geraci, Nursery Care Provider ([sgeraci10@aol.com](mailto:sgeraci10@aol.com) or 877-6301).

still receive it. If you are not on the electronic *Meridian* list and are willing to be, let Kathie know ([uuct@electro-net.com](mailto:uuct@electro-net.com)).

## AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- **The Sunshine:** Our Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: <http://www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/>
- **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- **UUCT T-shirt:** Order forms and sample shirts. (\$15/shirt)

## ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **B & B Host:** Be one of the homes for our UUCT listing in the nationwide UU B&B directory, *Homecomings*. Donate half (or all) the room fee to UUCT. Contact Lois Bloom (402-9044) or Pam Hoskins (893-5039).
- **Coffee Hour Host:** Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary or contact Hospitality Chair Dick Leinberry (386-4977).
- **Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Welcoming Congregation Committee:** Welcoming Congregations are involved in a number of activities that work toward reducing prejudice by increasing understanding and acceptance among people of different sexual orientations. If you are interested in helping our congregation

become a certified UUA Welcoming Congregation, please contact Jennifer Carver (402-0622).

- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, October 8, 7:45 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Karen or John Mann (562-4781).
- **Social Activities Chair:** Organize a quarterly calendar. Guidance available: Jennifer Carver (402-0622).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or [jeanchulak@aol.com](mailto:jeanchulak@aol.com)).

## APPRECIATION

To **Van Fox, Chelsea Cline, Jean Chulak, Barbara Sterling, Barbara and John Donaldson, Del DeTar, Megan Bakan, and the Mooney Family** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings August 26 - September 16.

To **Norene Chase, Joan Patterson, Barbara Sterling and Cheryl Ward** for providing hospitality during the coffee hour, and to **all others who helped out in the kitchen**, August 26 - September 16.

To **Dexter Easton** for sweeping the walks on the Saturday workday.

To **Tom Chase** for setting up the chairs for Sunday, September 16 and putting up eight feet of shelving above the kitchen cabinets.

To **the choir and all others** who helped set up chairs for Sunday services.

A big thank you to **Mary Bridges** for doing the lawn mowing week after week and washing windows outside as needed.

To **Becky Welty** for serving on the Board as Member-at-Large and as a member of the Capital Improvement Committee. We hope you enjoy life in Jacksonville close to family, especially your grandchildren!

To **Keith Henry** for setting up the new office computer and loading all our files onto it.

To **Kathie Mackie** and her mother, **Beryl Cassiday**, for volunteering childcare during the congregational meeting on September 16.

## THANK YOU TO OUR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to thank the following people for taking the time to help out in the nursery: **Chelsea Cline, Van Fox, Audrey Crafts, Patrick Lineberry, Isabel Sheridan, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, and Kelley Turnage.** We appreciate it!

# LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**NEXT YOUTH RE COMMITTEE MEETING:  
Sunday, October 7, 9:45 AM**

**YOUTH RE CONTACTS:** Fran Bridges, Youth RE Committee Chair (894-2965); Kelley Turnage, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (553-9416); and Maggie Geraci, DRE [Director of Religious Education] (877-6301).

**SOME VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS.** Our new year in RE is off to a great start, thanks in part to some very wonderful people who have volunteered to be regular teachers this year. We'd like to thank the following teachers for offering their time to benefit our children and our church:

**Nursery/Preschool:** Scott Geraci and Kelley Turnage

**Explorers (K-1):** Pam Hoskins, Mary Caine-Hafdahl, and Mary Stewart

**Artists (2-3):** Fran Bridges, Terri Martin, and Christy Crandall

**Bridgers (4-5):** Susan Angel, Margaret Mooney, and Linda Radel

**Middle School:** Tim Campbell, Karen Mann, and Eric Draper

**High School:** Christine Boczarska and Rosa Morgan

**OUR CURRICULUM.** The curriculum for this year includes series on justice, earth-based spirituality, and the UU principles. All classes, kindergarten through middle school, cover the same material, using age appropriate lessons. The High School class covers an eclectic mix of topics based on issues important to today's teens. See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for

each age grouping, as well as descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

**WHAT A GREAT START!** Youth RE is growing by leaps and bounds! Currently, we have 82 registered children in RE, and more are expected within the next few weeks. We are thrilled by this substantial growth and will continue to revise and adapt our program to meet the needs of our children. The following figures show our growth over the past seven years:

1995-1996:	50
1996-1997:	45
1997-1998:	53
1998-1999:	56
1999-2000:	70
2000-2001:	61
2001-2002:	82+

**PLEASE REGISTER!** If you missed registering your children or youth in September for Youth Religious Education, please stop by the Sunday RE table to do so. All children from babies to teens should be registered. If needed, scholarships are available to cover the registration fee (\$20 for one child, \$30 for two, \$35 for three or more). Contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

**ATTACHMENT PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP.** Attachment parenting develops an infant's or child's need for trust, empathy, and affection to create secure, peaceful, and enduring relationships. The group meets at 6:00 PM the third Tuesday of each month at UUCT and is open to the congregation and the Tallahassee community. Children are welcome. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com).

