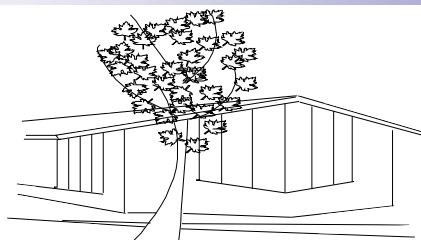


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Every Sunday:

- 9:00 AM zen TAO Buddhist Sangha (Will meet at Lake Ella every Sunday until further notice.)
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE classes for Pre-K - middle school.
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Commemorating 9/11/01



- ♥ Wednesday, September 11, 2002
- ♥ Service 7 - 7:45 PM
- ♥ Sanctuary Open 7:45 AM - 7:45 PM.

See page 10 for details.



The Meridian

Sundays this Month (11:00 AM)

Sept. 1 | Delusions Are Endless, We Vow To Cut Through Them All

Writer Anne Rudloe's talk will be from a Zen perspective. A Zen practitioner for 16 years, Rudloe is a Senior Dharma teacher in the Kwan Um School of Zen headquartered at the Providence Zen Center, in Cumberland, RI. She is also Abbot of the Cypress Tree Zen Group in Tallahassee. Her book, *Butterflies on a Sea Wind; Beginning Zen* will be out in September. She holds *Zazen* at UUCT Thursdays at 7 PM.

Guest Speaker: Anne Rudloe; Lay Leader: Mary Millard

Sept. 8 | One Year Later at 'Ground Zero'

The Pentagon is rebuilt, and people are returning to their offices. The field in Pennsylvania must have green on it again. The spot in New York where the Twin Towers stood is empty. The Ground Zeros from 9/11/01 bear scars, but do not contain debris. When men and women are given a project, we work steadily and tend to the details. Clearing away the destruction of last year is a project we have completed. At least on the surface. What is going on below the surface, in our hearts and minds? Is there psychological or spiritual debris in our way, that clutters our forward momentum? New York and the whole country must decide what to build where the towers once towered. Do you know what you will build now? What can we build together?

Rev. Amy

Sept. 15 | Intergenerational Ingathering and Water Ceremony

Bring the water you collected over the summer and your memories of what's worth keeping from the past couple of months. Did you get to "stand and stare" a bit? Did you have any moments of pure joy? Let's talk about them and celebrate!

Rev. Amy and Everybody

Sept. 22 | Gid Uppity!

Do you think that our religious tradition should be galloping ahead on social justice issues? What have we done about that in the past? What should we do for the future?

Rev. Amy

Sept. 29 | We Make Such Beautiful Music Together

You've heard that line before, haven't you? It sounds like whoever said it first was thinking of a big "IF" - if only we could all sing like angels, if only we could read music like professionals, if only we could play an instrument, if only.....I invite you to join me during our annual Music Service as we once again dispel these myths and Sing Our Hearts Out!! We'll also be taking up money to add to our Piano Fund. (See article on p. 7). I look forward to seeing you - and your open mouths - as we come together in celebration of music! **Helen Falb, Music Director of UUCT**

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOOR: OPEN HOUSE!

2534 Arthurs Court Ln. Here's one option for getting there: turn from Park (near Capital Circle) onto Richview. Take first right onto Springforest, then the second right (notice the Stop sign) onto Stonehouse. Just before Stonehouse ends, turn left onto Arthurs Court Ln. We're about halfway up on the right. Ph.# 383-9186. See you!

This is an invitation to UUCT members, friends and their families, young and old alike, to my house on **Sunday, September 15 between 3:00 and 6:00 PM.** How will we fit everyone in? I trust the human ability to self-organize; some will come at 3, some at 5:30... The choir will be on hand at 4 PM to lead us in a house blessing song, "May Nothing Evil Cross This Door" (# 1 in our hymnal). If you feel the need to bring something, make it edible – to share with everybody. FYI, ours is an alcohol-free home. On hand for the day: Ellen (my partner) and Chloe (our cat). I can promise that Ellen won't bite or hiss...

I'm excited and nervous that you're coming to see the house we own. I wonder, is it ready, yet? There's a lot

Announcements



Help Needed for Sunday Parking

Early fall is a time when we experience many visitors on Sunday mornings, as well as increased attendance from the congregation after time away during the summer. An attendant is needed in the parking lot each Sunday to show visitors where to park and to direct all parking so as to maximize our on site spaces. (Those willing and able need to continue to park on neighborhood streets.) Please consider volunteering as a parking attendant once a month during the remaining six months or so of construction. You'd get a vest to

yet to do, and a lot we've done. Come see the new wild grape carpet! Relax in my study, with its freshly painted "gingerbread" and "honey butter" walls! Parade down the entry hall of family pictures!

