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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: exc. 10/9
 9:45 AM Adult Forum
 10:30 AM Child Care - until
 12:30 PM

11:00 AM Youth RE

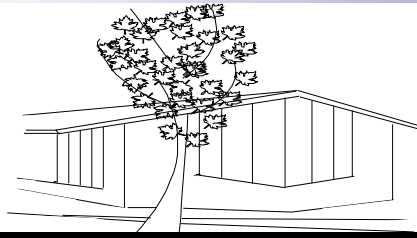
- Pre-school class, Rm C (1st - 3rd Sun.)
- Elementary classes (K - 2nd, Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)
- Middle/High School Youth Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Oct. 2, *Getting to know Rev. Bill, 1st half; sharing/planning, 2nd half*
- Oct. 9, Gary Whittenberger, "A Solar Power Plant for Tallahassee"
- Oct. 16, Sally McCabe, "Wal-Mart Watch"
- Oct. 23, Greg DeAngelo, "Regulating Air Pollution in FL"
- Oct. 30, Rev. John Young, "My Life as a Social Activist"

October Highlights:

- Congregational Discussion Meeting, Sun. 10/9, 12:45 PM
- Congregational Voting Meeting, Sun. 10/16, 12:05 PM
- Ramadan Dinner, Fri. 10/21, 7:00 PM (RSVP)



The Meridian



October Sundays (11:00 AM)

Oct. 2 | A Swinging Universalist

This is about the well-known Universalist, John Murray. We will share stories about his conversion and his valuable ministry.

Rev. Bill Murchison

Oct. 9 | Making Space for Grace

On this Sunday, your interim minister will talk about how we can be in relationship to one another, as well as the special significance for members to be in a "right" relationship.

Rev. Bill Murchison

Oct. 16 | How Catholicism Prepared Me for the UU Church

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. We hear so much about the Catholic Church these days because of hot-button political/social issues and the election of a new Pope. Also, many members of our congregation have had a previous life in other mainstream denominations. This homily is about growing up Catholic from the 1960s through the 1980s in Florida and how this coming of age was preparation for the rigors of UU congregational work. Believe it or not, there are more similarities than differences in Catholic and UU congregational life than you might think. (We'll light candles of joy and concern.)

Speaker: Chris Ellrich; Lay Leader: Abbe Justus

Oct. 23 | High Tide In Your Life

This is a takeoff on Buster the Crab and his interesting life. It will deal with what your church can mean to you and what you can mean to your fellow church members. (In recognition of United Nations Day, there will be a special collection for the UU-United Nations Office.)

Rev. Bill Murchison

Oct. 30 | Learning from Hinduism

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Today's service spotlights the upcoming Hindu celebration of Divali (Festival of Lights). Our guest speaker is Rev. John Young, senior minister of the UU Church of Jacksonville, whom some of us met at the January UU workshop "Integrating World Religions into Liberal Spirituality." Rev. Young has traveled to India nine times, teaches the religions of India at the University of North Florida, and brings an exciting perspective on how the world's oldest continuous religious tradition can be more fully connected with our UU practices.

Guest Speaker: Rev. John Young; Lay Leaders: Don and Pam Crosby

Remember to set your clock back an hour Sat. night 10/29!



Minister's Message: In the Interim

By Rev. Bill Murchison

One of the most important aspects of our church life is the Sunday morning service when we gather as a congregation for *worship*. And yes, I do enjoy and use the word *worship*.

Let me explain why I do and why I feel it to be important. For me worship is participating in acts of worth. It is in choosing worth-fulness. In a sense it is what we do at important times in our lives.

When we give of ourselves, dedicate the minutes and hours of our lives, give of the labor of our bodies and minds, we are indicating our values and what is important to each of us.

When we come together, for example, singing together, it is a worth-ful act. Even if you are like me and cannot sing, it does not matter. The act becomes worth-ful.

When we gather for our Sunday morning services, it is worship. We are taking care of our values, our purposes, and what we can give to the church community. The event is worth-ful and pertinent to our congregation.

Another thing that I think about worship is that it reminds us of the spiritual dimension to life. We come together in order to deepen and celebrate a special awareness and share a commitment with our community. Here we find a circle of friends.

To rephrase another expression, we do not have to think alike to worship together. We can walk together as we affirm our identity through song, affirmation, meditation and sermon.

As we engage in each of these parts of the service, our worship can be enlightening and transforming. It is the

joining together and giving worth to what we do.

Worship can also be an act of trust with those of a similar but yet different theological perspective.

And worship is ritual. Ritual is an important aspect of our lives, and our services give us ritual that can enrich our spirituality, deepen us and help us to find beauty in the circle of friends.

Worship for me is a valuable experience and certainly one of the important aspects of my spiritual life; it enriches me. I do hope that you will frequently join me in our Sunday morning services of worship.

Best, Rev. Bill Murchison

President's Message

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

Our new interim minister, Rev. Bill Murchison, has been with us since September 1, and it appears this will be a fast-paced year. Each of the members of the Executive Board and the chairpersons of key committees have met with him individually, discussing the status of the church right now. Then, on September 17, Rev. Bill and the board met for a retreat.

