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Every Sunday:

- 9:45 AM Choir Practice
- 9:45 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Child Care - until 12:30 PM
- 11:00 AM Youth RE for Pre-K - Middle School :
Summer Program 9/7,
Pre-K-Elem. classes begin 9/21,
Middle School OWL begins 9/28
- 6 PM Youth Group for ages 12 - 20.

Scheduled Adult Forum Topics:

- September 21: Susan Cerulean, *Heart of the Earth, on the Red Hills Anthology* & other projects
- September 28: Jim Dawson "Roots of the Conflict in Liberia"

The Meridian

We are delighted to request your attendance at the dedication of our newly completed facility on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

We will feel the joy and satisfaction at what we have accomplished, with your help. Come, see, and let us celebrate together! Ceremony at 12:15 PM in the Sanctuary followed by Reception and Community Open House with tours from 12:45 until 2:00 PM.

September Sundays (11:00 AM)

Sept. 7 | SRI Means Not Having to Say "Sorry"

SRI is Socially Responsible Investing. (It may be pronounced "s-ree" or "s-rye", not "saw-ry") S. R. I. comes in several flavors. Maybe one of them will taste good to you.
Rev. Amy McKenzie

Sept. 14 | Intergenerational Ingathering and Water Ceremony

...or—where did I put that container of water from my summer travels?! We'll share the names of the places we were this summer, including our own homes. Right after the service, we'll have a ritual to celebrate the new building—the water ceremony will flow into the dedication. *Note: Monthly Potluck will be third Sunday.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

Sept. 21 | How Moral Is "The Market?"

Some economists can answer this question in a way that satisfies your minister. Hint: don't even try to tell me that 'the market' is morally neutral! We'll share Candles of Joy, Sorrow and Concern today. *Note: Potluck after the service.* **Rev. Amy McKenzie**

Sept. 28 | How Can We Keep From Singing (and playing, and listening, and moving, and...)

We'll gather for our annual celebration of the universal joy in both music-making and taking. We'll be renewed by the power of song as we explore our hymnals by singing some new hymns, in addition to taking requests for our old favorites. The spoken word will be oh-so-brief at this service! All are welcome here...even (and especially) those of us who may have been told not to sing in the high school chorus!

Music Director Helen Falb

Minister's Message

By Rev. Amy McKenzie

A trip to the bank yielded the best one liner of the month: "After 2 PM, today is tomorrow." Wow! Upper level physics behind the tellers' plexiglass! All times are happening at once. After 2 PM, today is tomorrow. That's brilliant. The teller meant that the money you deposit at 2:05 PM won't show up in your account until the next day.

If we trademark it before the bank does, we can run these ads.

Decide and Act: Today is Tomorrow. Everything we do and everything we don't changes who we can be or can't be. Do right.

9/11: Today is Tomorrow.

With no year placed on the end, 9/11 is only 364 days away at the most. In fact, 2003 is the two-year commemoration of the jet Terror Attacks on the U.S. Shall we remember 9/11/01? We had better!

Shall we then act as many people did when it was "tomorrow," on 9/12/01?—with compassion. United in the drive to a) help each other b) reduce religious psychopathology but also c) strengthen interfaith understanding and d) find solace and direction in our religion.

Wave at Everyone: Today is Tomorrow

If you drive or walk or wheel around in my neighborhood, I will wave at you. ("Neighborhood" means the area a lively toy poodle on a leash, with great endurance, walks during the day.) I will wave whether you are one of my next-door neighbors or a short-cut seeker. Most people wave back, some even raise their coffee cups to me. It was nice to walk the dog in my neighborhood today, and I look forward to pleasant interactions tomorrow.

We'd look silly waving at everyone at church, but the wave concept works for UUCTers to greet and talk. "Our church" means Sunday morning Forum and youth religious education and the service and Sunday evening YRUU youth group; "Our church" means committee meetings, adult enrichment groups, choir practice, work days; "Our church" means off-site gatherings like pot-lucks, Mom's Night Out, the Shelter meal, Riley House, and TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry).

Greet and talk with everyone! Old timers, middlers, and newbies. Raise your coffee mugs to each other! Today is tomorrow, so how we feel at church can carry us through the next day and week, or it can make us steer clear and never come near UUCT again. Enrich each other.

See you soon,
(Rev.) Amy

President's Message

By Neil Mooney

"GREAT EXPECTATIONS" SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

There are a lot of awfully bright members in our church. For them I quote...

GOETHE:

"Treat a man as he is, he will remain so. Treat a man the way he can be and ought to be, and he will become as he can be and should be."

And for the rest of us;

YOGI BERRA:

"You got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."

Greetings! So you're thinking of attending, but what will a morning of "Great Expectations" be? Well, what we want and what we get may be two different things, with an adventure in getting there. But I say - at some risk - that this is the basic idea: Successful Congregations are no different from other successful entities.

- They have manifest goals and an understanding of how to attain them.
- They are democratic organizations which clearly tell their elected leaders what is expected of them.
- They are composed of vibrant members who fulfill the expectations of their Congregation and leadership.

- The members and leadership are active on every level, and

- It is known what is expected on both sides of the leadership fence.

What are we? A very successful Congregation with plenty of room for improvement. Already several dozen of your fellows have signed up to attend the above session, which will be lead by Connie Goodbread through the Florida District Office. I hope you will be able to join us and thereby enhance the UUCT, because whether your church provides what you expect may just be a self-fulfilling prophecy. Ask Goethe (or Yogi).

In Community, Neil

Announcements



R.E. BAKE SALE - BAKERS ARE REQUESTED!

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

Board Meeting Schedule

The Board is meeting once a month from now on, generally on the first Thursday of the month. As always, members and friends are welcome to attend Board meetings.

Check Out Lifespan RE Brochure

Stop by the RE table on Sundays to look over the Lifespan Religious Education brochure. You'll be impressed by how much we have to offer at UUCT for children, youth and adults!

Visitor Brochure Available

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

Let's Lock-In A Good Rate

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

Pledge Statements

Half of our 136 pledging units have requested only a year-end statement in June. This is okay for those committed to a single payment. Others are making periodic payments but wish to ease my job. Unfortunately, past history shows many find pledge completion difficult in June. Collecting Treasurer Thomas Chase (422-1985) will appreciate calls from any wanting quarterly statements.

