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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE for Pre-K - Middle School
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- Oct. 5: *What's in the UU World?* (Sept./Oct. issue) facilitated by Albert Starr
- Oct. 12: UU-UNO Report including *Economic Globalization initiatives*, by Barney Cook
- Oct. 19: *(Green Sanctuary) Energy Issues-Nat'l, State, and Local* by Deb Swim
- Oct. 26: *USA Patriot Act Town Hall Mting-report* by Mimi Jones & Judy Petersen, Esq.
- Nov. 2 *Ethnomusicology* by Rebecca Sager

The Meridian

October Sundays (11:00 AM)

Oct. 5 | Growth: Making the Cut" & New Member Recognition

In our covenant of membership, we say one of the Unitarian Universalist seven principles when we pledge to encourage spiritual *growth*. New members join and the congregation *grows*. As we welcome new members, we'll consider a fable: a prince learns the secret of growth when the cook butchers an ox. This is not a vegetarian day.

Rev. Amy McKenzie

Oct. 12 | UU-United Nations Office Sunday: The Situation in Iraq

How did we get into this mess? What is the background to the U.S. conflict with Iraq? And who is Saddam Hussein? Some clarification, please. Our guest speaker is an Iraqi Kurd who is a nuclear physicist at the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. There will be a special collection for the UU United Nations Office.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Salah Aziz; Lay Leader: Cheryl Ward

Oct. 19 | Religious Fundamentals

Should we thank fundamentalists of all religions for 'putting on the brakes' to slow the rate of social change? That's what I heard from the author of books like *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, Rabbi Harold Kushner. Fundamentalists have gifts to offer the world, but I don't think braking is one of them. *We'll share candles of joy, sorrow and concern.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

Oct. 26 | Burning for Liberty

[Remember to set your clock back one hour. Daylight savings time ends.]

From the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy: 'Today is the 2-year anniversary of the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act, the last day before the Muslim holiday Ramadan, and the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of Unitarian Michael Servetus. Recognizing [this] weekend as a fitting time for people of all faith traditions to affirm and celebrate fundamental freedoms, the UUA has played a leadership role with other interfaith partners is declaring October 24-26 as Witness for Civil Liberties Weekend.'
Rev. Amy McKenzie

**Annual
Yard Sale
Saturday,
November 1
See p. 3**

**(Set-up:
Friday,
October 31)**



Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

I'm allergic to certainty. I inherited this affliction from my heretical ancestors and developed it during encounters with a multitude of ideas and people.

Part nature, part nurture; does anyone really know how to make a Unitarian Universalist? The formula varies but one way to tell if you are one may be if you're allergic to certainty.

Are you allergic to certainty?

Do these statements make you sneeze?:

God is ___ And I know I'm right.

This is how it has always been and how it will always be.

If it's not ___, it's an abomination.

That person/physician/priest was evil and I killed him/her.

This is the one road to heaven...paradise...nirvana...eternal bliss.

Does equilibrium in your psyche and peace in your heart come from 'Yes; to:

Can flexibility bring more truth and justice than certainty?

Do you love the democratic process even with its many flaws because the outcome isn't predetermined?

Is your spiritual life ever-unfolding, changing, in flux?

Have your beliefs changed with new

ideas, and your ideas changed with new beliefs?

Will you always seek one more answer and ask one more question (in that order)?

Flexibility and openness can be taken too far, but needn't be. Those who are "certain" may accuse those who are flexible, open and curious of being wishy-washy. But I affirm and support a modern vision for the future, welcome creativity, and appreciate the fresh, new start. Forward thinking and cleaning out the cobwebs ought to be celebrated, not condemned.

Then again, I may be wrong,

(Rev.) Amy

President's Message

By Neil Mooney

An item getting well-deserved attention right now is our need for/lack of/long-ignored library. Green Sanctuary is looking at developing a library of "green resources", and other members are on the cusp of taking the initiative to develop our general library into something more grand and user-friendly than we have now.

I applaud these efforts and have seen one idea of what they can result in. On July 6, I attended the Shelter Rock

Church in Manhasset, N.Y. About an hour before the service, out came coffee and wheeled racks of books. Some were for lending, others for sale. Most were used, very inexpensive, and the topics quite eclectic (are you surprised?). This gave a number of congregants the opportunity to exchange views over coffee before the service as well as after and to scoop up some bargains. It generated a few dollars for the church, too, no doubt.

We don't know what our own efforts will ultimately result in, but I want to express support and encouragement for all who are working on this matter at UUCT. If you are interested in participating in the effort or donating relevant books or other media, whether for adults or children, please let me know so I can direct you appropriately.

In Community,

Neil

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.

Purpose: 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.

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 is chaired by the President-Elect and meets quarterly; their last meeting was held on Sunday, September 28.

Announcements



R.E. BAKE SALE - BAKERS ARE REQUESTED!

On October 5, delicious goodies will be on sale at this fundraiser for the Youth Religious Education program. The first \$25.00 raised will enable the children to adopt a manatee, through the Save the Manatee Club. Come buy a treat and find out about the manatee the children will adopt. To donate food items to sell, or to otherwise help out, contact Pam Hoskins at 893-5039, or pvhoskins@aol.com, or call Kelley Turnage at 553-9416.

Plants for Sale

Come on down to the UUCT Yard Sale on November 1 and visit the Green Sanctuary Committee's Plant Sale fundraiser too. We will have houseplants, outdoor plants, and maybe seeds and bulbs, at bargain prices. WANTED: YOUR PLANTS! Donations of outdoor plants, houseplants, and other plant and garden-related items are needed for the sale. Dig some up out of your yard; send a houseplant to a good home; ask your neighbors. To find out more, contact Pam Hoskins (893-5039, pvhoskins@aol.com) or Steve Urse (385-2864) after October 20.

Board News

The Executive Board of the UUCT met on September 4, 2003. The only item for board action was the approval of the minutes of the August 21, 2003 meeting which passed by acclamation.

Visitor Brochure Available

An updated UUCT Visitor Brochure will be ready soon and available Sundays at the Visitor Table or during the week from the church office. If you have friends or co-workers who might be interested in our church, pick up copies and share it with them. It's a great introduction to Unitarian Universalism and our church.

Could You Help Once a Month?

