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Every Sunday:

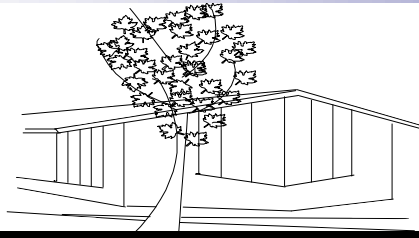
- 9:45 AM Choir Practice, exc. 2/12
 9:45 AM Adult Forum
 10:30 AM Child Care - until
 12:30 PM
 11:00 AM Youth RE
- Pre-school class, Rm C
(1st - 3rd Sun.)
 - Elementary classes (K - 2nd,
Rm K; 3rd - 5th, Rm 2)
 - Middle/High School Youth
Group, Rm 3/6

Adult Forum Topics:

- Feb. 5 "How Super Conductivity
Can Cut Energy Costs," Prof.
Steiner Dale
- Feb. 12 TBA
- Feb. 19 "The Derelicts: Reflections
on a Spiritual Journey," Jerry
Lawrence
- Feb. 26 "Re-establishment of
Native American Traditions,"
Elspeth Stowell

February Highlights:

- * Chili & Chocolate Dinner,
Sat. 2/11, 5:00 PM
- * Silent Auction, Sat. 2/11,
5:00 PM & Sun. 2/12,
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
- * Live Auction, Sat. 2/11,
6:30 PM
- * Congregational Meetings
on Sundays:
Discuss, 2/19, 12:30 PM
Vote, 2/26, 12:15 PM



The Meridian

February Sundays (11:00 AM)



Feb. 5 | Salted with Fire

This sermon is about what we can dream and what we can possibly be and experience as UUs. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

Feb. 12 | A Musical Valentine: Songs of Love from the 50s and 60s

The inherent worth and dignity of every person. Our guest artist for this service is Ken Sizemore, a UU who calls himself an "old folkie!" Ken has performed for many UU congregations across the southeastern United States. Since 1999 he has lived in Panama City, and most of his income comes from concerts for tourists visiting Florida beach areas. He will treat us to such beautiful songs as "Time in a Bottle," "Kisses Sweeter than Wine," "Annie's Song," "Gentle on My Mind," and "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face." Come—relax—enjoy!

Guest Musician: Ken Sizemore; Lay Leader: Charlotte Dudley

Feb. 19 | I Remember Sam: Remembrance Sunday

On this Sunday, we will remember those significant others who were a part of our lives but are no longer with us. Members and friends of the congregation are invited to call or e-mail the church office with the names of those you would like to have remembered, and we will read the names during the service. You are also invited to bring photos and mementos to put on a table up front during the service. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

Feb. 26 | Flower Communion

This is a celebration originated by the Rev. Nobert Capek. You are invited to bring flowers to the morning service to exchange with others near the end of the service. The sermon will be about this celebration. These flowers, placed together in the sanctuary, symbolize the unity of our being together as Unitarian Universalists. The article below explains the origination of the flower communion. **Rev. Bill Murchison**

About the Flower Communion, from Rev. Bill



We don't often think of twentieth-century Unitarian martyrs, but one that we may list is the well-known Rev. Norbert Fabian Capek. He was imprisoned by the Nazis for listening to foreign radio broadcasts and for preaching freedom. He was sent to Dachau and was gassed at Hartheim Castle in 1942.

Capek is best known for beginning what has become tradition in many Unitarian Universalist churches, the flower communion. However, he did not begin his religious life or his ministry as a Unitarian. His early religious experience was as a Baptist, and he traveled in upper Hungary, where he met persecution as a Baptist missionary in a Roman Catholic province.

He was a man of independent thinking and was in tune with the religion of Jesus rather than the doctrinal views held by the Roman Catholic Church. It was not the popular

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About the Flower Communion (Continued)

Jesus of faith that interested him but the Jesus of history. At one point in his life (around 1910), he had an audience with a man whose work had interested him, Professor Tomas Masaryk. As the story goes, upon meeting Masaryk he was told by the professor, "Why Capek, you're not really a Baptist, you're a Unitarian."

Capek remained a Baptist but was forced, because of writings objected to by the Catholic Church and the Austrian authorities, to flee his country in 1914. At that time he moved to the United States. In 1919 he broke with his Baptist denomination and resigned from it. It was then that he and his wife decided to go home.

The American Unitarian Association gave him a stipend of \$200 a month for ten months, and he named his new movement in Czechoslovakia the Prague Congregation of Liberal

Religious Fellowship. In 1923, at its first-year anniversary, the fellowship had what I believe to be the first flower communion service, as a new experiment in symbolizing the Unitarian concept of liberty and brotherhood.

Each member was to bring a flower to symbolize the individual character of each person. The flowers placed in a vase were to symbolize belonging together as one spiritual community. Then, upon leaving the church, each person was to take one flower without making any distinction as to where it came from and who it might represent, as a way of saying that we accept each other as brothers and sisters without regard to class, race, or other distinction.

Another story that I have heard regarding Capek's flower communion is that it was held in the cold and dark

of winter in order to bring the beauty and cheerfulness of the flowers into the life of his congregants at a difficult time of the year. Several years ago I read that his wife had said that Capek did not intend this service to be a celebration at Easter. It had no relationship to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, and it was not a substitute for the Christian celebration of communion.

Norbert Capek died as a Nazi prisoner, and his crime was listening to a radio broadcast. Yet, he lived for liberal religious causes and provided for us an example of courageous living and tenacity in regard to a life's goal.

This month we will celebrate the flower communion to give emphasis to the ideas of individual character and belonging together as one spiritual community. Please join us for this service.

Minister's Message: In the Interim

By Rev. Bill Murchison

On January 14-15, we had the pleasure of an official visit by UUA Settlement Representative Rhonda Thomason. She was here to share information on the procedure(s) for our congregation to call a settled minister to begin serving here in the fall of 2007. The prospects are exciting.