Still Accepting 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 in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)
- Write separate checks for the operating budget (payable to UUCT) and Capital Campaign (payable to UUCT Building Fund).
- At this time of year please indicate whether annual pledge checks are for FY 02-03 or FY 03-04.

New Building: Walls & Night Exits

Please do not use push pins, nails or any kind of tape on the walls in the new building. We are planning on putting up strips of cork from which items can be hung. This will keep the walls in good shape and allow us to make changes in what is hung as frequently as we like.

Also, if you attend a meeting or other function in the new building at night, please plan on entering and exiting from the sides that are lit, not from the courtyard sides. Until we install some lighting in the courtyard, it is dark and



CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS, KITCHEN AND GARAGE!

Our annual yard sale to raise money for the operating budget is scheduled for Saturday, November 1, so this is a reminder to start cleaning out your closets, storage rooms, kitchen, and garage. We will accept anything you don't want that is 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 or to volunteer. Also, if you are not sure an item would sell, please consult with Maria. We did have quite a few items donated last year which did not end up selling and hope to avoid the same thing happening this year.

treacherous walking on that side at night. The planned courtyard lighting went along with the walkway canopies that had to be deferred for now. We are working on some interim lighting ideas.

At The Back of The Sanctuary

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

Appreciation



To:

- * **Jane Harris** for the generous contribution to our Building Fund in memory of her husband, **Charlie Terrell**.
- * **Peggy Lentz, Joe and Jean Chulak, Linda Winn-Brown, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Barbara Sterling, Linda and Ed Oaksford, Elinor Elfner, Marty Beech, and Jim Dawson** for greeting on Sunday mornings 7/27 - 8/24.
- * **Kelley Turnage, Christine Boczarska, Carolyn Pardue, Lorin Pratt, Isabel Sheridan, Pauline Masterton, Jim Dawson, and Annette Pearce** for hosting hospitality 7/27 - 8/24.
- * **Susan Snyder, Frank Deasy, Jim Dawson, Isabel Sheridan, Pauline Masterton, Jerri Lee Wagner, Neil Mooney, Dexter Easton, Nancy Ball, Eleanor Enge, Richard Dempsey Susan Angel, and Gary Robinson** for being clean up "heroes" and **everyone else** who helped with clean up 7/27 - 8/24.
- * **Sally Andersen, Joan Patterson, Mary Persons, Erin Hamilton, Diana Ortiz, and Dan Damerville** for helping with the August Shelter Meal.
- * **Debbie Wolfe** for being a great co-teacher in the August 24 RE class.
- * The **Turnages** for cleaning up and donating stepping stones for the August 31 children's RE Fun Day project.
- * To **Bob Kenon and Bill Mackie** and all **others** who brought their used laser jet and inkjet cartridges to church for our *InkBank* recycling program.

Workday Appreciations

A huge thank-you to those who helped at one, two, three or all four move-in, playground and sanctuary Saturday workdays on August 2, 9, 16 & 23.

For helping at one: **Susan Angel, Don Berger, Christine Boczarska, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, Joe Chulak, DeLos DeTar, Ethan Deyle, Dexter Easton, Helen Falb, Melissa and Paul Forgey, Ludy Goodson, Malte Haupt, Sharman Herrin and Charles Shelfer, Walter Hoskins, Dick Leinberry, Kathie, Kelly and Holly Mackie, Neil Mooney, Linda and James Oaksford, Howard Pardue, Jeanne Ryder, Marion Smith, Barbara Sterling, Mary Stewart, Lee Tanner, Kelley, Allen, Jackson and Preston Turnage, Jerri Lee Wagner, and Debbie Wolfe.**

For helping at two workdays: **Norene Chase, Nina Cline, Trudy Deyle, Elinor Elfner and John Whitton, Randall Gann, Scott, Daniel and Devin Geraci, Dave Harvey, Pam Hoskins, Bob Kenon, Billy Mackie, Dorothy Mann, Rev. Amy McKenzie, Ed Oaksford, Mary Persons, and Lorin Pratt.**

For helping at three workdays: **Richard Dempsey, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Maggie Geraci, Mimi Jones and Bill Brubaker, George Knight, Joe Lama, and Steve Urse.**

For helping at all four workdays: **Tom Chase and Francis Ventre.**

Thanks to **Peggy Lentz** for serving lunch for two of the workdays and **Carolyn Pardue** for serving lunch for one of them, and to **Isabel Sheridan** and **Howard Pardue** for providing assistance.

To **Dylan, Harper and Harris Geraci, Aidan and Emerson Forgey, Nolan Turnage and Becky and Katie Hoskins** for the moral support of their presence at one or more workdays!

Also to **Billy Mackie** for spending a Friday afternoon in August mowing the lawn, spreading playground mulch and helping pick up surplus furniture.

And finally, many thanks to those who helped empty the sanctuary and tear down the old stage on a Sunday afternoon in August, in preparation for the sanctuary re-carpeting: **Tom and Norene Chase, Ron Crowe, Richard Dempsey, Bob and Trudy Deyle, Elinor Elfner, Randall Gann, George Knight, Howard Pardue, Joe Lama, Rev. Amy McKenzie, Steve Urse, Victor Venos, and Jerri Lee Wagner.**

Butterfly Garden Appreciations

Pam Hoskins would like to thank all who participated in the Green Sanctuary Committee Youth RE Butterfly Garden class on August 17. Those who donated plants: **Christine Boczarska, Elinor Elfner, Ellen Lain and Rev. Amy McKenzie, Ed Oaksford, Lorin Pratt and Claudia Joyner, Isabel Sheridan, Kelley, Preston and Jackson Turnage, Steve Urse, and Gwendolyn Waldorf and Elizabeth Bryan.** A lovely purple Butterfly Bush was donated anonymously in honor of **Margaret Mooney** for her hard work and accomplishments as Chair of the 2003 Canvass. Thank you also to the **RE students** who helped with the planting, and the adults who assisted: **Walter Hoskins, Linda Jamison, Ed Oaksford, Steve Urse** (who has also provided consultation), and **Gwendolyn Waldorf.** We made a beautiful garden together.