## YRUU

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) is our youth-led group for 12-20 year olds.

**MEETINGS** - Every Sunday evening, 6:00 -8:00 PM, UUCT Room 4. Every other meeting



includes a Planning/Business portion. There will not be a meeting Sunday, October 21, due to the lock-in.

**LOCK-IN** - YRUU will hold a lock-in at the church Friday, October 19, 6:00 PM - Saturday, October 20, 9:00 AM. Come to YRUU meetings to get more information and to help plan it!

**CONferences** - YRUU members can go to Florida District CONs (ages 12 - 20) and Mountain CONs. Being a YRUU member means coming to meetings, but not necessarily every single meeting. See the list of CONs below. Registration forms need to be completed by October 7 for November and December Mountain CONs.

#### **Florida District CONs:**

- \* *October 12-14* Orlando Con
- \* *November 9-11* Jacksonville Con
- \* *December* Social Action Con

#### **Mountain CONs.**

- \* *November 2-4:* Jr High
- \* *November 16-18:* Jr High
- \* *December 7-9:* Sr High
- \* *January 18-20:* Jr High
- \* *February 8-10:* Sr High
- \* *February 22-24:* Sr High

For more information about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622).

## **ADULT ENRICHMENT**

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**CONTACTS:** Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hkllaw.com; 668-5075). Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREMaggie@aol.com; 877-6301).

### **UPCOMING CLASSES**

***Building Your Own Theology I & II.*** Facilitated by Rev. Harold Hawkins, and to begin as soon as can be arranged, based on convenience of enrollees. A classic program for UUs to develop, understand, and articulate their own religious beliefs and values. Contact Harold (893-1331 or revhlhawk@aol.com).

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

A new series of eight gatherings will begin in January. Evensong participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts, and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. It is a way to explore personal beliefs and possibilities and get to know a group of people. Contact Sheila Meehan (668-5075 or smeehan@hkllaw.com).

***Jesus' Sayings.*** Facilitated by Sara Reece, the class will meet Thursdays, November 1 & 8 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. This is an opportunity to learn how to interpret Jesus' sayings, using the "Jesus Seminar" translations, as well as many new resources translated from Aramaic (Jesus' native tongue). Contact Sara (309-1933 or sarareece@earthlink.net).

***New UU Sessions.*** Facilitated by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member, one set of sessions will meet Wednesdays, October 3 & 10 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, with another set scheduled for Wednesdays, November 7 and 14 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. These sessions offer an opportunity for newcomers to explore the history, philosophy and policies of our congregation and denomination, as well as to share a little about their own spiritual journeys. Contact the church office (385-5115) or New UU Coordinator Steve Urse (385-2864).

***Our Evolving Psyche.*** Scheduled for Tuesday evenings 7:00 - 8:30 PM, with a revised start date announced soon. Facilitated by Pauline Masterton, this class will review several intriguing models of human psychospiritual development and examine some practical models for accelerating our own total growth. Contact Pauline (385-2879 or paulinemrm@aol.com).

### **OPEN PARTICIPATION**

***Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 AM.*** The forum is held in Room 4 and open to all interested.

Every third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. If you have ideas for programs contact Norene Chase (422-1985) to schedule.

***Bible Study.*** On-going every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM at the home of Del and Patty DeTar, 1912 Sharon Rd. (385-3332). Each evening begins by watching two half-hour videos by Amy-Hill Levine on the Old Testament. Once the Old Testament is done, the group will move on to her New Testament videos. Anyone may join the group at any time; each evening stands alone. Discussion follows the video-watching.

***UU Night at the Movies.*** The subject for October will be the religion of Islam. Watch for flyers and announcements at church.

***Women's Spirituality Group.*** Any women interested in learning more about Goddess spirituality may sign up at the RE table or contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963). The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site.

***Zen-Tao-Buddhist Sangha.*** (Meditation-Study-Discussion Group). Sunday, October 7, 9:30 - 10:50 AM. Place: TBA @ UUCT (to meet every Sunday throughout the year). This will be the "Founding Meeting" for a new Far-Eastern religions study group — combining meditation, readings, and discussion. We hope this will add a significant, new dimension to our church life. Many have expressed a strong interest. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).

### **CURRENTLY MEETING**

***Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.*** A group facilitated by Sheila Meehan is meeting September - December on alternate Thursday evenings.