Since the new building was turned over to us, we've made a great deal of progress on the many small and large tasks that were left to be done: further landscaping, creating a toddler playground and reclaiming the main one, moving furniture, putting up signs, etc. We had a fantastic turnout for the first few workdays, but now attendance has dwindled, and there is much left to be done - much more than the Buildings and Grounds Committee can accomplish on their own.

For the next few months, could you give an hour or more once a month - either at the regular, second Saturday workday or at a weekday or weekend time convenient to you? Take a look at the lists posted on the "What's Happening at UUCT?" bulletin board and sign-up on Sundays or contact us about what you'll help with. Contacts: Francis Ventre (402-3050, mfventre@aol.com) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Let's Lock-In A Good Rate

If all who are able complete their Capital Campaign pledges now, we can convert our construction loan to a long-term mortgage at a very good rate. So if you can, please do so!

Mark Your Checks

- Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).

At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Check this bulletin board for information on upcoming events.



CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, KITCHEN AND GARAGE!

Our annual yard sale to raise money for the operating budget is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, so this is a reminder to start cleaning out your closets, storage rooms, kitchen, and garage.

We will accept anything you don't want that is CLEAN AND USABLE: clothing, dishes, household items, small appliances, toys, furniture, knick knacks, paperback and hardback books, gizmos, electronics, purses, computer software, etc. Because of low demand, we will not be taking any shoes this year, unless they are brand new.

We prefer that you drop off all items on Friday, October 31. However, if you have any large items you cannot store until that day, please call Maria Mena (907-0739) to arrange for earlier pickup.

We need volunteers for Friday, October 31, 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM and on Saturday, November 1, 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We also need donations of individually wrapped baked goods for our traditional bake sale.

If you cannot volunteer, you can help us by posting Yard Sale flyers which will be distributed at the Sunday services during the last weeks in October.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call Maria (907-0739; mcmena@ix.netcom.com). With your help we can make this our BEST YARD SALE EVER!

Appreciation



To:

- * **DeWayne Carver, Pippin Whitaker, Peggy Lentz, Mary Persons, Joan Patterson, Carolyn DuBard, Dave and Nancy Harvey, Randall Gann, Isabel Sheridan, Bruce Brandt, and Barbara Sterling** for greeting on Sunday mornings 8/31-9/21.
- * **Richard and Ellen Dempsey, Peggy Lentz, Barbara Sterling, and all others** who helped with hosting hospitality 8/31-9/21.
- * **Michael and LaRae Donnellan and Del DeTar** for being clean up "heroes" and **everyone else** who helped with clean up 8/31-9/21.
- * **Dexter Easton, Mimi Jones, Margaret Mooney, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Mary Persons, Brenda and Bob Glenn, Don and Pam Crosby, and Peggy Lentz** for cooking and serving the September Shelter meal.
- * **The Pratt/Joyner family** from Rev. Amy for the new prayer flags outside Rev. Amy's office, including Chelsea's help putting them up and Tom's advice on retiring the old peace prayer flags. (The elements are supposed to wear them out, as that is a metaphor for activating the prayers; when the flags are replaced they are released from duty in flames...the UUCT camping trip fire circle will be a good time to burn the old flags.)
- * **Christine Boczarska** and the **daughters of Richard Lee** for their gift in memory of Richard: a brand new playset for the playground, constructed from non-asbestos-treated wood.
- * **Cheryl Ward** for serving as our first VP for Worship for July 2002-August 2003.
- * **Billy Mackie** for finding a free, small refrigerator for the nursery.

Building Dedication Appreciations

Many thanks to **Pauline Masterton** for chairing the New Building Dedication Committee, **Mimi Jones** for assisting with the invitations and mailing lists, **Earl and Eleanor Enge** and **Eleanor Moore** for helping with the invitation mailing, and **George Knight** for handling publicity.

And to **Peggy Lentz and Barbara Sterling** for organizing the reception after the Dedication, **all the people** who so quickly got the church ready for the reception, **all who contributed food and drink**, **Linda Winn-Brown** for the floral decorations, **Barbara Sterling** and **Kelley Turnage** for making the punches and presiding over the punch bowls, and **all those who helped with the cleanup** with a special thanks to **DeWayne Carver, Victor Venos and the Enges** who always step in to do what is needed.

Workday Appreciations

To **Christine Boczarska, Bruce Brandt, Tom Chase, Elinor Elfner, Dave Harvey, George Knight, Joe Lama, Mary Persons, Barbara Sterling, and Francis Ventre** for helping with the 8/30 Workday.

To **Don Berger, Bruce Brandt, DeWayne and Jennifer Carver, Nina Cline, Trudy and Bob Deyle, Dave Harvey, Dot Mann, Maria Mena, Ed and James Oaksford, Howard Pardue, Mary Persons, Marion Smith, Allen Turnage, and Francis Ventre** for helping at the 9/13 workday and to **Van and Chelsea Fox** for providing lunch.

To **Susan and Anthony Angel, Don Berger, Bruce Brandt, Randall Gann, Maggie Geraci, Mimi Jones, George Knight, Dot Mann, Austin, Pierce and Neil Mooney, Mary Persons, Francis Ventre** and to **Isabel Sheridan** for lunch.

To the following people for helping at the 9/27 workday: **Joe Lama** for edging the lawn, putting the mulch on the butterfly garden and leaf blowing, **Don Berger** for doing electrical work, **Dexter Easton** for putting the screws in the tot-lot fencing, **Dorothy Mann** for leaf blowing, and **Tom Chase** for setting the posts in the playground.

Thanks go to **Albert Starr** for donating three bags of mulch to the Building and Grounds Committee and **Bob and Trudy Deyle** for donating a truckload of nursery-quality mulch for the Tot-Lot.

Kudos to the Landscaping Sub-Committee

Elinor Elfner and her Landscaping Sub-Committee (**Barbara Sterling, Steve Urse, Isabel Sheridan and Christine Boczarska**) have done a wonderful job beautifying our church entrance, stabilizing areas with plantings, and restoring a more natural look. Please take a minute to thank them when you see them. They have spent many weekday and weekend hours on this important work.

And please consider helping with the landscaping, parking space marking, playground fencing and mulching, and other indoor and outdoor work remaining from our building project! See *Announcements* for more details.

Thanks, Mr. Scott!

A belated thank you to "**Mr. Scott**" **Geraci** for his loving care of our littlest ones as Nursery Worker for many months. Scott has moved on to be one of our trained, Middle School *Our Whole Lives* teachers, but is staying connected to the nursery as Nursery Sub-committee Chairperson. Please consider volunteering in the nursery for a Sunday when Scott asks you! And a belated **welcome to Holly Mackie** as our new Nursery Worker!

