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Every Sunday:

9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella October 6 only.)

9:45 AM Choir Practice

9:45 AM Adult Forum

 Oct. 20, Green Sanctuary Speaker Carrie Hamby, Fish and Wild Life Commission

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

11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.

6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.





The Meridian

Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

Oct. 6 Justice and Getting Even



Is restoration or a return to equilibrium possible when crime severs relationships? We are more used to retribution than restoration as a tool of justice. I'll explore and explain how "getting even" can be effective, just and fair. **Rev. Amy**

Oct. 13 World Justice and the International Criminal Court

Guest speaker Terry Coonan, Director of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, will describe the mission, current status, and future prospects of the International Criminal Court. The ICC, which has been sand-bagged by the current US administration, is the focus of one of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office's current Study Action Issues. A special collection will be taken to benefit UU-UNO. **Guest Speaker: Terry Coonan; Lay Leaders: Rod Oldenburg and Bob Deyle**



Oct. 20 Is Anybody Up There?

Is "God" merely a concept that emerged with the evolution of human consciousness? Guest speaker Dean Falk, FSU Professor of Anthropology, suggests that this may be the case and that religions developed because humans evolved a "sense of self," know that they will die, and descend from primates with a dominance-based social hierarchy. **Guest Speaker: Dean Falk; Lay Leader: Ron Crowe**



Oct. 27 Alive in Memory: Honoring All Souls

For memorial services we say that the dead are not forgotten because they live on in our hearts and minds. From time to time we demonstrate that this is true. Bring an object that helps you remember someone close to you who has died. During the service we will describe and display the objects. (Last year, people brought photographs, as well as a hat, a toolbox, and a teacup.) May tears of joy and laughter and sadness

mingle. Rev. Amy and UUCTers



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Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Maybe John Milton(1608-1674) of "Paradise Lost" fame wasn't a U.S. patriot (!), but I like his words from our hymnal. Freedom may not be "free," but "use it or lose it".

> Our faith and knowledge thrive by exercise, as well as our limbs and complexion. If the waters of truth flow not in a perpetual progression, they sicken into a muddy pool of conformity and tradition. The light which we have gained was given us not to be ever staring on, but by it to discover onward things more remote from our knowledge. Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions. Give me liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

[In "Singing the Living Tradition" #671 adapted from <u>Areopagitica</u> (A Speech for the Liberty of Unlicensed Printing to the Parliament of England, 1644)]

This argument was made to "the Lords and Commons" and it includes this warning to them:

> "Ye cannot make us now less capable, less knowing, less eagerly pursuing of the truth,

Announcements

Help Needed for Sunday Parking

Fall is a time when we experience many visitors. An attendant is needed in the parking lot each Sunday to show visitors where to park and to direct parking to maximize our on site spaces. (Those willing and able still need to park on neighborhood streets.) Please consider volunteering as a parking attendant once a month during the remaining six months or so of construction. You'd get a vest to wear and would need to be at your post by 10:30 at the latest. Contact CIC chairperson Trudy Deyle if you'd be willing (422-1057; gdeyle@juno.com). unless ye first make yourselves, that made us so, less the lovers, less the founders of true liberty. We can grow ignorant again...but you then must first become that which ye cannot be, oppressive, arbitrary and tyrannous, as they were from whom ye have freed us.

Gulp. Like it or not, U.S. civil liberties and the unofficial war against terrorism are entwined. If you want to contact the White House to register an opinion about U.S. actions against Iraq, call 202-456-1111 (9 AM-5 PM). Wait for the operator, tell where you live, share your comment. The Tallahassee Network for Justice and Peace will be witnessing against the war with Irag Thursdays 4-6 PM and Sundays at the same time as our service, in front of the Old Capitol at the corner of Monroe and Apalachee Parkway (Veterans for Peace and Vietnam Veterans Against the War support this peace witness).

If **folding origami peace cranes** is more your style, join me at church:

Sun., 10/6, 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Rm. 2 Mon., 10/7, 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Sanctuary Tues., 10/8, 8:30-11:30 AM, Sanctuary Wed., 10/9, 7:30-9:30 PM, Rm. 2

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- The Sunshine: Florida UU District

 newsletter. Also available at the
 District website: www.cyberstreet.
 com/uuFLD/
- Mountain Information: Program schedules and brochures.
- What's Happening at UUCT?: Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

I'll teach you how to fold, if you want.

In November, we'll send at least 3,000 peace cranes to children of refugees from Afghanistan via a contact from UUSC (the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) who travels to Pakistan to deliver supplies and gifts. At the start of each of the folding sessions, I'll show a video from Dr. Waheeda Tehseen that she sent about her work. I thank you for helping me with this project; it's so neat when you hand me a bag of folded cranes. You've got me believing we *might could* actually meet our goal! (We have 400 now.)