One of the tasks at the retreat was to name those things we would like to see the church accomplish in the next year. Then we projected our hopes for five years into the future. We also placed ourselves by time and events into the UUCT history, with the aid of the wonderful history boards that Barbara Sterling put together, using Fran Boyle's UUCT history notes as a

starting point. If you have not taken a close look at this history and where you fit in, you'll be pleasantly surprised when you do. It's a social as well as a church history.

We looked at the length of time that each settled minister stayed with us, realizing that each time it has been longer and better. With this perspective, I think the board realized that no minister we have will suit everyone, but we will find a way to make a responsible choice. We'll all learn how to interact in a healthy way with a new minister, so no one feels left out or isolated. This will mean personal responsibility for each of us UUCTers, but I know we are up to it.

On a more somber note, the relief effort for Hurricane Katrina victims has been active in various ways in our

church. Please visit the UUA national and district sites for information on the UUA-UUSC Gulf Coast Relief Fund's help for UU congregations that have been affected. The fund has just passed the \$1,200,000 mark!

Individual efforts were also made by Helen Falb and Linda Winn to coordinate donations for affected individuals in Mississippi. See VP for Social Justice Melissa Forgey for additional information on relief efforts, including adopting a family to aid with their needs.

To say this is an active time is really an understatement. Hold on to your hats, because it's not likely to slow down!

In faith, Christine

Announcements



"Interim Transitions" Discussion

Tuesday 10/18, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Rev. Bill Murchison will offer the first one-evening discussion on ministers leaving and arriving and how to transition from one to the other. Additional evenings scheduled, depending on interest. 12-participant limit. Sign-up via church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com).

Silent Auction Postponed

The Silent Auction has been postponed until after the holidays and will probably be held in late January or early February. Watch *The Meridian* for dates and times, but in the meantime, start putting aside those nice items you can donate for the auction when we do have it.

Sound System Training

A few more volunteers, somewhat techno savvy, are needed to operate the new sanctuary sound system for the Sunday services. There need to be enough people for a back-up every Sunday. Training (30 – 40 minutes) is available every Saturday in October at 9:00 AM. Contact Richard Dempsey (671-2748) regarding the training. Once trained, you'd be scheduled by Dan Peterson, sound system coordinator.

Let's All Be On Time!

Let's all adjust our Sunday morning schedules and patterns to arrive at least 5 – 10 minutes early for the Sunday service! Lately, only half of those attending seem to be seated by the time the welcome and announcements start. Visitors must sometimes wonder where everyone is! Let's all try arriving or coming into the sanctuary in time to leisurely take our seats, truly enjoy the "Hymnsing," and see who our visitors are for the day, so we can connect with them after the service.

GA Videos/CDs Available

Several UUCT members recently attended the UUA General Assembly in Fort Worth, TX, and brought back some interesting videos and audio CDs of several of the sessions.

Videos

Pete Seeger and Friends: Celebrating our Tradition

Service of the Living Tradition

Bridging Ceremony

Sunday Morning Worship Service

Ware Lecture - Elaine Pagels, author of *The Gnostic Gospels*

Closing Ceremony

Friday Afternoon Worship and Saturday Morning Worship

Audio CDs

Sharing Our Progressive Family Values with the World (highly recommended!)

Being and Doing Church the UU Way

Speaking Truth with Power: Science and the Language of Reverence

Reverence without Theology: Universal Humanism

Harvesting the Sun's Energy to Power: 7th Principle

Global Warming: Become an Effective Environmental Advocate!

Jim Hightower's Lowdown on Challenging Corporate Economic Dominance

Earth-Honoring Worship

Is Hitler in Heaven?

Unitarian Universalism: A Place for Atheists

To borrow, contact Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248) for the audio CDs, and Kathie Mackie in the church office for the videos, kept in the church library.

Help with All-Church Events!

Volunteers needed for:

- Thanksgiving Day Potluck: turkey and ham baking, set-up and table decorating.
- UU Winterfest, Fri. 12/16: people to help plan the evening and the entertainment; planning meeting set for Sun. 10/23, 12:15 PM.

Contact Will Adkins to volunteer (385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net).

Change UUCT's Slogan?

UUCT's current slogan is "A Home for Liberal Faith" - first used in our 2001 capital campaign. Should we change it in part or all together? In particular, should we identify ourselves as "liberal" religion? Some say the "L" word carries unwanted, excess baggage. What do you think? How would you change it? Please share your thoughts with Publicity chair Pauline Masterton (pauline.masterton@gmail.com) or VP for Church Community Dick Leinberry (rlibrary@nettally.com).

New UUCT Directory, Finally!

Last month, a new UUCT directory was e-mailed to all members and supporting friends who have e-mail. Those who don't have e-mail or had trouble printing the PDF may request a copy from the church office or see Trudy Deyle on Sundays.