***Rise Up and Call Her Name.*** Facilitated by Bonnie Foster, this multimedia program provides a unique format for learning about goddesses from a variety of

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traditions, for exploring feminist spirituality and for engaging in personal discovery. The class meets Thursdays at 6:30 PM: October 11 & 25, November 8 & 29, then breaking for December and starting up again in January for 8 more sessions on Thursday evenings.

## UUHUMANISTS

**Sunday, October 21, 1:00 PM in the sanctuary.** A rescheduling, hopefully, of Rev. Harold Hawkins on "Shadow Syndrome."

## SPEAK OUT!

**Sunday, October 14, 1:00pm (following the Potluck) in the sanctuary.** Come speak your feisty, opinionated, irritated, or intelligent mind on the current issues of the day, such as "Should America take on international terrorism? War, or Peace?" Etc. No topic is too big or too small for UUs who relish this soapbox opportunity to speak out! (This meeting begins our 2nd year of a lively forum for local UU freethinkers.)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY CORNER

*By Kim Ross*

The Campus Ministry had a great start to our year. We were able to prepare and serve the Cold Night Shelter meal for the church's September serving. We also really enjoyed leading the worship service on Sept. 16th. Thank you to all those who supported us both by being there and by contributing to our Friends of Campus Ministry Program. The congregation that was present contributed just under \$2000! We are blessed to have such a supportive congregation at UUCT. If you missed the opportunity to join Friends of Campus Ministry, you may sign up in the pink basket in the back of the sanctuary.

We continue to meet on Tuesday

evenings at 8 pm at the International Student Center. Several of our students will be leading the meetings this month. We are also doing coffee hours on Fridays at 6 pm at Black Dog Café. Finally we will be having a retreat during the weekend of October 19-21. Thank you once again to the Eastons for contributing their cottage for the weekend. It is always such a wonderful experience. If you would like more information about our Campus and Young Adult ministry, please call Kim at 443-4361 or email kim@cennexus.com.

## NOTES FROM THE MOUNTAIN

*by Jean Chulak  
Mountain Ambassador*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

#### **The Gays of Our Lives, November 2-4 (Fri-Sun).**

A special time for gay men of all ages to be together in community. Workshops and discussion groups, hikes, highlands, local waterfalls, and the challenge course.

#### **The Gifts of the Solstice, December 20-23 (Thu-Sun)**

Each day's program will honor one of the four elements and the four directions. Adults' and children's crafts times will be separate, allowing adults to weave in meditation, spirituality and contemplation. Each evening's vespers service will celebrate the day's element and direction. Childcare will be provided during some portions of the program; others will be intergenerational.

#### **Light in the Dark: Christmas 2001, December 23-26 (Sun-Wed)**

An intergenerational celebration of Christmas--and light in the dark. Vesper service each evening. A special candlelight service Christmas Eve. Give yourself, your family, and your friends a gift this holiday season as you enjoy the simplicity of Christmas at The Mountain.

**Celebrating Interdependence: New Year's at The Mountain, December 28-January 1 (Fri-Tue)**  
Workshops on the intersection of faith, the environment and civic life. Hikes and other outdoor activities. Vespers each evening, dancing and singing, and toasting the New Year. Youth will enjoy their own program, with senior high youth having the opportunity to room together as a group.

**For more information** about specific programs or The Mountain itself, see the bulletin board and blue notebook on the back counter or contact Jean Chulak, 385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com. You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828) 526-5838. [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org).

## GREEN CORNER

*By Ed Oaksford*

### Status of progress on Green Sanctuary action items:

**1. Environmental audit every five years** using the GS manual as a reference and notifying appropriate committees of recommendations. **Every ten years conduct a professional energy audit.** *Action Item half done.* Professional energy audit complete; internal environmental audit still needed. Rod Oldenburg has agreed to give the church an environmental review and make specific Green Sanctuary recommendations to the appropriate church committees of any necessary improvements that should be considered by the congregation.

**2. Each year challenge congregation to achieve a target percentage in improved efficiency in energy use.** Include efficiency of transportation alternatives. *Action item initiated.* Energy records being compiled for the church to communicate use and set target

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reductions.

**3. Weigh trash during representative periods and set targets for waste reduction where appropriate.** *Action item initiated.* Trash weighed week of July 31 to Aug 7 and reported to congregation.

**4. Purchase recycled products for office use where costs are not prohibitive.** Isabel Sheridan and Kathie Mackie have agreed to oversee green purchasing for the church, and Jennifer Carver has provided the church with a Green Purchasing Guide. *Action item is being addressed as required.*

**5. Adopt a policy of using washable tableware for church functions.** *Action item accomplished.* Achieved by taking a congregational vote.

