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Every Sunday:

9:45 AM Choir Practice: exc. 9/11

9:45 AM Adult Forum

10:30 AM Child Care - until
12:30 PM

11:00 AM Youth RE

• Fun Day 9/4

• Start 9/18:

Pre-K - Elementary Classes

Middle/High School Youth Group

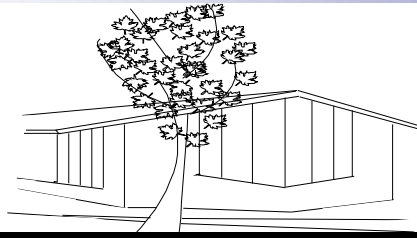
Middle/High School Discussion
Group (1st & 3rd Sun.)

Adult Forum Topics:

- Sept. 4 TBA
- Sept. 11 TBA
- Sept. 18 Tony Lloyd,
"Guantanamo Prison: A Personal
View from Inside the Wire"
- Sept. 25 TBA

September Highlights:

- Welcoming Reception for Rev. Murchison, Sat. 9/10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Church Council meeting, Sun. 9/18, 12:30 PM
- Tolerance & Dialog Picnic, Sat. 9/24, 3:00 PM (Intergenerational)



The Meridian

September Sundays (11:00 AM)

Sept 4 | The Walrus Speaks?

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. It's September—where has the summer gone? As one season recedes and another draws closer, our congregation also prepares for a new *spiritual* season. We welcome Rev. Bill Murchison, who has just traveled from the rolling hills of Tulsa to the piney woods of Tallahassee to lead us in our next stage of growth. This is the interim year for UUCT, and our new minister's sermon today will discuss needs to be addressed during these months together.

Speaker: Rev. Bill Murchison; Worship Associate: Christine Boczarska

Sept 11 | Where Were You? (Intergen. Ingathering & Water Ceremony)

The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. Where were you this summer—far away or in your own neck of the woods—when you captured symbolic drops of water for this traditional UUCT service? Where were you on that fateful September 11 just four years ago? On this commemorative Sunday, Rev. Murchison will share with us his personal thoughts and observations regarding war and the issue of the World Trade Center. We'll share some joyful memories, too, as we celebrate our annual ingathering and water ceremony.

Speaker: Rev. Bill Murchison; Worship Associate: DeWayne Carver

Sept 18 | Margaret Fuller: An Authentic Life

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Margaret Fuller (1810–1850) had more influence on American thought than did any woman before her time. Author, educator, and teacher, Fuller contributed to the American Renaissance in literature and to mid-nineteenth-century reform movements as a brilliant and highly educated member of the transcendentalist group. Her major work, *Women in the Nineteenth Century* (1845), profoundly affected the women's rights movement, which formally began at Seneca Falls, New York, three years later. Women attending her "conversations" and many prominent men found Fuller's influence life changing. She remains an inspiration to those seeking authenticity in living. (We'll light candles of joy and concern; also Shelter meal collection.) **Speaker: Albert Starr; Lay Leader: Kristin King**

Sept 25 | Come Dream a Dream with Me

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. What is it that we wish for the future of this fine congregation? As someone once said to our new minister, "If you can dream it, you can do it." It is true that exceptional accomplishments can take place because we have "dreamed" that they will happen.

Speaker: Rev. Bill Murchison; Worship Associate: Richard Dempsey

WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM MINISTER, REV. BILL MURCHISON !!

Minister's Message

By Rev. Bill Murchison

It is a pleasure to write my first newsletter article for *The Meridian*. My journey to Tallahassee is one that I look forward to, and I am honored that you have selected me as your interim minister. This is not my first experience in this role. As some of you already know, I have been with nine previous congregations during their interim period.

It is my choice to do interim work, and yet I often think that it is not that I have chosen interim ministry, but that it has chosen me. This aspect of ministry is a tremendously rewarding experience. It is my calling, and I view it as a special and unique aspect of this profession.

A dictionary definition of "calling" is that it is a strong urge to follow a particular

profession or vocation. I agree with the definition. Yet, when I say that I am called, it also means that I have a particular responsibility in this chosen work. I understand that I am accountable to try and give my most effective ministry (i. e. to minister) to the congregation that I have chosen to serve. This is an important ethical duty as well as a superb challenge.

I have had the pleasure of meaningful involvement with congregations in Texas, Florida, Nevada, Louisiana, Missouri, Kentucky, and Oklahoma. Now it is my privilege to be back on the East Coast and to serve this congregation. We should have an interesting and enjoyable year.

Briefly, what I will try to accomplish is be involved with leadership and your

commitment to new leadership, to work toward assisting the congregation in coming to terms with its history, as well as new directions for the congregation as a whole. In addition, I will attempt to work with you on your connection to the Florida District and the UUA since both are important to the life and work of this church. Then there is this important idea for all of us to share, your commitment to the future.

It will be a full year, and yet it should also be an enjoyable year. I am excited about meeting with you, sharing with you and being with you during this transitional year. Yes, we may hit a speed bump or two along the way, but it is nothing that we can't handle. So saddle up; let's ride, not into the sunset but into a fulfilling future.

Revbill

"In the Interim" Discussions

During October, Rev. Bill will have a series of single-evening discussions with groups of twelve members and supporting friends. The subjects will be dealing with the loss of a minister and the interim process – the transition from losing a minister to finding a new

one. The groups will be limited to 12, so there can be real interaction with Rev. Bill and among those present.

Later this month, watch for: Sunday announcements with dates, sign-up sheets on Sundays, and a church-wide

email announcement with the opportunity to sign-up. Everyone who wishes to participate in these discussions will have the chance to do so. The night of the week they are offered will vary, in an effort to accommodate everyone's schedules.

President's Message

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

September is finally here! I'm not a parent with children returning to school, but I think I know the feeling. Rev. Bill Murchison has joined us at UUCT and will help us direct our efforts to heal and renew, and presumably without the laying on of hands (although I don't rule out anything).

