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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice (exc. 9/2)
9:45 AM Adult Forum
10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM (ages 5 & under)
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Youth RE
(Fun Day 9/2, Classes 9/16)
Preschool class, Rm C
K - 2nd grade, Rm K
3rd - 5th grades, Rm 2
Middle/High School
Youth Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Sept. 2, TBA
- Sept. 9, TBA
- Sept. 16, TBA
- Sept. 23, Doug Alderson, on his new book "Vision Quest"
- Sept. 30, TBA

September Highlights:

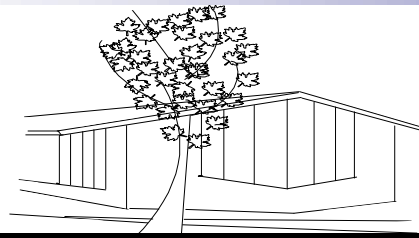
Choir Retreat & Potluck,
Wed. 9/5, 5:00 PM – for all

Monthly Potluck for All,
Sun. 9/9, 12:30 PM—
Everyone plan to stay for
food & conversation!

Lunch Bunch w/ Robin,
Wed. 9/12, 12:00 PM

Sharing Religious Outlooks
organizing meeting, Sun.
9/23, 12:30 PM

Myth Workshop, Tues.
9/25, 7:00 PM



The Meridian

September Sundays (11:00 AM)

Sep. 2 | Knights of Labor, Days of Sweat

The first Labor Day Parade in 1883 was organized by the Knights of Labor. Materials available from that time offer a historical perspective on how Americans viewed labor issues over a century ago. It seems proper on this holiday weekend to also consider what's changed, for the better or worse, in the intervening years. **Rev. Robin Gray**

Sep. 9 | Splash! — Water Communion

A joyous intergenerational celebration of the waters that flow through our lives. It's a time for youth and adults together to get in the swim, catch the wave, and wade into the streams of life that course through this church community. Bring a small vial of water representing your physical and spiritual journeys over the summer months. Your water might have been collected in a distant land, or in your own back yard. We will co-mingle the waters, and the resulting vessel of water will be purified and used in celebrations throughout the coming year. **Rev. Robin Gray**

Sep. 16 | What's Love Got to Do With It?— RE Installation/Commissioning

The song made famous by Tina Turner, "What's Love Got to Do with It?" implied the answer might be "Nothing." However, when we consider the role of Religious Education for our children, youth and adults the answer might be, "Everything." How does an emotion of such power and mystery find itself expressed in intermittent gatherings of people of every age coming together under the rubric of 'learning?' Keitha Whitaker will be formally installed in her position as Director of Religious Education by the Minister and RE leaders; then, Keitha will dedicate the teachers for this year to their tasks. Come help the RE programs be launched with love! **Rev. Robin Gray**

Sep. 23 | At-one-ment

The High Holy Days of Judaism provide an opportunity to consider fuller meanings for the concept of atonement. Christianity teaches that atonement is an act Jesus completed on behalf of humanity — a bargain reached with the Christian God to reconcile sinners. Ancient Jewish concepts of atonement place each individual at the center of the equation, making reconciliation a personal act. How shall we come to know ourselves 'at-one' in the world? **Rev. Robin Gray**

Sep. 30 | The Origin of Morals

Guest speaker Scotty Zilinsky of the UU Fellowship of the Emerald Coast in Valparaiso, FL will talk about the claim that one can not be moral without God. She will look at human nature and moral behavior as they evolved, with attention to primate behavior, and the probable role of morality in early human tribes. If humans have an innate sense of morality, what are the implications for human possibilities across this planet? Scotty has been a physical therapist for 45 years, with a clinical specialization in geriatrics. She holds masters degrees in clinical neurosciences and health care management and has been a UU for 20 years.

Guest Speaker: Scotty Zilinsky; Lay Leader: Jack McDevitt

Minister's Message

Comfort Zones

After the first service I led in August, someone said to me, "Thank you for helping me out of my comfort zone this morning." I'm not sure if the speaker was 100% grateful; but, the statement reminded me that we all like to get comfortable at church. If you were a bit uncomfortable with folks carrying posters during the sermon, being asked to participate in a congregation-wide conversation, or jumping into spirited, no-hymnal singing, you should know that as service leader I was moving beyond my comfort zone, too. The congregation's enthusiastic responses suggest we may be able to enlarge our comfort zones together.

Talk about leaving your comfort zone, consider how far visitors have ventured outside their comfortable habits. Arriving at church on Sunday, many of you enjoy the comforts of greeting people you've known for years. Each visitor greets a sea of new faces. Fortunately, at UUCT many members extend themselves graciously to help visitors feel comfortable and welcome: individually, immediately, and repeatedly. Greeters welcome people as soon as they arrive. After

services, many members introduce themselves to visitors, engaging them in conversation. Some folks are already adept at introducing their new acquaintance to another.