After Rhonda's Sunday morning presentation, I sensed enthusiasm on the part of most members of the congregation and a small amount of anxiety on the part of some. Let me encourage you to continue looking at the positive side of this issue. Be not afraid, but rejoice at the wonderful, transforming opportunity that awaits this congregation. At this time, naturally, we have no idea who the individual will be, but whoever it is, this

person will bring his or her own unique talents to the work of ministry here in Tallahassee.

In the past we have had some negative or unfortunate experiences, but those things are behind us; and with our fine and strong congregation, the future looks exceptional. I encourage you, over the next year, to consider what it is that we have to offer to a new minister, or to put it in the vernacular, what do we bring to the table? It is easy to ask what it is that we want in a minister, but it may be more difficult to consider what we can give and how we can support this particular individual. It can truly be an adventure of love and excitement.

The ideal, I believe, is to take the unique talents of your new minister

and blend them with the talents of this special congregation. Basically, this means to grow together, in unison to move toward our vision.

We have diversity in our congregation, and that is not at all unique to the Unitarian Universalist way of life. Even though we may have differences, we share a commonality of being spiritual and religious seekers, and that is a part of our strength for continuing to build this fine congregation.

Back in East Texas we would say that it's time to saddle up and ride into the future with zeal. There are some wonderful days ahead as we live through this current adventure.

Best, Rev. Bill

President's Message: *The Journey*

By Christine Boczarska, Executive Board President

A new year has begun, and we at UUCT are in the midst of developing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and selecting candidates for the soon-to-be-vacated board positions. Part of this process is choosing the additional candidates for the **Settled Minister Search Committee** to present to the congregation for election on Feb. 26. We'll vote on the four the congregation wants to have speak for them in the new minister search. They will join Mimi Jones, Bruce Brandt and Bob Deyle who were appointed by the board, per our by-laws.

If you have a suggestion for a candidate, let the Nominating Committee (Don Crosby, chair, Linda Oaksford, Howard Pardue, Eliza Coyne and Richard Dempsey) **know by Tuesday, Feb. 7, noon.** Once the slate is ready, our by-laws require a two-week notice prior to the congregational vote. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Only UUCT members and

those who have agreed to serve should be nominated from the floor. Per UUA recommendations, they should represent the entire congregation and be available for the 250-400 hours the search takes.

Rhonda Thomason, the UUA Ministerial Search Representative, will work with the 7-member committee during the selection process. When she visited in mid-January, she spoke to the congregation about the importance of having search committee members who are open and represent all the concerns of UUCT.

To choose someone just like a minister we have already had will keep us only at status quo. If we want to grow intellectually, spiritually and ethically, as well as physically, we have to stay open to someone who can help us shift into that higher gear. Being unafraid of the possibilities and the inevitable discomfort with the unfamiliar will be important for all of us to embrace.

In truth, there are probably many ministers who can serve us well if we are willing to work with and support the changes a new minister will bring. Trying new ways even when the old ways are still working will prove our flexibility and imagination. It may also surprise and delight us. We will be challenged to learn a new relationship with the minister and to change it as needed upon mutual consent. Progress may be too slow for some and way too fast for others, but this inevitably will keep us dynamic. I look forward to these engaging times.

A short note: Once the Settled Minister Search Committee is formed, the board will select the five members of the **Interim Search Committee** to begin their work to call an interim minister to serve September 2006 - June 2007. **If you are willing to serve on the Interim Search Committee, contact any member of the board.**

In faith, Christine

UUCT Auction – Feb. 11-12

Chili & Chocolate Dinner – Feb. 11

Come one, come all to the 2006 UUCT Auction!

Have you dreamed of a sailing trip to Dog Island with a gourmet lunch or an hour tour in a private plane? Does a Sicilian dinner or vegetarian meal make your mouth water? What about Spanish lessons, an antique table or tickets to the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra? These are just a few of the items up for bid for this exciting church fundraiser. The full catalog will be available at church on Sunday, February 5. You'll have two chances to bid on the wonderful donated items.

First, on **Saturday, February 11**, we have quite an evening planned:

Silent Auction from **5-7:30 PM** in Room L. We've added a new option this year. If you really want an item and are afraid someone will outbid you, we'll have a "BUY-IT-NOW!" price for certain items.

Live Auction (with our own Linda Winn-Brown) at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary.

Chili & Chocolate Dinner from **5-7 PM** in the sanctuary. The UUCT Executive Board is sponsoring this dinner, which will include **HOT chili**, vegetarian **chili**, and regular meat **chili** with LOTS of condiments: cheese, onions, sour cream, etc. There will be fabulous **chocolate** desserts and a **cash bar**. Dinner prices are as follows: \$10/adult; \$5/child; \$30/family (2 adults & 2 or more children). See a Board member to buy advance tickets or pay at the door.

Then on **Sunday, February 12**, the Silent Auction continues from **9:30 AM - 2 PM** in Room L.

Questions about the Auction? Contact Charlotte Dudley (lcdudley@yahoo.com, 668-7126) or Jennifer Carver (jzcarver@earthlink.net, 212-6734). If you have donated items to be auctioned, please deliver them to UUCT after 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 11 or call Jennifer or Charlotte to make other arrangements.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up and serving for the **Chili & Chocolate Dinner**. If you can volunteer or have a question, contact Dick Leinberry (rlibrary@nettally.com, 386-4977).

Cottage Conversations Continue

By the Settled Minister Search Committee

More than 20 UUCT members and friends participated in two more cottage conversations in January to share thoughts about the desired role and characteristics of our next settled minister and about what we seek in our Sunday services. Tony and Hollie Lloyd hosted a meeting at their home in Thomasville on January 24th, while a second group met at the church on Saturday, January 21st. Participants have been enthusiastic about the opportunities to hear and be heard, as new insights and ideas continue to be generated, along with substantial agreement on many points.