Lifespan Religious Education



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, October 5, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416)**
- **Scott Geraci, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (877-6301)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@comcast.net)**

This Year in Youth Religious Education

The Youth RE program has begun an exciting new year with a new building, new teachers, new students, and new playgrounds! We're so grateful for all the help from our members and friends...it certainly makes a difference. This year, our children will focus their learning on UU principles, as well as religions and holidays from around the world. Here's what each class will do:

Explorers (Grades K – 1): Treasure Hunting – Children in this class will be exploring the importance of each person, the power of feelings, the joy of friendship, the excitement of the search for truth, and the harmony of nature.

Artists (Grades 2 – 3): Holidays and Holy Days – The Artists will be learning about the origins and meanings of holidays and holy day celebrations from other cultures and religions, and relating other traditions to UU principles and values.

Bridgers (Grades 4 – 5): Neighboring Faiths – Fourth and fifth graders will be strengthening their own faith and exploring religious diversity, with field trips to other worship services and guest speakers from different religions.

This year is chock full of fun and interesting things to learn and do at UUCT!

If You Can Read This, Thank a Teacher!

Don't forget to thank all our wonderful Youth RE teachers for dedicating this year to our children and spreading the knowledge of Unitarian Universalism! Our teachers for 2003 – 2004 are:

- Explorers (Grades K – 1)
Margaret Mooney, Mary Stewart, Debbie Wolfe
- Artists (Grades 2 – 3)
Yvonne Gsteiger, Pam Hoskins, Kelley Turnage
- Bridgers (Grades 4 – 5)
Susan Angel, Christine Boczarska, Terri Martin
- Middle School *Our Whole Lives* (Grades 6 – 8)
Chelsea Fox, Scott Geraci

Mountain Cons

The YRUU group will be deciding which Sr. High Mountain Con to attend this year. Youth and Parents interested in attending or advising for the elementary and middle school Mountain Cons, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

- November 21-22 Jr. High Con
- December 12-14 Elementary Con
- February 6-8 Jr. High Con

YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 - 20)

Meetings: Every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00 PM (in Room 6) - with members taking turns planning and leading.

YRUU Lock-In: Friday, November 7, 6:00 PM - Saturday, November 8, 10:00 AM. Sign-up at YRUU meetings.

FL District Con Schedule Fall:

- October 3-5 All-Age CON Orlando
- November 14-16 All-Age CON Clearwater
- December 5-7 Social Action CON location TBA

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622) or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Bruce Brandt, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (blbrandt@earthlink.net; 893-5511)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DREmaggie@comcast.net; 877-6301).**

CURRENT CLASSES:

The Artist's Way, a course of activities based on the book by the same name, meets on Saturdays from 2:00 - 3:30 PM in the large room in the new building (Rm L). Contact Amy at amann@infionline.net or 222-1420 for more information.

Bible Study Course, facilitated by Del DeTar, will be 3-4:30 PM, Rm L, every Sunday. The DeTars own a set of taped lectures by Amy-Jill Levine, who is on the faculty at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The 34 lectures cover a number of important aspects of the Hebrew Bible (Jewish *Tanach*). Each lecture lasts half an hour. There are also tapes on the New Testament.

Amy-Jill Levine is a biblical scholar and an excellent lecturer. She translates some passages directly to illustrate the significance of the choices of words.

The first lecture covers the differences between the creation stories in the Bible and those current in Sumer, Assyria, and Babylonia, covering genres, authorship and other general background information. The second lecture is about Adam and Eve.

It is not necessary to attend every class to benefit from the lecture and discussion. Contact Del DeTar (878-7895; ddetar@infionline.net).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Morningsong will stimulate participants to explore their thoughts and feelings about the fundamental questions of living. Trudy Deyle will lead the group on eight Thursday mornings from 10 - 11:30 AM. The first meeting is October 2. Contact Trudy at 422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com.

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. The next sessions are scheduled for Mondays, November 3 and 10, 7 - 9 PM, and will be taught by Rev. Amy and UUCT member Rod Oldenburg. Location: Rm C. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

A Religion of Nature. Donald Crosby is leading an extended look at the topic introduced in his July 20 sermon Wednesdays through October 29, 7:15 PM in Room C. One chapter of his book "Religion of Nature" is read each week. Contact Don at 385-3292 or donald.crosby@att.net.

Tai Chi Ch'uan classes taught by Ben Fusaro (297-2052, 644-4414) continue Saturdays in Rm 3 and 6 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM through October 25. Mr. Fusaro has been studying the teaching of the ancient system of physical culture known as Tai Chi Ch'uan since 1963. Health and relaxation are developed as the legs, diaphragm, and heart are gently but thoroughly exercised.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. See front page for topics. 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).

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

The zenTAOBuddhist Sangha is not currently meeting. If you are interested in helping revive it, contact Sangha Coordinator William Adkins (385-5071, wmadkins@infionline.net).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

So far the fall semester has been busy and fun for the University UUs. We've held some fascinating and enlightening weekly discussion meetings with such topics as moral status, meditation, and the Amish practice of *Rumspringa*.

We helped to provide food and a place to sleep for members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, who stopped in

Tallahassee as part of a protest and public information tour of the south. We've also been planning for a fall retreat, activities with other student groups, and our Sunday service coming up in early November. In addition, this month we will be serving a meal for the homeless shelter.

We meet twice a week: Mondays at 7 PM at FSU's International Student Center and Fridays at 6 PM at Javaheads (903 Railroad Ave., one block south of Gaines).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or willingness to help: chelsuu@yahoo.com ~ 222-3931

UUCT Phone Tree

By Will Adkins, VP for Church Community

Soon we will have a new "telephone tree" up and running at UUCT. Its purpose is to help send out, rapidly, an Important, Urgent Message from the Minister or Board President to all Members of the church.

To work, this tree divides the formidably large task of 180+ phone calls into a branching of branches, in which every Member of the church may help get the Urgent Message out. (No more than once a month, at most.)

We will divide the church community into five basic "branches" -- each with a "Starter." If a Message needs to go out, Rev. Amy or Neil Mooney will start the tree flowing. Each starter is responsible for his or her own "branch," calling no more than 4 members, who in turn call 4 more members. Then in this final branch, each calls up 1 member. Believe it or not, in four such degrees of separation we can reach 187 or so people in about 2 hours, if there is no delay in our relay.