It's never too late for peace, never too late for love, never too late for justice, never too late to mourn, never too late to forgive, never too late to learn, never too late to do the right thing.

In Faith,

(Rev.) Amy



Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check to UUCT in the memo line (pledge, UUSC, shelter meals, etc.).
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year, indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY 01-02 or FY 02-03.

Announcements (Continued)

Need Reimbursement for a Church Expense?

- Authorization for Reimbursement forms are available in the church box marked: "Reimbursements" or from Kathie Mackie, UUCT Administrative Assistant.
- All requests must be supported by receipts or by a copy of your personal check.
- Include a stamped, selfaddressed envelope if you want it mailed to you; otherwise, the reimbursement will be placed in your church box.
- On the Reimbursement Form, "Person Requesting Reimbursement" is the Committee Chair; "Signature and Title of Person Authorizing Request" is the appropriate Board member.
- If you have questions or need additional information, contact Ellen Dempsey, Church Treasurer, (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).

Sunday Service Participation

The Program Committee invites you to volunteer to lead: a Sunday Service, a portion of the Sunday Service (be "lay leader"), the Chalice Lighting / Words of





- То:
 - Barbara Sterling, ' Earl and Eleanor Enge, Sheila Meehan, Christine Boczarska, Jean and Joe Chulak, Nancy and Dave Harvey, * Barney Cook, and Pam Hoskins for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 8/18 - 9/15.
- Ellen Dempsey, Eleanor and Earl * Enge, Ron Crowe, Bob Kenon, Annette Pearce, Joanne Taylor, Nancy Harvey and Nina Cline for providing hospitality 8/18 - 9/15.

Welcome. For all three opportunities give your name and contact information to the Program Committee, via the church office, or contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748, richardd@nettally.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 2003 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, November 17.** 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, Jennifer Carver (402-0622), or Director of Religious Education, Maggie Geraci (877-6301).



Annual UUCT Yard Sale Coming Up!

This year's UUCT Yard Sale will be held on

Saturday, October 19, 8 AM - 12 noon. Clean your attics, garages and closets, and bring your treasures to the UUCT Sanctuary on Friday, October 18 starting at 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED, all day Friday for pricing and organizing donations and on Saturday morning, during the actual sale. We also need baked goods, individually wrapped, to sell with coffee during the sale.

We prefer that you bring items yourself, but if you need help with transportation, please call Maria Mena (907-0739).

Calling All Singers:

Have you ever thought about joining the O.K. Chorale? We'd love to have you! We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary. You do not have to audition. Come join us as we sing ourselves to bliss! Questions? Call Helen at 309-6853.

- Carolyn Pardue, LaRae Donnellan, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Peggy Lentz, Jim Dawson, Nancy Harvey, and Nina Cline for * kitchen clean-up 8/18 - 9/15.
- Nancy Harvey, Carolyn Pardue
 and Victor Venos for always
 being available on Sundays to help
 with various kitchen duties.
- Ethan Deyle for mowing the church lawn, Don Berger, Francis *
 Ventre and Tom Chase for washing the small a/c unit in the library on the 9/14 Workday. *
- * Francis Ventre and Tom Chase for putting down the car stops in

front of the north fence and washing away the mud slick in front of classroom walkways.

- Tom Chase and Beryl Cassiday for folding, sorting, and labeling *The Meridian* newsletter. And a special thank you to **Tom** for always making sure our newsletter is within the postal guidelines and taking it to the post office.
- **Dexter Easton** for lending the church a Kirby vacuum cleaner, with very few "miles" on it.
- * **YRUUers** for setting up the chairs for the service on 9/22.

Appreciation (Continued)

 Rod and Jan Oldenburg, Howard Pardue, Christine Boczarska, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver for serving as advisors at the YRUU lock-in in September.
 Loyal Members of the Caring Committee: We know that you active group is now looking for leadership to take over from F possibly some sort of shared

A Thank You to Peggy Lentz...

for serving the last two years as Chair of our UUCT Caring Committee. This is a group of Earth-Angels in our church who make sure that everyone who needs a ride *to or from church, or to or from a* doctor's appointment -among many of our needs as individual members -- *gets* the attention and care they need when they need it! Loyal Members of the Caring Committee: We know that your very active group is now looking for new leadership to take over from Peggy -possibly some sort of shared Co-Chairing. Please let me (or the Church Office) know as soon as possible when you have chosen a new Chair (or Co-Chairs), so we can make this information publicly known. And thanks for all your help, everyone! -- Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (wmadkins@infi.net or 385-5071).

From Rev. Amy:

To **those who helped bless our home** by coming to the open house, and for your cards and gifts (not

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, October 6, 9:30 AM YOUTH RE CONTACTS: Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416); Tina Bush Rester, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (580-6531); Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREMaggie@comcast.net)

Curriculum

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.