Thank You from Kathie Mackie

To **everyone** who came to my birthday potluck July 31st and for the special gifts, cards, & gifts of money. It really made the day special. A special thank you to **Trudy Deyle** for organizing this potluck for me every year.

Lifespan Religious Education



Youth Religious Education (RE)

Next Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, August 3, 9:30 AM

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

Youth RE Registration

Registration for the upcoming year in Youth RE will be held **through Sunday, September 7**. RE Classes will begin on September 21. The Middle School OWL class will begin September 28. New registrants should stop by the RE Table to fill out a registration form. Parents of currently registered children received a printout of the information on file to update. Please return the forms and any corrections to DRE Maggie Geraci on or before September 7.

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

Youth RE Teacher Workshop

Volunteers who have signed up to teach religious education during the 2003 – 2004 year are invited to a Teacher Workshop, held on **Saturday, September 13, 2003, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**. Breakfast will be served; please bring a dish to share. Policies and procedures, teaching strategies, and curricula will be discussed. Teaching teams will have a chance to meet and work out schedules. For more information, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

September 7 Class: Manatees

Manatee fans can learn all about manatees, and how we can protect them, in the September 7 RE class. Kids will hear from guest speaker Bonnie Abellera, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, and make their very own stuffed manatee, in this Green Sanctuary Committee Youth RE class. For more information, call Pam Hoskins, 893-5039.

Thank-You

Thanks to the volunteers who taught a summer RE class: **Susan Angel, Barbara Donaldson, Pam Hoskins, Linda Oaksford, Mary Stewart and Pippin Whitaker**. We appreciate your help!

Middle School OWL Parent Orientation

A Parent Orientation for the Middle School Our Whole Lives program will be held on **Sunday, September 7 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. Our Whole Lives is a progressive approach to sexuality education that deals with the totality of human sexuality in an age-appropriate manner. This year, the OWL curriculum will be the chosen material for the Middle School RE class (grades 6 through 8). The Parent Orientation will provide parents with an overview of the program and its underlying values, ways that parents can support their children's participation in the program, and support to parents in their role as sexuality educators of their children.

At least one parent of every child must attend this orientation in order for the child to be enrolled in the program. Light refreshments will be provided, and childcare will be available upon advanced request. For more information, please contact the teachers: Scott Geraci (877-6301 or sgeraci10@comcast.net) or Chelsea Fox (222-3931 or Chelsuu@yahoo.com).

Our Whole Lives K - 2nd Grade

From Pam Hoskins:

I am excited and honored to be able to teach Our Whole Lives to our youngest RE students this autumn. The children, and their parents, who will also participate, will have an enriching educational experience during this special 8-session class, which will take place outside of RE class time.

In my work as a clinical social worker, I have enjoyed providing sexuality education to older children and adolescents. With OWL, my co-teacher and I will be able to work with parents in our faith community in teaching about sexuality within the context of Unitarian Universalist values. The information the children receive will be appropriate for their age and developmental needs. It will answer the kinds of questions five, six, and seven year olds have. They will learn about their bodies and how they work, gender identity and gender roles, the concept of bodily privacy, what to do if they are sexually abused, the different kinds of families, and "where babies come from." This won't be dull for them, because we will use stories, songs, games, movement activities, crafts, and keeping a journal.

Our Whole Lives nurtures the self-esteem, forges a strong bond between parent and child, fosters loving, healthy relationships, and affirms diversity. Teaching OWL to my daughter Becky and other children I have come to care about at UUCT will be pleasurable and fulfilling. I'm looking forward to getting started on this important work.

YRUU (Youth Group for Ages 12 -20)

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

YRUU Kick-Off Meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 6-8 PM, UUCT Sanctuary. All UUCT Youth ages 12-20 and their parents are invited to join us for this orientation session for our

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youth group, the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU). Contacts for information below.

YRUU Lock-In: Friday, November 7, 6:00 PM - Saturday, November 8, 10:00 AM. Come to meetings to learn more and sign-up.

FL District Con Schedule Fall:

- September 19-21 Transition-In CON Tampa (This CON is especially for youth ages 12-14.)
- October 3-5 All-Age CON Orlando
- November 14-16 All-Age CON Clearwater
- December 5-7 Social Action CON TBA

For more information, call YRUU Advisors Jennifer and DeWayne Carver (402-0622), Rod and Jan Oldenburg (297-0391), Christine Boczarska (893-7079), or Howard Pardue (386-1494) or YRUU Youth Contact Ethan Deyle (422-1057).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

UPCOMING CLASSES:

The Artist's Way, a course of activities based on the book by the same name, will meet on Saturdays from 2:00 - 3:30 PM in the large room in the new building (Rm L) starting September 27th. Amy Mann will lead the group in exercises including writing, dancing, guided meditations, drawing, etc. Come stretch your creative side. Contact Amy at amann@infionline.net or 222-1420 for more information.

Civil Liberties will be the topic of a study circle. This issue was chosen by the UUA as the 2002-2004 Study/Action Issue of the Commission on Social Witness.

UU's have a long-standing reputation as champions of civil liberties. With the events surrounding terrorist attacks, our government has embarked on drastic steps towards security. These steps need to be subjected to honest study and criticism. The study circle will review the USA-PATRIOT Act, domestic surveillance issues, and identify implications for our daily lives and freedoms. We will be prepared to comment upon the UUA's Statement of Conscience on Civil Liberties.

The organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 PM in Rm C, to decide times to meet and resources to study. If interested, please review this website <http://www.uua.org/csw/2003guide.htm> For information, please contact Annette Pearce at 386-4053.

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

New UU sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT. They are taught by Rev. Amy and a UUCT member. The first sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays, September 23 and 30 from 7-9 PM, with the next scheduled for Mondays, November 3 and 10. Location: Rm C. Contact the church office (385-5115) or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057) if interested.

A Religion of Nature. Donald Crosby will lead an extended look at the topic introduced in his July 20 sermon starting Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM in Room C. Get a copy of the book and read chapter one before the

first class. (Paperback edition about \$13.50 plus shipping.) Contact Don at 385-3292 or donald.crosby@att.net.