The five "branches" of our UUCT Telephone Tree will be given names like 'Magnolia', 'Dogwood' and 'Redbud'. Soon we will have printed sheets out, with about 37 names on each, identifying which branch you belong to. Be sure to pick one up at church.

Social Justice

TEAM Action

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

Over two dozen UUCTers participated in the TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) meeting last month when we asked Lt. Gov. Jennings and city and county commissioners to approve our proposals to improve the lives of middle and lower income people in Tallahassee. Each official agreed!

It was thrilling to be with that many people (a filled sanctuary at Faith Presbyterian Church) and to hear elected officials say 'Yes' at our first Action. The let-down was that four commissioners who said they would be there weren't. Oh, and news coverage included the important state-wide education issue but not the equally important local health care, housing and homelessness or teen issues proposals.

The Lt. Gov. and the Commissioners need our help at discussion and voting meetings, so we'll get there and support away. We may not be 600 strong at every gathering as at the Action, but 200 at a city or county commission meeting would make a strong statement!

Racial and Cultural Diversity Committee

By Isabel Sheridan

RCDC listened to the comments of the congregation at last March's *Continuing the Journey Toward Wholeness* Event. In the survey of interest, the activities most participants wanted were Harmony Camp, TEAM, and Riley House Museum.

So RCDC is concentrating on designing, funding, and implementing our first summer camp, Harmony Camp 2004. It will be held August 2-6, 2004. RCDC will lead the Martin Luther King Day Sunday service

January 18, 2004; the topic will be *Harmony Camp, a Step on Our Journey Toward Wholeness*.

RCDC is continuing to sponsor Riley House's Rock-a-thon in early December. Look for the sign-up table throughout the month of November.

Members of RCDC have been an integral part of UUCT's Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) team. Special thanks to Joanne Taylor, who has taken a leadership role in the city-wide TEAM organization and has attended planning meetings with Rev. Amy throughout the summer.

We hope that you will participate in RCDC Online in between actual meetings and events. If you want to be on a listserv to keep up to date on Harmony Camp, Riley House, and RCDC, contact Isabel Sheridan, (iasheridan@nettally.com). Because of the numerous meetings for the camp, RCDC will meet via e-mail throughout the month, beginning this month.

Harmony Camp Update

By Joanne Taylor

The big news for September was that the grant application was sent to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Our thanks to Rosa Morgan, who donated her professional time and expertise to create the grant proposal, and to the other members of the committee: Pam Hoskins, Margaret Mooney, Linda Oaksford, Isabel Sheridan, and Joanne Taylor.

Copies of the application will be available on the back counter in a folder labeled *Harmony Camp Grant Application*. The document gives a detailed picture of the purpose and design of the camp. We hope you will read it and see Joanne or Isabel if you have any questions or comments.

In mid-December we'll learn how much funding we can expect from the UUA.

On September 28 the Curriculum Committee met to continue planning. We welcome the participation of Riley House Museum. Its Education Director, Geraldine Johnson-Johnson, will be one of our guest instructors.

If you would like to be involved, contact Joanne Taylor, Chair, at 893-9024 or taylorjoanne@earthlink.net. We'll keep you updated online even if you can't make every meeting.

Riley House Museum News

By Isabel Sheridan

Reception to Honor Membership: The museum celebrated John G. Riley's birthday and its new partnership with Tallahassee Community College at its annual membership meeting in September. The reception was held in TCC's Legislative Library (next to the Main Library), the new home for Riley House Museum's archives.

Annual Rock-a-thon:

Part of the Winter Festival, December 6

Raise money for Riley House Museum and meet and greet Tallahasseeans.

Rock in UUCT's own rocking chair any time from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Entertainment, refreshments, and crafts, too!

Blended Lives (Riley House Museum and Goodwood Gardens and Museum)

Theme: Civil Rights – the 50th Anniversary of Brown v. the Board of Education

Probable dates: Wednesday, January 28 - Saturday, January 31, 2004

Volunteers are needed for planning, curriculum writing, publicity, finding sponsors, performing, serving refreshments, registration, and conducting tours.

Contact: Althemese Barnes, Riley House Museum (681-7881).

Social Justice (Continued)

"Direct Action Training: Non-Violent Direct Action"

By Bonnie Foster

Workshop led by Starhawk

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2-5:00 p.m.

At UUCT

Cost: \$5-20, sliding scale (you decide where on scale), or by scholarship. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Contact: Bonnie Foster, 539-5563, or Dbdfoster@yahoo.com

Registration: Sissy Taylor-Maloy, 524-1104, or

DragonWing56@aol.com

A powerful new initiative is currently under negotiation called the Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA. Equally powerful is a growing voice in opposition to the FTAA, an initiative that would effectively expand the NAFTA, which has proven to be an economic and environmental disaster. In 2003, the UUA adopted an Economic Globalization Statement of Conscience, which calls upon UU members to "bring our Unitarian Universalist principles to our understanding of economic globalization and to help mitigate its adverse effects". November 19-22, 2003, trade ministers from around the Americas will meet in Miami from the 19-22 for talks on the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

About the Workshop: Many protestors are planning to be in Miami, and several will travel from Tallahassee to demonstrate. It is a tremendous honor for UUCT to co-sponsor activist and author Starhawk for this workshop. Starhawk will lead participants to actively explore in-depth principles and techniques of non-violent direct action. She will also share methods to bring creative, vibrant magic to demonstrations and to community work. Participants will also be given the opportunity to brainstorm political innovation.

It is hoped that several participants will continue on to Miami to demonstrate with Starhawk against this movement of global injustice. Space is limited. For more information contact Bonnie Foster, (539-5563, dbdfoster@yahoo.com). For registration, contact Sissy Taylor-Maloy (DragonWing56@aol.com, 524-1104).

About Starhawk: Starhawk is a committed global justice activist and organizer and the author or co-author of nine books, including The Spiral Dance, The Fifth Sacred Thing, and the new Webs of Power: Notes from the Global Uprising. She is a veteran of progressive movements, from anti-war to anti-nukes, is a highly influential voice in the revival of earth-based spirituality and Goddess religion, and has brought many innovative techniques of spirituality and magic to her political work.