Yet, there is more still that can help visitors "get comfortable." Let a visitor know you'd like to see her or him again. Invite a visitor to join you at Sunday Forum, Freethinkers' Forum, Knitting, a Dinner for Eight, a potluck, or any other community-building event you will be attending. Or, consider emulating the hospitality of one UU elder. On her first visit to a staid New England church, a young visitor happened to sit next to this elder. At the end of the service the elder member turned to the visitor and invited her to meet over coffee in the coming week. The young visitor in this story is middle-aged now, but she hasn't forgotten the act of inclusion that led her to adopt that church as her own "comfort zone."

Remember, a comfort zone can grow and still be comfortable.

A Primer on the Minister's Schedule

The posted "office hours" describe several times during the week when I am in the office. That time is often divided between impromptu

or scheduled meetings with individuals, staff supervision, or preparing for meetings with committees. I am also available for appointments during other hours of the week. Call to schedule those appointments in advance, please.

The Minister's Covenant and Working Agreement directs me to reserve one day without ministerial responsibilities and one day devoted to study and writing each week. Monday is my day off. Friday is devoted to study and writing. Please contact me via cell phone for emergencies on those days.

Sometimes I show up at church on my "Sunday off." The covenant and working agreement actually calls for me to be responsible for the service three times a month and encourages me to attend services on other Sundays. That Sunday "out of the pulpit" provides a relief from preaching and an opportunity to appreciate the ministry of lay leaders as they take a turn "in the pulpit."

If you have questions about my hours and availability, please don't hesitate to ask.

Peace, Robin

Committee on the Ministry Update

By Maria Mena, COTM Chair

The Committee on the Ministry (COTM) welcomed two new members in July, Mimi Jones and Chris Ellrich, who in addition to Tony Lloyd and myself increase the number of committee members by one over last year. At the August meeting, we welcomed Rev. Robin Gray for her first meeting with us.

First and foremost on the agenda for this year is working with Robin and helping her ease into her role as our settled minister. Another important agenda item will be defining the role of the COTM. Toward this purpose, the committee is studying Rev. Robert Latham's *Moving On from Church Folly Lane: the Pastoral to Program Shift*.

The COTM welcomes input from all UUCT members; please feel free to email any committee member with your thoughts and suggestions or speak with any of us after Sunday services.

In peace, Maria

President's Message – Recognizing Three Wise Women

Recognition of the accomplishments of three wise women of UUCT is the focus of this message. These past Board members are Christine Bozarscka, Charlotte Dudley and Abbe Justus. They have served well and faithfully. All have resigned because of the continuing pressures of too much to do and increasing personal stress. How many people will we need to fill these shoes?

Christine has served with grace and calm. She recently resigned as Personnel Committee Chair and as member of the nominating, canvass and membership committees. She had just participated in a major rewrite of the Staff Personnel Manual and in hiring a temporary office administrator, Pam Davidson, who became permanent. Moreover, she served in the presidential sequence over the past three years, covering the time of Rev Amy's resignation

and the subsequent interim ministries with Rev. Bill and Rev. Lyn. During this time there was much church self-analysis through workshops, surveys and discussions. We benefited by Christine's participation. She will continue to serve as a Sunday greeter and contribute to caring and special event food needs.

Charlotte seemed everywhere. She has resigned as VP for Worship, Music Committee Chair and Landscape Coordinator. More than board service, she arranged for the Sunday service music while Helen was on sabbatical this summer and sometimes was our pianist. She is a past member of the choir. She was often seen tending the butterfly and memorial garden weeding and watering. Many of the butterfly garden flowers were planted by her. If that were not enough, recently she was registrar for Harmony Camp. Because she called attention to the unsafe

playground, there is now a great community effort to make and keep this playground right.

Abbe has resigned as VP for Social Justice. With her trusty compadre, Social Justice Committee Chair Kim Ross, Abbe gave form to the numerous social justice initiatives where UUs reach out to make a difference in the larger community. A congregational survey gave rise to the search for social justice champions in many new areas. That is a strong legacy. Abbe also ably served as guest speaker or lay leader for several Sunday services and often helped with the monthly Shelter meal.

I write to praise them, not to bury them. They have served us well. It is now time for them to take care of themselves. They remain valued members of this grateful community.

In appreciation, Steve

Social Justice

By Kim Ross, Social Justice Committee Chair

Champions

To ensure UUCT is well represented in important issues and to bolster our effectiveness, the Social Justice Committee is recruiting "Champions" for each of our seven principles. A champion will be asked to assist with the coordination of one – two efforts per year and can select the specific cause to coordinate. Please see the August *Meridian*, page 5 for details about each principle and what efforts that champion might lead. Many thanks to Linda Logan for stepping forward as the sixth

principle champion (the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all) and for consistently leading our church's efforts to speak out about the Iraq war! Contact Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@associatedadvocates.com) for more info.

Coordinate CROP Walk?