UUCT has undergone many changes: the resignation of our minister, the loss of some members and friends whom were committed to our principles, the influx of many new members and friends whom we hope will become part of our shared vision, the ebb and

flow of youth in our Religious Education program, the conclusion of another successful Harmony Camp session, the conflicts on how we shall conduct the Sunday morning service, and the unwelcome surprises that pop up now and again and catch us behind the knees. Still we struggle, and still we are here trying anew to embody the principles we believe in. And now we have an ally to work alongside us and help us see more clearly where we are going and how we might get there.

As true UUs, we are not always an easy group of folks to work with. But that is what makes for interesting

memories. If there is one thing I know will remain steady at UUCT, it is change. I, and perhaps a few of you, too, need to loosen up to accept change as healthy for our congregational life. Stasis in nature is either death or ossification. While we want UUCT to be a pillar of the community, I don't think anyone wants that literally. So, let's dedicate ourselves to try new approaches, to be open to new ways of dealing with our church life. We have a steady, well-experienced hand to hold in the one extended by Rev. Bill Murchison.

In faith, Christine

Announcements



Board Meeting Time

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

Date Set for Auction

Sunday, November 13, has been set as the date for the church silent auction this year. Please mark your calendars and plan to both donate and come bid. Watch for a notice in Sunday announcements about donation forms, available in the back of the sanctuary starting about the 3rd Sunday in September. This is one of the main fundraisers to help support the operating budget, so we hope you come prepared to have fun and take home some exciting items or services.

Change UUCT's Slogan?

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

Please Claim Your Things!

Please take a moment to look on the rolling cart in the kitchen and take home anything that is yours. Items not claimed will go to Goodwill.

A maroon cooler was left in the kitchen several months ago. Please come pick it up!

New UUCT Directory

In early September, a completely new UUCT directory will be e-mailed to all members and supporting friends who have e-mail. Members and supporting friends who do not have e-mail may request a copy from the church office. Distribution of the complete directory was delayed in order to have it be as up-to-date as possible, with the new program year starting.

Audio Tapes

Audiotapes of Sunday services are available for 4-week loan. Sign-out info. and tapes are in the church audio closet. Contact: Gwendolyn Waldorf (dcbgbw@comcast.net, 668-3346).

Office Closed Some Mondays

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

UU B & B Directory

For 25 years, the UU bed and breakfast directory, *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*), has provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people. You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us (828-281-3253, info@uurehome.com), and we'll send you information about listing your accommodations.

UU're Home has recently launched a new website at www.UUreHome.com, where entries are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition, which is published every year in April, is still available (and has many more listings than the website). For a copy, send a check for \$18 to UU're Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.

Donations of Stock

To give a donation to UUCT in the form of stocks, bonds or mutual funds, please contact Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net, 309-1248). Donations may be made to fulfill your annual pledge or for any special fund of the church. Take advantage of tax-related deductions.

Print Cartridge Recycling

Bring your used, brand-name inkjet and laser cartridges to UUCT for this Green Sanctuary program. Spread the word at your place of business, school, etc. Pick up of large amounts of laser cartridges can be arranged. Contact: Kathie Mackie (385-5115).

Sunday Lay Leaders & Worship Associates

The Program Committee encourages interested members and friends to volunteer to be a Sunday lay leader (for lay-led services) and worship associate (for Rev. Murchison's services). Both require some time and effort but can be rewarding and enjoyable. Planning for services is done several months in advance. Contact for both: Program Committee Chair Kristin King (luz_antigua@earthlink.net, 425-4658).

Missing Hymnals

If you have borrowed a hymnal in the past, please check at home. We are missing some of UUCT's 100 hymnals. Order your own from the UUA Bookstore (www.uua.org/bookstore).

Make Sure Doors Are Locked

Routinely doors have been found unlocked in the new building. Please check all doors on both sides before leaving a classroom. After you close the door, pull the door handle to make sure it is locked. If you unlock a door, you are responsible for locking it or making sure someone else will.

News from the Program Committee

By Kristin King, Program Committee Chair

The Curtain Falls

Six months ago, though I put on a brave front, I harbored secret doubts. In the wake of Rev. Amy's departure, would we (the Program Committee, aided by members of the congregation and guest speakers) be able to pull it off—to conceptualize, develop, and present twenty-six consecutive Sunday services? In June I half-jokingly remarked that, by September, Program Committee members might be seen heading for the hills! But as tempting as that fantasy was at times, we hung in there. Truly "it takes a village" to create even a few quality worship services. We've all marveled at the talents of our UUCT "village" and witnessed some fine coalitions of speakers, musicians, and lay leaders.

As we all demonstrated our unique ways of preparing and presenting Sunday services (a process I found liberating!), something equally important happened: people got better acquainted by working together. By enabling such coalitions—albeit short-lived ones—I believe we helped to build community. For me, facilitating all this and watching it unfold has been deeply satisfying. But now, as suddenly as it began, our long season of lay-led services has ended. I'm experiencing that "postpartum" letdown I've come to expect after the "births" of services we've envisioned and nurtured for two or three months. But I am very grateful for the wonderful opportunity to do this work for our church community.

Applause, Applause!

I want to acknowledge everyone who contributed time, thought, and energy to our season of lay-led services. First, bouquets to members of the Program Committee! You all rose (sorry—baaad pun!) to the occasion, at the outset and later on, whenever we

lacked a service or, for whatever reasons, a service wasn't coalescing. (Current members: **VP for Worship Rod Oldenburg, Richard Dempsey, Anne Rudloe, Don Crosby, Helen Falb, Ron Crowe, George Knight, and Barbara Hogan**; recent member: **Cheryl Ward**.) Many thanks to **all our speakers, lay leaders, readers of passages, and chalice lighters**—from veterans of many services to first-timers who overcame stage fright by gamely standing up to greet audiences of a hundred or more! Thanks for the vision and dedication you brought to every service. You inspired us, enlightened us, entertained us, and made us proud.

Special kudos to our music director **Helen Falb and the OK Chorale** for many outstanding performances. You're amazingly talented and imaginative. I know we challenged you at times with unusual music scenarios, and you always seemed to know what to do. Thanks for graciously entering into the spirit of each service, no matter how unconventional!