Tai Chi Ch'uan classes taught by Ben Fusaro (297-2052, 644-4414) will begin September 6 and continue for eight Saturdays. Classes will meet in Rm 3 and 6 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM, except for September 6 when it will be 8:30 - 9:30 AM. Mr. Fusaro has been studying teaching the ancient system of physical culture known as Tai Chi Ch'uan since 1963. Health and relaxation are developed as the legs, diaphragm, and heart are gently but thoroughly exercised.

OPEN PARTICIPATION

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

zenTAOBuddhist Sangha

Is UUCT full of Sleeping Buddhists (Zen Buddhists in particular) who really would like to explore and learn more about the so-called "Eastern religions" like Hinduism, Buddhism, Sufiism, Taoism, Zen Buddhism, meditation techniques (like zazen), etc? Would you like to meet others with the same desire, on some sort of regular basis? (Or come to a time-limited "workshop" on Buddhism or Zen or Eastern religions?) Would learning and practicing a few meditation techniques interest you?

The zenTAOBuddhist Sangha didn't die (I think) – it just evolved into its "caterpillar" phase of metamorphosis – waiting to become a butterfly. UUCT's dormant Sangha awaits your creative energy and ideas to wake it up again. Just "wake up" yourself – and let's do it! I'm ready if you are. Contact Sangha Coordinator William Adkins (385-5071, wmadkins@infionline.net).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Chelsea Fox, Campus Ministry Coordinator

Fall semester is here. Schedules are filling up and plans are being made. I'm very excited to begin this semester and to see some new faces at meetings. At this very early point in the semester, we're still constructing the framework of what our campus

ministry will look like. As always we'll have our usual discussion meeting during the week, and additional Friday night coffee hour. Check the order of service for specific days and times of those meetings. Look out for the Campus Ministry Sunday service in

November and other events throughout the year.

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

Social Justice

By Rev. Amy and Isabel Shieridan, Racial & Cultural Diversity Committee Chair

TEAM (Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry) Is Ready To Play!

It is time for us and the other faith communities we have worked with for several years to ask elected officials to make changes that will help low and middle income people in the Tallahassee Area.

Monday, September 22, 6:30 PM, ACTION at Faith Presbyterian Church just up the street from us. But before that, the Rally is on Monday, September 8, 6:30 PM at New Mount Zion AME (where the Issues and Covenant Assembly was). At the Rally, learn what issues we'll ask elected officials to act on.

If 10 people go to the Rally and each person finds 3 additional UUCTers to come on September 22, we'll make a great showing for UUCT and for TEAM. Wouldn't you want our elected officials to know that Unitarian Universalists care and will work for justice?!

The areas of study and action are: Teen/Juvenile Issues (Rosa Morgan was on this committee), Health Care, and Housing/Homelessness.

What TEAM will ask of elected official:

1) Teen/Juvenile Issues: To support the proposed Teen Center.

2) Health Care: For the County Commission to extend a property tax that will make funding permanent for health care for the poor, elderly and students; and for the County

Commission to work with TEAM to develop a plan for publicizing the facilities that service the uninsured.

3) Housing/Homelessness: For the City Commission to approve the Round-Up program, to include all utility customers (opting out is possible). Utility bills will be rounded up to the next whole dollar. The difference between the amount owed and the next dollar would become a donation to Round Up to be distributed to help end homelessness and increase housing.

Harmony Camp Update

It's been a busy month for the Harmony Camp Committee. We have a director, Kate Taluga, the well-known and loved director of after-school activities at the Charter School of the Arts and Sciences (SAS). She was recommended to the committee by several of our parents whose children have blossomed under her care at SAS. Kate has just returned to town after spending the summer directing diversity camps all over the country. She spent three evenings working with the Grant-writing Sub-committee as they prepared the application for UUA funding. She will be training the staff in the spring and summer, too.

Meanwhile, the Curriculum Sub-committee met to develop the Camp mission and goals and recruit staff. We are very excited that twenty members and friends have committed their time and talent a full year in advance.

The full committee met twice to share reports and work out insurance, finance, and background check details.

Almost 30 of our RE youth and children from the Multi-cultural Families Group have expressed an interest in attending. And several of our teens have already agreed to serve as junior counselors as they earn community service hours.

Would you like to get involved? Come to our next Committee meeting: Sunday, September 28 at 4:30 PM in our new, large multi-purpose room. Questions? Contact Joanne Taylor, Chair, at 893-9024 or taylorjoanne@earthlink.net.

Support Riley House

The Riley Center/Museum is seeking craft vendors for its 4th Annual Riley House Rock and "Culture to Culture" Holiday Celebration, a part of the City of Tallahassee's Winter Festival and Celebration of Lights. The event will take place on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 AM. to 2:00 PM. The Riley Center/Museum, the event host, is located near downtown Tallahassee and, since its inauguration, has attracted hundreds of visitors to the museum. The event is a prime opportunity to capitalize on the holiday shopping frenzy, and the set-up fee is reasonable. If you are interested in vending, please contact Tameka Hobbs (850-681-7881, thobbs@rileymuseum.org).

Green Corner



By Steve Urse, Green Sanctuary Committee Chair

Excitement is in the Air from the enthusiasm 13 plus UUs generated at the August Green Sanctuary Committee meeting. The Butterfly Garden is a reality thanks to Pam Hoskins and many others, youth and adults. The Sunday Forum, "A Religion of Nature" presented by Don Crosby, was the largest to date with 29 participants and a lively discussion. That forum was a prelude to an eight-week course facilitated by Don beginning in September.

So what activities should you be looking out for?

- 1) A Green Sanctuary Table set up outdoors after each Sunday service. There will be a GS Opportunities Calendar, a signup to get your Pledges to Combat Global Warming, information about current environmental issues and an opportunity to sign petitions.
- 2) A UUCT Green List-serve has been developed by Jack Martin. This will be

another communication device to receive green information about events and issues that are relevant to UU members and friends. The list-serve will also allow you to post matters. If you are interested in getting on this list-serve, let me (surse2@earthlink.net) or Jack Martin (jmartin2528@comcast.net) know.

3) Volunteers are needed for specific tasks:

- We need someone to work with Kathie on the administration and analysis of the Pledges to Combat Global Warming.
- We need someone to work with Kathie on the Cartridge Recycling Program (computer printers), which earns money for UUCT, by calling members who have the potential to contribute cartridges.
- And we need people willing to work on the Plant Sale portion of the UUCT Yard Sale November 1.