Family Get-togethers with a Purpose

On **Saturday, October 26, 2002 at 6:00 PM**, our series of family events will begin! Lovingly called "Family Gettogethers with a Purpose", these events will provide children's activities while parents and others get together to focus on a specific curriculum. They will be held every few months. This kick-off event will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

The adult curriculum is "Parents as Resident Theologians", a program for Unitarian Universalist parents and other adults who are in contact with children and youth. For us as adults to be able to respond to the religious searchings and questionings of young people, we need to examine our own experiences and beliefs, and to be able to articulate them. Then we need to develop the skills to respond to the questions of the young in ways which are appropriate to their ages and understandings. This program provides these opportunities.

This series is six sessions long. Our get-togethers will vary from potlucks to days at the park and other exciting ways to meet. The children's activities for these get-togethers will also vary. If you're interested in participating, please stop by the RE Table to sign up or contact Maggie Geraci, DRE, for more information.

necessary, but appreciated); September 11, 2001 Commemoration assistants, Mary Bridges for her firefighter helmet, Board members who helped keep the sanctuary open all day on the 11th, Cheryl Ward, Jennifer Carver, Neil Mooney, Dexter Easter, plus Linda Winn Brown for the yummy cookies and beverages, and of course Helen Falb and the O.K. Chorale; and everyone who has returned folded origami peace cranes, John Mann and his mother Karen, Joanne Taylor, Katie Chamberlain, Amy Ellison, Mary Millard, and the University UUs.

The Vision of Religious Education

As we enter the 21st Century, what is at the core of our evolving UU faith? What are your vision and goals for our lifespan liberal religious education? What are the vital components of UU religious education? These questions were asked of 30 religious educators and the results were published in a book entitled "Essex Conversations".

Beginning in October, a discussion group will form to focus on "Essex Conversations." The essays are valuable tools for broadening our understanding of religious education and its impact on our future. Each meeting of our group will focus on one essay. Childcare will be provided. We'll meet every few months. If you're interested in the future of Religious Education in our church, and the UUA, please consider joining this discussion group. Copies of the essays will be provided prior to the meetings. Our first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2002, at 7:00 PM. Please sign up at the RE Table or contact Maggie Geraci, DRE, for more information.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

YRUU

Meetings: YRUU meets every Sunday evening, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Room 4 at UUCT) - with members taking turns planning and leading meetings.

FL District CONferences:

- October 25 27 All Age, FUCO, Orlando
- November 15 17 All Age, UUC, Clearwater
- * January 17 19 All Age, UUF, Gainesville

Mountain Cons:

- * November 1 3, Elementary
- * November 15 17, Jr. High
- * December 6 8, Sr. High
- * January 24 26, Sr. High
- * February 7 9, Jr. High
- * February 28 March 1, Sr. High

For more information about YRUU, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment Contacts: Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw. com; 668-5075). Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREMaggie@comcast.net; 877-6301).

ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS. The new Adult Enrichment Directories are available now. Most of the classes are scheduled for a time and day to "to be arranged." Please look for sign-up sheets at the RE table and state your preference for time and day. This will help the class coordinators plan the most convenient times for those who are interested in participating. We have many new and interesting classes for 2002-2003. Contact: Sheila Meehan (smeehan@hklaw.com).

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Evensong: A Series of Gatherings. New groups starting periodically. In eight gatherings, Evensong participants explore individual life journeys through sharing thoughts, experiences, doubts and beliefs about traditional religious concepts. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan or Rev. Amy.

New UU & Déjà Vu, UU. These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next set will be **Wednesdays**, **November 13 and 20, 7-9 PM** taught by Rev. Amy and Annette Pearce. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

"The Power of Myth". Starting in October. Rev. Harold Hawkins & Richard Dempsey will lead discussions of the video series by Bill Moyers and Joseph Campbell. Those interested should contact Harold (893-1331) or Richard (671-2748) to sign up.

UUA Study / Action Issue. How can Unitarian Universalists respond to the unprecedented opportunities and potentially dangerous environmental, political, and quality-of-life challenge accompanying economic globalization? Third Thursdays, 7 - 9 PM, through January in Rm 2. The study circle will use the book The Lexus and Olive Tree, Understanding Globalization by Thomas Friedman. We will learn, discuss, and understand • issues about economic globalization. Facilitator Elinor Elfner (224-3651; eelfner@istal.com). Cost? Book \$15. Available at local book stores.

Monthly Topics:

- October How to look at today's globalization and how it works
- November How nation-states, communities, individuals, and the environment interact with this system
- December The backlash against globalization
- January The unique role the U.S. plays in stabilizing this new system. Then, where does the group go next?

Other Classes Announced and Described in Adult Enrichment Directory:

- Conversations with the Bible: Spiritual Growth for Religious Liberals
- Siblings without Rivalry
- Evolution of the Psyche: The New Evolving Psyche
- The Artist Way: A Spiritual Path
- Weaving the Fabric of Diversity: An Anti-Bias Program for Adults
- Faithful Choices An Adult Program in Clinical Ethics and Religious Values.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4. Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- Women's Spirituality Group.
 The group meets on Mondays at
 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie
 Foster (539-5563).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Where's the Spiritual Side of Volunteering?