**6. Set up environmental information center in the church** providing practical information on energy and environmental practices for church and home. *Action item initiated.* Green Sanctuary information and other environmental material has been placed at the rear of the church. The information has been organized and presented in a 3-ring notebook. Kathie Mackie has agreed to oversee, replenish and maintain that congregational resource. We also have a Green Sanctuary presence on our UUCT Web Page, and Keith Henry is leading that charge.

**7. Include Green Corner in the church newsletter with environmental updates and tips.** *Action item completed.* Bob Deyle has taken on the responsibility of producing the *Green Corner* column for *The Meridian* with Cheryl Ward offering backup when needed.

**8. Identify, learn and sing earth-based hymns and songs; perform environmental skits; and engage in other creative ways to keep environmental issues before the congregation each month of the**

**year.** *Action item initiated.* Reverend Amy and Helen Falb have assumed oversight of this action item and will discuss this requirement with the Program Committee.

**9. Hold at least one ceremony each year honoring those who have participated in Green Sanctuary work.** *Action Item needs to be planned, organized and carried out.*

**10. Teach one children's environmental curriculum per year.** *Action item acknowledged and several classes are being taught for RE with the participation of Green Sanctuary Committee members.* Clarification of curriculum extent is being sought from the Seventh Principle Project for guidance to see if additional work is required.

**11. Conduct a Voluntary Simplicity or Responsible Consumption Study Circle in the context of environmental concerns.** *Action item initiated.* We viewed the *Affluenza* video on September 20. An eight-session voluntary simplicity circle will be initiated. Cheryl Ward has agreed to lead one of these 8-12 member study circles, with Kathie Mackie assisting.

**12. Lead an environmental field trip to a power plant, recycling facility, landfill, sewage treatment plant, water supply plant or organic farm.** *Action item not scheduled yet.* Need individual to organize and implement one or more of these trips for the congregation. This should be easy and enjoyable.

**13. Dedicate at least one Sunday of worship per year (hopefully more) to the environment.** *Action item will easily be met with our normal program scheduling.*

**14. Request that the minister and/or worship committee incorporate environmental prayers, meditations, or readings in**

**regular worship.** *Action item easily met with current programming.* Reverend Amy is aware of this action item and efforts are being made to document qualifying readings and prayers.

**15. Commit to a yearlong partnership with a local environmental justice organization working on a specific issue.** *Action item in conceptual development.* Proposal to work with Damayan, a local organization helping to install community vegetable gardens in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Speaker from Damayan visited the church on September 23, to discuss interactions with our congregation.

**16. Commit to an all-church environmental project for one year passed by a resolution by the congregation.** *Action item in conceptual development.* Possibilities include year round responsibility for a section of a local lake cleanup, conducting energy efficiency seminars with/for the City Utilities Department, etc. Need individual(s) to initiate, organize, and implement such a project.

**17. Offer at least one environmental justice speaker, workshop, or program each year.** *Action item completed on Sunday, August 12, 2001.*

The following table indicates the status of each of the seventeen GS action items. N = None, S = Some, and C = Completed

Item No.				
1-S	2-S	3-S	4-S	5-C
6-C	7-C	8-S	9-N	
10-S	11-S	12-N	13-C	
14-S	15-S	16-N	17-C	

No Action = 6  
Some Action = 7  
Completed = 4



# OUR CONGREGATION

## 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.”

## MEMBERSHIP

If you wish to explore membership in our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

## UUCT NAME TAGS

Please, help our visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as “HOST”. New members will be given nametags. Others may order them by contacting the office (\$3.50 each).

## NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Sunday, October 28, during the service.

## DINNERS

*Dinners for 8* is adults only, with all parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and their children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of our congregation. Hosts are still needed for occasional or once-a-month dinners, September - May. You set the menu and provide the main dish; your guests bring the rest. (And you may also sign-up as a guest for dinners others are hosting!) Guest sign-up sheets for specific dates are on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. Contact Barbara Lineberry (668-0762) for *Dinners for 8* and Kelley Turnage (553-9416 or akt@nettally.com) for *Dinners for Families with Children*.

## UUCT CLASSIFIEDS

For \$2 per month (3 month minimum), *members and supporting friends* may advertise their business or service on the bulletin board located near the north sanctuary doors. *Available to others* for \$5 per month. Submit ad and check for fee to church office.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

When you have address and phone number changes please let the office know. Changes will appear in *The Meridian*, unless you direct us otherwise.

Mary and Steve VanSciver  
2508 Marston Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308  
893-0353

Becky Welty  
10000 Gate Parkway N., Apt. 2227  
Jacksonville, FL 32246  
904-646-4298

## JOYS AND SORROWS

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

**Pauline Masterton's mother** who is recovering from a broken femur.

Congratulations to **Barney and Laura Cook** who made it back safe from New York City.