Green Events Calendar

Saturday, September 13: Participate in Coastal Cleanup of the Aucilla River and Sink Trail with Big Bend Sierra Club. This date is now one week earlier than originally reported in the August *Meridian*.

Saturday, September 20: Explore Bald Point State Park with Heart of the Earth to celebrate the vernal equinox. (Contact: Ed Oaksford, 422-0240.)

Keep up the innovations like: the Oaksfords buying an energy efficient washer, following the lead of Elinor Elfner who wrote about this in the August *Meridian*, and the Crosbys hiring Native Nurseries to develop an environmentally friendly, low maintenance yard.

See you outdoors, Under the Blue Dome!

About Our New Members

Jonathan Leib. Jonathan is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Geography, FSU. He was born and raised in central New Jersey, attended graduate school in Syracuse, NY, and taught in Statesboro, GA and Las Cruces, NM, before moving to Tallahassee. He and his wife, Gretchen (an occupational therapist), have been married for four years. They have one child, Charlotte Beatrix, born on April 23 of this year. Jonathan's interests include his wife, their daughter, and their dog. His hobbies include travel, following professional baseball, hockey and college basketball, and collecting automobile license plates.

Jonathan was raised in Orthodox Judaism and still considers himself ethnically and culturally Jewish. In college, he became increasingly turned off by the strict rules, unwavering support for Israel, and stern prohibitions against inter-faith marriage. In recent years, he restarted his quest to find a religious community, beginning with more liberal branches of Judaism. However, while he still finds much to like about Judaism as a religion, he is uncomfortable with the priorities of its institutions in this country, as he senses them to be: a rightward drift, an often uncritical obsession with Israel, and a mourning over the growing number of inter-faith marriages, such as his.

Jonathan says he was drawn to Unitarian Universalism because it is an open and accepting religion that does not impose one religious point of view but instead celebrates religious pluralism and allows its members to seek their own religious paths. Also, given his personal and professional interests in racial and social justice, he was drawn to the "outstanding" history and strong commitments in these areas. At UUCT, he hopes to find "a caring, committed, and intellectually stimulating congregation that practices what it 'preaches'." As the parent of a three-month old, he doesn't have much extra time right now, but he is getting (and wants to get further) involved with the Racial and Cultural Diversity and Social Justice Committees.

About Our New Members (Continued)

Gwendolyn Brock Waldorf.

Gwendolyn was born in Georgia and grew up in Pensacola. She studied anthropology and history at FSU and worked as a museum professional before becoming a historical researcher/consultant. She is married to a biologist who works with the Park Service. They have one child, Elizabeth Bryan, who is a second grader at Cornerstone Learning Community. Elizabeth was adopted in an open adoption where her birth parents are considered part of the extended family. Gwendolyn's interests include: reading, theatre, travel, living

history, folk-life, parenting, wildflowers, birds, gardening, and yoga.

While she was growing up, Gwendolyn's family was active in the Baptist church. She visited various Protestant and Catholic churches in college, but felt alienated from organized religion, identified with agnosticism, and found a community in theatre and in her profession. At six, her daughter became interested in attending a church, and Gwendolyn sought one that would respect other cultures and religions, lack dogma, and encourage tolerance and peace.

When asked what UUCT can do for her and what she hopes to find and be involved in, Gwendolyn mentioned: a weekly renewal of hope and of pleasure and purpose in life, participation in celebrations of seasonal change without the need to defend doubts or pretend a faith, a community for her daughter where she can explore her own spirituality, involvement in meaningful action that will have more impact as part of a like-minded group, and the challenge brought by a variety of thoughts and opinions expressed concerning contemporary issues.

Annual Canvass News

By Margaret Mooney, 2003-04 Canvass Chair, and Isabel Sheridan, 2004-05 Chair

Canvass 2003-2004

This is the first issue of the Meridian in which we are including some of the hopes and dreams members and friends shared at the Canvass potlucks. We'll list them all, from September through February.

My hopes and dreams for this congregation are:

- A stronger, more active more open church full of kind, compassionate, open-minded, and courageous people.
- To grow and fulfill our potential.
- Completion of all the proposed buildings and improvements.
- Increased commitment both by members and friends.
- Time + dollars.
- That we will fully embrace humanist principles.

- A Fellowship Hall, filled with RE & Youth programs; leadership training/shared ministry, small group ministry.

- Complete the construction at church, on with the program!

- Continuing growth in programs, community, and commitment.

We are also including a chart comparing the pledge distribution this year (2003-2004) with that of last year (2002-2003). See page 13. Many members were able to significantly increase their pledges again this year. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in both your Gift of Money and your Gifts of Self.

Canvass 2004-2005

The opening of our wonderful new building has opened up so many opportunities for all of us - to do the

things we love in a new setting and to create some new programs, too. Watch that space for new Adult RE courses as well as a children's summer camp next year.

Watch this space to see how you can be involved in keeping the ball rolling, so to speak. The Canvass 2004-2005 is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer at various times during the year. We need an Incoming Chair, to learn the details this season and to chair the committee next year. We also need help with potlucks, publicity, paperwork, and communication. We hope to have new members as well as veteran members involved.

Contact Isabel Sheridan, Canvass Chair if you'd like to help (668-0785, iasheridan@nettally.com).

Notes from The Mountain



By Linda Winn-Brown, Mountain Ambassador

Elderhostel Programs - Many interesting Elderhostel events are planned for September and October at The Mountain. See Linda Winn-Brown

or check the bulletin board at the back of sanctuary for schedules and topics. Be thinking about our 2004 Church retreat at The Mountain. We are

hoping for a good turn out and a wonderful retreat. Let Linda know of your interest (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net).

Church Community News

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

A Contest for Children at UUCT!

For over a year as a new type of "Vice President" on the church board (your VP for Church Community), I've been trying to figure out what a "church community" really is. And what I am supposed to be doing to oversee it. I admit I am rather numb skulled about it and really don't have a definite answer, yet I sense what it must be. So I carry on... But I think I could use some help defining or describing it.

Whatever your age, please let me know your thoughts. But especially ...