Trudy Deyle and Kathie Mackie, you have our heartfelt thanks! Bless you for your good ideas; your patience; your willingness to handle unending requests, questions, and changes; and your sense of humor! To **Ellen Dempsey**, who chased me down with lots of checks for guest speakers, and to those who provided home hospitality, many thanks. We appreciate our **Sunday set-up volunteers and sound system team** for helping with unusual arrangements. And again, thanks to **all who suggested guest speakers and service topics**.

The Curtain Rises

September signals fall and, for UUCT, a new season of Sunday services. We welcome Rev. Bill Murchison to our congregation and anticipate his fresh perspectives on worship services. Rev. Murchison has expressed a desire to participate in Program Committee meetings and to assist with future lay-led services—and I've promised we'll promptly put him to work! (Roll up your sleeves, Rev. Bill!) We look forward to our collaboration.

Lay-led services are planned through November. Two services postponed after Hurricane Dennis will show up soon: Al Starr's service on Margaret Fuller (September 18) and the first in a series on personal creeds by Anne Rudloe (October 16). Our world religions series continues on October 30 with a service on Hinduism by Rev. John Young of the UU Church of Jacksonville. Look for a return visit by Panama City UU minister Rev. Nels Oas on November 27. We'll determine the date and content of December's lay-led service following discussions with Rev. Murchison about his Sunday service plans.

Many of you have helped with the Program Committee's most visible work. But we do more! This year we've also drafted guidelines for speakers and Program Committee liaisons; discussed Sunday service content issues with the Youth RE Committee; identified some dates for future intergenerational services; offered the executive board our plan for screening potential guest speakers; and responded to speaker requests from UU churches in Pensacola and Valdosta. In the months ahead, working with our new interim minister, we'll continue to address these and other matters large and small.

Social Justice

Tolerance & Dialog Group

By Bruce Brandt

You missed some very interesting discussions if you did not attend the monthly gathering of UUCT congregants with the F.S.U. Muslim Student Tolerance and Dialog group Friday, August 27. We separated into same-sex groups led by Lorraine Warren and Bruce Brandt and asked each person to describe an event in his/her life that had an important religious or spiritual significance. The experience of sharing and cross-cultural understanding went well beyond what is possible listening to a talk by an expert.

The event was also "cross-cultural" because most of the Muslim, mostly Turkish, members of the FSU T&D group are young grad students, while the UUCTers attending were mostly old enough to be their parents or grandparents. Nevertheless, the personal warmth of the conversations and openness of the meeting were wonderful. Two UUCT women, who are anticipating an Elderhostel trip to Turkey soon, learned how to put on and fasten a head scarf.

The next event will be a picnic, which we hope will attract more UUCT families with small children.

Everyone will gather at the new children's playground at Tom Brown Park starting about **3:00 PM on Saturday, September 24**. Early arrivers will claim one of the sheltered areas with picnic tables. Bring food and beverages for your family and a dessert to share with others. The UUCT contact for this event is Isabel Sheridan (668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com).

Harmony Camp 2005

By Isabel Sheridan

Thanks to all the volunteers, paid staff, children, and parents who together made Harmony Camp 2005 a wonderful week. Our second annual diversity camp had 45 campers, 4 "pre-campers" (children of staff), 6 paid staff, and an amazing 34 volunteers, from both UUCT and the larger community. The campers ranged in age from first graders to seventh graders; they included children who were Unitarian Universalist, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian. Campers were diverse in race, too. The same diversity in religion and race was true for our staff.

Lorraine Warren, our camp leader, created a warm and welcoming environment. Our teachers, both paid and volunteer, offered 51 workshops, as well as whole-group sessions in everything from puppets to beading to pet therapy to butterfly gardens to yoga to drumming to singing. Children built bird houses out of gourds and out of wood. They consorted with reptiles and amphibians and made pine cone bird feeders. They made worm bins and grew vegetables. They cooked and made pressed flower cards. Children took oral histories from Harbor Chase residents. Reporters and photographers prepared our first camp newspaper, the *Harmony Herald*.

Thanks to **all members and friends who donated to the scholarship fund**; because of your generosity, we could offer financial aid to any family who requested it. And thanks to all these adults - and 4 amazing teens and pre-teens: **Melissa Angel, Athemese Barnes, David Cook, Mary Cordero, Eliza Coyne, Sean Coyne, Beth Dietzen, Susan Ellis, the COT Fire Department, Melissa Forgey, Vickie Herlovich, Pam**

Hoskins, Mary Huggins, Yazid Johnson (and his 3 children), Geraldine Johnson-Johnson, Allen Joseph, Peggy Lentz, Sylvia Livingston, Jane Marks, Doug Martin, Allison Meinert, Maria Mena, Jan Miller, Margaret Mooney, Ed Oaksford, James Oaksford, Linda Oaksford, Howard Pardue, Dan Peterson, Tina Platt, Kristin Roberts, Claire Sand, Isabel Sheridan, Barbara Sterling, Joanne Taylor, Susan Teisciero, Kelley Turnage, Preston Turnage, Kerrie Whorton, and Linda Winn-Brown.

Want to be part of the fun next year? Come to the **first meeting for Harmony Camp 2006 Wednesday, September 28, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** at UUCT, Room L. Questions? Contact Isabel Sheridan at 668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com.

Civil Rights Tour

Meadville Lombard Theological School is offering an eight-day bus tour of southern civil rights sites March 18 - 26, 2006. This will be an experiential look at some of the social, religious, and political dimensions of the civil rights movement. A key feature will be conversations with veterans of the movement. Additionally, audio and video presentations will be given on the bus, and there will be stops at several UU congregations.

The instructor, the Rev. Dr. Gordon Gibson, first encountered issues of race in the South as a Unitarian teenager. As a newly ordained UU minister, he was a participant in the early phases of the 1965 Selma voting rights campaign, and from 1969 - 1984 he was a UU minister in Mississippi.