Unison, a 6 week course, takes a look at the spiritual side of voluntarism. Many churches deal with a serious problem - the lack of sufficient numbers of volunteers to fulfill our congregations' aspirations. Statistics confirm that 4.7% of the population participate in volunteer activities, and those that do say they have less time to devote to volunteer activities than ever before.

The focus of this curriculum will be to learn how to provide opportunities for volunteers to recognize that not only are they a part of something larger than themselves, but that their activities can have a significant spiritual dimension -- coming from investing one's self in the pursuit of higher meaning. This important course will benefit board members, committee chairs, and anyone involved or interested in volunteer recruitment and retention.

The course will begin on Wednesday, October 30, 2002, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and will continue for 6 weeks at mutually agreeable dates/times. Childcare will be provided for those who need it. Please sign up at the RE Table or contact Maggie Geraci, DRE, for more information.

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha Coming Home to Room 2

Effective Sunday 22 September, UUCT's Buddhist study group -*zenTAOBuddhist Sangha* -- returned to Room 2, where it will be meeting every Sunday 9:00 to 10:30 AM -except for the first Sunday of the month, when we "break" to the Black Dog Cafe deck (or inside, or a nearby picnic table at the Lake Ella shore).

We practice various forms of **Zazen** ("sitting meditation" --usually 20 minutes long) plus a **Kinhin** ("walking meditation"), followed by a dharma lesson or shared reading or two in classical Buddhism, Zen Buddhism, & Taoism, along with other Oriental & Western subjects of related interest (the ideas of Carl Jung, Joseph Campbell, & modern physics & cosmology, etc.). Member-led. Everyone is welcome to join us, anytime. If you have any questions, please call or write: **Will Adkins,** Sangha coordinator (wmadkins@infi.net or 385-5071).

Campus Ministry Corner

Campus Ministry Coordinator: Kim Ross (kim@cennexus.com, 877-1972)

The regular semester schedule for University UUs is: weekly Tuesday night meetings, 7 PM, FSU campus -plus Friday coffee hours, 6 PM, Black Dog Cafe. Contact Kim for more information.

And members of the congregation, if you have connections with FAMU and TCC, please contact Kim. Also you can join the Campus Ministry Committee; spread the word through flyers, other publicity and sitting at an information table; create welcome baskets for incoming students, etc. Join the Campus Ministry team today!

Notes from The Mountain

By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador WE HAVE RECEIVED NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULES FOR THE P REST OF 2002, so be sure to check the bulletin board to the left of the pass-through at the back of the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the sanctuary and the Mountain notebook on the back counter. Some "(Counter Some formation follows: the sanctuary and t

October 4-6 (Fri-Sun), MountainScape Rock-Climbing

Adventure. You will learn the basic skills of rock climbing, including choosing and fitting safety equipment, moving in the vertical world, belaying another climber, and reducing the risks. This program is open to everyone 14 and over; all equipment is provided. *It would be a good idea to check with The Mountain to make sure there are still openings.*

November 1-3 (Fri-Sun), Go with the Flow Workshop (presented by "Cosmos Wellness") Invest a weekend to gain access to your spirit. Learn how to protect your serenity from unhealthy conditions. Work side by side with Bill Warner, the "Wellness Doc," and Tom Goodman of "Earthkeepers." Tom is a member of the Eastern Muskogee Tribe.

There are three other program dates you might want to note. We'll have

more details next month:

December 20-22, Gifts of the Solstice

December 23-26, Christmas on The Mountain

December 29-January 1, Singing the New Year

FOR MORE INFORMATION about these programs or The Mountain itself, 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 or www.mountaincenters.org.



Social Justice Opportunities

Keep Those Cards and Letters Coming

On Sunday, October 6th at 12:30 PM after church, you are welcome to join a group of letter writers and wanna-be letter writers to government officials in the church sanctuary. Bring laptops, discs, pads, pens, whatever you need. The purpose is to share sample letters, information to put into letters, sources of information, addresses of government officials and decisionmakers, e-mail access, and anything else of interest. Let your voice be heard! Contact: VP for Social Justice Annette Pearce (386-4053).



City Race Relations Conference

The City of Tallahassee's Race Relations Conference will be held on October 7 and 8, 2002 at the Leon County Civic Center. Naomi Tutu, daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will be the keynote speaker. More than 25 different workshops will be held during the 2 days, and other speakers will discuss relevant topics. A special evening event will be held from 7 to 9 PM on October 7th in the City Hall Commission Chambers. This will be a debate on "Reparations: Now or Never" by University of Florida law students.