Board Meeting Time

The 2005-2006 Executive Board will meet the fourth Sunday of every month at 6:00 PM in Rm. L. As always, all interested are welcome to come and listen. To be put on the agenda, contact President Christine Boczarska (893-7079, rrlee@infionline.net).

Office Closed Some Mondays

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

Announcements (Continued)

Trustee Tidbits Posted

October's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com). Topic: UU Holdeen India Program (UUHIP). A summary follows.

UUHIP was established in 1984 thanks to a generous bequest to the UUA from Jonathan Holdeen, an attorney and businessman who was interested in assisting impoverished people of India. UUHIP currently is a non-sectarian religious and philanthropic trust.

Since its establishment, UUHIP has supported more than 70 groups of

marginalized peoples through long-term partnerships with democratically-governed organizations that can advocate on their own behalf and are committed to non-violence in their approaches to dealing with social injustices. UUHIP offers strategic support to these organizations that will strengthen their ability to innovate, work, and grow effectively.

Financial assistance is given in the form of grants which are used for a variety of activities. Seed money provided by UUHIP sometimes enables groups to generate additional funding from other private and public donors from both Indian and international sources. UUHIP is

governed by the UUA Board of Trustees and its own Board of Advisors. It is part of the UUA Office of International Relations and maintains a small office in Washington, D.C.

UU Coaching Network

The UU Coaching Network is a non-profit association of professionally trained life coaches anchored in the UU principles of compassion, integrity and inclusion. To learn about its mission and how UU life coaches can benefit from membership, visit www.uucoachingnetwork.org. If you are considering hiring a coach, UUCN is also a good resource for finding the right coach for you.

Social Justice

Katrina Knit-a-thon

Saturday, October 8, 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM, the knitting group that meets at UUCT Thursday evenings is holding a knit-a-thon to raise money for Katrina victims, all proceeds to be donated to the Salvation Army. UUCTers and others interested are encouraged to come knit or to sponsor knitters, pledging a dollar amount for each hour knitted. Even sponsoring one knitter at \$1.00 per hour will really add up! Items knitted during the event will be donated to local charities. For information or directions to the event (at Chelsea Fox's house), or to knit or sponsor knitters, contact Chelsea (421-1575, chelsuu@yahoo.com).

Tolerance & Dialog Group

UUCT will continue our monthly gatherings with the FSU Muslim Student Tolerance and Dialog Group. The October gathering is a Ramadan dinner at UUCT on **Friday, October 21** at 7:00 PM. See the invitation in *Events*. Also, in October, UUCTers are encouraged to attend the

community-wide Ramadan event the group is having at the Doubletree Inn downtown the evening of **Thursday, October 27**. Watch the Sunday announcements for further details on this community-wide event.

In addition to the large, monthly gatherings, we want to have individual gatherings with members of the group and their families. Please consider doing one or more of the following:

1. Hosting a small dinner at your home for 4 to 6 people. They include their small children if married, so designate singles or married couples as your guests.
2. Doing lunch with a mother or two from the group. They would probably bring their children.
3. Helping us set up these dinners and lunches.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Bruce Brandt (blbrandt@earthlink.net, 893-5511), Joanne Taylor (taylorjoanne@earthlink.net, 893-9024) or Isabel Sheridan (iasheridan@nettally.com, 668-0785).

TEAM Rally

Event: Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) Rally

Purpose: Show support and hear progress reports on the TEAM priority initiatives in our community (health care, transportation, and change-for-change benefiting the homeless)

Time: **Monday, Oct. 17**, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Place: Faith Presbyterian Church, 2200 N. Meridian Rd

Contact: Pauline Masterton, 385-2879

UUCT has been participating in the transportation study group, and our attendance at this rally is especially important, as the TEAM leadership prepares to go forward at the public action meeting with community leaders on **Monday, Nov. 7**. The TEAM approach has great potential for influencing public policy. Participation of individual UUCTers is crucial for the success of these initiatives. Call Pauline for more information, mark your calendar, and attend!

Social Justice (Continued)

How About Coordinating CROP Walk 2005 for UUCT?

For many years, UUCT has participated in the annual CROP Walk, a common effort where many local churches pull together to raise money for hunger relief locally and globally. This year, like last year, we are without a volunteer to coordinate our participation – to recruit walkers and CROP Walk supporters. Won't you consider this short-term commitment for a very worthwhile cause? If so, contact VP for Social Justice Melissa Forgey (229/228-7981, lovecats@rose.net).

Tallahassee's CROP Walk 2005 is early afternoon on **Sunday, November 6**. In recent years, the walk has been held at Tom Brown Park, with walking distances around a mile or three miles. 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 CROP Walk sponsor 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. You can make a difference – be our CROP Walk coordinator!

Riley House Rock-a-thon

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

Americans United

VP for Social Justice Melissa Forgey and Francis Ventre want to let the congregation know about the formation of an Americans United for Separation of Church and State chapter in Tallahassee, the 12th chapter in FL. It meets at the Tallahassee Progressive Center, 1720 S. Gadsden St., 7:00 - 9:00 PM, the **4th Wednesday** of each month, with the mission to educate the public regarding the importance of the constitutional guarantee of church/state separation.