Because the full complement of Search Committee members will not be elected until the end of the month, board-appointed members Bruce Brandt, Mimi Jones, and Bob Deyle will provide opportunities for two additional cottage conversations in Feb. focused on the same topics. A list of possible dates was circulated via church-wide email, and a sign-up sheet is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would be willing to host one of these gatherings at your home (provide meeting space for up to 14 people and coffee/juice and crackers/cookies), please contact Bruce (893-5511), Mimi (385-4249), or Bob (422-1057).

Once the formal search process begins, following election of the remaining members of the committee, additional opportunities will be provided for all members and friends to share our hopes, concerns, and visions of what UUCT can become through a variety of modes. Look for a more detailed description of the search process after the Settled Minister Search Committee confers again with Rhonda Thomason and holds a retreat in late March or early April to build the bonds of community we will need to sustain our energy and commitment to serving the congregation to our best abilities in this important process.

Committee on Ministry

By Sara Reece, Chair

Does anyone really know what it is that the Committee on Ministry (COM) actually does? Historically, one of the major functions of UUCT's COM was to serve as a ministerial relations committee. In other words, we negotiated the minister's contract with the Board and acted as a liaison between the congregation and the minister. We also were responsible for the triennial congregational assessment that in theory should provide valuable information regarding the state of the ministry of UUCT. We were operating on that model until our minister resigned in January 2005.

Losing a minister has not been easy, but it has provided us with a unique opportunity to re-assess what it is that we do. It is in that spirit that the COM has decided to spend the year reflecting on the entire ministry of UUCT and how the COM can best serve the congregation.

We have identified the following as areas for further research:

1. Leading up to and immediately following the minister's resignation, there were times when our by-laws did not serve us well. The COM is working on proposed by-law revisions that will address these shortcomings and will have them ready for congregational consideration by our annual meeting in May.
2. We need a much better feedback mechanism for evaluating the minister's (and perhaps all staff) performance.
3. We are re-inventing our committee. We are looking at ways other congregations structure their COMs and thinking about our needs as well. Look for a new focus and mission statement in months to come.

4. We are considering starting an initiative to draft a covenant of right relations that will help guide us in our dealings with one another.
5. We are looking into the possibility of introducing "covenant groups" or "chalice circles" as a small group ministry, so that we can have opportunities to deepen our connections with one another.

We will also be busy with the 2 ministerial searches that are going on (interim and settled). As you can see, we have a whole lot on our plate!

Please feel free to contact any COM member (myself, Bob Deyle or Maria Mena) with your concerns about the ministry at UUCT.

Nominating Committee: Annual Meeting Elections

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role in our church? Want to have more of a say in how things operate? The Nominating Committee is looking for you! The following positions on the Executive Board and Nominating Committee will be filled (elected) at our May 21 Annual Congregational Meeting, for terms beginning July 1, 2006. All terms are for two years, except for President-Elect who continues as President and Past President for a three-year term.

The positions to be filled are:
(VP = Vice President)

- President Elect
- VP for Church Community
- VP for Management
- VP for Worship
- VP for Social Justice
- Nominating Committee (2 positions)

If you are interested in finding out more information about any of the open positions, viewing any of the job descriptions, or suggesting yourself or

someone else for consideration, please contact any Nominating Committee member by April 1: Chairperson Don Crosby, Eliza Coyne, Howard Pardue, Linda Oaksford or Richard Dempsey, who is the past president serving on the committee. Per our bylaws, the four elected members choose a fifth member to serve on the committee from among the past presidents of the congregation.

Creating an Intergenerational Congregation

A group of about 40 UUCT members seeking to build bridges with members of other generations gathered in the sanctuary on Jan. 8 to brainstorm ideas about closing those gaps. During a special workshop conducted by UUCT district consultant Connie Goodbread and sponsored by the Youth RE Committee, members talked about ways to encourage UUCTers of all ages to participate in our community.

Participants generated a long list of ideas, from holding special evening services targeting younger members to offering transportation to church events to older members who might not drive.

Other ideas included offering more small-group ministry opportunities such as "chalice circles" (covenant groups) and "Evensong" gatherings, so that UUCT members of varying ages could get to know each other better in a meaningful way. At least one of the ideas has already been put into action: Adult RE coordinator Kim Ross has asked course facilitators to note whether their offerings can accommodate children, and whether they provide childcare to parents of young kids or transportation for the home-bound.

Ms. Goodbread led a dynamic discussion, observing that there was

much to like at UUCT. Having served our congregation as a consultant in the past, she observed that suggestions that came out of her previous workshops had since been institutionalized at UUCT, such as referring to what was once known as "coffee hour" as "social hour."

A report on the workshop will be presented to the board at its February meeting. If you would like more information, or if you would like to help work on some of the initiatives that will result from the workshop, please contact Youth RE chair Eliza Coyne, DRE Maggie Geraci or VP for RE Kelley Turnage.

Social Justice

Harmony Camp News

We are anxious to begin planning for Harmony Camp 2006. However, it will be March before Lorraine Warren will know if she will be available to direct the camp this year. We are hopeful that she will again be our camp director. Currently, our fund raising service for the camp is scheduled for the last Sunday in April. Joanne Taylor is the overall coordinator for this year's Harmony Camp.

UU-UNO

The intergenerational spring seminar of the UU United Nations Office will be in New York City, April 6 – 8, across the street from the U.N. complex. The topic is "People, Poverty and Power," and the seminar will emphasize the United Nations' millennium goal to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Youth will be offered free housing at NYC's All Souls UU Church. For more information, contact Barney Cook (385-4499) or Joe Lama (576-1841), both of whom will be attending.

Heifer International Collection

Our UU Winterfest collection for the Heifer International Project raised \$320 to help fight hunger and poverty. We purchased a share of a heifer, water buffalo, goat, llama, sheep, chicks, ducks, geese, and pigs; a trio of rabbits; a hive of honey bees; and even a share of trees to help re-plant a forest! They will help people around the world, including here at home, achieve financial independence. Thanks to all who gave and to **Natalie Binder** for organizing the effort.