For more information, visit www.meadville.edu or contact Pamela Williams (pwilliams@meadville.edu).

Appreciation



To:

- **Carolyn DuBard, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Lugenia Dixon, Barbara Sterling, Molly Schmid, Sneed Collard, Peggy Lentz and Linda Oaksford** for greeting on Sundays – 8/7 - 8/28.
- **Howard and Carolyn Pardue, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, and Bonnie and Dean Foster** for providing July Sunday hospitality.
- **Jerri Lee Wagner, Howard and Carolyn Pardue, Jennifer and DeWayne Carver, and Don Weed** for July Sunday clean-up.
- **Carolyn Pardue and Jennifer Carver** for serving as July Kitchen Kontrollers, recruiting and overseeing the volunteers.
- **Christen Ellrich** for helping in the nursery.
- **The Mooney Family, the Oaksford Family, John Whitton, Kelley Turnage, Helen Falb, the Global Climate Change Action Group, and the Green Sanctuary Committee** for setting up the sanctuary for Sunday services in August.
- **Norene Chase, Jean Chulak, Jim Dawson, Chris Ellrich, Mary Janik, Neil Mooney, Joanne Taylor, and Steve Urse** for helping with Hurricane Dennis preparations in July.
- **Sally Andersen, Leslie Gonzalez, Pam Hoskins, Mary Janik, Mimi Jones, Margaret Mooney, Linda Oaksford, and Susan Snyder** for cooking and serving the August Shelter Meal.
- All who taught and assisted in this summer's fantastic Youth RE classes: **Melissa Forgey, Carrie Hamby, Pam Hoskins, Walter Hoskins, Mary Janik, Doug Martin, Ed Oaksford, Lorin Pratt, Isabel Sheridan, Adam Smith, and Joanne Taylor.**

- **All who donated to the food drive on Sunday 7/31**, yielding 101 pounds of food and other items delivered to the Second Harvest Food Bank.
- **From Temple Israel to UUCT** for the donation of our speaker's honorarium to their clergy's discretionary fund (June 12, 2005: Cantor Tanya Tamarkin).

August Workday Thanks

At the all-church workday on Saturday, August 13, we had a good turnout of volunteers. Two new volunteers joined us on the workday: **Robyn Wallace and Tony Lloyd**. They both made a great contribution to the overall effort. Volunteers worked on landscaping tasks such as: **Tony and Greg DeAngelo** mowing the grass on the church grounds; **Robyn, Steve Urse, and Michele Hope** weeding the flower and liriopie beds; **Bruce Brandt** removing small spruce and oaks on the grounds in preparation for planting trees; and **Dave Harvey** trimming the bamboo around the shed. In other areas around the church grounds, **Francis Ventre** raked and leveled the parking spaces. **Greg and Rod Oldenburg** pulled weeds in the main playground, and **Don Berger and Dave** closed a fence opening.

Volunteers also worked in and around the church buildings. **Don** inspected and cleaned the rain gutters on the church annex. **Chris Ellrich and Dave** cleaned the windows on the courtyard side of the church annex; **Francis** washed the sanctuary door and some windows. **Dave** fixed the toilet in the nursery and moved the tables from the classrooms to the sanctuary. **Don and Bruce** cleaned the pods' roof and moved cans of roofing compound from the roof to the shed. **Chris** assembled and put up shelving in the mechanical room. Thanks to all of you for taking time out to help maintain the church!

Thanks to the Choir

Special thanks go to the members of the OK Chorale, who give of their time so freely and work so hard to enrich our Sunday morning services and other special events with their music. Members include **Debbie Holt, Grace Martin, Charlotte Dudley, Cheryl Ward, Sally Andersen, Jennifer Carver, Pauline Masterton, Cynthia TenEyck, Bruce Brandt, Barbara Lineberry, Tom Chase, Ron Crowe, Dexter Easton and Jack McDevitt**. Special recognition goes to **John Murphy**, who participated in the choir for many years, but due to health reasons is no longer able to do so. This is a great group of folks who enjoy sharing their love of singing with each other and the entire congregation. Thanks for your dedication!
- Helen Falb, music director

Membership Thanks

Thanks to those who filled important roles in the area of membership this past year: **Nancy Harvey** as greeter coordinator; **Barbara Sterling** as supplies, pamphlet and Sunday records coordinator; **Nancy, Barbara, Carolyn DuBard, Sara Reece, and Susan Snyder** as chief greeters; **the many members and friends** who served as greeters; **Junelle Brandt** as dinners coordinator; **Mary VanSciver** as directory photographer; **Jean Chulak** as special records and statistics keeper; **Rod Oldenburg and Annette Pearce** as New UU facilitators; **Nancy, Barbara, Pat Farris and Fran Boyle** as membership committee members; and **Trudy Deyle** as membership chairperson. It truly takes a team of people, plus the invaluable support of Office Administrator **Kathie Mackie**, to have an effective membership effort, and we could always be doing more! The possibilities are virtually endless!

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

Eleanor Moore has been moved to a nursing facility in Newnan since she became ill with congestive heart failure. She is feeling much better now, talks about UUCT frequently, and would enjoy receiving cards from members. Cards should be mailed in care of her daughter's address: Sarah Ingram, 7 Lake Shore Hill, Newnan, GA 30263.

Mary Huggins started chemotherapy in early August and will be continuing it every three weeks until October 11. During that time she will not be in church because she's been advised to avoid crowds while her immune system is weakened by the chemo. She would appreciate phone calls to help her stay in touch with UUCT.

On August 21, **John Murphy** moved to his new place, Lisa Winfield's home out in the country north of town, where he can get 24-hour attention. He recently had a 2-day visit to TMH for a case of pneumonia and is feeling much healthier and stronger now, following his birthday party. John's new contact information is: 4567 Running Meadows Lane, 32303; 562-0492.

Thanks to everyone who came to John's 88th birthday at Wakulla Springs on August 13. We also recognized and celebrated our caregivers' network that watches over John's various healthcare needs daily. This network includes **Will Adkins, Joe Lama, Linda Winn**, and others outside the church. Thanks especially to **Helen Falb** and **Barbara Lineberry** for leading us in the UU hymns we sang to John at the conclusion of John's party.