Local chapters provide a grassroots presence for the education work of Americans United. They are extensions of the national organization and are to act as the "eyes and ears" of Americans United for the defense of religious liberty in the local community.

Email Francis T. Ventre (mfventre@earthlink.net) or take a look at www.au.org to see what it's about.

August 2005 Board Actions

By Molly Schmid, Executive Board Secretary

At their August 28, 2005 meeting, the Executive Board took the following actions:

Approved the Treasurer's Report for July 2005 and the Final Treasurer's Report for FY 2004 - 2005.

Approved the minutes of the July 31, 2005 meeting.

Approved a motion to pay from the Reserve Fund the \$3711.50 deficit in the minister's package, which includes the \$452.50 reimbursement to Reverend McKenzie for computer expenses.

Approved the following changes to the UUCT Policies and Procedures Manual:

- Deleted the Shared Ministry Committee as a responsibility of the

VPs for Worship, Church Community, Social Justice, and Management, leaving it as the responsibility of the Past-President.

- Added a provision that the Secretary can delegate responsibility for the development and maintenance of the Manual of Policies and Procedures to another person.
- Revised the policy dealing with counting of the Sunday collection, stating that after being counted, the cash and checks shall be delivered to the Collecting Treasurer for deposit and other appropriate action.
- Added two new policies relating to committees - one specifying that only the Board is authorized to establish committees in addition to those named

in the bylaws and another indicating that only those persons who have been members for a year or more can chair a committee.

Three proposed policies were referred for further study to the appropriate committees to determine if a policy is needed, and if so, what the proposed policy should be:

- Policy clarifying who has final responsibility for the hiring and firing of non-ministerial staff.
- Policy relating to the development and maintenance of the church's website.
- Policy requiring advance notice for committee meetings.

Appreciation

To:



- **Barbara Sterling, Melanie Brooks, Nancy Harvey, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Christine Boczarska, Carolyn DuBard, Mary and Steve Van Sciver, Sara Reece and Trudy Deyle** for greeting on Sundays – 9/4 - 9/25.
- **Jeanne Ryder, Melanie Hennings, Joan Patterson, and Dan Damerville** for providing August Sunday hospitality.
- **Howard and Carolyn Pardue, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Don Weed, Ellie Whitney, Michele Hope, Cheryl Turner, and Joe Lama** for August Sunday clean-up.
- **Dick Leinberry** for serving as August Kitchen Kontroller, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers.
- **Nina Cline, Melanie Hennings, and Christen Ellrich** for helping in the nursery.
- **Dave Harvey, Bob Deyle, Woody and Charlotte Dudley, Joe Lama, Michele Davidson, and Elinor Elfner** for setting up the sanctuary for Sunday services in September.
- **Stowe Alrutz and Ander Alrutz-Stierna, Dorothy Mann, Isabel Sheridan, Linda McConnell, Gwendolyn Waldorf, Susan Snyder and University UUs Frank Green, Jessica Gist, Stephen Price and Erik Bryer** for cooking and serving the August Shelter Meal.

- **All who helped** with September's welcoming reception for Reverend Murchison by bringing food and drink, **Peggy Lentz and Ray Tucker** for manning the kitchen, **Barbara Sterling** for coordinating set-up and for the "Our Church" historical display, and **Michele Hope and Tom and Norene Chase** for doing a massive cleanup.
- **Christine Boczarska** for providing refreshments for the board retreat in mid-September.
- **Tom and Norene Chase** for faithfully labeling and mailing *The Meridian* each month and **those who helped in August** when the Chases were on vacation.
- **Charlotte Dudley, Eleanor and Earl Enge and Dorothy Mann** for being diligent office volunteers.

Buildings and Grounds Thanks

During the September 10 workday, several areas were weeded and vines removed, including on the playground and in the area north of the new building that includes a small vegetable garden. Mulch was added to prevent weed growth. Weeds were removed from the earth parking spaces near the street sign, and the ruts were raked straight.

Earlier that day, the areas around the new and old air conditioning units were weeded to make the machines more efficient. (The new AC units now have landscape cloth around them. All units

will eventually have gravel placed around them.) The lawn was mowed. A large fallen branch was cut up and a new branches area created for wildlife. The sidewalks and major pathways were blown free of leaves.

For the workday, thanks are due to **Don Berger, Tom Chase, Charlotte Dudley, Sheri Mishler Garcia, George Knight, Dot Mann, Robyn Wallace and Steve Urse**. Thanks are also due to **Chris Ellrich** for making phone calls reminding everyone beforehand.

Outside the workday, tasks were done for our new interim minister's office – getting window blinds (**Barbara Sterling and Tom Chase**) and a computer workstation and plants (**Steve Urse**). Several items were also procured for Rev. Bill's use this year in his residence (**Barbara Sterling and Joan Patterson**).