The CROP Walk is around the corner again, and it is time for some fresh ideas for our CROP Walk participation. Please consider stepping forward as UUCT's CROP Walk coordinator. It is no more than a 1.5 month commitment, and you

will have any support desired from the previous year's coordinator. A coordinators' dinner will be held on 9/27 at Trinity United Methodist Church, and the walk will be on Sun. 11/4 this year. The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for international hunger relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting. Contact Kim Ross (kim@associatedadvocates.com, 877-1972) for more info.

Announcements



- **An Invitation from the Music Director.** Please join the OK Chorale for a choir retreat on **Wed., Sept. 5** at Pauline Masterton's. We'll meet at **5:00 PM** for swimming, share a potluck meal, then sing and have fun until we get tired. Note this is our regular night of rehearsal. Contact Helen Meacham for more info. and directions (556-2533, pianoskin@nettally.com).
- **Lunch Bunch with Robin.** Got lunch? Interested in spending an hour with friends at UUCT? Robin is seeking interested persons for a monthly 'bring your own brown bag' lunch. We could also have a discussion topic and perhaps ten minutes of quiet meditation before going on with the rest of the day. First proposed gathering time: **Wed., Sept. 12, noon - 1:00 PM** in Rm. L. That being the first day of Ramadan we could discuss 'feast and fasting' while we munch. (How apropos!) A Lunch Bunch sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary. If you like the idea but can't meet that day or time, use the sign-up sheet to let Robin know when you might be available.
- **Sunday Parking.** We're experiencing increased Sunday attendance and may start to run out of on-site parking. If this happens and you're willing and able, please park off-site on Coldstream Dr. and Meridian Place across Meridian, and Starmount Dr. and Spruce Creek Dr. to the south and north.
- **Crib Needed.** A regular, high crib is needed in the nursery for our nursery worker Emmy's new twins. Contact: DRE Keitha Whitaker (345-2268, uukeitha@comcast.net).
- **Nursery Volunteer Needed for Sunday Evenings.** The Couples Enrichment class has 8-9 children with participating parents! This means we need the help of an additional adult! If you are a nursery volunteer who can assist our nursery worker any one of these Sundays from 6:30-8:30 PM – 9/9, 9/30, or 10/21, please contact Kim Ross as soon as possible (877-1972, kim@associatedadvocates.com).
- **Greeter Shortage!** We are experiencing a real shortage of volunteers to greet on Sundays. This job is so important for welcoming newcomers and such an easy way to give time. If you didn't volunteer to greet on this year's gift of self but would be happy to do so, contact Greeter Coordinator Debbie Holt (553-3231, holt0119@earthlink.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality.** Kitchen helpers needed in Sept. (contact Sept. kontroller Doug Martin, dougmartin32301@yahoo.com, 212-7447). Kitchen kontrollers needed for Oct. 14 & 21 and Nov. (contact Nancy Harvey, 668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Furniture Donations Wanted.** Robin is looking for three pieces of furniture to better outfit the Minister's office for meetings with individuals, couples, and sub-committees: two, modestly-sized, sturdy occasional chairs with arms and a round table about 36" in diameter. If you could donate such furniture or can help Robin find "gently-used" inexpensive pieces, let her know.
- **Memorial Garden Notes.** Now taking orders for next set of Memorial Garden engraved bricks. To honor a loved one or make a donation to garden, order forms are in plastic wall pocket at back of sanctuary. Contact: Joan Patterson (309-1248, patterson090@comcast.net).
- **Audio-tapes & CDs.** Audio-tapes & CDs of Sun. services available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info., tapes and CDs in church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).
- **September Trustee Tidbits.** FL District UUA Trustee Joan Lund's article posted in sanctuary north entry. Subject: International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU), a network of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist organizations representing 23 countries world-wide.
- **FL District News.** Check out Denominational Affairs bulletin board in sanctuary north entry for informative, thought-provoking monthly messages from District Executive Rev. Kenn Hurto and District Program Consultant Connie Goodbread. Also read on-line in FL District monthly packet (floridadistrict.org).
- **Join The Mountain!** The Mountain, our UU-affiliated camp and conference center near Highlands, NC, is doing important, cutting-edge peace, interfaith and youth work. It needs our support! Become a member for as little as \$50 annually; several membership levels available. Support important work that is furthering our UU principles in a larger context! Membership pamphlets and information on sanctuary back counter, or contact UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (eelfner@comcast.net, 524-1026).

Green Corner

Sara Reece, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair

At the August Green Sanctuary Committee meeting, we talked about our mission: to promote the idea of lessening our carbon footprints on the planet. Not only do we need to think about how we as a society do this, but we also need to think about how we as individuals can change things about how we live, in order to lessen our impact.

It's so easy to get discouraged and feel like our meager efforts don't amount to much. (Gee, I'm trying to eat locally, but my job dictates that I drive my minivan over 300 miles a week!) However, we on the Green Sanctuary Committee are here to remind you that small efforts by each of us can add up to a lot! Here are some examples from a *Backpacker* magazine article:

- If each person used reusable shopping bags, he/she could save 300-700 plastic bags per year. This equates to 3 to 7 gallons of crude oil. Imagine if 100,000 Tallahassee-ans did this; we'd save up to 14,000 barrels of oil per year.
- If each household switched to using the air-dry cycle on our dishwashers, we could save 660 pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere per year.
- If each person ate just one meal a week prepared from local sources, the country would save 1 million barrels of oil. That's just one meal per week!
- Each compact fluorescent bulb that you use saves 120 pounds of CO2 per year.