Announcements



Yard Sale Saturday, March 25

Start cleaning your attics and garages! Our Annual Yard Sale Extravaganza is coming up on Saturday, March 25!! As in prior years, we will need lots of volunteers, as well as lots and lots of items (including plants) for the yard sale itself. We will take items all day on Friday, March 24.

Plan ahead, take a good, hard look around your house and find those items you no longer need, have been meaning to get rid of, or perhaps would be getting rid of later in the year. NOW is the time; soon it will be Spring... time to clean up!

Furniture items bring us the most income. Unfortunately, we have limited space to store these items ahead of time, so we'd prefer to have them delivered on the Friday prior to the sale. If you have storage needs, though, or need help with transportation, contact Maria Mena (907-0739, mcmena@ix.netcom.com).

Frequent Flyer Miles Needed

To Fly Brian to the Moon! Not really! But the Campus Ministry Committee would like your help in flying Brian Lee, our hardworking Campus Ministry coordinator, to St. Louis this June to attend General Assembly. If you have frequent flyer miles that you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Dan Damerville (576-5380, damerid@tcc.fl.edu).

Hospitality Chair Needed

As we all know, Sunday social time is very important at UUCT! If you'd e willing to serve as Hospitality Chair, lining up the monthly kitchen kontrollers, contact VP for Church Community Dick Leinberry (386-4977, rlibrary@nettally.com).

UUCT Housing Survey

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the UUCT housing survey. We now have enough people to establish a database so we can respond positively if there is a request for emergency housing in the event of a local disaster, or if someone is seeking lodging for a special event in the Tallahassee area. This is an ongoing effort, so if you wish to add your name to the list, please get a form from Kathie in the office or contact Joan Patterson (patterson090@comcast.net). Completed forms can be left in the office or placed in Joan's mail box in the outer office.

Check for Serving Dishes

The accumulation of serving dishes on the kitchen counter is limiting the space available when we have potlucks and dinners. Please check for any items that might be yours. Items left on 2/28 will be donated to ECHO.

Fill in the Center, Please!

UUCTers, please fill in the center seats on Sunday mornings as you arrive, so there are easy-to-reach seats left for visitors and late-comers. We are ending up with vacant seats in the center of the middle section in the sanctuary and few, if any, easy-to-reach seats left. Let's make it easy for our visitors, especially, to find a seat!

New Meridian Deadline

In an effort to have a more uniform schedule for Meridian production, the new deadline for Meridian submissions is the 15th of each month, regardless of what day of the week it falls on. Most months, the Meridian calendar will also indicate the days the church office will be busy with Meridian production and not able to deal with special requests.

Audio-tapes & CDs

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

Giving Statements

If you need a calendar year (versus fiscal year) statement of your UUCT contributions for income tax purposes, contact Collecting Treasurer Tom Chase (twchase38@earthlink.net, 422-1985 or 405 Castleton Circle, Tallahassee, 32312).

Trustee Tidbits

February's letter from our FL District UUA Trustee, Joan Lund, is posted on the sanctuary bulletin board, or you can e-mail Meridian editor Trudy Deyle for a digital copy (gdeyle@juno.com). The topic is the exciting, diverse conferences being held in the FL District in February: *Creating the UU Church of the Future*, Feb. 3-4 in Vero Beach; a social justice conference with Si Kahn and UUA President William Sinkford, Feb. 11-12 in Clearwater; and an Interweave Convo, *Accepting Ourselves, Accepting Each Other*, Feb. 24-26 in Clearwater.

Let uuworld.org Come to You!

The UUA's new weekly online magazine (www.uuworld.org) offers timely UU news and fresh weekly stories, online classified ads, articles from the printed *UU WORLD*, and features from previous issues, along with our new "Unitarian Universalists in the Media" news blog. Visit every week or sign up for our e-mail newsletter, uuworldWeekly, a once-a-week email alerting you to fresh material featured. Go to www.uuworld.org/subscriptions/emailnewsletter.html, enter your preferred e-mail address and click "Submit."

Appreciation



To:

- **Sara Reece, Elinor Elfner, Susan Synder & Frank Deasy, Nancy Harvey, Trudy Deyle, Chris Ellrich & Abbe Justus, and Carolyn DuBard** for greeting Sundays 1/1 - 1/29.
- **Tom Chase, Elinor Elfner, Peace Dancers, Charlotte Dudley, Jeanne Ryder, Earl and Eleanor Enge, Randall Gann, and John Whitton** for January Sunday services set-up.
- **Bruce & Junelle Brandt, DeWayne & Jennifer Carver, Howard & Carolyn Pardue, Earl & Eleanor Enge, Jerri Lee Wagner, Ben Fleming, Nancy & Dave Harvey, Randall Gann, and Sara Reece** for bringing food or cleaning up for December Sunday hospitality.
- **Carolyn Pardue & Jennifer Carver** for serving as December Kitchen Kontrollers (recruiting and overseeing the volunteers).
- **Christen Ellrich, Abbe Justus, and Melanie Hennings** for helping in the nursery in January.
- **Charlotte Dudley and Ken Horne** for stepping in at the last minute to help with the music for the 1/22 service, when our substitute musician was sick with the flu.
- **Dan Damerville, Isabel Sheridan, Mimi Jones, Stowe Alrutz and Ander Alrutz-Stierna, Jan Miller, Brian Lee, Susan Snyder and Frank Deasy, Lisa and David Smith, and UUU members Jessica Gist, Amanda Plummer, Gabrielle Giron, Frank Green, Grace Waylen, and Danny Apatiga** for doing the January Shelter meal.
- **DeWayne & Jennifer Carver and Howard Pardue** for being advisors for the Jan. Youth Group lock-in, and **Scott Geraci and Jennifer Carver** for taking 8 youth to the Gainesville CON January 13-15.

- **Annette Pearce and Trudy Deyle** for facilitating the Jan. New UU.
- For serving as committee chairpersons: **Neil Mooney** (Endowment and also as UUCT's UU-UNO envoy), **Margaret Mooney** (Hospitality), and **William Riedell** (Technology).