**Jean Easton**, who has been in the hospital.

**All those families** who have loved ones in the Armed Services at this time, especially **Kathie, Billy and Holly Mackie**.

## OUR STAFF

**Rev. Amy McKenzie's office hours at church:** Monday & Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. *These and others by appointment.*

E-Mail: revamq@earthlink.net  
Home Study: 383-9186  
Cellular Phone: 850-566-1388

**Kathie Mackie**, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

**Helen Falb**, Music Director, 309-6853; helen@townbeacon.com

**Maggie Geraci**, Director of Religious Education, 877-6301; DREMaggie@aol.com

**Kim Ross**, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 443-4361; kim@cennexus.com

**Scott Geraci**, Nursery Worker, 877-6301; sgeraci10@aol.com

## BABY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

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

## THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Chair: Annette Pearce (386-4053);  
Richard Dempsey (671-2748);  
Christine Boczarska (893-7079).  
Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

## CURRENT UUCT STATS

Certified Membership (as of 1/01).....	158
Current Membership .....	175
Current Number of Friends .....	39
RE Enrollment.....	82
Avg. RE Attendance (8/26-9/16) .....	39
Avg. Sun. Attendance (8/26-9/16) .....	110

## DISCUSSION OF TWO SERVICES

Are you tired of having to search for a seat at Sunday services? Would you like to attend church services earlier in the day or even another day? Please come to a Congregational Discussion meeting on Sunday, November 4, at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary to give your ideas and opinions about the possibility of having two worship services at UUCT. We will be forming a task force to further explore issues raised at the discussion meeting. Contact Jennifer Carver for more information (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

## UUCT DEATH PENALTY RESOLUTION?

Later this year, UUCT members will consider a resolution on a "Moratorium on the Death Penalty". A tape of the UUCT August 12th discussion with Nancy Daniels, Public Defender, and Willie Meggs, State Attorney, can be borrowed from Sandy Smith (297-0012). A committee consisting of Sandy, Steve Urse, and Norene Chase will be considering any changes in the draft resolution. Copies of the draft are available from the committee. Any church member who would like input in this process is invited to participate. A committee meeting date will be announced in advance. Call Sandy, Norene (422-1985) or Steve (385-2864) for more information.

## CONGREGATIONAL ACTIONS 9/16/01

Approved our Master Site Plan incorporating changes necessary to preserve two patriarch trees and other changes required by permitting.

Approved constructing Option C (All 'Cept the Clearstory Fellowship Hall) using Endowment funds not to exceed \$150,000 and funds from a mortgage not to exceed \$100,000, with the possibility of reducing the amount needed from a mortgage through additional Capital Campaign pledges.

Approved the Capital Improvement Committee directing our architect to do construction drawings and our construction manager to solicit bids for Option C.

Approved the Board contracting for the site work outlined in our Master Site Plan and required by permitting, as soon as the necessary permitting is completed and bids have been reviewed by our construction manager and the CIC. (Note: Permitting is in process.)

Approved using the amount of Sally Bellamy's bequest currently in the Building Fund (\$14,250) for interim sanctuary improvements to increase capacity, energy efficiency and sound absorption.

## BOARD ACTIONS

JULY 1 - AUGUST 31

*By Allen Turnage, Board Secretary*

### **New Initiatives:**

The board approved the following statement promoting integration of initiatives proposed by congregation members into the Strategic Plan: "When an initiative requiring volunteer time or expenditure of money is suggested by a member of the congregation and comes to the attention of any individual board member, that board member should

act to refer the initiative to the board member with responsibility for an area of the Strategic Plan where that idea could be most effectively integrated."

### **Two Services Study:**

The Board suggested formation of a task force to study conducting two services on Sunday in order to temporarily alleviate the space problem.

### **Public Access Cable Channel:**

The Board authorized a letter "from the undersigned members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee" to be addressed to Comcast Cable of Tallahassee, asking Comcast to develop and open up the dedicated public access cable channel, which is currently inactive.

### **City Commission Letter:**

The Board authorized the President to sign a letter from the Board on behalf of the Church, asking the City Commission to amend the Planned Unit Development requirements to either allow for a Planned Unit Development on less than five acres or exempt the church from PUD requirements.

### **Fund Raising Policy:**

The board denied a fund raising request from a congregational group, primarily because the fund raising policy adopted by the Board states that any fund raiser requiring volunteer time or collection of monies must be approved at the beginning of the fiscal year.

### **Computer Purchase:**

The Finance Committee has drawn up specifications and requirements for the purchase of a new computer, and the Board authorized expenditure of up to \$1,600 for the purchase of a new computer using those specifications.