Over the course of this year, we're planning on putting a focus on how we eat. We'd like to explore more fully the notion of what impact eating more locally would have. We're going to be talking about the "Slow Food" movement, sponsor some field trips to local agribusinesses and just provide support and education for those of us who want to try to do something to make a difference. After all, in the words of Wendell Berry, "Eaters must understand – how we eat determines how the world is used."

Appreciation



To:

- **Barbara Sterling, Nancy Bass, Rod Oldenburg, Carolyn DuBard, Joan Patterson, Christine Boczarska & Joanne Taylor** for greeting 8/5 – 8/26.
- **Ed Oaksford, Dick Leinberry, Peggy Pope, Bob Deyle, Tim Campbell, Jeanne Ryder, Lorin Pratt, Mary Tyler, Michele Hope, Hazel Blumberg & Carol Weber** for July Sun. help in the kitchen.
- **Susan and Dan Damerville, Jan Oldenburg, Barbara Gearheart, Joan Patterson and Erin Hamilton, & Susan Snyder** for doing the August Shelter meal.
- **DeWayne & Jennifer Carver & Beverly Overton** for nursery help in August.

- **Barbara Gearhart & Pauline Masterton** for hosting Dinners for 8 with Robin & Linda.
- **Greg DeAngelo & the Green Sanctuary Committee** for re-setting sanctuary chairs during the week after potluck.

Workday Thanks

George Knight cleared leaves and trash from driveways and walks. **Tony Lloyd** mowed grass. **Dave Harvey** installed a digital lock. **Don Berger, Dexter Easton, Tom Chase, Mimi Jones, and John Whitton** fixed and cleaned things.

Membership Thanks

Thanks to those who filled important roles in the area of membership this past year: **Debbie Holt** as greeter coordinator; **Barbara Sterling** as supplies, pamphlet and Sunday records

coordinator; **Barbara, Nancy Harvey, Carolyn DuBard, Sara Reece, and Susan Snyder** as chief greeters; the **many members and friends** who served as greeters; **Junelle Brandt** as dinners coordinator and **those who hosted** Dinners for 8; **Mary VanSciver** as directory photographer; **Jean Chulak** as special records and statistics keeper; **Rod Oldenburg** as New UU facilitator; **Christine Boczarska, Pat Farris, Logan Hunter-Thompson, Linda Logan, Linda Oaksford, Lorin Pratt, and Barbara Sterling** as Membership Committee members; and **Trudy Deyle** as membership chairperson. It truly takes a team of people, plus the invaluable support of the office administrator to have an effective membership effort, and we could always be doing more!

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Our hearts and minds are with:

Emmy, Kelly, & Jake Mackie as they celebrate the arrival of twins **Alexandria** (6 lbs. 8 oz.) & **Wyatt** (5 lbs. 11 oz.) on August 4. They thank all who sent cards and those who provided meals: Mary Huggins, Elinor Elfner, Michele Hope, Mimi Jones, Joan Patterson, Peggy Lentz, Pauline Masterton, Susan Snyder, Nancy Bass, Christine Boczarska, & Eliza Coyne. We're all delighted that the twins are thriving!

Harold Hawkins, who is getting stronger daily as he recovers at home from his double knee replacement. Harold and Joe wish to thank all who have provided delicious dishes for them: Pam & Don Crosby, Linda Logan, Jan Miller, Nina Cline, Michele Hope, Nancy & Dave Harvey, Francis Ventre, Mimi & Jim Stangel, and Nina Cline. Harold also appreciates the phone calls, cards and visits.

Randall Gann, who had rotator cuff surgery in mid-August. Randall may need rides for appointments in the near future.

Pat Farris, as she continues her recovery from broken ribs and a broken foot, along with coping with her chronic lung disease.

Joe & Jean Chulak, as they continue to cope with the return of Joe's acute lymphocytic leukemia. The Chulak Family thanks all for the delicious meals. (Empty containers are in UUCT kitchen.)

Isabel Sheridan as she copes with the death of her beloved cousin, Kevin Murphy of Jacksonville, after his long battle with leukemia.

Pauline Masterton as her energy returns and she undergoes tests to determine the cause of the severe anemia she had.

Welcome New Members!

- *Michele Beaudin & Gene Stuckey*
- *Caitie Cibak & Ian Finlayson*
- *Kay Cleary*
- *Jared & Kerri Neel, with Kierdan & Kyler*

New UU Sessions

Next sessions: TBA soon. Sign up back of sanctuary, or contact church office (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057). Childcare if requested.