She has been active in social change movements for over thirty years and has organized, trained protestors, and been on the front lines of many antinuclear actions. She continues to be a witness for peace on the front lines of the Palestine/Israel war, working with Palestinian and Israeli peace activists, as well as teaching nonviolence workshops in the area. Starhawk's focus for the last several years has been the global justice movement, training participants and taking part in many of the major actions, including those in Seattle, Washington DC, Quebec City, Genoa and New York City, and doing direct action trainings for groups all over the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe, and South America.

The relationship between Starhawk and Unitarian Universalists can be described as "comfortable and friendly". In addition to having her book Dreaming the Dark: Magic, Sex and Politics published by Beacon Press, Starhawk is frequently asked to speak to UU congregations and has been a keynote speaker in the past at the General Assembly. She also gets

requests to have her songs included in local hymnals and to be quoted in Sunday sermons. For further information, please visit www.Starhawk.org.

Heart and Soles Go Together....

in the Tallahassee CROP Walk '03 on Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 PM at Tom Brown Park. The walk distances are 1.5 miles and 3 miles. Many local churches pull together for this common effort to raise money for hunger relief locally and globally. Twenty-five percent of the dollar contributions stay in Tallahassee, equally divided among ECHO (Emergency Help and Caring Organization), The Shelter Meals, and Catholic Charities. Seventy-five percent of the pledged receipts assist Church World Service or can be pledged to another approved religious relief agency, such as the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, to assist in hunger relief, long-term development, and social justice worldwide. Sign up now to be a walker or to pledge support for a walker from UUCT. Contact: Rod Oldenburg (297-0391) or see Rod at church on Sundays.



Green Corner



By Steve Urse, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair

Action Pledge Forms

The members of the Green Sanctuary Committee invite you to join them in making Pledges to take actions that will both reduce production of greenhouse gases and minimize the negative environmental impact of the food choices we make. At a May 2003 Congregational Meeting, UUCT passed a Resolution that members and friends would be encouraged to take these pledges. They are the Response to Global Warming: 1-2-3 Pledge, and the Food for Thought (*And Action!*) Pledge.

More information about this Resolution and the actual pledge forms can be found on the Green Sanctuary Committee's pages of the UUCT website, at <http://www.nettally.com/uuct/>

Please take the time to print out the Pledge Forms. Decide what actions to take, and fill them in. Then, give your completed Pledge Forms to Pam Hoskins or another member of the

Green Sanctuary Committee at their table Sundays after the church service. The forms may also be mailed to Kathie Mackie, given to her during office hours, or placed in the Green Sanctuary Committee mailbox. Blank forms may also be obtained from Pam or at the Green Sanctuary Sunday table.

Bat-house Build

Big Bend Sierra is sponsoring a bat-house build/picnic in conjunction with Twilight Group on Saturday, November 1, 10:00 AM to early or mid-afternoon at the pavilions in Myers Park, where we will have shelter in case of rain. We ask participants to bring a potluck dish and your own plate and eating utensils for our group lunch that will include Twilight Group's educational bat presentation, with advice regarding placement of the houses and, best of all, live bats participating!

The primary goal will be to build about half a dozen bat houses to set up around the large ones the City of

Tallahassee already has in place. The materials for this will be furnished and pre-cut by Twilight Group. The large bat houses will not be colonized until very large populations of bats can occupy them closely packed. Building such populations requires numbers of small satellite houses to allow the current populations to multiply. Bats are highly beneficial the world over, and in our locale, they eat thousands of insects per night.

Those who want to build your own bat-houses on site may pick up plans, a materials list, and cutting instructions, at the regular Sierra Club Program on Monday, October 20, 7:00 PM at the Fringe Benefits Building, end of Sessions Road. You need not be a Sierran to participate or attend the program.

Contact: Linda Jamison, Big Bend Sierra Group Chair (350-3525).

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee Chairperson

The New Building

As I said at the New Building Dedication, the best way to thank the CIC for our work helping UUCT realize our dream of more facilities is to use them and enjoy them! And that is certainly being done. The Adult Forum, the Youth RE classes, and our littlest ones are filling the rooms on Sundays; Adult Enrichment classes and meetings are being held in them during the week. And it's absolutely wonderful to have more bathrooms! If you have concerns or comments as you use the new building, please contact me or another CIC member.

As you use the new building, here are a few things to keep in mind:

Thermostats: You may temporarily adjust the temperature setting by using the two buttons that can be reached through the hole in the plastic cover (using a pen or pencil to reach the buttons). The temperature will return to what it was in a few hours. (If cooling or heating does not occur, find a staff member or the CIC or Building and Grounds chairpersons.)

Opening Windows: If you open windows, temporarily adjust the temperature setting to one where the AC or heater will not come on. Close & lock windows when you leave.

Closing Doors: Everything in the new building fits tightly. Please double-check that doors are closing all the way, so the locks will engage.

Walls: Please do not use push pins, nails or scotch tape on the walls. Poster putty and special tape are available in the office.

Picking Up: Pam Harris, who cleans for us, has a lot more to do with the addition of the new building. When you are done with a room, please help her by stacking or folding up chairs, sweeping up any trash from the floor, and bagging up and taking any food-related garbage to our outdoor trashcans.

Night Exits: For now, if you attend a meeting or other function in the new building at night, plan on entering and exiting from the sides that are lit, not from the courtyard sides. We are working on some courtyard lighting.

Facilities Update (Continued)

Parking: Even with increased attendance, we should have enough parking once our mulch piles are gone and the grass covering the field in back can be parked on. Until then (and maybe after), if your family drives more than one car to church on Sunday, due to activities before or after the service, please park one of the cars on Starmount or Coldstream Drives. That way we'll be sure to have parking available for visitors and newcomers.

And when parking on site, please observe the bumpers and white dashes marking parking spaces. Soon, we will also have three marked parking spaces near the sanctuary for first-time visitors.

Thanks for your cooperation!

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree was announced at our New Building Dedication. For those who were not there, here is a little about it.....

If you have completed your Phase One Capital Campaign pledge, you may want to help us get started on raising money for the fellowship hall and other capital improvements in our next

phase of building what we have envisioned in the master site plan we developed and approved in early 2000. It will probably take us two more phases of building to complete it all.

There is general interest in the congregation now about when we will build the fellowship hall, and at least one member is ready now to make a capital gift for it equal to his gift for the Lifespan RE Building. In response to this, the Board approved establishing a Fellowship Hall Fund that we may contribute to prior to having a full-scale Capital Campaign in about five years. This is similar to the Future Fund created by the Board prior to the Capital Campaign for Phase One.