Congratulations to the **Geraci Family** on the birth of their sixth child, **Henson James Geraci**, who was born at home on July 30 (8 lbs, 20").

Membership News

Welcome to UUCT!

Emmy Barthel, as a supporting friend

Directory Photos: Sun. 9/18

If you have not yet had your picture taken for UUCT's photo directory, plan now to be present after the service on 9/18. This will absolutely be the last day of picture-taking! Couples and families should be together. There is no need to dress up. If you need to arrange an alternate picture-taking time, contact directory photographer Mary Van Sciver (893-0353).

"Dinners for 8"

Another round of Dinners for 8 is currently being set up for October and November. Watch for sign-up sheets on Sundays this month. "Dinners for 8" is a way to get better acquainted with UUCT members and friends. A main purpose is to introduce newcomers to longer-term members. Dinners are specified as adults-only or intergenerational. Intergenerational dinners are for families and adults who would enjoy an evening with children. Parents are also welcome to attend adults-only dinners. Hosts provide the main dish and coordinate with guests who bring the rest of the meal. Dinners' coordinator: Junelle Brandt (junellebrandt@earthlink.net, 893-5511).

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Georgia Ackerman (894-0182, georgiaackerman@earthlink.net).
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/05) -178**
- **Current Membership - 181**
- **Current Number Friends - 51**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - July 2005: 95.5
 - July 2005 - June 2006: 95.5
 - July 2004 - June 2005: 107.3
 - July 2003 - June 2004: 107.4
 - July 2002 - June 2003: 96.5
- **RE Enrollment, 04-05: 61 (nursery - 12th grade)**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - Sept. '04- May '05: 33.8
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** For September, contact Lorin Pratt (893-3067, prattl@talgov.com).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday After-Service Greeter Corps:** Contact Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com). Note: in addition to regular greeters.
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Sound System Operators:** Contact Dan Peterson (997-6052).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

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

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

- **Eliza Coyne, Youth RE Committee Chair (229/226-5264; kecoyne@gmail.com)**
- **Georgia Ackerman, Nursery Sub-Committee Chair (georgiaackerman@earthlink.net; 894-0182)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (DRE), (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301)**

What Does It Take?

Have you ever thought about volunteering as a teacher in the Youth RE Program, but hesitated because you thought it would be too time-consuming? Do you love kids, but are afraid that you wouldn't make an effective teacher? Have you been a member or supporting friend for at least six months? How much time does it really take to teach Youth RE? What about curricula? What experience is necessary? Teaching Youth RE isn't just for parents with children in the program. We need help from all UUCT members and friends!

What does it take to make a difference in a child's life? Only care, concern, and a bit of commitment. Enthusiasm is also a plus. We are looking for teachers for our preschool class, our K-1-2 class, and our 3-4-5 class. We teach in teams of three, allowing for rotation and time off, usually working out to a commitment of 8 - 9 Sundays, September - May. Curricula are provided. Can you help? To learn more, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Registration for 2005-2006

Youth RE registration for the upcoming year will continue Sundays in September. All children should be

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

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

What's New in RE?

Be on the look out for our informational "Lifespan Religious Education Brochure" later this month, available at the RE table Sundays. The brochure includes information on classes for both children and adults, curricula, teachers, policies and procedures, and important dates in RE. It's the guide to everything that's happening this year! Don't be without a copy!

Important Upcoming RE Dates

Sun. 9/4: Youth RE Committee Meeting, 9:30 AM.

Sun. 9/4: RE Fun Day.

Sat. 9/10: Teacher Training, 8:30 AM-12 PM.

Sun. 9/11: Intergenerational Ingathering & Water Ceremony

Sat. 9/17: Classroom Clean-up, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Sun. 9/19: Start of Fall RE - PreK-elementary classes, youth group & discussion group for middle & high schoolers.

Sat. 9/24: Intergenerational Picnic with FSU Muslim students and their families, 3:00 PM - whenever.

Youth Group

The UUCT Youth Group starts again in September and is open to any middle or high school youth. Scott Geraci will

be returning as a youth advisor, accompanied by Jennifer Carver and DeWayne Carver, and possibly some other advisors. Jenn, DeWayne, and Scott will attend Youth Advisor Training in October, along with some other interested UUCT members. Parents of youth group members are also invited to attend the training (at their own expense). Please see one of the advisors for details. This training is sponsored by the Florida District and provided by nationally-certified advisors.

UUCT conducted a year-end assessment of our youth group program at the beginning of the summer, followed by a report on the program at the Youth RE Committee meeting in June. Based on the assessment, the consensus was to continue the youth group (as opposed to turning the youth group into a RE class) but to start working more closely toward the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalists) model of community building, social action, leadership, worship, and learning. This will be the purpose of attending the advisor training in October.

The youth can expect the same terrific community and fun they experienced last year in the group, and then some. As always, the program will be youth-led and youth-oriented, with some gentle guidance and adult supervision from your advisors. Youth can expect the group to be a place to hang out and be themselves with other UUs. Parents can expect a safe, UU-based place for their youth to have fun, explore themselves and their faith, have fun, develop a community with other UU youth, have fun, and probably learn more than they expected (and in unexpected ways). And did I mention have fun?

For more information about the group, contact Scott Geraci (877-6301; ssgeraci68@yahoo.com).

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Not all youth are comfortable with or desire a youth-group setting, and that's okay. For youths who prefer a more structured, adult-led program, UUCT President Christine Boczarska is leading a discussion group for older youth. See the article below.

Discussion Group Alternative

We will also offer "How Can I Know What To Believe?" - an exploration and articulation by young people of their attitudes and beliefs about the Bible, God, death and Unitarian Universalism. We'll look at the history of great ideas and the roots of UUism. This discussion group is geared generally for ages 11 to 15 but can include older youth. It encourages participants to explore and express their religious ideas, values and beliefs and will include worksheets, posters, art and varied activities.