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

Dinners for 8 w/ Robin & Linda

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

Fri. 9/14 at Isabel Sheridan's

Fri. 9/28 at the Ryders'

Fri. 10/26 at the Harveys'

Hosts needed. Contact Carolyn Pardue (pardue2@comcast.net, 386-1494). Preferred nights: Sun., Tues., Wed. and Fri.

On-going Opportunities

- **2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/07) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 172**
- **Current No. Friends - 54**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **July 2007: 80.8**
 - **7/06 - 6/07: 99.8**
 - **7/05 - 6/06: 99.4**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **06-07: 44 (incomplete)**
 - **05-06: 52**
 - **04-05: 61**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **5/07: 27**
 - **9/06 - 5/07: 27**
 - **9/05 - 5/06: 27**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
- **Nursery Help:** Contact DRE Keitha Whitaker (345-2268, uukeitha@comcast.net).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Dan Damerville (damerid@tcc.fl.edu, 576-5380) or Susan Snyder (snydersj49@comcast.net, 907-1740).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Debbie Holt (553-3231, holt0119@earthlink.net).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Committee Meeting, Sun. 9/2, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

Youth RE Mission Statement.

Our mission is to provide a well-rounded, liberal religious education for our children in an environment where they feel safe, accepted, respected, happy and loved. We offer our children a community experience through structured classes, religious celebration, social interaction, service, and family activities. Our goal is to lay the foundation of a faith and value system so children live harmoniously and responsibly within themselves and with others. We will model the seven UU Principles so our children may understand and practice them, and we will encourage our children to become a part of our intergenerational church community now and in the future.

DRE Message. It's almost fall (can't prove it by me), and that means it's time to REnew, REjoice, REjuvenate, and REawaken our Religious Education commitment to our children and youth. **Sunday, Sept. 16** is the **start date for our regular RE classes**. Bring your children for **RE Fun Day Sept. 2**. And the whole family will want to be on board for our **Ingathering & Intergenerational Water Communion Service on Sept. 9**.

Are you ready to shout? WooHoo! Are you ready to play? Are you ready to enjoy the company of other UUCT children and adults mid-week? We may play games, talk about important stuff, or just eat ice cream. It's up to you!

WOO HOO Wednesdays begin in September. We meet the 4th Wednesday of every month (except December) in the church sanctuary at 6:30 PM for a potluck dinner. After dinner we retire to Room L or another classroom for games, activities, or just good conversations. Watch *The Meridian* for dates and details. **The first WOOHOO Wednesday is September 26.** See you there!

Come learn & play with us!

Peace, Keitha Whitaker, DRE

REminder! It's time to register for RE for the fall. New registrants may register at the RE cart on Sundays. Previous registrants should have received a registration form in the mail already. If you didn't receive a registration form for your child(ren), contact DRE Keitha Whitaker right away. Thank you! We look forward to a great RE year!

2007 – 2008 Curriculum. This year the Explorers, Artists, and Bridgers will use *WE BELIEVE: Learning and Living Our Unitarian Universalist Principles*, a UUA-published curriculum based on the seven principles and designed for all ages. While learning more about our UU heritage, our children will also learn to articulate their UU faith through positive statements about what they **do** believe rather than the usual UU counter statements to other faiths.

Youth Group. Plans for the middle and high school youth group this year are being discussed and will be announced. Contacts: advisors Jennifer Carver (402-0622, jzcarver@earthlink.net) and Scott Geraci (sgeraci68@yahoo.com, 877-6301).

Sunday Morning Times

Every Sunday:

Nursery 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
(children 5 and under)

On Sundays with regular RE classes:

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM*

Children begin in church service, leave for class 11:15

Preschool Class, ages 3 - 5, Explorers Room C (Frequency TBA)

Grades K - 2, Artists, Room K

Grades 3 - 5, Bridgers, Room 2

Middle/High School, Youth Group, Room 3/6

On RE Fun Days:

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM*

Preschool Class to Nursery

Grades K - 5 go directly to Room L or other designated classroom

For Intergenerational Services:

Children are in Sanctuary w/ parents

For Youth Celebrations (2x/year)

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM* w/ Rev. Robin

Preschool class to Nursery

Grades K-5 (and possibly Youth Group) go directly to Room L

* IMPORTANT: For the safety of our children our policy does not allow us to release children on their own at the end of RE or other special activities. Parents must pick up children from RE classrooms by 12:15 PM. We appreciate the congregation allowing free and easy access to the Sanctuary door after services so that parents may pick up their children from classrooms in a timely manner. Thank you.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Adult Religious Education (RE)

ADULT RE CONTACTS:

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

Current Classes & Workshops

Adult RE will look a little different this year. In addition to the usual six- or eight-session courses, we will offer monthly (more or less) stand-alone workshops on topics of interest to those who filled out the survey last spring. Here are the offerings for the fall. To register, sign up at the RE cart on Sundays or contact Isabel Sheridan.

Multi-session Courses

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

purpose of the class is to help its members to become actively involved—not only in this class but elsewhere in the life of our church—in exploring together commonalities and differences in our specific religious views and to become more thoughtful, interactive, and articulate in the continuing development of our personal religious commitments and visions. Come to a **brief organizational meeting on Sun., Sept. 23 at 12:30 PM** in Room L to determine good dates and times.