Additional work during the month included: weeding (**Robyn Wallace**) and the laying of the landscape cloth by the AC units (**Ed Oaksford**), both with assistance from **Steve. Tom Chase** worked on the lock for the door separating the RE office and the minister's office. An estimate for new sanctuary and old classroom HVAC units was obtained by **Dave Harvey** and an estimate for arborist work around the grounds by **Steve Urse**. The dead loquat in front of the sanctuary will be removed soon.

On-Going Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, dave-harv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Melanie Hennings (229-226-0446; melanie.hennings@mchsi.com)
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For October, contact Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Sound System Operators:** Dan Peterson (997-6052).

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

We are happy that **Pam Hoskins** is recovering nicely from rotator cuff surgery.

Ann Rodloe is recovering at home following surgery for colon cancer in mid-September. We provided dinner for the Rudloes for two weeks. Anne will be pleased to receive cards and phone calls. She is facing chemotherapy in the near future and will need our support through that.

Mary Huggins will appreciate phone calls and cards while she is undergoing chemotherapy. She is not at church because her immune system is diminished by the chemo.

Ruth Pestle has completed her radiation therapy and would likely enjoy cards of congratulations on that. We hope she is regaining her normal level of energy.

Barney Cook is doing very well following receipt of a pacemaker at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota while he was on vacation.

Our sympathies are with **Barbara Lineberry** on the recent death of her mother.

And finally, congratulations to **Kim Ross and Brian Lee** on their marriage September 3!

Membership News

Welcome as a member!

- Amy Hall

Welcome as supporting friends!

- Brian Lee
- Jan Miller
- Lorraine Warren

Photo Directory

Slowly but surely, a UUCT photo directory is taking shape. Enough pictures have been taken to publish what we have, once all the pictures are entered in the church database. A PDF of the photo directory will be emailed to all members and friends who have email. Hard copies in color will be

available at cost. Watch for announcements later this fall. The photo directory and directory of addresses and phone numbers will remain separate documents.

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

"Dinners for 8"

Spaces are left in the current round of Dinners for 8. Visit the sign-up table on Sundays or contact Dinners Coordinator Junelle Brandt (junellebrandt@earthlink.net, 893-5511). The list of dinners follows; those with an asterik only have stand-by spaces left.

- Saturday, 10/8, Mimi Jones & Bill Brubaker, Adults only.*
- Saturday, 10/22, Dorothy Mann, Adults only.
- Saturday, 10/22, Jennifer & DeWayne Carver, Intergenerational.
- Sunday, 10/23, Michele Hope, Adults only.*
- Saturday, 10/29, Barbara & Dick Gearhardt, Adults only.
- Friday, 11/4, Peggy Lentz & Ray Tucker, Adults only.
- Saturday, 11/ 5, Pauline Masterton, Adults only.*

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

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 182**
- **Current Number Friends - 53**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **August 2005: 103.8**
 - **July - August 2005: 99.6**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **04-05: 61**
 - **05-06: 30 (incomplete)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
 - **9/05: 28**

After-Service Greeter Corps

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

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting: Sunday, September 4, 9:30 AM, Rm. K.

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

This Year in Youth RE

The Youth RE program has begun an exciting new year with new teachers, new students, and new curricula! We're so grateful for all the participation we receive from our members and friends...it certainly makes a difference. This year, our children will focus on personal growth, diversity and tolerance, and conflict management. Here's what each class will be focusing on.

Explorers (Ages 3, 4, and 5): The preschoolers will work on *Just Because I Am*, a curriculum that focuses on love, acceptance, and self respect through stories, games, and crafts. In addition, a representative from the Tallahassee Garden Club will present a preschool ecology program, called *Eco-tots*, one Sunday a month.

Artists and Bridgers (Elementary Grades): The first half of the year will focus on *I'm Like You, You're Like Me*, a curriculum about discovery, acceptance, and affirmation. This is diversity on their level: hair that's straight or curly, families with many people or few, bodies that are big or small—each one unique but just right

for that person. The children will discover that even though people are different, they can enjoy being together and learning about each other. Important topics like talking, listening, feelings, and cooperation will be explored in basic terms, so children can grasp them.

The second half of the year, the children will work with *We Can Get Along*, which teaches essential conflict resolution and peacemaking skills—think before you speak or act, treat others the way you want to be treated—in a way that children can understand. They will learn that they have the power to make good choices.

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

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 2005 – 2006 are:

Explorers (ages 3, 4, and 5) – Eliza Coyne and Pam Hoskins

Artists (grades K, 1, & 2) – Tina Bush Rester, Melissa Forgey, and Terri Martin

Bridgers (grades 3, 4, & 5) – Stowe Alrutz, Marco Messori, and Kim Ross

Youth Group (Middle/High School) – DeWayne Carver, Jennifer Carver, and Scott Geraci, with Christine Boczarska assisting with discussions

10/30 Fun Day: Halloween Party

Elementary – aged children are invited to join us on October 30, during normal RE class time, for a Halloween Party Fun Day. Share in some spooky games and treats; wear your Halloween costume, if you wish! For more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Time Is Running Out!