... if you are a YRUUer or younger child at UUCT, please help me to understand the meaning of the words "church community" – What is it? Where is it? Why is it? You may know better than any adults here, especially me. It would be fascinating to see what the church "looks like" to you of a younger generation at our church. Let's make it a "Contest" – so submit your write-up, poem, or essay (no more than 150 words, please) to my church mailbox. If you win the Contest, your writing will appear here in this church column. And everyone at church will read it!

Children Are A Very Important Community at UUCT!

So, then, why don't we have a Meridian column devoted to news of, for, and by the children in our church?

Board Actions in August

The Executive Board met August 21, 2003 and took the following actions:

Approved the minutes of the July 17, 2003 board meeting, as amended.

Accepted the following financial reports: the Final Report for the 2002-03 fiscal year and the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet for the current fiscal year through July 2003.

Changed Policy H.1.4.3 to require only one signature on monthly checks for budgeted salaries, instead of two signatures for all checks over \$2,000.

Wouldn't this be fun to read? And put together? Then we could say that the Meridian was for people of all ages at our church. Pam Hoskins and I would be willing to help with this project if there was enough interest to do it. Let us know!

Spreading the Gospel of UUism outside the church ...

When is a birthday party more than a birthday party? When it is thirty or more (angelic) UU voices come to join in a "Super-O.K. Chorale," singing and echoing majestically through the grand lobby of Wakulla Springs Lodge, as we did on Saturday August 16th to wish John Murphy, 86, a happy birthday. Helen Falb, at a grand piano, with members of the O.K. Chorale, led us in three songs from our UU hymnal – "Come, Sing a Song with Me" (#346), "Gather the Spirit" (#347), and "Spirit of Life" (#123). O.K. Chorale John had chosen these as his very favorite hymns to be sung.

For non-proselytizing UUs, this musical form of "Good News ministry" – without the passing-out of UU leaflets or recitation of some brief elevator-sermon to a stranger – might be our simplest, easiest, and most beautiful way to share with others what our "religion" means to us.

At the party, Rev. Amy remarked to me, "We need more parties like this

one!" I agree. At Wakulla Springs or other beautiful locales around greater Tallahassee, let us go forth and celebrate birthdays with song! Thanks to Helen Falb, we UUs are a "singing church" – and what better way to share our little-known faith publicly than with more birthday parties like this one. This is the third year we've celebrated John's birthday at Wakulla with song and feast – and we will do it again and again. Next year, come join in our greater choir of UU voices.

Mark Your Late Autumn Festival Calendars Now!

Here are two very important Church Sanctuary Special Event dates you will want to write down now to plan your late fall calendar:

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 27, 1 PM, our annual Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner. Eleanor Moore will cook the turkey. Reverend John Murphy will give the blessing.

Friday Evening December 12, our annual Winterfest Christmas Holidays Celebration. A potluck winter feast with wassail, music, songs and Christmas caroling (with Helen Falb and the O.K. Chorale), storytelling, dancing, and general merry-making going into the winter season. Children very welcome!

Approved the use of UUCT building facilities for the Harmony Camp in summer 2004 as an in-kind donation.

Ratified Holly Mackie as Nursery Worker effective 8/1/03, provided her background check is clear.

Accepted the use of the Giving Tree to raise money for the Fellowship Hall Fund. The Giving Tree is a Plexiglas and wood tree sculpture that will be hung on the south wall of the large room of the new building and will record our progress towards our goal.

Welcome New Member

Gwendolyn Waldorf

Welcome New Friends

Kenn Bass

Jeanne Ryder

William Ryder

Membership

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

UUCT Name Tags

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

New Member Recognition

Sunday, October 5.

On-going Opportunities

- **Clean Up on Sunday:** To volunteer, contact Eleanor and Earl Enge (926-9352).
- **Hospitality on Sunday:** September Hospitality Chair: Joanne Taylor (893-9024).
- **Music Committee:** Music lovers, especially those not in choir, are needed. Contact Al Starr (383-2556).
- x **Shelter Meal:** Monday, September 8, 7:15 PM. To contribute or assist with, call Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

x **Social Justice Opportunity:** TCC's Reach Out Program (CROP) needs mentors for middle & high schoolers. Contact Isabel Sheridan (668-0785).

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

x **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Jean Chulak (385-2214 or jeanchulak@aol.com).

Dinners In Homes

Dinners for 8 (Adults Only or With Children) will resume soon. Dinners with Children will be for families and those wanting an intergenerational experience.

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

Baby, What's for Dinner?

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

Joys and Sorrows

We keep in our thoughts and prayers, minds and hearts « **Bettie Greenberg** as she continues to deal with persistent neck pain.

Congratulations to **Del and Patty DeTar** on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Our Board

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

Non-Voting Members are:

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

Nursery Volunteers Needed



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

The Committee on Ministry

Chair: Christine Boczarska (893-7079)

Bruce Brandt (893-5511)

Sara Reece (309-1933)

Rev. Amy is a non-voting member.

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/03) -174**
- **Current Membership - 177**
- **Current Number of Friends - 48**
- **Average Sunday Church Attendance for month of July - 92.5**
- **Average Sunday Attendance July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5**