We'll mark our progress, before and during the Fellowship Hall Capital Campaign, on a Giving Tree which will be hung in the large room of the new building, near the new bronze plaques honoring former members Paul Finner, Herb Taylor, and Ralph Cook. The top of the tree and its leaves have been purchased; the trunk will be designed and carved by UUCTers. The words "Building a Home for Liberal Faith" will be put over the tree.

The tree has 250 leaves. Each time the congregation reaches a \$4,000 goal in actual giving, both before and during the Fellowship Hall Capital Campaign, a leaf on the tree will be engraved with the date we reached that goal. Our overall goal will be to raise \$1 million for the next phase.

The next phase will include construction of the fellowship hall, finishing and equipping the new kitchen, connecting to the city sewer on Starmount Dr., renovation of our original buildings, and completion of a few items deferred from Phase One (some electrical work, a moveable partition for the large room, street lights, and the canopies and lighting for the drop-off area and walkway between the buildings). In the final phase, we'll build an administration building, with staff offices and the eighth multipurpose room, and also a small maintenance building.

Annual Canvass News

By Isabel Sheridan, 2004-05 Canvass Committee Chairperson

Canvass 2003-2004

Here are more of the hopes and dreams members and friends shared at the Canvass potlucks. We'll list them all, from September through February.

My hopes and dreams for this congregation are:

- Continue good programs.
- Offer exciting and stimulating programs and community.
- More dynamic Sunday morning sermons.
- That we grow in all four ways: numerically, in mission, as a community, and spiritually as individuals and as a group.
- Inclusion of everyone's values when leaders are making decisions for the congregation, and understanding and support from the congregation for our leaders when they have to make tough choices for us.
- Continue to serve as a beacon for liberal churchgoers in our community and grow.
- Continue liberal religious opportunities and presence in Tallahassee. Safeguard our freedom of religious choice.
- To fully utilize the new nursery space.
- Financial, spiritual, community, and music program growth, inviting more members who support and actualize our principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Church Community News

by Will Adkins, VP for Church Community (385-5071 or wmadkins@infionline.net)

About Church Community (Part I):

'Community' is what any church (and our UUCT) is all about. Why do we come to church? For many reasons -- but, mainly, I think, for its 'community.' At UUCT, church is our community, our dear friends and acquaintances -- it is the heart and substance of what gives our church relevancy and importance in our lives -- a sense of its being "living," "sacred," and "holy." It is hard to define-- but we know it when we see it. Its 'sense' is mysterious, all-pervasive, inside as well as outside of us.

I am always running into people who've come to our church and do not come back anymore. They complain to me that our church is "unfriendly," "unwelcoming," and "cliquish." I have heard these complaints for 30 years. I don't believe them too much. You get out of a church what you bring to it-- what you put into it. In Emerson's words, there is a 'parity' law of compensation at work. If you want to have a friend, you must be a friend.

UUCT has as many meanings as there are individuals in its community. Everyone 'senses' the church in a unique, different way -- kids see it one way, old-timer Senior members another, YRUUsers or young family members a third. We all bring to, and take from, our church community special values and significances.

'Community' is, fundamentally, a time of "coming together" -- of ingathering -- of reaching out a hand of friendship to another human being. It is our "sharing" of lives. Community is a friendly smile, a hello, a word of caring concern, a sharing of our griefs and joys. It is a time for just being there. We are all imperfect, fallible beings; our church community has potential to

make us all better, more whole, beings. -- It can transform us!

It welcomes us to trust one another and to step out of our isolated, lonely egos -- to become more involved with others in larger matters of life. Like, at UUCT, the TEAM community project, or a new Lifespan RE workshop, study group, or circle. Or becoming a RE schoolteacher for a Sunday. Or bringing food to share, or doing clean-up, in the refreshment hour after service. Or helping a friend to get to church or return home. Or singing in the choir. Or serving on the Board. Or being a chairperson for a year. Or going to visit a sick friend in the hospital. Or showing compassion for an aging elder. (Or, also, dropping a little check into the offertory basket.)

In joining our church community, we discover our "heart" of giving -- of living beyond our heavy "head," full of heavy theories, ideas, strong opinions, and thought-out judgments of others. We lose all these acruements in the wash of giving away ourselves in an action that helps another to make life more bearable or meaningful. Is not this (in some sense) what our church community is all about?

You must have a special idea of what "church community" means to you. Let us know. Share your sense. Help create our community at UUCT.

New Chair Openings:

The Publicity Committee and the Audio/Visual Library Committee need new leadership. Would you become the 'Chair' of either of these functions, at least for a year?

As UUCT grows and changes, we seek new ways to spread the "Gospel of UUism" beyond our beautiful church grounds -- to let others know who we are, why we are here, and what we are all about. Not only in our weekly

Tallahassee Democrat ads but also in stories in the Religion section of the Saturday paper, and on radio and TV. We do not wish to hide our candle under a bushel basket. Others long for a religious home for their liberal faith, if only they knew we were here. Publicity advocates our community to others who are looking for us!

If you miss a given Sunday, did you know you can go back and listen to a tape of the service later? Did you know that other UU churches (and the UUA) generate tapes on what UUism is all about? There is great potential for growth in our library of UUism to share with visitors and seasoned members. The A/V Library advocates this sharing of our spiritual wealth.

Please see me, the church office, or Rev. Amy, if you would like to help us to keep these activities live and well. These are very important "gifts of self," not requiring a lot of time or energy to do, which are very meaningful to many of us.

We thank Mary Millard for serving as our Publicity chair during the last year.

A New Geo-Locator UU Membership Map:

Ever wonder where your other UUs at UUCT live? Or where you live in relation to them? (You might be surrounded by UUs but not know it!)

Let's create a Locator Map to show off at our church -- identifying where we live in Tally town. This is a project long overdue, and I am looking for someone to help me create this Map soon for us all to use. This can be a tool to help us to get connected with one another -- to help, when needed, to get to church or other activities. Let me know if you are interested.

Membership

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

UUCT Name Tags

Help visitors get to know us by wearing your NAME TAG and thinking of yourself as "HOST". New members and supporting friends receive nametags. Contact office for replacements (\$3.75 each).

New Member Recognition

Sunday, October 5.