And then, there's the other side of the equation: Reassure us that tile in the dining room and in front of the fireplace *will* be installed, in time! Find the room we painted even though the wallpaper stripping process also removed drywall! Marvel at band aid repair jobs, like a block of wood that props up the air return filter! And by all means, say a little prayer for the 20-year old roof, that it might provide another season or two of dry coverage!

As you would with anyone's personal space, you'll no doubt learn something new about me if you come to my home: which art graces the living room walls, how little energy we expend on yard care, and where we store the TV trays.

Likewise, with our church home, we may expect to learn something new about the people we meet there. We encourage understanding of one another and caring intimacy at UUCT. What would it be like if we thought of each Sunday morning, and each time

wear and would need to be at your post by 10:30 at the latest. Contact CIC chairperson Trudy Deyle if you'd be willing (422-1057 or gdeyle@juno.com).

Calling All Green Thumbs!

We need a plant maven! The plants in the sanctuary and various locations surrounding it are in dire straits! This is a low-stress, minimal time commitment (two hours a month, tops!). Many need to be repotted, watered or discarded. Let Kathie in the office know if you can help.

we gather for a meeting or learning opportunity as an "open house?" Outside of our own homes, we can't peruse the bookshelves to learn more about each other. So in the course of ordinary conversation, we'd elicit ideas, hopes, and fears. We'd have to share what we care about, describe the activities we're up to, begin discussions with people we've not met before. I'm sure it happens already. Want to do it more? Could you invite a coworker or friend to the September 11th service?

At UUCT, there's a lot we've done, and a lot yet to do. Yes, parking is a bit of a mess during construction. Yes, the playground can be too muddy to use. But we offer religion like no one else in town. We can be excited and nervous that people are visiting. And I think we're ready to open up to them.

Let's say you want to learn one new important thing about someone at church. What would you ask?

In Faith,

Amy



At The Back of The Sanctuary

- * **The Sunshine:** Florida UU District newsletter. Also available at the District website: www.cyberstreet.com/uuFLD/
- * **Mountain Information:** Program schedules and brochures.
- * **What's Happening at UUCT?:** Be sure to check this bulletin board each week for information on upcoming events.

Announcements (Continued)

Still Accepting Last Year's Pledges

If you have not completed your pledge for last year, we hope you do so soon. We will continue to accept payments on last year's pledges. This message is brought to you from your friendly Finance Committee who needs to pay the bills - utilities, salaries, office and RE supplies, etc. Thanks.

Mark Your Checks

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

Need Reimbursement for a Church Expense?

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



CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, KITCHEN AND GARAGE!

Our annual yard sale to raise money for the operating budget is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, so this is a reminder to start cleaning out your closets, storage rooms, kitchen, and garage. We will accept anything you don't want that is still usable: clean clothing, dishes, household items, small appliances, toys, knick knacks, paperback and hardback books, shoes, gizmos, electronics, purses, computer software, etc. With enough advance notice, we can pick up whatever you can't bring the day before the sale.

Additional details to follow. Call Maria Mena (907-0739) if you have questions and to volunteer.

Appreciation



To:

- * **Ellen and Richard Dempsey, Barbara and John Donaldson, Jim Dawson, Elinor Elfner, Dave and Nancy Harvey, and DeLos DeTar** for greeting members and visitors on Sunday mornings 7/21 - 8/11.
- * **Eleanor and Earl Enge, Carolyn Pardue, Jack McDevitt, Kandy Crowe, Joan Patterson, Maggie Geraci, Linda Winn, Barbara Hines, and Carolyn DuBard** who provided hospitality and clean up for 7/21 - 8/11.
- * **Barbara Solomon** for creating the construction progress poster.
- * **All who came to Kathie Mackie's birthday party, July 31.** Thank you everyone for the gifts, cards and

best wishes. A special thank you to **Trudy Deyle**, who every year, has organized this wonderful event. It was much appreciated.

- * **Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Jan and Rod Oldenburg** for attending the weekend of FL District Youth Advisor training in August.