Buildings and Grounds Thanks

The all-church workday in January was attended by 8 participants. Thanks go out to the following volunteers for contributing their time and effort. **Don Berger** reattached the metal flashing on the fascia board above the old classrooms. **Tom Chase** worked on replacing the ballast in the fluorescent light fixture in the kitchen with **Mary Moore** and **Dave Harvey** assisting. **Chris Ellrich**, Mary and Don worked on the lights in the courtyard.

Joe Lama, Steve Urse and Tony Lloyd spread mulch around trees and other places. Chris and Mary moved chairs back into Room L. Chris and Mary moved rubble to the water channel behind the garbage cans. Tony leveled gravel in the parking spaces and lot. Steve and Tony both raked the upper parking lot to get more leaves for mulch. Chris mowed the grass to mulch the leaves. Joe removed brush west of the turn-around on the south side. Dave worked on adding an additional speaker to the sound system. In addition to removing leaves from sidewalks and driveways on the workday, **George Knight** did the same on other January Saturdays.

Outside the workday, **Ed Oaksford** and Steve chalked the asphalt around the trees. Ed planted a lettuce garden south of the church annex, and they both weeded and mulched around it. Also, Dave worked with a heating system vendor to fix the problem with the sanctuary heat pump and got an estimate for a new heating and air conditioning system; installed a new

phone system for the church office, nursery, RE office and Rev. Bill's office; and reset the timer for the annex lights due to a power outage. He also removed debris as a result of some vandalism at the church.

A "Village" of Caregivers

John J.S. Murphy, a longtime member of UUCT (since 1980), died peacefully on Jan. 9 at Big Bend Hospice House, after a long period of declining health. A memorial service for John was held at the church on Saturday January 21 to celebrate his long, happy life of 88½ years. John served on the Finance Committee for many years, sang in the OK Chorale, and was the long-time, Sunday offertory counter.

For the past several years, John was in the care of **Will Adkins**, his primary healthcare surrogate. A year ago when he needed more attention, Will and **Joe Lama** created a "caregivers network," including **Linda Winn-Brown, Jan Miller**, and former UUCTer **Nancy Bivins**, along with primary caregivers **Lisa Winfield** and sister **Debbie Brady** and their families and mother, who gave John very loving, around-the-clock attention.

Thanks to everyone who came to visit John over the years or attended the birthday parties for him in recent years at Wakulla Springs Lodge, especially his dear friend **Louise Dando, Barbara Lineberry**, who came recently with songs and foot massages, and **Rev. Bill Murchison**, who visited several times with John before he died. Thanks to everyone who helped with the memorial service, including **Joanne Taylor and Peggy Lentz** for setting up the potluck refreshments, and Rev. Bill, **Helen Falb, the OK Chorale**, and Joe Lama. If you have any questions about John Murphy, please contact Will Adkins, who called Murphy his "dad."

Caring Network and Membership News

Caring Ministries Network

We are happy that **Tim Campbell** is gradually recovering from a bacterial lung infection along with a viral flu.

Norene Chase is recovering from a fall that resulted in a hair-line hip fracture.

It's nice to have **Ruth Pestle** back with us since her brother's health has improved enough for Ruth to return.

A temporary change in **Anne Rudloe's** therapy regimen, a reaction of the chemo with one of her prescriptions, and a negative reaction to a pain medication, all caused Anne to become so ill following her last chemo therapy that she had to be hospitalized. After a week in the hospital with IV feeding to give her relief from severe nausea and gastrointestinal problems, she began to improve. Anne returned home on January 25 much improved.

William Riedell is feeling much better following his recent hospitalization.

On January 2, Jean and Ken Wood, Barbara and Dick Gearhart, Don Weed and **Eleanor Moore's** four children celebrated Eleanor's 92 birthday in Newman, Georgia. It was a delightful, catered luncheon hosted by Barbara Gearhart. A smiling Eleanor enjoyed her party, especially the song created for her to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Grace Martin recovered beautifully after having a procedure to insert a stint in a cardiac artery which had a 75% blockage. This likely prevented a heart attack, so we are delighted over this fortunate outcome.

Long-time UUCT member **Louise Dando** would love to be in touch via email with other long-time UUCTers. Write her at LouiseDando@webtv.net.

Welcome New Members!

- Logan Hunter-Thompson
- Phillip Thompson

New UU Sessions

These sessions are offered on a regular basis for those new to Unitarian Universalism and UUs new to UUCT, usually two consecutive weeks on a weeknight from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Occasionally we also offer a single, three-hour Sunday afternoon session, when there is enough interest in one. Participants share some about themselves, including their spiritual journeys, and learn a little about the church and the greater Unitarian Universalist movement. There is also time for some discussion, and our minister is present for a question and answer time. The next sessions will be offered in the spring. A general sign-up sheet is on the back counter of the sanctuary. Or contact the church office (385-5115, uuct@nettally.com) or membership chair Trudy Deyle (422-1057, gdeyle@juno.com).

"Dinners for 8"

A winter round of dinners will be held 2/17 – 3/26 and a spring round in May/June. Look for the table with **dinner sign-up sheets on Sundays, 2/5 and 2/12**. Also, all recent new members and friends will be contacted and invited to participate. There are two dinner categories – adults only and intergenerational. Adults without children are welcome to sign up for intergenerational, and adults with children can find a sitter and enjoy an adults-only evening. Hosting means providing the main dish – any style or theme you'd like – and calling the others to complete the menu. If you are interested in hosting a winter or spring dinner and did not check dinner host on your gift of self, contact Junelle Brandt, dinners' coordinator (893-5511, junellebrandt@earthlink.net).

On-going Opportunities

- **Buildings & Grounds 2nd Saturday Workdays:** Contact Dave Harvey (668-9096, daveharv@mac.com).