On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** October Hospitality Chair: Barbara Sterling (386-6054)
- **Music Committee:** Music lovers, especially those not in choir, are needed. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, October 13, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

- **Sunday Service Brigade:** People needed Sat. or Sun. mornings at 9:00 to set-up chairs, etc. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748; richardd@nettally.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (Adults Only or Intergenerational) will resume soon.

Intergenerational Dinners will be for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience. Parents are also welcome to attend Adult only Dinners.

A primary purpose for all dinners is for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends. Hosts set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as they like; guests bring the rest. Contacts: Dinners for 8 Coordinator Barbara Gearhart (386-7370) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

Baby, What's for Dinner?

If you or another UUCT member is expecting or adopting a child, contact Heike Sanford (668-6369). If you are interested in preparing meals for families during the first days of parenthood, contact Heike.

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts... Nancy Harvey whose mother died over the summer.

Congratulations to:

Rod and Jan Oldenburg on their 25th Anniversary (9/16).

Mary Persons on the birth of her granddaughter, **Olivia Anne** (9/11).

Our Board

- * Neil Mooney, President
- * Jennifer Carver, Past President
- * Richard Dempsey, President Elect
- * Carolyn DuBard, Secretary
- * Dexter Easton, VP for Operations
- * *Vacant*, VP for Worship
- * Annette Pearce, VP for Social Justice
- * Del DeTar, VP for Finance
- * Susan Angel, VP for Religious Education
- * William Adkins, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

- * Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer
- * Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer
- * Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer
- * Rev. Amy McKenzie, Settled Minister

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact **Scott Geraci**, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301 or **Holly Mackie**, hollyedythe@yahoo.com or 926-2497)

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)
 Bruce Brandt (893-5511)
 Sara Reece (309-1933)
 Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) -174**
- **Current Membership - 175**
- **Current Number of Friends - 48**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of August - 104.6**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July - August 2003 - 99.2**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment: 29 (not complete) with 18 in MS OWL**

October UUCT Events, Social Activities, Events after October

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1,

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 4, 7:30 PM.

Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. In the sanctuary. Contacts: Tom and Katya Taylor (656-9321, Katom@istal.com).

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11,

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on our playgrounds, landscaping and other new and old building projects. Contact Francis Ventre (402-3050) or Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, OCTOBER 12, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 3:00 PM. At Winthrop Park. Bring a snack to share. Our meeting on Sunday, November 16, will be our traditional Thanksgiving potluck. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885; www.multiculturaltal.org).

MOM'S NIGHT OUT, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 6:30 PM.

At Cabos. Moms with one or more children at home, come out and join us for conversation and companionship. Contact: Susan Angel (906-9524).

SINGING WORKSHOP, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15,

7:00 - 8:00 PM. Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend a workshop on how to improve your vocal technique with better breath support. You do not have to be in the choir to benefit from this one-hour session, which will be led

by Anne Richie, a doctoral candidate in vocal pedagogy at FSU. A nominal fee (approx. \$5) will be charged. Please come! Contact: Helen Falb (309-6853)

GLOBALIZATION STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7:00 PM.

This study circle continues to meet each third Thursday. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SESSION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 10:00

AM. AT UUCT, Rm C. Do you know what a balsamic moon is? Has Fall officially started? Even if you do not know the answers to these questions, but you feel a magical connection to the universe spiraling around you, come and we will discuss ways to learn and grow spiritually together. For more information, talk to Rev. Amy or call Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

CROPWALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1:30 PM.

See *Social Justice* for details. Sign up to walk or pledge support for a walker on Sundays. Contact: Rod Oldenburg (297-0391).

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, October 1, 11:30 AM
- Peace Dances, Saturday, October 4, 7:30 PM
- Monthly Potluck, Second Sunday, October 12, 12:30 PM
- Mom's Night Out, Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 PM

- *King David*, Tuesday, October 28, 8 PM. Tallahassee Comm. Chorus at Ruby Diamond Aud. General Admission \$15, Seniors/Students \$10. Contact Ludy.

- UU Camping Trips to Marianna Caverns, November 14 and 21-22

BOARD GAMES FOR ADULTS!

Archaeological excavations of Mayan temple complexes, civilization-building in Mesopotamia, undersea exploration, and more. Contact Gary Robinson (chuft@comcast.net or 877-3513).

Events After October

CAMPING WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, NOVEMBER 14 & 21-22.

Florida Caverns in Marianna. Call toll-free to make reservations at 1-800-326-3521; the campground number is 850-482-9598. Please join us if you want to camp or just come out for the day - ride a bike, tour a cave, hike, canoe, play on the playground, make campfire-fun. If you want to know more about November 14, contact Yvonne Gsteiger (ygsteig@hotmail.com); for November 21-22, contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com). FYI: The "Hoskins tent" will be at Site 12, in the Blue Hole Family Camp loop (with electricity and water).

THANKSGIVING DAY POTLUCK, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27,

1:00 PM. An annual tradition. Eleanor Moore will cook the turkey. Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071).

WINTERFEST CELEBRATION, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 12.

Another annual tradition. A potluck feast with wassail, music, songs and Christmas caroling (with Helen Falb and the O.K. Chorale), storytelling, dancing, and general merry-making going into the winter season. Children very welcome! Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071).

District Events

WOMEN AND RELIGION RETREAT, NOVEMBER 7-9. Held in Daytona Beach, the theme is "Flowing to the Sea". For information and registration: Sondra Ickes (407-647-5418)

SOUTHWEST CLUSTER FALL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8. Held in Naples, the workshop led by District Executive Mary C. Higgins will be:

"Strengthening Your Congregation". Contact office if interested.

SOUTHEAST CLUSTER FALL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8. Held in Miami, there will be a workshop on "Building Covenant Groups" in the afternoon. Contact office for information.

FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, NOVEMBER 15. The subject will be canvassing, with the location TBA.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE, JANUARY 17, 2004. Location to be announced.

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center is offering **Online Training Courses** for Fall 2003, Sept.-Dec. Please see the schedule on the bulletin board in the rear of the sanctuary. Extra schedules are located in the brochure holder nearby.

The courses are offered for the professionals involved in ministry, religious education, church music, administration, strategic/long-range planning, and other areas of congregational life.

UUCT Retreat at The Mountain 2004: We are looking at the first weekend in September (Labor Day Weekend) for our Retreat. Please keep this date in mind and mark your calendar. I am looking for those who would like to be on our Retreat Planning Committee.