For Social Justice Retreat

Many thanks to **Isabel Sheridan** for conceiving and arranging for the first Social Justice Cluster Retreat. This retreat was held August 3 at the beautiful Magnolia Leaf Retreat Center in Thomasville, GA. The retreat was attended by 19 participants from the three committees currently functioning in the Social Justice Cluster: Social

Justice, RCDC, and Green Sanctuary Committees. Special gratitude is extended to **Tom Taylor** who facilitated the program, **Alana Taylor** who assisted him, and **Brady Russell** who gave a presentation on the TEAM program with which UUCT has joined.

From the Mann Family

The Family of Charles K. Mann would like to express our appreciation to the Rev. Amy McKenzie and members of the church for their help with the memorial service for Charles/Charlie. We also thank everyone for their support and thoughtfulness during his hospital stay after his bicycle accident. It was truly appreciated.

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, September 8, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Committee Chair (553-9416); Tina Bush Rester, Nursery Subcommittee Chair (580-6531); Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (877-6301 or DREmaggie@comcast.net)

Youth RE Committee Meeting Schedule / Time Change

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend, the Youth RE Committee Meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2002, at 9:30 AM. We will be starting earlier than usual, to give more of a chance to get our issues covered. Please make a note of it on your calendar and plan to attend! Everyone is welcome and this is where you get the nuts and bolts details of Youth RE Programming! For more information, contact Kelley Turnage, Youth RE Chairperson, or DRE Maggie Geraci.

Youth RE Registration

Youth RE Sunday Classes have begun, yet we haven't registered many of the children. If your child was registered last year, please see DRE Maggie Geraci for a registration form. Registration fees are \$25 for one child, \$35 for two, and \$40 for three or more, and include nursery and YRUU. Questions or comments? Contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Attention High Schoolers.

In an effort to offer a quality high school program in an efficient manner to meet the needs of our ever-busy High Schoolers, we will be rolling High School Religious Education class into

the YRUU program (available for ages 12 through 20). High School R.E. will no longer be meeting on Sunday mornings, to allow those in grades 9 through 12 to attend Sunday Services. YRUU will be meeting on Sundays at 6:00 PM and will include a religious learning component.

Curriculum

See our *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure for more details on the curriculum and the general goals for each age grouping, as well as descriptions of special youth and family events throughout the year.

Our Dedicated RE Teachers for 02-03

We would like to thank the following people for volunteering as RE teachers for this year: Yvonne Gsteiger, Pam Hoskins, and Mary Stewart (Explorers, grades K-1); Christine Boczarska, Terri Martin, and Allen Turnage (Artists, grades 2-3); Cathy Briggs, Tim Campbell, and Lorin Pratt (Bridgers, grades 4-5); Eric Draper, Mary VanSciver, and Rosa Morgan (Middle School, grades 6-8).

To the Congregation, please take a moment to thank these folks for their volunteer efforts. Their dedication and support to the RE program will help shape the future of our children and our church!

Thank-yous

Thanks to all the volunteers who taught a Summer RE Class. We appreciate your help with the kids! Thanks go to: Maggie Geraci, Scott Geraci, Katie Chamberlain, Cathy Briggs, Nancy Ball, Barbara Donaldson, Lorin Pratt, Isabel Sheridan, Nancy Bean, and Yvonne Gsteiger.

Thanks to all those who helped with the classroom cleanup on August 3, 2002. It was a dirty job, but someone

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Contact Tina Bush Rester, (580-6531) or Scott Geraci, (sgeraci10@comcast.net or 877-6301)

had to do it! Thanks go to: Kelley Turnage, Preston Turnage, Jackson Turnage, Nolan Turnage, Pam Hoskins, Scott Geraci, Danny Geraci, Devin Geraci, Dylan Geraci, Harper Geraci, and Maggie Geraci.

Given Credit Where Credit is Due

During the Bridging Ceremony and the Teacher Dedication at the August 18th Sunday Service, giving appropriate credit was overlooked (due to nervousness!). The Bridging Ceremony was based on words by Thomas Mikelson and Jory Agate of the First Parish in Cambridge. The Teacher Dedication was based on words by Deana Hoffer, Director of Religious Education, Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)



YRUU

Information Session for Youth & Parents:

Sunday, September 8, 4-6 PM in the Sanctuary. (See September events for details.)

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

Lock-in: Friday, September 20, 6 PM - Saturday, September 21, 9 AM.

FL District CONferences:

- * October 25 - 27 All Age, Orlando
- * November 15 - 17 All Age, Clearwater

Mountain Cons:

- * November 1 - 3, Jr. High
- * November 15 - 17, Jr. High
- * December 6 - 8, Sr. High

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

Adult Enrichment

Adult Enrichment Contacts:

Sheila Meehan, Adult Enrichment Coordinator (smeehan@hklaw.com; 668-5075).