Final Report on Operating Budget for 2002-2003

INCOME	Budgeted	Actual	
Pledges (collected thru 6/30/03)	153,264.00	142,950.30	
Pledges (collected 7/1/03 thru 8/10/03)	0.00	7,507.00	
Subtotal-Pledges recvd for 02-03	153,264.00	150,457.30	98%
Non-pledge Sunday collections	6,700.00	6,760.38	
RE fees	800.00	670.00	
Rental fees	5,000.00	3,857.00	
Interest from Finner Fund	400.00	402.89	
interest from Operating Funds	0.00	2,056.98	
Meridian subscriptions	100.00	50.00	
Hazel Richard's Fund interest	200.00	0.00	
Copy fees	50.00	92.05	
Other recurring income	0.00	66.50	
Fundraising	7,700.00	6,527.25	
Campus Ministry fundraising	0.00	1,231.00	
Transfer from Campus Ministry Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Carry-over for GA/Minister	750.00	750.00	
Subtotal-Non-pledge income	24,700.00	25,464.05	
TOTAL INCOME	177,964.00	175,921.35	
EXPENSES			
Administrative expenses	44,317.00	43,015.69	
UU Fair Share	9,508.00	10,492.00	
Campus Ministry Program	7,028.00	6,530.98	
Religious Education	15,055.00	13,734.39	
Music Program	19,896.00	19,823.00	
Other Programs and Committees	3,150.00	2,200.20	
Maintenance and Operation of Bldngs and Grounds	22,197.00	16,818.38	
Minister's Package	56,813.00	56,982.84	
TOTAL EXPENSES	177,964.00	169,597.48	
Difference (Income minus Expenses)	0	6,323.87	
OTHER UUCT ASSETS			
		06/30/03	
Prior Yr Pledges (from 01-02)		3,406.83	
Next Yr Pledges (for 03-04)		4,347.00	
Endowment Fund		153,767.94	
Capital Improvement Fund		7,642.86	
Reserve Fund		11,909.61	
Hazel Richard's Fund, Principal		10,119.20	
Hazel Richard's Fund, Interest		1,296.93	
Memorial Fund		888.84	
Campus Ministry Fund		2,543.94	
New Piano Fund		8,430.13	
Mortgage Fund		1,500.00	
Outreach Fund		2,636.16	
TOTAL OTHER UUCT ASSETS		208,489.44	

Outreach Funds

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	02-03 Income	TOTAL 02-03 INCOME	02-03 Expenditures	06/30/03 Balance to Carry Forward
The Shelter	470.81	1,993.49	2,464.30	1,761.68	702.62
ECHO	0	762.83	762.83	762.83	0.00
Minister's	-133.38	760.00	626.62	200.00	426.62
UUSC	0	257.29	257.29	257.29	0.00
UU-UNO	0	214.00	214.00	214.00	0.00
YRUU	714.42	490.00	1,204.42	385.83	818.59
Labor Day Mountain Retreat	140	400.00	540.00	0.00	540.00
RCDC Fundraising	0	203.11	203.11	54.78	148.33
Whitney Young Urban Ministries	0	101.55	101.55	101.55	0.00
Totals	1191.85	5,182.27	6,374.12	3,737.96	2,636.16

Money collected for the groups in the greyed areas is sent to them prior to June 30 each year and the account is "zeroed" out. All others carry over their balances to the next fiscal year.

Pledge Comparison

Pledge Range	2002 - 2003		2003-2004	
	No. of Pledges	Pledge Total	No. of Pledges	Pledge Total
\$10 - \$100	7	\$471	9	\$650
\$101 - \$200	14	\$2,170	13	\$2,065
\$201 - \$300	12	\$3,240	16	\$4,359
\$301 - \$400	7	\$2,640	5	\$1,920
\$401 - \$500	12	\$5,700	11	\$5,310
\$501 - \$750	18	\$11,395	14	\$8,861
\$751 - \$1,000	17	\$15,420	14	\$12,520
\$1,001 - \$1,250	12	\$14,220	7	\$7,940
\$1,251 - \$1,500	6	\$8,760	7	\$9,600
\$1,501 - \$2,000	9	\$15,840	11	\$20,260
\$2,001 - \$2,500	5	\$11,196	5	\$11,880
\$2,501 - \$3,000	3	\$8,700	1	\$2,772
\$3,001 - \$3,500	1	\$3,300	3	\$9,580
\$3,501 - \$4,000	6	\$22,280	5	\$19,000
\$4,001 - \$5,000	1	\$4,800	2	\$8,940
\$5,001 - \$6,000	1	\$6,000	1	\$5,880
Over \$6,000	3	\$22,558	4	\$32,100
Total	134	\$158,709	128	\$163,637

September UUCT Events, Social Activities & District Events

UU DOWNTOWN CHOW-DOWN, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3,

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).

GREAT EXPECTATIONS, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,

9:30 AM. For the entire congregation. See *President's Message*.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 7:30

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

MOM'S NIGHT OUT, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 PM.

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

COASTAL CLEANUP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 8:00 AM - NOON.

See *Green Corner* for details.

BUILDING DEDICATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 12:15 PM.

The formal dedication ceremony for our new building followed by an open-house for the community. Contact: Pauline Masterton (385-2879).

GLOBALIZATION STUDY CIRCLE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,

7:00 PM. This study circle continues to meet each third Thursday. Contact: Elinor Elfner (224-3651).

THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCK, SEPTEMBER 21, 12:30 PM.

Bring your favorite dish to share.

MULTICULTURAL FAMILIES GROUP, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.

Meeting details to be announced. Contact: Rosa Morgan (668-0885; www.multiculturalital.org).

UUCT Social Activities

See events write-ups for details.

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

- UU Downtown Chow-Down, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 11:30 AM
- Peace Dances, Saturday, Sept. 6, 7:30 PM
- Mom's Night Out, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 PM
- Monthly Potluck, Third Sunday, Sept. 21, 12:30 PM

DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE

STRANGE NEW WORLDS? If you do, join other Star Trek fans during the potluck, September 21. Just come to the designated table (Starfleet Headquarters), and we'll talk about Star Trek and plan getting together for a Star Trek-oriented fun social event. For more information contact Susan Angel (414-2374), or Pam Hoskins (893-5039, or pvhoskins@aol.com). Or, just show up at Headquarters.

UUCT PENNY POKER AND DESSERT PARTY

If you missed the chance to sign up for this fun—and food-filled fund raiser for the church (say that 10 times fast!), here's another opportunity. LaRae Donnellan will be hosting TWO penny poker and dessert parties at her home. There are five spots open for 2 PM, Sunday, September 28. And there are eight spots for 7 PM, Saturday, October 18. Cost per person is \$8, which will go to the church. To sign up, call LaRae at 668-2757. First come, first dealt a hand! No experience needed!

BOARD GAMES FOR ADULTS!

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

Florida District Events

SUPER SATURDAY WORKSHOPS, SEPTEMBER 20. Conducted by the Northwest Cluster of the Florida District and held in Ormond Beach.

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

SW CLUSTER FALL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8. Held in Naples, the workshop led by District Executive Mary C. Higgins will be: "Strengthening Your Congregation". Contact office if interested.

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

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

Let's Have a Super Turnout
Both of These Days
And Really Get Things in Shape!