UU Committed Couples

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

Current class schedule - Workshop One: Covenant will be held Sunday 9/9, 6:30-8:30 PM, Rm L.

Workshop Two: Humility will be held Sunday 9/30, 6:30-8:30 PM.

Child care is offered. Contact: Kim Ross (877-1972, kim@associatedadvocates.com).

Stand-alone Workshops

Myth: Joseph Campbell, Jean Shinoda-Bolen, and Jean Edman. Tues., Sept. 25, 7:00-9:00 PM in Room L, facilitated by Kay Picart. Lecture and discussion.

Meditation Practice (specific topic TBA). Tues., Oct. 9, 7:00-8:30 PM in Room L, facilitated by Isabel Sheridan. Description and actual practice.

Mandalas: What They Are, How They Fit Into a Spiritual Practice. November (specific date TBA), 7:00-8:30 PM, room TBA, facilitated by Rev. Robin Gray.

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

On-Going Opportunities

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

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

Join PARC!

Are you tired of driving your car to work downtown? Would you like to cut your carbon footprint? Then consider joining PARC – the Park-and-Ride Community. Residents off north Thomasville Road can park their cars near Premier Health &

Fitness Center, starting Sept. 4. Additional PARC-ing stops are scheduled to open Oct. 23 at Wal*Mart and Target. PARC participants will get a lunch bag, water bottle, reusable cloth shopping bag, umbrella, gift

certificates, a special StarMetro bus pass, and more. For more info: parkandridetallahassee@gmail.com. UUCT contact: LaRae Donnellan (668-2757, larae9411@hotmail.com).

Ride StarMetro & Relax!

June-August Board Actions

By Bob Deyle, Executive Board Secretary

June 11, 2007

Re Office Administrator Search Committee: on basis of email poll of Board, appointed Trudy Deyle chair, named Don Berger to replace Dave Harvey, & approved Ellen Dempsey as fifth member.

July 29, 2007

Agreed to include up-to-date lists of committee members in UUCT directory.

Agreed to promote more extensive compliance by committee chairs with providing information for *Manual of Policies and Procedures* on committee membership and decision-making procedures.

Agreed to new process for distributing draft minutes of Board meetings to Church Council and staff prior to formal approval at next Board meeting.

Formally recognized completion of Settled Minister Search Committee's task and agreed to send letters thanking each member for outstanding work and an outstanding result.

Formally recognized intent of Nominating Committee that Christine Boczarska be elected to one-year term on Nominating Committee to fill unexpired term, and so set her term at one year.

Determined that copies of exit interviews completed with former Director of Religious Education and Office Administrator be given to Board, respective supervisory teams, Committee on the Ministry, and Rev. Robin Gray.

Approved motion from Office Administrator Search Committee to hire Pamela Harris-Davidson as UUCT Office Administrator as of 8/1/07 for 30 hrs/wk. at pay rate recommended by committee.

Approved motion from Youth RE Committee to hire Nina Cline as temporary Nursery Worker for duration of Emmy Barthel-Mackie's maternity leave. (She had twins!)

Approved motion from Youth RE and Building and Grounds committees to create Play Space Review Committee, under oversight of VP for RE, to address issues regarding safe, adequate play space for children at UUCT.

August 21, 2007

Agreed to participate in UUA-initiated effort to raise funds in nationwide campaign on 10/14/07, to be used by UUA to promote growth of Unitarian Universalism.

Agreed to seek input from Nominating Committee for Board appointments to fill mid-term vacancies in 3 elected positions: VP Worship, VP Social Justice, and Nominating Committee member.

Approved 2006-2007 End-of-Year Financial and Treasurer's Reports.

Approved July 2007 Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Reports.

Approved proposal from Buildings and Grounds Committee to contract for up to \$1,500 from Reserve Fund to remove dead tree posing threat to parked cars, neighboring properties, power lines, and retaining wall along south side of parking lot.

Approved motion from Buildings and Grounds and Youth RE Committees, endorsed by Finance Committee and DRE Keitha Whitaker, to purchase mulch and other needed materials or supplies for playground improvement, up to the amount of \$2,000 from the Reserve Fund.

Approved motion from Youth RE Committee, endorsed by DRE Keitha Whitaker and Rev. Robin Gray, to provide four weeks of paid maternity leave for Nursery Worker Emmy Barthel-Mackie.

On recommendation of Finance Committee, approved anticipated over expenditure of salary and FICA for nursery worker services in August and early Sept.

Approved motion to reestablish Mountain Scholarship Committee and for Board President to make appointments thereto.

Approved proposed amendments to *Manual of Policies and Procedures* governing annual review and appointment of committee chairs by Board vice presidents to whom each committee reports.