Registration can be made by calling 891-8290 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Costs are: One day: \$30 (Leon County resident), \$75 (non-county resident). Two days: \$60 (Leon County resident, \$150 (non-county resident).

Contact: VP for Social Justice Annette Pearce (386-4053).

HEART AND SOLES GO TOGETHER...

in the Tallahassee CROP Walk '02 on Sunday, October 27 at 1:30 PM at Tom Brown Park. The walk distances are 1 mile or 5 miles. Many local churches pull together for this common effort. The goal is to raise \$12,014 for worldwide hunger relief as well as collect food for ECHO, Catholic Charities, and the Good News lunch program at the Shelter. 75% of the money pledged goes to agencies providing hunger relief, long-term development, and social justice worldwide, with our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee being one of the options. 25% stays in Tallahassee, divided among ECHO, Catholic Charities, and the Good News lunch program at the Shelter. This year's walk will also feature educational activities. Sign up now to be a walker or to pledge support for a walker from UUCT. Contact: Walter Hoskins or Pam Hoskins (893-5039) or see us at church.

The UUA At The United Nations

By Barnett Cook

As Unitarian Universalists we can be proud of the Unitarian Universalist Association's support of the United Nations. UUA is recognized by the UN as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with consultancy status. This permits UUA to submit official policy briefs to the UN. Most of UUA's work with the UN is conducted through the Unitarian Universalist UN Office or "UU-UNO."

While UUA's involvement with the UN goes back to the very first year, our commitment has never been stronger. As an NGO, we had six delegates at the UN conference on Sustainable Development held in September at Johannesburg. There, we submitted a draft resolution affirming UU principles.

I joined thirteen other UU-UNO board members as a representative at the 55th Annual Department of Public Information/NGO conference September 8-10. The theme this year was "Rebuilding Societies Emerging from Conflict." More than 2,700 delegates from 750 NGOs and 85 countries were registered. We heard of the UN's efforts in Afghanistan, East Timor, Sierra Leone, Kosovo, and Rwanda. We learned how the UN helps restore good governance and social services, restores economies, and promotes disarmament and reconciliation.

I learned that 180,000 Rwandans died in 100 days during their civil war in 1994. This slaughter was preventable; the member nations of the UN and especially the US government stopped all effective UN action. But the UN is helping now. I learned that there are 105,000 prisoners awaiting trial and that steps are being taken to speed up the process.

My impression from UN officials involved in Afghanistan is that the peace process is proceeding quite satisfactorily in spite of all the difficulty. More peacekeeping troops are needed outside Kabul. Since the US government has at last dropped its opposition to the extension of UN authority, that goal might be reached.

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The UUA At The United Nations (Continued)

But the UN does much more. Through the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN is struggling to eliminate polio worldwide. As you enter the UN building in New York you learn from a prominent active display board that only 51 cases of polio occurred worldwide this year compared to several hundred last year. The world is well on its way to eliminating this dread disease just as small pox has also been eradicated.

The contributions of UUA and UU-UNO to the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) continue. A strategy planning meeting for the ICC was held the week prior to the DPI/NGO Conference. Three UUA

Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

In the January "Green Corner" article on food consumption, one of the recommendations from the Earth Communications Office website (www.oneearth. org/fs_index.htm) was to buy fresh, local produce and products as often as possible. Here's an elaboration on that theme excerpted from the Union of Concerned Scientists' "GreenTips" enewsletter

(<u>http://www.ucsusa.org/index.html</u>) plus a partial list of Tallahassee locations that offer local produce.

Reasons to buy local produce:

(1) Food grown for local markets, even when not organic, is generally produced with fewer chemicals (pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers and preservatives), which threaten the environment and your health. Local food is usually supplied by small family farms, which tend to take a less chemically intensive approach to agriculture. With a short journey to market, local produce doesn't need preservatives.

(2) Much of the produce bought out of season comes from other countries,

delegates were involved including Elaine Harvey, UUA's official representative to the UN. Seventyeight nations including Canada, Britain, France, and Germany have joined the ICC. However Russia, India, and China have yet to join, and the US continues to actively try to undermine the court's role.

The UN Secretary-General sent an angry letter to the US stating that their most recent proposal was a dangerous and irresponsible threat to peace keeping and would violate the UN Charter and international treaty law... We have much work to do to see that our government fulfills its international responsibilities not only for the ICC but many other UN actions.

UU-UNO is an associate member of UUA and as such is not funded by UUA. UU-UNO depends on contributions from individual UU congregations and their members for most of its finances. Our church has always been a leader among UU congregations in its support of the UN and the UU-UNO. You will have an opportunity to recommit to their ideals through a special collection for UU-UNO on UN Sunday, October 13.

with laxer health and environmental standards than our own. Chemicals outlawed here for being unsafe may be used there.