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT NEWS. We have a number of new Adult Enrichment opportunities to offer as well as many returning favorite classes. Look for the new *Lifespan Religious Education* brochure to see what is being offered this year. It will be available on the Sunday RE table. Or contact Sheila Meehan or Maggie Geraci.

CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

Evensong: A Series of Gatherings.

New classes starting periodically. See *Lifespan RE* Brochure for details. If interested, contact Sheila Meehan.

New UU & Déjà Vu, UU. These classes are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member in either a single or double session. New UU sessions will be offered in late September / early October. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary, or contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057).

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

OPEN PARTICIPATION

- **Adult Forum, Sun., 9:45 -10:45 AM, Room 4.** Open to everyone. Third Sunday the topic relates to the Green Sanctuary program. Contact Norene Chase (422-1985).
- **Women's Spirituality Group.** The group meets on Mondays at 7:15 PM off-site. Contact Bonnie Foster (504-2963).

"Zendo" (home) for zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

For the time being, our Sangha is now meeting every Sunday at the aficionado coffee-drinker's house of refuge -- *Black Dog Café* at Lake Ella (while construction work is in high gear at our church grounds). Sangha time is 9 AM to 10:45 AM. We do check-in,

sitting meditation (*zazen*), walking meditation (*kinhin*), and dharma readings / lessons from the Buddhist, Taoist, and Zen traditions, and related subjects. All are welcome to drop by, visit, and join. Come by anytime to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and friendly fellowship. Contact Will Adkins (385-5071; wmadkins@infi.net). On request, we will e-mail you our frequent e-mail newsletter, *under the Bo-tree*.

Campus Ministry Corner

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

This month University UUs will resume our regular semester schedule of Tuesday weekly meetings, plus Friday coffee hours, 6 PM, Black Dog Cafe. Contact Kim for more information and meeting times.

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

Notes from The Mountain



By Jean Chulak, Mountain Ambassador

HEADS UP, ADVENTURERS! The Mountain has two fall programs that should be of interest to you. All equipment is provided.

September 29-October 3 (Sun-Thu), MountainScape Fall Canoeing Week. You will see beautiful fall colors and learn a variety of canoeing skills from a canoe instructor certified by the American Canoe Association. We will start with the basic skills on our

pond and progress to more challenging trips that may take us to southern classics like the Nantahala, Tuckasegee or Chattooga Rivers. You'll also learn how to plan your own paddling trips.

October 4-6 (Fri-Sun), MountainScape Rock-Climbing Adventure. You will learn the basic skills of rock climbing, including choosing and fitting safety equipment, moving in the vertical world, belaying another climber, and reducing the

risks. You will also have the opportunity to learn more advanced concepts as you begin to prepare to climb with other people. This program is open to everyone 14 and over.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about these programs or The Mountain itself, contact Jean Chulak (385-2214; jeanchulak@aol.com). You may also make direct contact with The Mountain Retreat and Learning Centers, Highlands, NC (828-526-5838 or www.mountaincenters.org).

Facilities Update

By Trudy Deyle, Capital Improvement Committee Chair

SITE WORK. The summer rains slowed site work down for several weeks, but the weather has been more cooperative lately, and work has been proceeding. For now, one layer of asphalt will be put down for new parts of the driveway, and current asphalt that is remaining will be left as is. Existing asphalt will also be removed in several places, per City permitting requirements. A final layer of asphalt will be put down over all paved areas once the building is completed.

TREE CONSULTATION. Several weeks ago, a large tree fell from an undisturbed area - a tree that appeared healthy but actually had a partially decayed root ball. Such a fall can occur when a vulnerable tree is more exposed to the elements than it was formerly. After this fall, Mad Dog arranged for Gibbes Tree Service to do a consultation with us on protective measures we might take with our trees during construction, in addition to the current fencing and trunk protection. Members of the CIC and Buildings and Grounds Committee met with Gibbes and subsequently made a recommendation to have them do some preventative work for us, provided funds can be found to do so. A key point made by Gibbes was that

tree health and tree decay are not related; a tree can appear healthy but actually be decaying. They pointed out that most of our trees are decay-prone species, but we are fortunate to have trees of all ages on our property, so there are always new ones coming along as others mature and die.