Saturday, September 13, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: All-Church Workday to continue landscaping, marking parking spots, out-fitting the new building, making needed repairs to our old buildings, working on the playgrounds, etc.

Saturday, September 20, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Playground Workday to finish the Tot Lot and Main Playground.

Volunteers are also needed both days to serve lunch to the workers. You'll be reimbursed for the cost of the food.

To volunteer, contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com), Maggie Geraci (877-6301, DREMaggie@comcast.net) or Francis Ventre (402-3050, mfventre@aol.com).

September 2003 Calendar of Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>New Building Rm L - Large Room Rm C - Corner Room Rm K - Kitchen to Be Rm N - Nursery</p>	<p>1 Office Closed 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 11:30 AM UU Chow-Down, off-site 7 PM Green Sanc., Rm 2 7:15 PM Membership, Rm 2 7:30 PM Choir, Room L</p>	<p>4 7 PM Board Meeting, Rm C</p>	<p>5 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p>6 8:30-9:30 AM Intro. to Tai Chi Ch'uan Class, Rm 3&6 9 AM-12:PM Landscape Planting Retreat 9:30 AM-12:30 PM Great Expectations Workshop, Sanc. 1-4 PM Board 7:30 PM Peace Dances</p>
Rev. Amy Away						
<p>7 9:30 AM Youth RE Comm., Rm 2 11 AM RE Registration 3-5 PM MS OWL Parent Orientation, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6</p>	<p>8 6:30 PM TEAM Rally, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site 7:15 PM Shelter Meal, off-site</p>	<p>9 6-8 PM YRUU Kick-off, Sanc. 6:30 PM Mom's Night Out, off-site 7 PM RCDC, Rm 2 7 PM Civil Liberties, Rm C</p>	<p>10 7 PM A Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Rm L</p>	<p>11 7:15 PM CIC, Rm C</p>	<p>12 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM-Noon, RE Teacher Workshop, Sanc. 8:30 AM-12:30 PM Prog Comm Retreat, Rm L 9 AM-1PM All Church Workday 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 GS Coastal Clean-Up</p>
<p>14 12 PM <i>Meridian</i> Deadline 12:15 PM Building Dedication 12:45 PM Building Tours 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6</p>	<p>15 7 PM Finance, Rm 2 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p>	<p>16 11:30 AM Personnel, off-site</p>	<p>17 7 PM A Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Rm L</p>	<p>18 7-9 PM Globalization Study Circle, Rm 2</p>	<p>19 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p>20 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 9 AM-1PM Playground Workday GS: Explore Bald Point State Park</p>
<p>21 12:15-1:30 PM Adult RE, Rm 2 12:30 PM Potluck 12:30 PM Multicultural Families Group 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6</p>	<p>22 6:30 PM TEAM Action, off-site 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group, off-site</p>	<p>23 7 PM New UU Class, Rm C</p>	<p>24 7 PM A Religion of Nature, Rm C 7:30 PM Choir, Rm L</p>	<p>25 7:15 PM COM</p>	<p>26 6 PM University UUs, off-site</p>	<p>27 9-10 AM Tai Chi, Rm 3&6 2-3:30 PM Artist's Way, Rm L</p>
<p>28 2 PM Poker Fund Raiser 4:30 PM Harmony Camp Planning, Rm L 6 PM YRUU, Rm 3&6</p>	<p>29 7:15 PM Women's Spirituality group, off-site</p>	<p>30 7 PM New UU Class, Rm C</p>	<p>Non-UUCT Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Tuesday, 6:00 PM, <i>Spiral Scouts</i> (Rm 4 or next available room) • Every Thursday, 7:15 PM <i>Zen Meditation</i> (Sanctuary) • Every Thursday, 7:30 PM <i>Ben Fusaro Tai Chi Class for Instructors Only</i> (Room 3 & 6) • Every Sunday, 6:30 PM <i>Urantia</i> (Rm 2); 7:00 PM <i>Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church</i> (Sanctuary) 			

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Our Mission:

"The mission of
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YOUTH EVENTS

See *Youth RE* (p. 5).

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

ADULT ENRICHMENT

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- * **Artist's Way**, Sat. 9/27,
2:00 PM. Amy Mann
(222-1420)
- * **Civil Liberties**, Tues.
9/9, 7:00 PM, Annette
Pearce (386-4053)
- * **New UU**, Tues. 9/23 &
9/30, 7:00 PM. Trudy
Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Religion of Nature**,
Wed. 9/10 on, 7:00 PM.
Don Crosby (385-3292)
- * **Tai Chi Ch'an**, Every
Sat., 9:00 AM, exc. 8:30
AM 9/6. Ben Fusaro
- * **Women's Spirituality**,
Every Mon. 7:15 PM.
Bonnie Foster
(539-5563)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- * Thurs. 9/4, 7 PM.
Pres. Neil Mooney
(893-8250)

COMMITTEES MEET

Open to All Interested

- * **Adult RE**, Sun. 9/21,
12:15 PM. Bruce Brandt
(893-5511)
- * **Buildings & Grounds**,
Next: Mon. 10/6, 7:30
PM. Francis Ventre
(402-3050)
- * **Capital Improvement**,
Thurs. 9/11, 7:15 PM.
Trudy Deyle (422-1057)
- * **Committee on
Ministry**, Thurs. 9/25,
7:15 PM. Christine
Bocazarska (893-7079)
- * **Finance**, Mon. 9/15, 7
PM. Del DeTar
(878-7895)

- * **Green Sanctuary**, Wed.
9/3, 7 PM. Steve Urse
(385-2864)
- * **Harmony Camp**, Sun.
9/28, 4:30 PM Joanne
Taylor (893-9024)
- * **Membership**, Wed. 9/3,
7:15 PM. Trudy Deyle
(422-1057)
- * **Personnel**, Tues. 9/16,
11:30 AM. Margaret
Mooney (893-8250)
- * **Program**, Sat. 9/13,
8:30 AM. Eric Draper
(668-5075)
- * **Racial & Cultural
Diversity**, Tues. 9/9,
7 PM. Isabel Sheridan
(668-0785)
- * **Social Justice**, No
Sept. meeting. Jennifer
Handel (264-6313)
- * **Youth RE**, Sun. 9/7,
9:30 AM. Kelley Turnage
(553-9416)