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

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

Mountain Cons

Parents interested in serving as a Mountain Con advisor and taking a group from UUCT to a Mountain Con should contact DRE Maggie Geraci. Youth cons this fall will be "Interfaith – Cross City CONs." If we have a relationship (or want to develop a relationship) with a youth group from another congregation in our area, we would bring them with us. "The Mountain is committed to creating amazing opportunities for ALL youth!"

- Elementary CON, 10/28 - 30
- Senior High CON, 11/4-6
- Junior High CON, 12/9-11

UU Youth Group

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

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

model of community building, social action, leadership, worship, and learning.

Youth can expect the group to be a place to hang out and be themselves with other UUs. Parents can expect a safe, UU-based place for their youth to have fun, explore themselves and their faith, develop a community with other UU youth, and probably learn more than they expected (and in unexpected ways). For more information about the group, contact advisors Scott Geraci (877-6301; sgeraci68@yahoo.com) and Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622; jzcarver@earthlink.net; ddcarver@earthlink.net).

Note: At the parent orientation meeting in mid-September, parents expressed the desire to include as a part of youth group activities discussing the topics proposed for a middle/high school discussion group (see September *Meridian*), rather than having two separate groups youth would have to choose between. Therefore, the advisors will be exploring this possibility with the youth, and there will not be a separate discussion group. Christine Boczarska will be assisting with this.

FL District Cons

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

- 10/14-16 All-Age CON, Sarasota
- 11/11-13 Social Action CON, Vero Beach
- 1/13-15 All-Age CON, Gainesville
- 2/17-19 Trans-In CON, TBA
- 3/17-19 All-Age CON, Clearwater

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

New Classes and Opportunities

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven. A UUA-sponsored program to explore female religious history and reclaim its meaning in women's lives. Six to ten evening sessions, beginning on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in Room 2. \$5 fee for materials. If you are interested, contact Pauline Masterton (pauline.masterton@gmail.com, 385-2879).

Ballroom Dance Interest Group.

Anyone interested in ballroom dancing is invited to join this interest group. We'll learn dances and practice by going to the various dance venues around town. Partners not required. On the first Thursday of the month in Rm. L, Carolyn and John DuBard will give us a 3/4 hour lesson from 7:00 - 7:45 PM, starting Oct. 6 with waltz and swing. Contact Annette Pearce (385-4053, Annette.Pearce@gmail.com).

Evensong. Come share and listen deeply about meaningful personal topics (religious and spiritual experiences, thoughts on the divine and being human, community, death and other endings...). This structured series of gatherings for a small group will be offered in Thomasville this fall. There will be a gathering of potentially interested participants in a Thomasville Evensong on Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Forgeys' home. Child care will be provided. Future dates and times will be discussed. Contact Bruce Brandt (893-5511,

blbrandt@earthlink.net) for more information or if interested, including if interested in future Evensong gatherings at UUCT.

“Interim Transitions” Discussion.

Our interim minister, Reverend Bill Murchison, will offer one-evening discussions on ministers leaving and arriving and how to transition from one to the other. The first session will be Tuesday October 18, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Limit 12 participants per session. Additional sessions will be offered during the year, depending on interest. Contact UUCT's office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) to express your interest and sign up.

New UU sessions. Are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. October sessions will be Tuesdays, 10/4 and 10/11, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Another set of sessions will be offered Mondays 11/7 and 11/14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are on the back counter. Or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

On-Going Opportunities

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

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

October 11, *Sixteen Pleasures*, by Robert Hellenga. “The Italians called them ‘Mud Angels,’ the young foreigners who came to Florence in 1966 to save the city's treasured art from the Arno's flooded banks. American volunteer Margot Harrington

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was one of them, finding her niche in the waterlogged library of a Carmelite convent. Within its walls, she discovered a priceless Renaissance masterwork: a sensuous volume of sixteen erotic poems and drawings. Inspired to sample each of the ineffable sixteen pleasures, Margot embarks on the intrigue of a lifetime with a forbidden lover and the contraband volume - a sensual, life-altering journey of loss and rebirth in this exquisite novel of spiritual longing and earthly desire."

November 8. *The Magician's Assistant*, by Ann Patchett. "What is to become of a magician's assistant without her magician? Sabine asks herself this after the death of Parsifal, the magician she worked with for more than 20 years.... Always the assistant, her life is still defined by service to him. But in the world of illusion Sabine has occupied for her entire life, things are rarely what they seem. According to Parsifal, he had no living relatives. Now, comes the news that he has a mother and two sisters living in Nebraska. Inevitably, the strangers will meet, and Sabine will be carried away from her beloved L.A. to seek the truth of Parsifal's past in the bitterly windswept steppes of Nebraska in winter..... As Parsifal's family turn to Sabine for help, she realizes that she is something of a magician herself. In this newfound strength Sabine may at last find the kind of love she had always been denied."