BEHIND THE SCENES. Our construction manager and architect have been working hard behind the scenes ironing out final details for the new building. By the time you read this, the footings and foundation will be poured or be very close to being poured. Representatives from the CIC met with the architect to decide on interior and exterior colors. (Materials and brands being used had been decided upon earlier as construction drawings were being developed.) In choosing colors for the inside, we aimed for consistency throughout the building for ease of repairing and repainting, neutral and light colors for the most part, and flooring that would not show dirt or scuff marks easily. For outside colors, we sought to compliment but not match the current buildings, since we can no longer get exactly the same concrete block.

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS. The CIC had planned to re-carpet the sanctuary first, then order new chairs, so they would not have to be moved for the re-carpeting. However, we have decided not to re-carpet until Phase One is complete, and there is no longer the possibility of tracking in dirt and mud. Meanwhile, a number of our current sanctuary chairs have broken recently, so we have gone ahead and ordered the new chairs decided upon with congregational input (Church Chair Industries' Elite model with a gray frame and quartz fabric). We have ordered 180 chairs, one quarter of them with arms. When the sanctuary is expanded in a later phase, we will order 70 more chairs for a total of 250. The chairs will be delivered by semi-truck sometime in September. To keep shipping costs down, the truck is unloaded where it is parked, and the customer moves the chairs inside. Watch email and Sunday announcements for requests for help once we get the arrival date!

As always, should you have comments or questions, please contact me or another member of the CIC.

Green Corner



By Bob Deyle

Wanted: fresh (environmentally sustainable) fish!

Environmental Defense, the environmental organization formerly known as the Environmental Defense Fund, has developed a web-based tool called the "Seafood Selector." The website provides information that can help you choose fish that are not harvested or farmed in environmentally damaging ways. It also includes recipes!

The top 10 best fish include the following: anchovies; caviar from farmed sturgeon and paddlefish; channel catfish; Pacific geoduck clams; Dungeness and stone crabs; crawfish; Alaskan halibut, hoki (new Zealand cod); Spanish and Atlantic mackerel; Mahi Mahi; Mediterranean, New Zealand green, and farmed blue

mussels; Pacific, edible (European), and farmed eastern oysters [bay oysters harvested by tonging, as in Apalachicola Bay, also are OK]; wild (not farmed) Alaskan salmon; sardines; trap-caught spot and Northern shrimp and northern shrimp from Newfoundland; farmed and wild striped bass; and blue, Mozambique, and Nile tilapia (all farm-raised).

The 10 worst include the following: wild, imported caviar; Atlantic cod; grouper; Atlantic halibut; monkfish and goosefish; orange roughy; rockfish (Pacific red snapper); farmed and wild Atlantic salmon and farmed Pacific salmon; Atlantic calico scallops; shark; farmed and most wild shrimp and prawns; skate; snapper; swordfish; toothfish (Chilean sea bass); and bluefin tuna.

Please see the website for recipes and for details about why individual fish are better or worse:

www.environmentaldefense.org/sustainablefishing. You also can check on your favorite fish if it is not listed here (they cover 150 kinds).

Wanted: fresh ideas!

Do you have a few short tips for green living that you'd like to share with other members of the UUCT congregation? Or would you like to write a whole "Green Corner" article on a specific topic? Call Bob Deyle at 422-1057 or send him an email care of Trudy at gdeyle@juno.com.

From our Music Director



By Helen Falb

Our piano fund now has \$ 2200.64. We will be continuing our efforts to raise money during our **annual Music Sunday Service on Sunday, September 29**. Please mark your calendar so you'll be sure to be at this celebration of the joy which music can bring to our lives and our congregation in particular. In addition, an anonymous, music-loving donor has generously offered to match any funds raised at that service to go towards the purchase of our dream piano! I'd like to invite all members and friends who may be getting impatient to join in our efforts. SO.....

BIG news about a **Music Committee** meeting:

I'd like to call together those of you who have expressed a special interest in giving your input on all things musical, and specifically regarding the purchase of a new piano. **We'll be meeting on Monday night, September 16 at 7:15 in Room 5.**

We'll be collaborating to come up with recommendations to give to the board and congregation. Please try to attend.

If you can't make the service on the 29th of September but would like to make a contribution, please mail your check, marked "Piano Fund" on the memo line, to the church. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to give your input, either e-mail me (helen@townbeacon.com) or call me (309-6853). Thank you very much.

One in a Blue Moon ...