(3) Buying local produce supports biodiversity, since small family farms are more likely to grow different varieties of crops and to grow the varieties of each crop best suited to their corner of the world. This helps to preserve a wider gene pool, both within agriculture and in the wild, which is critical for our long-term food security.

(4) Buying local food reduces energy consumption. In America today, the average food item travels 1,200-1,500 miles from source to supermarket.

[According to a recent article in Audubon magazine on Community Supported Agriculture, the following are average travel distances for produce sold by large grocery chains in Chicago: apples – 1,555 miles; beans – 766 miles; squash – 781 miles; grapes – 2,143 miles; peaches – 1,674 miles; greens – 889 miles; lettuce – 2,055 miles; tomatoes – 1,369 miles.] (5) Buying local produce helps to keep local farmers in business. That's good for your local economy, and it's one more way to help preserve open space.

Where can you buy local produce in Tallahassee? Here are a few locations with which I am familiar. If you know of others, please tell me about them and I'll list them in the next "Green Corner" article (422-1057;

rdeyle@garnet.acns.fsu.edu):

<u>Downtown Farmers and Produce</u> <u>Market</u> – Sat, 8am – 2pm, March – November; Monroe Street at Park Avenue

<u>New Leaf Market</u> – Mon-Sat, 9am-9pm; Sun, noon – 7pm; 1235 Apalachee Parkway

<u>Tallahassee Farmers Market</u> – Tue, Thr, Sat, 8am – 6pm; 1415 Timberlane Road at Market Square

<u>Tomato Land</u> – Mon-Sat 7am – 6pm; 1847 Thomasville Road

For a list of farmers' markets elsewhere in Florida see <u>http://</u> <u>www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/</u> <u>states/florida.htm</u>

From our Music Director

By Helen Falb

It's an exciting time for me here at UUCT! By the time you read this, hopefully some of you will have had the chance to hear not one, but TWO new grand pianos in our sanctuary! At least one of them will be with us for the next three months, as we gather some information from the congregation about their wishes to move ahead - or not - in buying a new (or "new" used) instrument for the sanctuary. So many decisions to make!

The Music Committee has come up with a few recommendations, and we've compiled them into a **survey** (FIRST SHEET OF THIS MERIDIAN)



that I encourage all of you to take the time to fill out and return to the church by November 1 (either by mail or in the specially-marked box in the sanctuary.) We've scheduled three opportunities for people to ask questions to gather more information: the first, at 12:30 PM following the music service on September 29; and then on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM and Monday, October 14 from 12-1 PM (bring a bag lunch). We hope to have a piano technician present on 10/14.

In the meantime, please bear with us as the space in the front of the

sanctuary becomes swallowed up by these two fine instruments. On a related note, young John Mann, V, has taken adding to the Piano Fund into his own hands by creating a "Pennies For Piano Parking" meter which will be placed in the back of the sanctuary every Sunday until the end of October. Please feel free to contribute to his meter or write a check to UUCT, with "Piano Fund" on the memo line. And speaking of fundraising (probably after July 1), would anyone like to help out by being a co-chair of a piano fundraising committee? I have someone interested in working with you now

The Role of the Church Council

The Church Council is comprised of the chairpersons of all the various committees in the church and is led by the President-Elect. The following description of the Council is given in the UUCT Manual of Policies and Procedures.

<u>Purpose</u>: To promote communication and cooperation among the various committees and lay ministries of the church.

Responsibilities:

1. To share plans which reflect the activities and objectives of each church committee in order to promote effective coordination and mutual assistance.

2. To provide direct input to the Executive Board on budget and other policy decisions through scheduled meetings of committee chairs or other designated committee representatives with the President-Elect as chair.

3. To review the budgetary needs of each church committee, and help in setting priorities to assist the Finance Committee in preparing the annual budget.

The Council meets quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 27 at 12:30 PM.

FL District Events

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WOMEN AND RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 -

20. "Recasting the Shadow: Manifesting Our Power". UU Pines in the Pines Retreat Center. For a brochure and registration, contact Diane Anderson (727-898-9653); Michelle Gilbert (727-363-3598 or WolfSongMe@aol.com). NORTHEAST CLUSTER, "ADVOCACY", SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Community Church, Daytona Beach. Karen Judd, professional social worker, speaker. Contact, Larry Rayner (321-752-4140).

SOUTHWEST CLUSTER WORKSHOP, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:15 AM - 1 PM. How to: Start or expand Community Outreach; Launch Effective Social Action; Develop Programs for Music. Contact, UU Church of Sarasota (941-371-4974).

S.W.I.M. (UU SOUTHEAST WINTER INSTITUTE), DECEMBER 26 -

JANUARY 1. Takes place in Miami and is an annual UU Retreat and Family Camp for UUs and like-minded people of all ages. For more information go to www.swimuu.org or write to 40 Pearl Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711 for a brochure.

Membership

To explore becoming a member or friend of 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. Contact the office to order replacements (\$3.75 each).