FL District Events

For more information on these events, contact church office or denominational affairs coordinator Jennifer Carver (402-0622, jzcarver@earthlink.net), or visit www.floridadistrict.org.

"Engaging Racial & Cultural Diversity" in our congregations and our communities, Sat. 11/5, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM, Sarasota.

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

Deep Ecology. Meets 2nd Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and discussion. **October 9** topic is *Ecopsychology*, discussing and considering how modern lifestyles have disconnected us from the earth and the rhythms of nature. Restoration of that bond is offered as a means of healing for both individuals and the planet. Discussion led by Mary Janik. **November 12** topic will be *Simplicity*. New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik (878-5060, marybethally@earthlink.net) for a copy of the month's study material.

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Rm. L (Rm. C on the first Thursday of the month) for 30-minute presentations followed by 60-minute, round-table discussions. Currently they are viewing and discussing philosophy-related topics in the "Great Courses on Tapes" series. Contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com) to be included in notifications of each week's topic.

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

Fall Leadership Conference, Sat. 11/12, "That I Might Know Your Mind: Identity and Diversity in Unitarian Universalism" with UUA Moderator Gini Courter as speaker and facilitator.

UU FL Women and Religion Retreat: Fri. – Sun., Nov. 11 – 13. Register soon for "Laughing at Sacred Cows." For more info.

Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond. The group will meet Wednesday, **November 16** (no October meeting). They will be discussing Carolyn Myss's *Invisible Acts of Power*. They are a group of "over 50s" (some more over than others!) and welcome newcomers. If you are a "newby," call or e-mail Peggy Lentz (878-2226, peglentz@aol.com), so she can put you on the contact list in case there are changes.

Women's Spirituality Group. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 PM off-site. Contact: Bonnie Foster (539-5563, dbdfoster@yahoo.com).

Future Classes & Opportunities

Ken Wilber Workshops, Anyone?

Abstract, integral philosopher Ken Wilber is not everybody's "cup of tea." He is highly controversial and revolutionary in his ideas about the evolution of human consciousness and the paths to enlightenment. A beginner's workshop is planned for January or February, pending interest. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net).

Ahh, Baby Spinach and Hummus!

Help form a new "UU Veggie" support group at UUCT (if you feel the need for one – Will Adkins does!). Contact Will (385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net) if interested.

call Michele Hope (894-0976) or visit: www.floridawomenandreligion.org

"Creating the UU Church of the Future," Sat. & Sun. 2/3-4 with Mike Durrall, author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era*. (\$500 for unlimited no. per church.)

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

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

Coffee hour continues at **6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café, located at 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines street. This is an informal meeting, a time to relax and chat.

Thanks to **Christina Ward** and **Stephen Price** for staffing our table at Market Wednesdays at FSU's Oglesby Student Union.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, to volunteer your time for tabling at Market Wednesday, or to give your input for meeting topics or service project ideas, please contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee at 877-1972 or brianlee@hcsmail.com. Information about the group can also be found at: www.uuutally.org.

Green Corner



Green Sanctuary Committee

This is a fertile time for Green Sanctuary Committee members as we compile evidence from past efforts towards becoming a UU-certified Green Sanctuary Congregation. We are looking back at past forums, adult classes, services, field trips, children's educational activities, green practices by building and grounds, the many individual efforts towards conservation, and an increasing outreach to the wider community to evaluate how well we've met the five goals of the program. The 7th Principle Project, which sponsors the Green Sanctuary certification, has a new name. It's now called the UU Ministry for Earth.

We are looking for new and old members alike to join/rejoin our committee as we reflect on where we've been, and look to what we as a church community can do next in honoring Earth with our commitment and action. We meet the **second Tuesday** of each month in Room 2 at **7:00 PM**. Join us! Contact Michele Hope (894-0976) for more information.

Mountain News

Fall Happenings: Elderhostel programs continue, if you are thinking of a fall getaway. Also, it's time for Youth CONS. For a weekend that includes your elementary, junior or high school students, why not participate in a Mt. youth

Environmental Education

Here are opportunities for environmental education on issues of energy conservation:

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 - 5:00 PM. "Spend an Electric Afternoon at Your Power Plant!" The Hopkins Plant open house celebrates Public-Powered Week. For more information check the city's web site at www.talgov.com.

The Global Climate Change Action Group invites you to learn more about Solar Energy from Tallahasseeans who are already taking advantage of innovative alternative energy sources and investing in conservation measures to reduce pollution and global warming. Watch for a Solar Tour on **October 22** and an Energy Efficiencies and Clean Air Tour on **October 29**.

On Saturday, **October 22**, the Global Climate Change Action Group and Tallahassee's Clean Air Coalition will sponsor a Mountain Top Removal Road Show. Open to the public, as well as UUCT, with refreshments at 6:30 PM and a video and live performance at 7:00 PM.

conference? See DRE Maggie Geraci. For a calendar of fall events, go to the web site: www.mountaincenters.org/calendar.