In this group we will pursue a free and responsible search for truth and meaning and address the inherent worth and dignity of every person. The group plans to meet every first and third Sunday of the month, with encouragement to attend the Sunday service on the other Sundays. For more information, contact Christine Boczarska (893-7079, rrlee@infionline.net).

Summer Youth RE Report

This summer, the classes focused on teaching children to appreciate and care for the environment, in accordance with our seventh principle. They were very well-attended. Classes were designed for elementary and middle school children, used hands-on and experiential learning, and benefited from the talents of many wonderful and generous UUCT members. (See *Appreciation*.)

The children learned about: the plants, landscape, and other natural elements of the UUCT property (including

making a nature trail); threats to water cleanliness, global warming, and actions they can take to protect our water and reduce global warming; the amazing events in the history of the universe (including creating a beaded necklace to tell the story from the Big Bang to the day of their birth); how walking a labyrinth can be an experience of peace and joy (including making and walking on their own labyrinth); and also how to organize and write a paragraph about a plant, how to identify a tree, how to make a web page, and how to lay out and design a poster. In addition, they heard beautiful music and thought about the connections between music, drawing, nature, and their world.

Older kids helped and taught the younger kids; kids and adults worked cooperatively in groups. It is my hope that each child will take some piece of what they learned this summer and make it a part of them as they go out into the world. - Pam Hoskins, Summer Youth RE coordinator

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

- **Dan Damerville, Adult Enrichment coordinator (576-5380; damervid@tcc.fl.edu)**
- **Maggie Geraci, Director of Religious Education (dremaggie@earthlink.net; 877-6301).**

Continuing Classes

Deep Ecology. Meets 2nd Sundays at 1:00 PM in Rm. 2 to explore environmentalism from a variety of perspectives through reading and discussion.

September 11 topic is *Native American Wisdom*, discussing and considering the values of some Native American nations in relationship to the deep

ecology concept. Discussion led by Elspeth Stowell.

New members and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Mary Janik (marybethtally@earthlink.net, 878-5060) for a copy of the month's study material.

Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond. The group will meet Wednesday 9/21 at 7:00 PM. We will discuss the first two chapters of *Invisible Acts of Power* by Carolyn Myss. All are welcome. If you are a "newby," call or e-mail Peggy Lentz (878-2226, peglentz@aol.com), so we can put you on our contact list in case there are changes.

Global Climate Change/Disruption Action Group. Please see information under *Green Corner*.

Future Classes & Opportunities

Ballroom Dance Interest Group. Anyone interested in ballroom dancing is invited to join this interest group. We plan to learn dances and to practice by going to the various dance venues around town. The organizing meeting will be Thursday, 9/15 at 7:00 PM in Rm K. Partners not required. Contact Annette Pearce (385-4053).

In the Interim Discussions. Our new interim minister, Reverend Bill Murchison, will offer one-evening discussions on dealing with the loss of a minister and the interim process. These will begin in early October and continue as long as there is interest. Stay tuned to the *Meridian* and Sunday announcements for more details, and look for the sign-up sheets at church later this month.

Ken Wilbur Workshops. Would you like to learn more about Ken Wilber's ideas on the cosmos and the evolution of human consciousness? Wilber is rapidly becoming known in UU churches, where workshops on his ideas are popping up fast. (The

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

Valdosta UU church has such a workshop; here, Pauline Masterton has talked about his ideas.) Wilber is now regarded as America's greatest living philosopher, and his 800-page magnum opus, *Sex, Ecology, Spirituality*, is being called the most important book written in the 20th century.

At SUUSI this past summer, Will Adkins attended a large, very popular, week-long workshop on Ken Wilber's ideas, including spiral dynamics, vmemes, the 4 quadrants, meditative techniques, transpersonal and integral psychology, fighting terrorism (the Pentagon's new war map), reason vs. mysticism, theory of everything, etc. To express your interest in an October or monthly class, contact Will Adkins (385-5071 or metamuse@comcast.net).

Cakes for the Queen of Heaven. A UUA-sponsored program to explore female religious history and reclaim its meaning in women's lives. Six to ten evening sessions, beginning in October. Dates and times TBA. If you are interested, contact Pauline Masterton (385-2879, pauline.masterton@gmail.com).

Evensong. Come share and listen deeply about meaningful personal topics (religious and spiritual experiences, thoughts on the divine and being human, community, death and other endings...). This structured series of gatherings for a small group will be offered beginning in October for those interested. Contact Bruce Brandt (893-5511, blbrandt@earthlink.net) for more information or if interested.

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

or Membership Chair Trudy Deyle (gdeyle@juno.com, 422-1057).

UUVegetarians. Is there any interest in starting a "vegetarian" group at the church this fall? We can exchange ideas on nutrition (what foods are good to eat, what are not healthy and why), possibly have a monthly all-veggie party at our homes, share suggestions, and generally spread the "gospel" of eating well without consuming meat or dairy products. Since SUUSI, Will Adkins has become a transitional vegetarian and is eager to learn new recipes and ideas for ways of slowly becoming a vegan. Interested? Contact: Will Adkins (385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net).

On-Going Opportunities

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

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

September 13, *The Master* by Colm Toibin. "A deep, lovely, and enthralling book that engages with the disquiet and drama of a famous writing life: that of Henry James. Colm Toibin captures the extraordinary mind and heart of this great writer. *The Master* tells the story of a man born into one of America's first intellectual families who leaves his country in the late nineteenth century to live in Paris, Rome, Venice, and London among privileged artists and writers. James' forays into intimacy inevitably failed those he tried to love. The emotional intensity of this portrait is riveting."

October 11, *Sixteen Pleasures*, by Robert Hellenga. "The Italians called them 'Mud Angels,' the young foreigners who came to Florence in 1966 to save the city's treasured art from the Arno's flooded banks. American volunteer Margot Harrington was one of them, finding her niche in the waterlogged library of a Carmelite convent. Within its walls, she discovered a priceless Renaissance masterwork: a sensuous volume of sixteen erotic poems and drawings. Inspired to sample each of the ineffable sixteen pleasures, Margot embarks on the intrigue of a lifetime with a forbidden lover and the contraband volume - a sensual, life-altering journey of loss and rebirth in this exquisite novel of spiritual longing and earthly desire."