UUCT used to have a Saturday **Coffee House** featuring live entertainment from singers, poets, writers, comedians, and musicians of all kinds. Would you be interested in *participating, volunteering, baking, making cappuccinos, or lending* certain items (such as espresso machines) to the Coffee House? Your item would be used on Saturday and returned to you Sunday. Baked goods would be sold at the coffee house and (if any are left) used Sunday for Hospitality or returned to the baker at the end of the Coffee House. The object is to have the same baked goods and café drinks you'd find at a local café, with entertainment from our members and local community artists and *artistes*. If you're interested in participating or volunteering please call Mary Millard at 980-8980. We hope to have this event about three times per year (once in a Blue Moon), starting in October ... but only if there's enough interest to sustain it! Call soon!

Uh-Oh... We Should Have Volunteered for Clean-Up

by Dr. Seuss-not

We'd sure hate to stop Sunday Hospitality,
But our "finders of cleaners" have sapped
their vitality.

They've stayed and cleaned up 'cause there
wasn't a "hand"

To help with the Clean-Up, as already
planned.

They know you're all busy – but, see, *they* are,
too.

What really would help are some minutes
from you.

You know the old saying, "many hands make
light work,"

And the chat in the kitchen is *fun* – it's a
"perk"!

So if you enjoy having coffee and snacks,
And you have fifteen minutes – that's all we
need, max!

Pick up some coffee cups, maybe some plates,
And deliver them in to the Clean Up Crew,
mates.

You could join with the group in the kitchen
who's *cleaning*

Instead of upon the church walls simply
leaning.

You could help Victor Venos to put up the
tables,

Or sweep, or wipe up -- any small job you're
able.

If you signed up to "clean" on the list, "Gifts of
Self"

Remember this, join us – be a Kitchen "elf"!

We've prodded, we've asked, and yes, even
pleaded

For help in the clean-up is desperately
needed.

We're happy – we're getting our coffee and
snacks,

But Clean-Up, compared, is still suffering
lacks.

We have faith in our members, we *know* you
can do it!

Take out trash, wash up dishes, and chat –
let's get to it!

*Thanks as always to Eleanor & Earl Enge, Jeri Lee
Wagner, and the indispensable Victor Venos! Call
Eleanor (926-9352) to volunteer.*

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Richard Dempsey
(671-2748)

Christine Boczarska
(893-7079)

Bruce Brandt
(893-5511)

Rev. Amy is a non-voting
member.

Non-UUCT Events

- *Every Thursday, (Sanctuary) 7:15 PM Zen Meditation*
- *Every Sunday, 6:30 PM Urantia (Rm 5); 7:00 PM Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)*
- *Tuesday, September 10, 6 AM - 8 PM, Elections (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, September 14, 6:00 PM, Spiral Scouts (Rm 4)*
- *Monday, September 16, 6:00 PM, Sierra Club (Sanctuary)*
- *Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 PM, Audubon, (Sanctuary)*
- *Saturday, September 28, 4 PM - 12 AM, Family Tree Fundraiser, (Sanctuary)*

Welcome New Friends

* Louise Clay



Membership

To explore becoming a member or friend of our congregation, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or Rev. Amy.

UUCT Name Tags

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

New Member Recognition

Sunday, October 6.

Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

Directory Changes

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

Joys and Sorrows

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

whose mother died in August.

Congratulations to:

Chris and Laynie Mitchell on the birth of, **Samuel Alba Mitchell**;

Bonnie, Derrick, and brother, Dean Foster on the birth of **Autumn Pandora Foster**;

Patrick Lineberry, Aubrey and Spencer Crafts on the birth of **Kaitlyn Elizabeth Lineberry**. Also to **Barbara Lineberry** on becoming a Grandma once more!

On-going Opportunities

- **Hospitality on Sunday:** Separate sign up sheets at the back of the sanctuary for refreshments and clean up. Contact Mary Millard (980-8980) and Lois Bloom (402-9044) for refreshments, Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352) for clean up.
- **Music Committee:** A few music lovers, especially those not in the choir, are needed to meet 2-3 times/year. Contact Cheryl Ward (668-5024) or Helen Falb (422-0603). See article on September 16 meeting (p. 7).
- **Shelter Meal:** Monday, September 9, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

- **Sunday Service Set-up:** 5-10 people needed Sunday mornings at 9:15 to set-up chairs. Contact Tom Chase (422-1985 or twchase@tallynet.com)
- **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785) or Craig Fletcher (201-8312).

A CALL FOR HOSTS & HOSTESSES

Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children start up again in September.

On Sunday, September 8 after the service and during the potluck, there will be a **sign-up table** for those interested in being dinner hosts and hostesses. Your offer can be for occasional or once-a-month dinners, September - May. You set the menu and provide the main dish, as casual or gourmet as you like; your guests bring the rest. And you are free to sign-up as a guest for dinners others are hosting, if you like!