FY 2006-2007 End of Year Financial Report

OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME	Budgeted	Actual
Pledges (Collected thru June 30, 2007)	201,544	190,119
Non-pledge Sunday Collections	9,500	10,450
Religious Education Fees	800	596
Rental Fees	5,000	6,146
Interest on Tallahassee State Bank Funds	1,600	3,549
Meridian Subscriptions	50	0
Interest on Hazel Richards Fund	300	0
Copy Fees	10	54
Other Income	100	2,393
Fundraising	5,825	8,319
Transfer from Campus Ministry Fund	883	0
Transfer from Reserve Fund	4,039	4,039
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET INCOME	229,651	225,665
EXPENSES		
Administrative Expenses	46,065	43,924
Mortgage Pay-off	10,184	5,092
UU Fair Share	4,977	12,528
Campus Ministry Expenses	7,555	7,064
Religious Education Expenses	20,493	19,273
Music Expenses	23,135	22,490
Other Programs and Committees	5,330	5,837
Operation of Buildings and Grounds	26,231	27,850
Ministerial Expenses - Interim	76,046	75,114
Settled Minister Search Committee Expenses	9,635	5,634
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES	229,651	224,805
DIFFERENCE (Income minus Expenses)		860
OTHER UUCT ASSETS		
Next Year Pleges (FY 07-08)		20,889
Endowment Fund Balance		419,835
Reserve Fund Balance		18,208
Memorial & Gift Fund Balance		4,429
Campus Ministry Fund Balance		2,544
YRUU Fund Balance		604
Green Sanctuary Fund Balance		655
Youth RE Fund Balance		565
Harmony Camp Fund Balance		5,630
Publicity Fund Balance		1,640
Solar Power Fund Balance		970
T-Shirt Fund Balance		160
Outreach Fund Balance		2,389
End-of-Year Adjustment		3,331
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		481,849
FIXED ASSETS (Buildings, Furniture & Equipment)		1,253,000
UUCT TOTAL NET WORTH		1,735,709

FL District Events

Restoring America's Good Name, Sun. 9/23, 7:00 PM, First Unitarian Church, Orlando, Dr. William Schulz (former UUA President & Amnesty International Executive Director). Also will speak at 10:45 AM service.

Light the Fire! Growing the UU Presence in Florida, NE Cluster workshop, Sat. 9/29, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Ormond Beach, Rev. Kenn Hurto.

Florida UU Women and Religion Fall Retreat, "Being Peace," 10/12-14, Chinsegut Hill Conference & Retreat Center near Brooksville. Flyers & registration forms back of sanctuary; limit 56. Contact: Michele Hope (894-0976).

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

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

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

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

More info.: Church office, Denom. Affairs bulletin board (north entry sanctuary), or www.floridadistrict.org.

FY 2006-2007 Outreach Funds Final Report

Name of Organization	06-07 Income	06-07 Expenditures	Balance
The Shelter	2,507.79	2,452.36	55.43
ECHO	539.00	0.00	539.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	2,608.51	1,602.83	1,005.68
UUSC	448.62	0.00	448.62
UU-UNO	460.00	360.00	100.00
Mountain Retreat	740.00	500.00	240.00
Total Outreach Income	7,303.92	4,915.19	2,388.73

Balances for The Shelter, Minister's Discretionary Fund, & Mountain Retreat carried forward to next fiscal year. Monies collected for ECHO, UUSC, and UU-UNO are sent to them.

Historical overview collections/donations to outside social justice causes past 3 years:

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
The Shelter for the Homeless	3,015.53	2,209.40	2,452.36
Second Harvest Food Bank	75.00	0.00	0.00
ECHO	753.09	100.00	539.00
UUSC	2,969.04	1,192.47	448.62
UU-UNO	578.35	364.00	460.00
TOTAL	7,391.01	3,865.87	3,899.98

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Summertime is at an end, and our Campus Ministry is ready to start a new year. We'll continue our regular coffee hour meetings and helping with the monthly Shelter meal. We look forward to starting our new Soulful Sundown program! Soulful Sundown is a music-based worship service targeted at young adults, college students, and all who'd like to celebrate spirituality in an experiential, participatory and energetic way.

We are putting together the Soulful Sundown Team, and we need help. If you are interested in joining the team and helping develop this concept, please contact me. Our first **Soulful Sundown** is **tentatively** scheduled for **Sun., Oct. 7** at the International Center on the FSU campus, with wonderful musicians The Mayhaws providing music (Carrie Hamby and friends).

Coffee Hour is returning to All Saints Cafe on **Fridays, 6:30 PM.**

Fri., Sept. 7, we will head out to the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square afterwards.

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

Events: UUCT, District, National & The Mountain

Upcoming UUCT Events

Knitting for All, Thursdays, 7:00 PM. In Rm. 3/6; all ages, genders, and skill levels welcome. Bring knitting or crocheting, help folks learn, and/or just enjoy the fellowship. Baby-friendly. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301, minilawyer@embarqmail.com).

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

Choir Retreat & Potluck, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 5:00 PM. All invited. At Pauline Masterton's for swimming, potluck meal, and singing. Contact: Helen Meacham (pianoskin@nettally.com, 556-2533).