Possible UUCT Retreat: Our church is considering a family Mountain retreat for

Anyone is also welcome to the action group's regular meetings on the **second and fourth Monday nights** each month at **7:00 PM** in Room L. For more information about GCCAG meetings and education events, call Elinor Elfner (524-1026).

Available at GS Sunday Table

The Green Sanctuary Committee will begin selling energy-saving fluorescent light bulbs on Sundays. We also sell equal-exchange, fair-trade, shade-grown coffee. Visit our table outside the sanctuary after church services for information on environmental issues and opportunities for action. We invite new members to sign the 1-2-3 Pledge for conserving energy.

Hybrid Round-Up

Calling all proud owners of hybrid cars! We are planning a "Roundup" one Sunday after church service to showcase your energy-efficient vehicles to church members and to celebrate your commitment to conserving energy! Contact Don Crosby (385-3292, Donald.crosby@att.net).

Memorial Day Weekend 2006. If you have not been to The Mountain, this is your opportunity! If interested, contact UUCT Mountain ambassador Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net). It is not too soon to start our planning!

Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social

Upcoming UUCT Events

Peace Dances, Saturday, October 1, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (katyata@earthlink.net, 656-9321).

All Church Workday, Saturday, October 8, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Second Sunday Potluck, October 9, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

Congregational Discussion Meeting, Sunday, October 9, 12:45 PM. In the sanctuary following the potluck, an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the decision to be made the next Sunday regarding UUCT next year. Background information on the alternatives and the work ahead of us this year will be available prior to and at the discussion meeting. Supporting friends and others interested are welcome to take part in the discussion. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079). For childcare, RSVP to Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

Congregational Voting Meeting, Sunday, October 16, 12:05 PM. In the sanctuary immediately following the service, to decide about next year following Rev. Bill's tenure – do we apply for another interim minister, search for and call a settled minister, or not have a minister next year? Should we decide to proceed with either another interim or a settled minister, a nominating committee (Richard Dempsey, Kelley Turnage and Molly Schmid) is preparing a search committee slate of nominees, in time to be voted on at this meeting. If you have nominations or are willing to serve on a search committee, contact Richard, Kelley or Molly. Three people will be appointed by the board and four selected by congregational vote, per our by-laws.

Those who have been members for at least 30 days at the time of the meeting are qualified to vote. Supporting friends and others interested are welcome to attend and observe. Contact: President Christine Boczarska (893-7079). For childcare, RSVP to Kelley Turnage (553-9416).

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, October 16, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Mountain Removal Road Show, Saturday, October 22, 7:00 PM. See *Green Corner* for details.

UU-UNO 60th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, October 30, 2:30 – 4:00 PM. Come celebrate 60 years of the UU-United Nations Office at Laura and Barney Cook's home, 1511 Oldfield St. in the Woodgate neighborhood. Contact: Barney or Laura (385-4499).

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 12:30 PM. Are you a committee chair or an activity or group coordinator? Wondering what's going on with other committees, groups and activities at UUCT? The Church Council meets every two months. Come to this meeting in Rm L to share and coordinate plans, and discuss any new, committee-related policies and procedures that might be needed. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622, ddcarver@earthlink.net).

Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 24, 1:00 PM. UUCT's annual Thanksgiving Day turkey potluck dinner continues its long tradition in the sanctuary. Come early at noon for coffee, wassail, and fellowship. Table set-up and decorating is at 9:00 AM. Volunteer table decorators and turkey and ham chefs needed. Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net).

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

UUC Winterfest 2005, Friday, December 16, 6:30 PM. This is our annual, festive, potluck dinner for all ages, with secular winter-holiday music and storytelling, and lighting of our annual UUCT winter-solstice evergreen (Christmas) tree. Music and program coordinators Helen Falb and Will Adkins are looking for people to help plan the evening's events and entertainment. If interested, contact Will Adkins (metamuse@comcast.net, 385-5071). Planning meeting: Sunday, 10/23 at 12:15 PM in Rm. L.

UUCT Social Events

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

Non-UUCT Events

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

FSU Tolerance and Dialog Group (TDG) & Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee

Cordially invite you to attend a

Ramadan Dinner

Time: 7:00 PM on Friday, October 21, 2005

Place: Unitarian Universalist Church of Tallahassee

P.S. The dinner is a gift, and the menu is from Turkish cuisine. After dinner, we will have a time for sharing thoughts with each other. RSVP to church office by Wednesday, October 19 (385-5115). The T & D Group also invites us to join them in fasting that day during daylight hours.

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Our Board

- * Christine Boczarska, President
- * Richard Dempsey, Past President
- * DeWayne Carver, President Elect
- * Molly Schmid, Secretary
- * Steve Urse, VP for Management
- * Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship
- * Melissa Forgey, VP for Social Justice
- * Jim Dawson, VP for Finance
- * Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education
- * Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community

Non-Voting Members are:

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

The Committee on Ministry

Sara Reece, Chair

Bob Deyle

Maria Mena

Directory Changes

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

Membership Notes

To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or a Sunday greeter.

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

Next new member recognition is Sunday 11/13.

Mark Your Checks

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