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Resumes meetings in September, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary or off-site. Contact: Anne Rudloe (984-5204, jrudloe@earthlink.net) for information and location.

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

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

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

Campus Ministry Corner

By Dan Damerville, Campus Ministry Committee Chairperson

It my pleasure to announce that **Brian Lee** is our new Campus Ministry Coordinator! Many of you know Brian, who has been attending UUCT for over three years and is a student himself (biology). He brings many new ideas to the position, and service is a key component of his vision. Please join me in welcoming Brian!

University UU schedule for September:

Coffee hour: On August 26, UUU coffee hour returned to its regular Fall semester schedule of 6:30 PM, Fridays at All Saints Café, located at 903 Railroad Avenue, one block south of Gaines Street. Please come by if you can, as we will be electing new officers to update our RSO registration as an official campus group.

Weekly meeting time: Day and time to be determined by the UUU group, based on members' schedules.

Contact information for University UUs: Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com) or visit our web-site (www.uuutally.org).

Green Corner



By Michele Hope, Green Sanctuary Committee

The Green Sanctuary Committee will meet Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 PM in Rm. L.

The Global Climate Change Action Group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM in Rm. K. September 12, the group will discuss the "Status of Solar Energy, both PV and Thermal." September 26, the guest speaker is Tom Martineau,

FAMU professor of Architecture, who will talk about Leeds Certification for energy-efficient buildings. Join us!

What Have You Done to Reduce CO2?

Let the Global Climate Change Action Group know what you have done to reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Changed all light bulbs to

fluorescent ones? Reduced how fast you drive? Bought an energy-efficient car? Had a City energy audit? Bought an Energy Star appliance? Joined the Clean Air Coalition fighting the coal plant? Let us know. E-mail Elinor Elfner at elfner@comcast.net, using "Reducing CO2" in the subject line.

Executive Board Actions in July

By Molly Schmid, Executive Board Secretary

At their July 31 meeting, the UUCT Executive Board:

- Approved the hiring of Brian Lee as campus ministry coordinator.
- Approved the minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting.
- Approved a motion that a letter be written to Dennis Hale [UUCT guest speaker on Sunday, 6/26/05]

expressing the dismay/concern about his criminal history.

- Approved four weeks of maternity leave for DRE Maggie Geraci.
- Approved a motion that all chairs of UUCT committees be members of UUCT.
- Approved the safety policy and procedures that former VP for

Religious Education DeWayne Carvers' committee recommended. In addition, the title of "Youth RE Committee Safety Policy and Procedures" was changed to "UUCT Safety Policy and Procedures."

- Approved the hiring of Emmy Barthel as UUCT nursery care provider.

End of Year Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2004-2005

OPERATING BUDGET			
INCOME	Budgeted	Actual	
Pledges (collected thru July 31, 2005)	177,401	172,937	97%
Non-pledge Sunday collections	6,500	11,909	
Religious Education fees	800	790	
Rental fees	4,000	5,545	
Interest on Operating Funds	500	1,263	
Meridian subscriptions	50	245	
Interest from Hazel Richards Fund	300	0	
Copy fees	20	40	
Other income	0	1,382	
Fundraising	6,350	4,938	
Transfer from Campus Min Fund	2,000	0	
Transfer from Mortgage Reserve	4,500	0	
TOTAL INCOME	202,421	199,049	
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses	54,297	54,991	
UU Fair Share	12,282	12,282	
Campus Ministry Expenses	7,169	5,993	
Religious Education Expenses	15,800	14,769	
Music Expenses	20,752	19,291	
Other Programs and Committees	6,147	5,328	
Operation of Buildings and Grounds	28,500	25,423	
Ministerial Expenses	57,474	55,837	
TOTAL EXPENSES	202,421	193,914	
DIFFERENCE (Income minus expenses)		5,135	
OTHER UUCT ASSETS			
Next Year Pledges (for FY 05-06)	18,634		
Endowment Fund balance	238,697		
Reserve Fund balance	24,453		
Memorial and Gift Fund balance	639		
Campus Ministry Fund balance	2,544		
YRUU Fund balance	524		
Piano Repayment Fund balance	500		
Green Sanctuary Fund balance	801		
Youth RE Fund balance	270		
Harmony Camp Fund balance	4,614		
Sound System Fund balance	214		
Dishwasher Fund balance	62		
Publicity Fund balance	1,057		
Outreach Fund balance	1,556		
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	294,563		

End-Of-Year Report on Outreach Fund For FY 04-05

Name of Org.	04-05 Income	04-05 Expenditures	Balance
The Shelter	3015.53	2385.96	629.57
Second Harvest Food Bank	75.00	75.00	0.00
ECHO	753.09	753.09	0.00
Minister's Discretionary Fund	676.62	300.00	376.62
UUSC	2969.04	2959.55	9.49
UU-UNO	578.35	578.35	0.00
Labor Day Mountain Retreat	540.00	0.00	540.00
TOTAL	8607.63	7051.95	1555.68

Note: Monies collected for Second Harvest Food Bank, ECHO, UUSC, and UU-UNO are sent to them prior to June 30th each year. Balances for The Shelter, Minister's Discretionary Fund, and the Labor Day Mountain Retreat are carried forward to the next fiscal year.

UUA Trustee Tidbits

By Joan Lund, FL District UUA Trustee

We often hear about the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock. It has been said the ongoing generosity of this program saved the UUA as an organization, revitalized the association's witness, strengthened ministerial training, and funded much to grow and extend Unitarian Universalism.