New Member Recognition

Sunday, November 10.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

Directory Changes

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

Joys and Sorrows

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

Fran Boyle who was in a car accident on her way home from The Mountain retreat. She's okay, but her car was totaled.

Congratulations to **Barbara Hogan**, she had good results from her recent medical procedure.

Congratulations to **Del and Patty DeTar** who celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on 9/4, the same day as **Patty's** 80th Birthday.

On-going Opportunities

- Hospitality on Sunday: Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Mary Millard (980-8980) and Lois Bloom (402-9044) for refreshments, Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- Music Committee: A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603).
- Shelter Meal: Monday, October 14, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- Sunday Service Greeter: Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

- Sunday Service Brigrade: People needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to setup chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- 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).

A CALL FOR HOSTS & HOSTESSES

Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children start up again in October. Hosting can be for occasional or once-a-month dinners, through May. You set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as you like; your guests bring the rest. And you are free to sign-up as a guest for dinners others are hosting, if you like!

Dinners for 8 is adults only, with all parents welcome. Dinners for Families with Children is for parents and children. A primary purpose for all dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Once we have a group of hosts and hostesses, dinner dates will be announced for the fall, and sign-up sheets for guests will be placed on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. If you missed the September sign-up for hosts, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Nursery Volunteers Needed



The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Richard Dempsey (671-2748) Christine Boczarska (893-7079) Bruce Brandt (893-5511) Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

- Certified Membership (as of 1/02) -172
- Current Membership - 172
- Current Youth Membership - 1
- Current Number of Friends - 51
- Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of August 2002 - 93.8
- Average Sunday Attendance for July & August - 91.3
- Average Sunday Attendance 7/1/01
 - 6/30/02: 100.4
- RE Enrollment 45 (Incomplete)

Unitarian Universalist of Tallahassee Final Report on Operating Budget for 2001-2002

	Budgeted	Actual	
Pledges (collected thru 6/30/02)	132,929	122,289	
Pledges (collected 7/1/02 - 9/15/02)		6,287	
Non-pledge Collections	6,700		
RE Fees	800	1,147	
Rental Fees	5,000	5,966	
Interest from Finner Fund	600	569	
Meridian Subscriptions	100	200	
Hazel Richard's Fund Interest	450	0	*
Copy Fees	50	92	
Fundraising	8,000	6,967	
Campus Ministry Fundraising	0	226	
Friends of Campus Ministry, Inc.	0	2,363	
Transfer from CM Fund	3,300		
Other recurring income	0,000		
TOTAL INCOME	157,929	158,118	
	107,525	100,110	
Administrative Expenses	40,178	40,431	
UU Fair Share	9,322	9,322	
Campus Ministry Program	3,802	4,737	
Transfer to Campus Ministry Fund	0,002	1,452	
Religious Education	13,812	13,812	
Music Program	18,529		
Other Programs and Committees	2,035		
Maint. & Operation of Bldngs and Grounds	16,021	11,839	
Minister's Package	54,230		
TOTAL EXPENSES	157,929	155,305	
	107,525	100,000	
DIFFERENCE (Income minus Expenses)	0	2,813.14	
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Total End of Year Balance in Operating Budget	0	2,813.14	
* Interest from the Hazel Richard's fund was not need	d an innoma thin va		
left in the Schwab brokerage account to accumulate in			
Other UUCT Assets	July 1, 2001	June 30, 2002	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Endowment Fund (Merrill Lynch)	169,881	137,842	
Capital Improvement Fund (Schwab)	15,998	14,170	
Reserve Fund (Schwab)	14,416	11,910	
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Hazel Richard's Fund, Principal (Schwab)	10,141	9,905	
Hazel Richard's Fund, Interest (Schwab) Building Fund (Tall State Bank and First South)	660	938	
č (66,281	158,814	
Memorial and Gift Fund (Schwab)	870	889	
Campus Ministry Fund (Schwab)	6,938	5,544	
New Piano Fund (Schwab)	322	2,254	
New Chair Fund (Schwab)	0	2,946	
Outreach Fund (Bank of America)	0	1,192	

October UUCT Events & Events After October

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:30

AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7:30 PM.

Members and others are invited to join in these simple circle dances. Call Tom or Katya Taylor (656-9321).

RACIAL / CULTURAL DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB, TUESDAY,

OCTOBER 8, 7 PM. Room 4. We'll discuss "Lyrics of Sunshine and Shadow, The Tragic Courtship and Marriage of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Alice Ruth Moore: A History of Love and Violence Among the African-American Elite" by Eleanor Alexander. Dunbar (1872-1906), called the "first poet of his race in English" by critic William Dean Howells, was the most famous African-American poet of his time. Suggested additional reading: "Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar" and "Give Us Each Day," the published diary of writer Alice Dunbar-Nelson (1875-1935), a woman active in all the significant movements of her time (available from our Leon County public library). "Lyrics" is on order at the library and can be ordered from Barnes & Noble. For further information, call facilitator Marcia Murray (539-3981).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9:00 AM

- 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, OCTOBER 13, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share!