## REORGANIZED BOARD

Last spring, the Church Council of committee chairpersons recommended to the Board that it reorganize its oversight responsibilities for church committees according to the program areas in the Strategic Plan. Our Bylaws allow flexibility in the assignment of most of these responsibilities. The Board took time to review and discuss the recommendation, and at its August 25 retreat, settled on the following reorganization. The list gives the Board member responsible and the assigned committees by Strategic Plan program area. Other major board member responsibilities are listed at the end.

**Church Community** - Member at Large: Audiotape Distribution, Caring Ministry, Hospitality, Publications, Publicity, Social Activities

### **Spiritual & Religious**

**Development** - VP for Services: Program, Music, CUUPS/Full Circle, UU Humanists

**Membership Growth** - Secretary: Membership

**Lifespan Religious Education** - VP for Religious Education: Adult Enrichment, Youth RE, YRUU, Campus Ministry

**Social Justice** - VP for Services: Social Justice, RCDC, Green Sanctuary, Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgender Welcoming Congregation

**Facilities** - VP for Operations: Buildings & Grounds, Kitchen, Technology, Aesthetics; and President: Capital Improvement Committee

**Lay & Professional Leadership** - Past President: Committee on Ministry, Shared Ministry, Personnel; and President-Elect: Church Council

**Finance** - VP for Finance: Finance, Endowment, Fundraising, Canvass, Planned Giving

### **Other Responsibilities**

President: Strategic Plan

President-Elect: Denominational Affairs, Partnership Church, Two Services Discussion

Treasurer: Disbursement of Funds, Financial Reporting

Secretary: Policies & Procedures Manual

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PAULINE MASTERTON

President 385-2879

BRUCE BRANDT

Past President 893-5511

JENNIFER CARVER

President-Elect 402-0622

LINDA WINN-BROWN

VP for Management 562-4755

ISABEL SHERIDAN

VP for Services 668-0785

DELOS DETAR

VP for Finance 385-3332

LINDA OAKSFORD 422-0240

VP for Religious Education

ELLEN DEMPSEY

Treasurer 671-2748

ALLEN TURNAGE

Secretary 553-9416

*Position Open*

Member-at-Large



### *All Souls UU Autumnfest,*

*October 27, 7:00 PM*

UU Coffeehouse for Poets / Writers, & Hallowe'en Party With Haunted House for the Kids, Saturday, October 27, 7:00 PM. !!!Watch for future notices at the church sidewalk!!! Because of the tragic, very serious & somber, reflective times we all live in now, as a nation near war, I feel a deep personal need to tone-down (or re-create) in some meaningful, new way this wild nighttime holiday festival which traditionally pokes fun at our fears & anxieties with death/darkness/horror/superstitions/ghosts,etc. (I seek input, advice, & good planning to make it inviting and appropriate to our times.) We hope our children will come out to enjoy safe Hallowe'en fun-games, with dress-up, Haunted House, and partying. All poets/writers are once again invited to share their original works -- looking to the dark-side of life-- somber, sad, tragic, ghostly -- readings to begin at about 7:45 PM, following a short all-ages party with the children, in the Sanctuary. If you can help with advice or any ideas, or in making this church-fundraiser an event worth coming out to, please contact me--thanks: Will Adkins (385-5071 or wma@post.harvard.edu).



# OCTOBER UUCT EVENTS

**UUCT YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.** See article on p. 3. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248 or jpatters@mailers.fsu.edu).

**“HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING”, MONDAYS, OCTOBER 8 & 22, 7:30 PM.** A singing event.

Contact: Beth Cavano (933-5400, 385-3399 or BHCavano@aol.com).

**SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, OCTOBER 14, 12:30 PM.** Bring your favorite dish to share.

**ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.** Enjoy the fellowship of working together on the chores and special projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

**MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1:00 PM.** Picnic in Winthrop Park. Contact: Sandy Neidert (656-7894).

**STUDY/ACTION GROUP MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 7:00 PM.**

In Room 2. To view the UU produced video *Guilt By Association* and continue discussions on "An Alternative to the War on Drugs". Contacts: Allen Turnage (224-3231) and Toni Latino (402-2900).

**ALL SOULS UU AUTUMNFEST, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7:00 PM.** See article on page 10.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 12:15 PM.** Are you a committee chair? Wondering what's going on with other committees? Come to Room 4 to share information and coordinate. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

**CROP WALK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2:30 PM.** Rev. Amy is co-coordinator of this local interfaith event to raise money to end hunger in our city and abroad. Local organizations as well as international organizations will receive a share of the money raised, our UU Service Committee (UUSC) may be designated as a receiver. If you cannot walk, please support a walker with your pledge or buy a Crop Walk T-shirt. Registration packets are available Sundays from UUCT coordinators: Pam and Walter Hoskins (893-5039).