Dinners for 8 is adults only, with all parents welcome. *Dinners for Families with Children* is for parents and their children. A primary purpose for all the dinners is to provide opportunities for newcomers to meet longer-term members and friends of our congregation. Once we have a group of hosts and hostesses, dinner dates will be announced for the early fall, and sign-up sheets

for guests will be placed on the counter at the back of the sanctuary. If you miss the September 8 sign-up, contact Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) or gdeyle@juno.com).

UUCT Social Activities

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

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 11:30 AM
- Dances of Universal Peace, Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 PM
- 2nd Sunday Potluck, Sept. 8, 12:30 PM
- UU Lunch Bunch, Thursday, Sept. 26, 11:30 AM

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/02) - 172**
- **Current Membership - 173**
- **Current Youth Membership - 1**
- **Current Number of Friends - 50**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of July 2002 - 88.8**
- **Average Sunday Attendance year (7/1/01 - 6/30/02) - 100.4**
- **RE Enrollment - 34 (Incomplete)**

September UUCT Events, Events After September & District Events

RACIAL / CULTURAL DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 7:00 PM. Our next selection will be "Guns, Germs, and Steel" by Jared Diamond. Science and history-- the development of differing societies on different continents, as expressed in art, science, and social structures, and demolishing racist theories of history. Contact Marcia Murray (539-3981).

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 11:30 AM. First Wednesday of the month, Jacob's Doubletree Inn, for all interested members and friends of the congregation. Soup and salad is \$6.95, the full buffet \$10.95. No RSVP needed; just come. Contact: Annette Pearce (386-4053 or 891-8660).

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:30 PM. Members and others are invited to join in these simple circle dances. Call Tom or Katya Taylor (656-9321).

DINNER HOST SIGN-UP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NOON. For Dinners for 8 and Dinners for Families with Children. See *Our Congregation* page for details.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK, SEPTEMBER 8, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish to share!

YRUU INFORMATION SESSION, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 4 - 6 PM. Attention prospective YRUUers and esteemed parents! Do you know what a CON is? Ever volunteered at the Christmas Connection? Built any community recently? Know how to dance like it's 1979? If not, UUCT Young Religious Unitarian Universalists will be hosting this information session in the sanctuary. YRUU is an organization for teens ages 12-20 who want to play, dance, think and worship with other UUs their age (at heart or otherwise). If you're

interested in joining us, hearing about us, or just eating with us, attend the meeting or contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057) or DeWayne and Jennifer Carver (402-0622). See you there!

COMMEMORATING 9/11/01, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002. Service: 7:00 - 7:45 PM. If you want to stop by and light a candle, sit quietly, talk with Rev. Amy or others who are there. Join us at 7:00 PM for an intergenerational service of remembrance and reflection. We will share candle lighting, music, and hope. Come by after school, after work, or at lunch time.

ALL CHURCH WORKDAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working together on chores and projects needed to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Tom Chase (422-1985).

OPEN HOUSE AT REV. AMY'S, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 3-6 PM. See *Minister's Message* on p. 2 for details.

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. Off-site. More details at www.multiculturalital.org. Contact: Sandy Niedert (656-7894).

FLORIDA COASTAL CLEANUP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 8:00 PM - NOON. The UUCT, the Big Bend Sierra Club and the Apalachee Canoe & Kayak Club will again combine forces to participate in the 17th Annual International Coastal Cleanup. The clean-up of the Aucilla River and its River Sink Trail in Jefferson County will be by foot and by canoe. To sign-up, contact Walker Banning (878-2270). For additional information, contact UUCT member Steve Urse (385-2864).

UU LUNCH BUNCH, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 11:30 AM. At Golden Corral buffet on North Monroe across from Lake Ella. All are welcome, especially if you are a Super Adult (a part of UUCT's "wisdom circle" AKA senior citizens). Contact: Rev. Amy.

Events After September

ANNUAL UUCT YARD SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19. Volunteers and sale items needed. See p. 3.

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

FL District Events

WOMEN AND RELIGION RETREAT, FRIDAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 20. "Recasting the Shadow: Manifesting Our Power". UU Pines in the Pines Retreat Center. For a brochure and registration, contact Diane Anderson (727-898-9653); Michelle Gilbert (727-363-3598 or WolfSongMe@aol.com).