From Our Music Director

By Helen Falb

If you've been attending services in the past few weeks, you may have heard me allude to a conference experience which I've had recently. I just wanted to tell you more about it and thank you properly for making my participation possible. For six memorable days in early August, I joined with almost 200 other UU musicians, music directors, pianists, organists, and singers for the annual Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network (UUMN) Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

What an incredible experience we shared! We were treated to two worship services daily, where we could just sit back and worship without thinking about the tempo of the next hymn. Instead, we all sang together with truly reckless abandon!

We worked with an engaging yet demanding choral clinician, who led our singing at a final worship service for the San Antonio congregation (with

featured speaker UUA President Bill Sinkford). We attended workshops on such varied and valuable subjects as: Including Folk Music in Your Worship Services; How to Build a Music Ministry in Your Congregation; The Alexander Technique (relaxation and injury-prevention for musicians), and many more.

But the best part of a conference like this (this was my second one) is sitting and talking to other people who do the same sort of work I do, in congregations more or less the same as ours. This is where I learned the most.

Best of all, I was able to feed my soul and once again celebrate this faith of ours, and to reaffirm that music can fill us up to overflowing like nothing else can. Thank you, my dear friends, for making this experience possible for me by including it in this past year's budget.

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 6:30 PM *Urantia* (Rm 2); 7:00 PM *Gentle Shepherd* Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, *Spiral Scouts* (Rm 2 or next available room)
- Every Thursday, 7:15 PM *Zen Meditation* (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:30 PM *Ben Fusaro Tai Chi Class for Instructors Only* (Room 3 & 6)
- Friday, October 3, 6:30 PM *Scottish Dance Group* (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, October 11, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM *MCC Special Meeting* (Sanctuary)

I'd love to talk to you about my experiences in more detail, if you're interested (309-6853). I look forward to singing with you again soon!

In Harmony, Helen

October 2003 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Building Rm L - Large Room Rm C - Corner Room Rm K - Kitchen To Be Rm N - Nursery			1 11:30 AM UU Chow-Down, off-site 7 PM Endowment Committee, Rm K 7:15 PM Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Sanc.	2 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm L	3 6 PM University UUs, off-site 6:30 PM Univ. UU Sponsored Farm Worker's Overnight Stay, Rm L	4 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 2-3 PM Artists Way, Rm L 7:30 PM Peace Dances
5 9:30 AM Youth RE Committee 12:20 PM Adult RE Committee, Rm C 3 PM Bible Study, Rm L 6 PM YRUU,	6 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group (WSG), off-site 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Comm., Rm 2	7	8 7:15 PM Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Sanc.	9 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7:15 PM CIC, Rm C	10 6 PM University UUs, off-site	11 9 AM - 1 PM All Church Workday 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 2-3 PM Artists Way, Rm L
Rev. Amy at Ministers Meeting (FUUMA)						
12 12:30 PM Potluck & Meridian Deadline 3 PM Bible Study, Rm L 3 PM Multicultural Group, off-site 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	13 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM WSG, off-site 7:15 Shelter Meal, off-site	14 6:30 PM Mom's Night Out, off-site 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry, Rm L	15 7 PM Singing Workshop, Sanc. 7:15 PM Religion of Nature, Rm C	16 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2	17 6 PM University UUs, off-site	18 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 2-3 PM Artists Way, Rm L
19 3 PM Bible Study, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	20 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7 PM Finance Comm., Rm 2 7:15 PM WSG, off-site	21 7:15 PM Music Committee, Rm C	22 7:15 PM Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Sanc.	23 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C 7 PM Green Sanctuary, Rm C	24 6 PM University UUs, off-site	25 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 10 AM Spiritual Growth Session, Rm C 2-3 PM Artists Way, Rm L
26 1:30 PM Cropwalk, off-site 3 PM Bible Study, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6	27 7 PM University UUs, off-site 7:15 PM WSG, off-site	28 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm L 8 PM Social Activity <i>King David</i> , off-site	29 7:15 PM Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Sanc.	30 10 AM Morningsong, Rm C	31 6 PM University UUs, off-site 7:30 AM - 6 PM YARD SALE SET UP	Nov. 1 YARD SALE (Worker's: 7 AM - 3 PM)

Meridian Schedule:

Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.



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community of
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YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 5).

- * **YRUU**, Every Sun.,
6:00 PM

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 5)

- * **Artist's Way**, Every
Sat., 2:00 PM. Amy
Mann (222-1420)
- * **Bible Study**, Every
Sun., 3 PM. Del DeTar
(878-7895)
- * **Morningsong**, Every
Thurs., 10 AM. Trudy
Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Religion of Nature**,
Every Wed., 7:15 PM.
Don Crosby (385-3292)
- * **Tai Chi Ch'an**, Every
Sat., 9:00 AM.
Ben Fusaro (297-2052)
- * **Women's Spirituality**,
Every Mon., 7:15 PM.
Bonnie Foster
(539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs., October 2, 7 PM.
Pres. Neil Mooney
(893-8250)

COMMITTEES MEET

Open to All Interested

- * **Adult RE**, Sun., 10/5,
12:30 PM. Bruce Brandt
(893-5511)
- * **Buildings & Grounds**,
Mon., 10/6, 7:30 PM.
Francis Ventre
(402-3050)
- * **Capital Improvement**,
Thurs., 10/9, 7:15 PM.
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Committee on
Ministry**, Tues., 10/14,
7:15 PM. Christine
Bocazarska (893-7079)
- * **Finance**, Mon., 10/20,
7 PM. Del DeTar
(878-7895)
- * **Green Sanctuary**,
Thurs., 10/23, 7 PM.
Steve Urse (385-2864)

- * **Endowment**, Wed.,
10/1, 7 PM. Jim Dawson
(383-1213)
- * **Harmony Camp**, TBA.
Joanne Taylor
(893-9024)
- * **Membership**, Next:
Wed., 11/5, 7:15 PM.
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Music**, Tues., 10/21,
7:15 PM. Al Starr
(383-2556).
- * **Personnel**, Next: Tues.,
1/20, 12 PM. Margaret
Mooney (893-8250)
- * **Program**, Tues., 10/28,
7:15 PM. Eric Draper
(668-5075)
- * **Racial & Cultural
Diversity**, via e-mail.
Isabel Sheridan
(668-0785)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun., 10/5,
9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage
(553-9416)