ANNUAL UUCT YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19.

Volunteers and sale items needed. Contact: Maria Mena (907-0739).

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1:30 PM. Meet at the entrance to the Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratories, Panacea, Florida. More details at www.multiculturaltal.org. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

UU LUNCH BUNCH, THURSDAY,

OCTOBER 24, 11:30 AM. At Golden Corral buffet on North Monroe across from Lake Ella. All are welcome, especially if you are a Super Adult (a part of UUCT's "wisdom circle" AKA senior citizens). Contact: Rev. Amy.

FAMILY POTLUCK & PROGRAM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6:00 PM. In the sanctuary. See Youth RE, p. 4 for details. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (877-6301).

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 12:30 PM.

Are you a committee chair? Wondering what's going on with other committees? Come to this quarterly Church Council meeting in Room 4 to share and coordinate plans. Contact: Neil Mooney (893-8250, neilmooney@yahoo.com).

CROPWALK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2:30 PM. See article p. 7.

Contacts: Pam and Walter Hoskins (893-5039).

Events After October

CAMPING TRIP, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17. Rev. Amy invites members and friends and families to join her on a camping trip at Torreya State Park (in Bristol, FL to the west of us). For reservations: contact Reserve America (1-800-326-3521 or reserveamerica.com).

ANNUAL UU THANKSGIVING DAY INGATHERING & DINNER, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28,

1:00 PM. In the church sanctuary. Watch for a notice in the November Meridian and at church, and a sign-up list in early November. Once again, Eleanor Moore (and we hope Wes Van Sciver), along with Will Adkins, John Murphy and Linda Logan -- are planning to put on another of our longest time events (over the last 30 years by Eleanor Moore). Please come out and join our big happy, thankful family of UUs, relatives, and friends for a quiet and peaceful dinner with overflowing cornucopia. (This is a potluck ingathering in which everyone brings something to eat and / or drink, with turkey and ham provided.)

UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details. Contact Ludy Goodson (531-9819, ludy8@juno.com, or with a note given to her on a Sunday) regarding possible UUCT Social Events.

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 11:30 AM
- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, Oct. 5, 7:30 PM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, Oct. 13, 12:30 PM
- UU Lunch Bunch, Thursday, Oct. 24, 11:30 AM

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Zen Meditation
- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Friday, Oct. 4, 7 PM 11 PM, Scottish Dance Group (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, Oct. 12, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)
- Monday, Oct. 21, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7:00 PM, Audubon (Sanctuary)

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Our Staff:

Rev. Amy McKenzie's office hours at church:

Monday & Wednesday 1 - 5, Thursday 9 - 1. These and others by appointment. E-Mail: revamg@earthlink.net Study: 383-9186; Cellular Ph: 850-566-1388 No office hours Tues. 10/1, Wed. 10/2, Thurs. 10/3 (Florida UU Minister's Meeting); Mon. 10/14, Wed. 10/16, Thurs. 10/17 (Vacation).

Kathie Mackie, Administrative Assistant, 385-5115

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

Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education, 877-6301; DREMaggie@comcast.net

Kim Ross, Campus Ministry Coordinator, 877-1972; kim@cennexus.com

Scott Geraci, Nursery Worker, 877-6301; sgeraci10@comcast.net

YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 4).

YRUU meets regularly Sundays, 6-8 PM.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

- See Adult Enrichment (p. 5) Essex Conversation
- Group, Wed. 10/23, 7 PM.
- * **Globalization Study Circle**, Thur. 10/17, 7 PM.
- Unison, Wed. 10/30, 7 PM.
- Women's Spirituality, Every Mon. 7:15 PM **EXECUTIVE BOARD** MEETINGS
- Thurs. 10/ 3 & 10/ 17, * 7 PM. Contact: Pres. Jennifer Carver (402-0622)

COMMITTEES MEET Open to All Interested

- **Buildings & Grounds,**
- Mon. 10/7. 7:30 PM. **Contact Francis Ventre** (402-3050).
- * Capital Improvement, Thurs. 10/10, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Church Council, Sun. 10/27, 12:30 PM. Contact: Neil Mooney (893-8250)
- **Committee on Ministry** Thurs. 10/24, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- Finance, Mon. 10/21, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)

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Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice), Sun. 10/20, 12:30 PM. Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)

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- Membership, Wed. 10/2, 7:15 PM. Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- Program, Mon. 10/7, * 7:15 PM. Contact: **Richard Dempsey** (671 - 2748)
- **Racial & Cultural** Diversity, Thurs. 10/10, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- Social Justice (See Gr. * Sanc.), Contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- Youth RE, Sun. 10/6, * 9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage

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."