**RACIAL/CULTURAL DIVERSITY (RCDC) BOOK GROUP, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 7:00 PM.** We will discuss the novel *Kindred Spirit* by Octavia Butler. It tells of Dana, a modern black woman who is abruptly snatched from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. She discovers that she has been summoned to protect a young white boy, the son of a plantation owner. Annette Pearce will lead the discussion using the UUA discussion guide for this book. This event is open to everyone; please provide your own book. For further information, call Marcia Murray (539-3981).

## YOUTH EVENTS

See *Youth RE* (p. 5).

- YRUU Meets every Sunday, except 10/21
- YRUU Lock-in, Friday - Saturday, 10/19-20

## ADULT ENRICHMENT

See *Adult Enrichment* (pgs. 6-7).

- Attachment Parenting Support Group, Every Tues., 6:00 PM
- Bible Video & Discussion, Every Sunday, 7:00 PM
- Building Your Own Theology, TBA
- Evensong Gatherings, 2nd & 4th Thurs. Eves
- Jesus' Sayings, Thurs. 11/1 & 11/8, 7 PM

- New UU Sessions, Weds 10/3 & 10/10, 7-9 PM (Next: 11/7 & 11/14)
- Our Evolving Psyche, Postponed
- Rise Up & Call Her Name, Thurs. 10/11 & 10/25, 6:30 PM
- Speak Out!, Sunday, 10/14, 1 PM
- UUHumanists, Sunday, 10/21, 1 PM
- Women's Spirituality, Every Mon., 7:15 PM

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*Open to All Interested*

- Campus Ministry, Thurs. 10/11, 7 PM. Contact: Sara Reece (309-1933)
- Capital Improvement, Thurs. 10/11 & 10/25. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Caring Ministry, Wed., 10/3, Noon - Bring a bag lunch. Contact: Peggy Lentz (878-2226)
- Finance, Mon. 10/8, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (385-3332)
- Green Sanctuary, Sun. 10/21, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- Membership, Mon. 10/22, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Program, Tues. 10/23, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- Racial & Cultural Diversity, Wed. 10/17, 7 PM. Contact: Bob Kenon (878-3647)
- Social Justice, Wed. 10/31, 7:15 PM. Contacts: Lorin Pratt (893-3067) & Bonnie Foster (504-2963)
- Youth RE, Sun. 10/7, 9:45 AM. Contact: Fran Bridges (894-2965)

## UUCT EVENTS AFTER OCTOBER

**DINNERS, SEPTEMBER - MAY.** Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children. See *Our Congregation* page.

**TWO SERVICES DISCUSSION, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 12:30 PM.** In the sanctuary. See separate article. Contact: Jennifer Carver (402-0622 or jzadwick@tfn.net).

**ANNUAL UU THANKSGIVING DAY INGATHERING & DINNER, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1:00 PM.** In the church sanctuary. Watch for notices and a sign-up sheet in November. Once again, Eleanor Moore, Wes Van Sciver, & Will Adkins will plan this long-time event created three decades ago by Eleanor Moore.

**UU WINTERFEST, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 6:30 PM.** Mark your calendars now for this "All Winter Holidays Celebration" and UUCT fund raiser. Many helpers needed. Contact: William Adkins.

## DISTRICT & NATIONAL UU EVENTS

**FL DISTRICT FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.** In Clearwater, a workshop on "Congregational Self-Assessment". Contact: Bruce Brandt (893-5511).

## OCTOBER NON-UUCT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM Intro. to Zen  
7:15 PM Zen Meditation

Every Sunday  
6:30 PM Urantia (Rm. 4)  
7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd  
Metropolitan Community

## MORE ON SUNDAY TOPICS

**October 7 - "Make Your Own Music"** - Join us for a morning of singing and a variety of other music-making as we come together to celebrate the solace that only music can provide. Come early - 10:45 - for a hymn-sing, as we warm up our vocal cords and spirits by singing your favorite hymns. The children will join in the music-making during the first part of the service, and we will pass a basket for contributions to our Piano Fund. Helen Falb, along with Ludy Goodson and others, will lead the service.

**October 14 - "Living with Islam"** - Cheryl Ward and Jane McPherson, who have both lived in the Middle East, will share from their experiences. They will give us perspectives on Middle East Islamic culture and will talk about the religious framework of Islam.

**October 21 - "Challenges to American Foreign Policy in the Coming Decade"**- Dr. Michael Creswell, Assistant Professor of History at FSU, specializes in foreign affairs..... The Cold War has ended. Terrorism has take its place. What can we expect in this new decade? Who are the enemies? This is also UU United Nations Office (UU-UNO) recognition day at UUCT.

There will be a special collection for the UU-UNO.