All-Church Workday, Saturday, Sept. 8, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Fellowship working on buildings & grounds chores and projects. Contact: Don Berger (422-2847, berger-don@comcast.net).

2nd Sunday Potluck for All, Sept. 9, 12:30 PM. Stay for potluck right after the service. Bring a simple dish to share, if able. Plan to spend time in conversation with friends and new acquaintances over a light and luscious meal.

UUCT Book Club, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:00 PM. Every 2nd Tues. in Rm. C. Newcomers welcome. Childcare if requested. Contact: Linda Oaksford (422-0240, lloaksford@earthlink.net).

9/11 - *Thirteen Moons*, C. Frazier
10/9 - *The Dogs of Babel: A Novel* (Paperback), C. Parkhurst – phone conference with author at FAMU

Lunch Bunch with Robin, Wednesday, Sept. 12, Noon. 'Bring your own brown bag' lunch to Rm L for an hour of discussion, perhaps ending with quiet meditation. See *Announcements*. Sign-up sheet back of sanctuary. Contact: Rev. Robin.

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, Sept. 16, 12:15 PM. Chairs and coordinators, plan to attend. We'll discuss communication, the council's role, and goal setting, plus network, coordinate and share. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 annette.pearce@gmail.com).

Woohoo Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6:30 PM. Potluck dinner in sanctuary, then move to Rm. L or another classroom for games, activities, or just good conversations. See *Youth RE*. All ages invited! Contact: DRE Keitha Whitaker (345-2268, uukeitha@comcast.net).

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, Oct. 21, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then discuss at restaurant. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).
Note: No Movie Group in Sept.

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Sun. 9/2, 3:00 PM, member's personal event (Sanctuary)
- Sat. 9/8, 2:00 PM, private memorial service (Sanctuary)

Congregation Invited:

Hometown Songs with Grant Peeples & Carrie Hamby

Friday, Sept. 14, 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Sanctuary doors open 7:30 PM

Bring your own beverages & snacks if you wish

Open to Public—No charge

FL District Events

See page 10.

National Events & Programs

See denominational affairs bulletin board, sanctuary north entry.

General Assembly 2008, 6/25-29, Ft. Lauderdale. Plan to attend! 200+ volunteers needed (registration fee waived). Contact District GA coordinator David Fisher (fdfisher@bellsouth.net).

Programs at The Mountain

Compassionate Communications, 10/5-7, Mary McKenzie, how to have more peace in our lives & relationships and communicate with compassion & understanding. \$225 total.

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

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

Celebrating the New Year, 12/28 or 12/29-1/1, w/ Randy & Sandra Locke.

Elderhostels throughout the year. Topics: Appalachia, folklore, music, nature, hiking & outdoor adventures.

For more info., see bulletin board at back of sanctuary, or contact The Mountain (828-526-5838, info@mountaincenters.org) or UUCT Mountain Ambassador Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net), or visit www.mountaincenters.org.

September 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:30pm Universal Dances of Peace, Sanctuary
2 No Choir Practice 9:30am Youth RE Committee, Rm K 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:30pm Program Committee, Rm L	3 7:00pm Bldgs. & Gmds. Comm., Rm C	4 7:15pm Publicity Committee, Rm K	5 5:00pm Choir Retreat & Potluck, off-site	6 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	7 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	8 9:00am All Church Workday
9 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L 12:30pm Potluck, Sanctuary 6:30pm Couples Enrichment, Rm L	10 5:00pm University UUs, off-site 7:15pm The Shelter Meal, Off-site	11 6:30pm Committee on the Ministry, Rm K 7:00pm UUCT Book Club, Rm C	12 12:00pm Lunch Bunch, Rm L 7:30pm Choir Practice, Rm L	13 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6 7:15pm Personnel Committee, Rm K	14 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site 8:00pm Hometown Songs w/ Peeples & Hamby, Sanctuary	15 12:30pm Meridian Deadline
16 9:45am Adult Forum, Rm L	17 3:00pm Finance Committee, Rm K	18	19 7:30pm Choir Practice, Rm L	20 7:00pm Freethinkers' Forum, Rm L 7:00pm Knitting for All, Rm 3/6	21 6:30pm University UUs, Off-site	22
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"The mission of UUCT is to be a liberal religious presence that supports individual spiritual quests and service to others in a community of open hearts, minds, and doors."

<p>Our Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Steve Urse, President* DeWayne Carver, Past President* Annette Pearce, President Elect* Bob Deyle, Secretary* Dave Harvey, VP for Management* Vacant, VP for Worship* Vacant, VP for Social Justice* Joan Patterson, VP for Finance* Eliza Coyne, VP for Religious Education* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer <p>The Committee on the Ministry</p> <p>Maria Mena, chair Tony Lloyd Chris Ellrich Mimi Jones</p> <p>Directory Changes</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Membership Notes</p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Rev. Robin Gray, Membership Chair Trudy Deyle or President Steve Urse.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition: late fall.</p> <p>Mark Your Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.
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