Current UUCT Stats

- **Certified Membership (as of 1/06) -174**
- **Current Membership - 176**
- **Current Number Friends - 49**
- **Average Sunday Service Attendance - Adults**
 - **December 2005: 109.8**
 - **July - Dec. 2005: 103.3**
 - **7/04 - 6/05: 107.3**
 - **7/03 - 6/04: 107.4**
 - **7/02 - 6/03: 96.5**
- **RE Enrollment (nursery - 12th)**
 - **04-05: 61**
 - **05-06: 52**
- **Average RE Attendance (not including Fun Days)**
 - **9/04 - 5/05: 33.8**
 - **1/06: 27**
- **Nursery Help:** Contact Melanie Hennings (229-226-0446, melanie.hennings@mchsi.com)
- **2nd Monday Shelter Meal:** Contact Susan Snyder (907-1740, deasyf@comcast.net).
- **Sunday Hospitality and Clean Up:** February kitchen controller is Jim Denny (309-1933).
- **Sunday Service Greeter:** Contact Nancy Harvey (668-9096, npharv@aol.com).
- **Sunday Service Set-up:** Contact Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

Lifespan Religious Education

Youth Religious Education (RE)

Youth RE Committee Meeting, Sunday, February 5, 9:30 AM, Rm. K

YOUTH RE CONTACTS:

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

Special Pen Pals

The month of February is Special Pen Pals' month! Children and adults from the congregation were matched up under aliases, to correspond with each other during the month. They are sharing letters, stories, poems and drawings. Pals who are participating, don't forget to leave a correspondence in one of our Special Pen Pals' mailboxes on the RE welcome table on Sunday mornings! Email or snail mail correspondence works, too! And certainly don't forget the revealing party to be held on Sunday, March 5, after the church service in Room L. Pizza will be provided!

Youth RE Registration

Children, age 0 to 18 who attend any part of the Youth RE Program, should be registered if they attend three or more times. Registration helps with:

- * Keeping records of attendance so we know what classes and how many teachers we need each year,
- * Keeping track of allergy and health issues your child may have,
- * Keeping your child safe.

Most expenses of the Youth RE Program are met through our annual pledges to the church budget. A yearly registration fee covers additional costs. Family fees are \$30 for 1 child, \$40 for 2, and \$45 for 3 or more. Scholarships are available! Contact DRE Maggie Geraci or stop by the RE welcome table to register your children!

Now's Your Chance!

Now's your chance to find out what teaching RE is all about! Volunteer to assist in a RE class. No experience necessary...it just requires one hour of your time on a Sunday. Assist the regular RE teacher in reading, helping children with crafts, setting up snacks, and other activities. Get to know the kids and have a blast! To find out what dates are open or for more information, contact DRE Maggie Geraci.

Volunteer of the Month

For February, our Volunteer of the Month is **Melissa Forgey!** Melissa tells us a little about herself and her experience in Youth RE below.

Your volunteer positions: RE teacher for K-1-2; VP for Social Justice.

Your family life: Paul is my husband; we've been together almost 15 years. We have two sons: Aidan, 5 and Emerson, 2 1/2.

Your time outside of family and UUCT:

I currently weave a few different activities together for income. I make beaded jewelry for sale at retail outlets and art shows. I do historic preservation consulting for individuals, cities and corporations. I teach yoga at Archbold Integrative Medicine and am working on becoming a certified yoga teacher with Kashi Atlanta, an urban ashram. Oh, I also volunteer at Aidan's pre-k class once a week to teach the kids yoga, and I am a Georgia Trust Awards Committee member and a

Halcyon Home board member (a local shelter for domestic violence victims).

Your hobbies or interests: My hobbies are now under the income-producing category (jewelry making and yoga), but when the weather's nice I also try to paint the exterior of the house, finish the restoration of the interior of the house, and do all those things "stay-at-home" spouses do to keep things afloat!

Why you decided to volunteer in Youth RE: I decided to volunteer in Youth RE because DRE Maggie Geraci asked me to!

Your favorite part about Youth RE volunteering: My favorite part is getting to know the children and watching them grow. They change so rapidly in so many ways; it's a blast to be part of their journey.

How you fit Youth RE into a busy life: I schedule which classes I'll teach based on my other commitments. It takes the help of other dedicated teachers to pull all of this together!

What you'd like others to know about Youth RE: I wish I had participated in Youth RE before I became a mother. I would have realized kids aren't so scary after all!!!

UU Youth Group Update

January was a busy month for UUCT's Youth Group. First, 8 youth and 2 advisors attended the Jan. Gainesville CON. For 3 of the youth, it was their first District Youth CON, and it was the biggest group UUCT has taken to a CON in several years -- a fact that did not go unnoticed by other youth groups! Then, on Friday night, January 20, the Youth Group held its first lock-in of the year. Eleven youth and 3 advisors ate pizza, played games, watched movies and were treated to a French toast breakfast by Lindsay Weaver and James Oaksford.

Lifespan Religious Education (Continued)

On January 22, the group attended the Sunday service as part of their regular meeting. This service included energetic music by Howard Pardue and Ken Horne, and the youth enjoyed the service a lot! Upcoming events include a Transition-In CON in February and another All-Age CON in March (see below). Details about these events will be provided to the youth during Sun. morning meetings and through the youth email list.

The UUCT Youth Group, open to any middle or high school youth, meets from **10:30 AM - 12:30 PM in Room 3 on Sunday mornings**. For more information about the group, contact advisors Scott Geraci (877-6301; sgeraci68@yahoo.com) and Jennifer & DeWayne Carver (402-0622; jzcarver@earthlink.net; ddcarver@earthlink.net).

FL District CONs

The Youth Group and their advisors will decide which FL District CONs to attend. Trained advisors must accompany youth to district CONs.

2/17-19 Trans-In CON, Oviedo

3/17-19 All-Age CON, Clearwater or Oviedo

4/7-8 Youth Caucus, Vero Beach

May (dates TBD), All-age CON, Tampa

Mountain CONs

The Spring 2006 YouthCONs at The Mountain have been announced!

These YouthCONs, entitled *Puzzle Pieces: Creating Community through Connections*, will be held:

Junior High CON: February 10-12

Elementary CON: February 17-19

Senior High CON: March 3-5

If your child or youth is interested in attending, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci (DREMaggie@earthlink.net, 877-6301).