In 1941, long before the UUA existed, Caroline Veatch became the widow of a man who was a major stockholder in the North European Oil Corporation. While Mr. Veatch was still living, this corporation was forced to sell its holdings to other oil companies, thus leaving him in possession of promising royalty rights and stock. After Mr. Veatch died, Ms. Veatch became a friend of the North Shore Unitarian Society (now named the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock), because of her interest in the society's

work insuring children have the benefit of a liberal religious education and also through the efforts of N.S.U.S. minister Gerald Weary.

Ms. Veatch and her sister made cash gifts for the original meeting house and, as the society grew, continued contributing ever increasing financial gifts. Eventually, Ms. Veatch joined the society and re-wrote her will to assure that Unitarianism would have a "splendid" future. She promised if she was able to secure the oil royalties accumulating in Germany, she would give half to N.S.U.S. Ms. Veatch died in 1953, leaving all the royalty rights to the society.

The N.S.U.S. continued showing Ms. Veatch's and their generosity and vision by funding new churches and needed supplies for others. The history of the Veatch Program's financial support goes on with the sound

thinking and dedication of many visionary UUs. Today the Veatch Program at Shelter Rock income for the UUA is approximately \$20 million per year, and a portion of this money is in the form of grants by the UUA made available to UU congregations.

For a detailed, interesting history of this example of progressive philanthropy and the current ways the UUA uses the Veatch program money, I encourage you to read *We Started With Children* by Robert Sunley and/or *Funding Justice* by Warren Ross, the latter currently available from the UUA bookstore. Again, I thank you for reading my column and solicit your suggestions and concerns regarding my work as your trustee. You can contact me at jlund@uua.org. Happy "fall season" everyone; may we be spared the severe weather of just a year ago. Stay in touch.

Events: UUCT Upcoming & Social, FL District & Beyond

Upcoming UUCT Events

All Church Workday, Saturday, September 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Welcoming Reception: Rev. Murchison, Saturday, September 10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. A congregation-wide event in the sanctuary to welcome and meet our interim minister! Bring a snack, sweet or beverage to share. Contact: Christine Boczarska (893-7079, rrlee@infionline.net).

Second Sunday Potluck, September 11, 12:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish.

Classroom Clean-up Workday, Saturday, September 17, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Come help the Youth RE Committee and teachers prepare the classrooms and nursery for the coming year. Contact: DRE Maggie Geraci (DREMaggie@earthlink.net, 877-6301).

Church Council Meeting, Sunday, September 18, 12:30 PM. Are you a committee chair or an activity or group coordinator? Wondering what's going on with other committees, groups and activities at UUCT? Come to this quarterly Church Council meeting in Rm L to share and coordinate plans. Contact: DeWayne Carver (402-0622, ddcarver@earthlink.net).

Tolerance & Dialog Picnic, Saturday, September 24, 3:00 PM - Whenever. Picnic at the new children's playground in Tom Brown Park with F.S.U. Muslim Student Tolerance and Dialog group and their families. UUCT members and friends with young children are especially encouraged to attend. Bring food and beverages for your family and a dessert to share with others. Contact: Isabel Sheridan (668-0785 or iasheridan@nettally.com).

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

Non-UUCT Events

- Every Sunday, 7:00 PM, Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church (Sanctuary)
- Every Thursday, 7:00 PM, Zen Meditation (Sanctuary)
- Fri. 8/23, evening, ACLU tentative sanctuary rental

UUCT Social Events

See *Upcoming UUCT Events* for details. Contact Pam Hoskins (pvhoskins@aol.com, 893-5039) regarding possible social events.

- **Welcoming Reception: Rev. Murchison, Sat. 9/10, 6:00 - 8:00 PM**
- **2nd Sunday Potluck, 9/11, 12:30 PM**
- **Tolerance & Dialog Picnic, Sat. 9/24, 3:00 PM - whenever** (intergenerational)
- **Peace Dances, Sat. 10/1, 7:30 PM**
- **Movie Discussion Group, Sun. 10/16, afternoon**

UUCT Movie Discussion Group

The email contact list for this group consists of about 20 UUCTers. We go to local movies on the third Sunday of each month, usually the first showing of the afternoon. After the movie, we head for a local restaurant to discuss the movie and socialize.

A few days before the movie, coordinator Dave Harvey sends out a listing of what's playing at the local theaters and asks group members to vote on which movie they'd like to see. If you'd like to be added to the group's email list, talk to Dave after a Sunday service or email him at daveharv@mac.com. The group will skip September.

District Events

- **Fall Leadership Conference, Sat. 11/12, "That I Might Know Your Mind: Identity and Diversity in Unitarian Universalism"** with UUA Moderator Gini Courter as speaker and facilitator.
- **"Creating the UU Church of the Future," Sat. & Sun. 2/3-4** with Mike Durrall, author of *Creating Congregations of Generous People* and *The Almost Church: Redefining Unitarian Universalism for a New Era.* (\$500 for unlimited no. per church.)

UU FL Women and Religion

Retreat: Fri. – Sun., Nov. 11 – 13. Register soon for "Laughing at Sacred Cows." To be held at Daystar resort near Ellenton, FL. For more info. call Michele Hope (894-0976) or visit: www.floridawomenandreligion.org

"In a world that grows increasingly grim with each day, we invite you to come together to laugh at sacred cows, those persons or institutions that are often unreasonably immune from criticism and opposition. Many of us have our own sacred cows - those concepts, ideas or other matters in our lives which we may have felt above or beyond the making of fun. Bring your sacred cows, laugh with them a little in a safe space and take them home again, perhaps a bit less sacred but much better cows.

We will consider laughter and the comic side of life as sources of pleasure, of healing, of restoratives for spirit, balance and love, not to mention release of tension. Let's laugh together, remembering that all things of value can bear laughter.

Mountain News

Information about our UU retreat and conference center in Highlands, NC and its programs for all ages is on the bulletin board in the sanctuary, or contact UUCT Mountain Ambassador Linda Winn-Brown (562-4755, lwinn41@earthlink.net) or The Mountain directly (www.mountaincenters.org, info@mountaincenters.org).

September 2005

Monthly Planner

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Directory Changes

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

Membership Notes

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

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

Next new member recognition is on a Sunday in November.

Mark Your Checks

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