**October 28 - "Day of the Dead for the Living"** - Our Universalist forebears celebrated the Feast of All Souls, a positive statement about salvation for everyone ("all souls shall grow into harmony with the divine"). All Saints Day, on the other hand, came from a theology that some individuals and groups would face eternal damnation in Hell. The events of our world test our resolve that Hell is a human invention, not a Divine edict, but Unitarian Universalists stand firm... It is said that the veil between the living and the dead is thinnest on Samhain/All Hallows Eve. I'm updating my Pastoral Record of rites of passage you've asked me to officiate, and notice that several UUCT members died in the month of October. Many of us are grieving the loss of loved ones, whichever month or year they died. On October 28, we'll remember those who have died, as we embrace the "living" we have yet to do. As part of this embrace, we will have a New Member Recognition during the service. **Bring a photo or object to represent someone important to you who has died.**

**FL DISTRICT UU WOMEN & RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 - 21.** UU in the Pines Conference Center in Brooksville, FL, the theme is

"Circles for Centering - Circles for Change." For information and registration: Mary Howard Cadwell (561-391-3755, cadwell@juno.com).

Church (Sanctuary)  
Every Wednesday (Rm. 2)  
7:30 PM Alcoholics  
Anonymous: Gay,  
Lesbian, Bisexual and  
Transgender

Saturday, Oct. 6 & 13: 6 PM  
Spiral Scouts (Rm. 4)  
Saturday, Oct. 6: 7:30 PM  
Peace Dances (Sanctuary)

Monday, October 15: 6:00 PM  
Sierra Club (Sanctuary)  
Tuesday, Oct. 23: 7 PM  
Audubon (Sanctuary)

Friday, Oct. 26: 7:30 PM  
UU Group "Y'all" in Concert  
(Sanctuary)



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## October UUCT Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>For sermon titles &amp; "Every Sunday" activities, see the front page.</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>3</b> Noon Caring Ministries Committee Meeting* 7-9 PM New UU Class (Rm 4) 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7 PM Board</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10 AM-6PM Yard Sale Preparation 6 PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8 AM-Noon Yard Sale*</p>
<p><b>7</b> 9:45 AM Youth RE Committee Mtg. 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4) 7 PM <i>Bible Study</i> (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7 PM Finance Committee Mtg. 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)* 7:30 PM Singing Event* 7:45 PM Shelter Meal (off-site)* <b>Rev. Amy FUUMA</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*  <b>Rev. Amy FUUMA</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 7-9 PM New UU Class (Rm 4) 7:30 PM Choir  <b>Rev. Amy FUMMA (AM)</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30 PM <i>Rise Up &amp; Call Her Name</i> (Rm 5) 7 PM Campus Ministry Meeting (Rm 6) 7:15 PM CIC Mtg (Room 4)* <i>Eve-Evensong</i> (Room 2)*</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6 PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>13</b> Fix a dish for Potluck.  <b>Rev. Amy Away</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> 12:30 PM Potluck &amp; <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 1 PM <i>Speak Out!</i>* 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4) 7 PM <i>Bible Study</i> (off-site)* <b>Rev. Amy Away</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*  <b>Rev. Amy Away Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 6 PM Parenting Support Group (Nursery)* 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*  <b>Rev. Amy Away Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 7 PM RCDC (Room 4)* 7:30 PM Choir  <b>Rev. Amy Away Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 7 PM Board  <b>Rev. Amy Away Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 6 PM University UUs (off-site)* 6 PM YRUU Lock-in (Sanctuary)*  <b>Rev. Amy Away Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 9 AM End of YRUU Lock-in (Sanctuary) 9 AM-1PM Workday  <b>Rev. Amy Away</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary (Rm 4) 1 PM UUHumanists* 1 PM Multicultural Families Grp.* 7 PM <i>Bible Study</i> (off-site)* <b>Rev. Amy Away</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)* 7:15 PM Membership (Rm 4) 7:30 PM Singing Event*</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7 PM Study/Action Group (Rm 2)* 7:15 PM Program Committee (Rm 4) 8PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:30 PM <i>Rise Up and Call Her Name</i> (Rm 5) 7:15 PM CIC Mtg. (Room 4) <i>Eve-Evensong</i> (Room 2)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6 PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>27</b> 7 PM All Souls UU Autumnfest</p>
<p><b>28</b> 12:15 Church Council* 2:30 Crop Walk* 6 PM YRUU (Rm 4) 7 PM <i>Bible Study</i> (off-site)* Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:00 PM RCDC Book Discussion Group 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8 PM University UUs (off-site)*</p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:30 PM Choir 7:15 PM Social Justice Comm. (Rm 4)</p>	<p><b>*Details on another page.</b></p>	<p><b>See p. 6 of July Meridian for Contacts for committees and events.</b></p>	