About SpiralScouts

SpiralScouts International is a scouting group for boys and girls ages 3-18. The Seven Hills Circle of Tallahassee has been in existence for 5 years, growing and learning. SpiralScouts' focus is nature and the environment, teaching how to co-exist and take care of the earth. For more information, visit: www.spiralscouts.org. For the local circle, contact Amy Hall (402-1010) or Patty Burton (942-4056).

Adult Enrichment

ADULT ENRICHMENT CONTACTS:

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

New Addition to the Adult Enrichment listings

In an effort to address the needs of all our congregants, you will find the following codes at the ends of some of the classes:

Baby-friendly – Infants and young toddlers are welcome to attend the gathering with their parents, who assume responsibility for them.

Childcare provided – Childcare has already been lined up for this gathering.

Childcare available upon request – Please let the contact know that you need childcare, and s/he will arrange for it at the location of the gathering.

In addition, transportation can be arranged upon request for those who cannot or prefer not to drive. Please contact the Adult Enrichment coordinator for assistance (Kim Ross, 877-1972; kim@cennexus.com).

Future Classes & Opportunities

Please look for sign-up sheets on the RE Sunday table to express an interest in a class.

The following classes are being offered this spring:

How to Talk so Kids will Listen.

Based on the bestselling book *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk*, the goal of the workshop is to help you communicate more effectively with children. Each session of the workshop will introduce proven skills that will help you cope with your child's negative feelings...engage your child's willing cooperation...discipline without hurting or alienating....help your child develop a positive and realistic self-image...foster a family atmosphere of love and respect. The six sessions will cover helping children deal with their feelings, engaging cooperation, alternatives to punishment, encouraging autonomy, praise, and freeing children from playing roles.

This is a wonderful course for parents, grandparents, and those who work with or just love children. A workbook is required at a cost of \$13.50. If you are interested, please contact DRE Maggie Geraci as soon as possible. We will try to order the workbooks and arrange the class to start sometime in February. Contact: Maggie Geraci (877-6301, dremaggie@earthlink.net). Childcare provided.

Ken Wilber On-line Discussion.

Abstract, integral philosopher Ken Wilber is not everybody's "cup of tea," but he is highly controversial and revolutionary in his ideas about the evolution of human consciousness and the paths to enlightenment. An online discussion group is planned to start soon and may continue as a workshop later, pending interest. Contact Will Adkins (850-385-5071, metamuse@comcast.net).

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The Perennial Philosophy:

Emphasizing the Universal in

Universalist. A number of religious philosophers have identified a set of ever-recurring spiritual principles at the heart of the world's mystical traditions. Together, these universal tenets comprise what has come to be called "The Perennial Philosophy." Frithjof Schuon, Aldous Huxley, Alan Watts and Lex Hixon spent their careers communicating this distilled essence of the world's religions. The transmission continues today with Huston Smith, Ken Wilber and others whose writings convey the same transcendental vision, the Esperanto of enlightenment, the Perennial Philosophy.

Mark Canter, who will lead the class in April and May, holds a Master's Degree in the Humanities with a concentration in Comparative Religion. He teaches world religions at FSU and TCC and is at work on his fifth novel. Contact: Mark Canter (656-1509, mnc03c@garnet.acns.fsu.edu).

Roots: An Exploration of the Free

Church Tradition. This four-session class will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM - March 23 and April 6, 20, and 27 - in Thomasville. Sessions cover: the questions of free religion; the ideas of Unitarian Universalism; church citizenship - covenant vs. creed; and our theology, our worship and our religious education. The class allows participants to gather in community to preserve and strengthen the capacity of each individual to discern what conscience dictates. Contact Charlotte Dudley (lcdudley@yahoo.com, 668-7126). Childcare will be arranged.

The following classes will be offered in the spring, pending interest:

Evensong. A curriculum to facilitate sharing and listening deeply about meaningful personal topics (religious and spiritual experiences, thoughts on the divine and being human,

community, death and other endings...). After a successful 'run' in Thomasville in the fall, this structured series of gatherings for a small group is coming to Tallahassee in the spring, pending interest. Contact Kim Ross (508-9100, kim@cennexus.com) for more information or if interested. Childcare available upon request.

UU Vegetarians. Is there any interest in starting a "vegetarian" group at the church? 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, share suggestions, and generally spread the "gospel" of eating well without consuming meat or dairy products. Contact: Will Adkins (metamuse@comcast.net, 385-5071).

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).

Ballroom Dance Interest Group.

Anyone interested in ballroom dancing is invited to join this interest group. We learn dances and practice by going to the various dance venues around town. Partners not required. The interest group will be attending the Tallahassee Swing Band night at the American Legion Hall at Lake Ella on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM. Contact Annette Pearce (385-4053, Annette.Pearce@gmail.com).

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). Childcare available upon request.

February 14, Jane Austen Book Club by Karen Joy Fowler. Members of a newly-founded book club prove that "real people are quite complicated."

Each person in the club has a story to tell, and much like an Austen novel, the intricate plots that are their lives are slowly revealed. There are many colorful characters. You don't have to have read Austen's novels to enjoy the book. In fact, there are brief summaries of Austen novels.

March 14, Winner of the National Book Award: A Novel of Fame, Honor and Really Bad Weather by Jincy Willett.

"Start with twin sisters, one an implacably celibate librarian, the other a sexually voracious man-killer. Combine with a preposterous historian who writes a fawning biography of the sisters' Mayflower ancestors. Add a dash of murder, and you've got a wickedly comic novel. Willett is nothing less than brilliant as she skewers family pride, literary pretensions, and the publishing world in general. *Winner of the National Book Award* is the funniest thing since Jeeves and Wooster, and its author is adored by fellow humorists."

UU Buddhist Fellowship. Will begin meeting again when Anne Rudloe is able to resume leading the group. Temporary contact: Joanne Taylor (taylorjoanne@earthlink.net, 893-9024).