NORTHEAST CLUSTER, "ADVOCACY", SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Community Church, Daytona Beach. Karen Judd, professional social worker, speaker. Contact, Larry Rayner (321-752-4140).

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

September 2002

“Every Sunday” activities, see the front page.

Note: Many activities described in other sections.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| 1 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 | 2 office Closed for Labor Day. 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site | 3 7 PM RCDC Book Club, Rm 4 Eve: University UUs, off-site | 4 11:30 AM UU Chowdown, off-site 7:15 PM Membership Comm, Rm 4 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary | 5 | 6 6 PM University UUs Coffee Hour, off-site | 7 7:30 PM Peace Dances, Sanctuary Fix a dish for Potluck. |
| 8 9:30 AM Youth RE Noon: Dinner Host Sign-up 12:30 Potluck & Meridian Deadline 4-6 PM YRUU Parent-Youth Meeting, Sanc. 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 | 9 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site 7:15 PM Program Committee, Rm 4 7:30 PM Building & Grounds, Rm 5 | 10 6 AM - 8 PM ELECTIONS POLLING PLACE 7:15 PM Committee on Ministry Eve: University UUs, off-site | 11 7:45 PM Choir, Rm 4 7:45 AM - 7:45 PM Sanctuary Open 7-7:45 PM Service Commemorating 9/11/01 | 12 7PM RCDC, Rm 4 7:15 PM CIC, Rm 5 | 13 6 PM University UUs Coffee Hour, off-site | 14 9 AM - 1 PM Workday 12-7PM Board Retreat, off-site |
| 15 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary & Social Justice, Rm 4 3-6 PM Open House at Rev. Amy's 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 Multicultural Families, off-site | 16 7 PM Finance, Rm 4 7:15 PM Music Committee, Rm 5 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site | 17 Eve: University UUs, off-site | 18 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary | 19 7 PM Board, Rm 4 | 20 6 PM University UUs Coffee Hour, off-site 6 PM YRUU, Lock-in Begins, Sanctuary | 21 9 AM YRUU, Lock-in Ends, Sanctuary |
| 22 6 PM YRUU, Rm 4 | 23 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site | 24 Eve: University UUs, off-site | 25 7:30 PM Choir, Sanctuary | 26 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch, off-site | 27 6 PM University UUs Coffee Hour, off-site | 28 |
| 29 6 PM, YRUU, Rm 4 | 30 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site | <p>Meridian Schedule: Please have your articles either e-mailed or turned into Kathie Mackie and Trudy Deyle no later than the second Sunday of every month. Please make your articles brief.</p>  | | | | |

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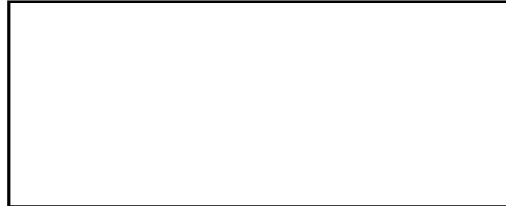
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Our Mission:

"The mission of UUCT is to be a liberal religious presence that supports individual spiritual quests and service to others in a community of open hearts, minds, and doors."

YOUTH EVENTS

See Youth RE (p. 4).

- * **YRUU** meets regularly Sundays, 6-8 PM.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

See Adult Enrichment (p. 5)

- * **Women's Spirituality**, Every Mon. 7:15 PM

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- * Thurs. 9/19, 7 PM.
Contact: Pres. Jennifer Carver (402-0622)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Open to All Interested

- * **Buildings & Grounds**, Mon. 9/9, 7:30 PM.

Contact Francis Ventre (402-3050).

- * **Capital Improvement**, Thurs. 9/12, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Committee on Ministry** Tues. 9/10, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Finance**, Mon. 9/16, 7 PM. Contact: Del DeTar (878-7895)
- * **Green Sanctuary (& Social Justice)**, Sun. 9/15, 12:30 PM.
Contact: Ed Oaksford (422-0240)
- * **Membership**, Wed. 9/4, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Trudy Deyle (422-1057)

- * **Music Committee**, Mon. 9/16, 7:15 PM.
Contact: Helen Falb (422-0603)
- * **Program**, Mon. 9/9, 7:15 PM. Contact: Richard Dempsey (671-2748)
- * **Racial & Cultural Diversity**, Thurs. 9/12, 7 PM. Contact: Nancy Bass (893-1806)
- * **Social Justice (& Green Sanctuary)**, Sun. 9/15, 12:30 PM. Contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun. 9/8, 9:30 AM. Contact: Kelley Turnage (553-9416)