Freethinkers' Forum. Meets Thursdays, 7:00 PM to approximately 8:30 PM, Rm. L. Beginning in February, we will discuss Sam Harris's controversial and bestselling work: *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* (W.W. Norton and Company, 2004). This book looks at the growing dangers of divisive religions — Islam, Christianity, and Judaism, in an age of weapons of mass destruction. In each session, after about a 30-minute presentation, we enjoy a general round-table discussion of the issues covered. Contact Ron Crowe (997-5307, rongcro2@juno.com).

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

Who are we, and Where are we Going? Four sessions facilitated by Rev. Bill Murchison on Wednesdays 1/25 - 2/15, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Rm. L. Each session open to those who have

not participated in earlier sessions, but please contact church office to sign-up (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115, e-mail preferred). Topics are: 2/1 – how we are with each other, 2/8 – how we are with the world outside our doors, 2/15 – our personal and collective investment in the future of our congregation and our faith.

These sessions will be offered again, if there's interest. Contact Kim Ross if interested for future (877-1972, kim@cennexus.com).

Campus Ministry Corner

By Brian Lee, Campus Ministry Coordinator

The University Unitarian Universalists' campus ministry group will now be meeting **every Monday at 5:00 PM** at the International Center. The center is on the FSU campus at 107 South Wildwood Dr. across from the Student Life Center. We will be helping UUCT to prepare and serve The Shelter meal on February 13; regular meetings will be February 6, 20, and 27.

Coffee Hour will continue at **6:30 PM Fridays** at All Saints Café, located at 903 Railroad Ave., one block south of Gaines St. After coffee on Friday, Feb. 3, we will be checking out the First Friday Gallery Hop at Railroad Square.

For more information about the University Unitarian Universalists, to volunteer your time for tabling at FSU Mar-

ket Wednesday, or to give your input for meeting topics or service project ideas, please contact your Campus Ministry coordinator Brian Lee (877-1972, brianlee@hcsmail.com). To sign up for our email list, send an email to UUUTally-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Green Corner



By Ed Oaksford for the Green Sanctuary Committee

Slow Food Movie Night

Friday, February 10, at 7 PM, Rm. L, join the Green Sanctuary Committee, Global Climate Change Action Group, and Slow Food Tallahassee for a fun and educational movie night. Bring a date. Come learn and share your thoughts. The documentary shown will be "The Global Banquet: The Politics of Food." A discussion will follow and of course some "slow" refreshments, too. Donations will be taken to benefit the Slow Food in Schools program, so please come out and show your support. Membership information is available at all Slow Food Tallahassee events. (Slow Food USA and Slow Food Tallahassee are 501(c)3 organizations for tax purposes.)

"The Global Banquet: The Politics of Food" reveals the profound negative impact of globalization on our food system. Taking examples from all over the world, this video makes "difficult" issues understandable to the non-specialist by exposing:

- * The underlying myths that hunger is the result of scarcity, that small countries simply can't feed themselves, and that only market-driven, chemically-based, industrial agriculture can feed the world;

- * How agri-business is squeezing out small farmers and how trade liberalization, by allowing mass-produced, low-cost food exports to developing countries, is destroying peoples' ability to feed themselves;

- * The links between food security and social development, and how women, particularly, are affected; and

- * The altering and patenting of life forms, factory farming, and the degradation of the environment.

The video examines the ethical questions at the heart of the globalization debate and shows what farmers, laborers, environmentalists, animal rights' activists, church groups, and students, here and in the developing world, are doing to address the situation. It was an award winner at the Vermont International Film Festival, was a cinema Golden Eagle Award Winner, and was broadcast on PBS stations.

Green Corner (Continued)

Which will it be, Plan A or B?

So which will it be, Plan A or Plan B? Well, if you've been living in today's American society, it's Plan A that you subscribe to, whether it be willingly or unwillingly. However, Lester Brown, president of Earth Policy Institute and founder of World Watch Institute, provides an alternative, Plan B. His new book *Plan B 2.0* (yes it's already in version two to stay current with global changes) proposes that economic growth in China and India will cause the global economy to collapse unless world leaders shift to an economy firmly invested in renewable energy, resource recycling, and efficient transportation – in other words, *Plan B 2.0*, which updates his *Plan B* from two years ago.

Lester Brown claims that the current global economic trend, Plan A, is not sustainable. Economic developments in China are helping to clarify the impending shortfalls of a global economy consuming more resources than its planet has to offer. China, with a projected population of around 1.4 billion in 2031, the year per-capita income is projected to equal that of the

U.S., will be doing the following:

- Burning 99 million gallons of oil a day, 18 percent more than is now produced globally,
- Consuming two-thirds of the world's current grain harvest,
- Using twice as much paper as the world currently produces, and
- Driving 1.1 billion cars, more than the world's 2005 fleet of 800 million, forcing China to pave roads, highways and parking lots equal to the area now in rice.

I don't think there is any need to go into the statistics for India, is there?

Plan B has three components: (1) a restructuring of the global economy so that it can sustain civilization; (2) an all-out effort to eradicate poverty, stabilize population, and restore hope, in order to elicit participation of the developing countries; and (3) a systematic effort to restore natural systems. Combining social goals and earth restoration components into a Plan B budget means an additional annual expenditure of \$161 billion. Such an investment is huge, but it is

not a charitable act. It is an investment in the world where our children will live.

Brown says: "The U.S. military budget is totally out of sync with these new threats. If the U.S. were to underwrite the entire \$161 billion Plan B budget by shifting resources from the \$492 billion spent on the military, it still would be spending more for military purposes than all other NATO members plus Russia and China."

"It is decision time. Like earlier civilizations that got into environmental trouble, we can decide to stay with business as usual and watch our global economy decline and eventually collapse. Or we can shift to Plan B, building an economy that will sustain economic progress."

"One way or another, the decision will be made by our generation. Of that there is little doubt. But it will affect life on earth for all generations to come."

Get the book *Plan B 2.0* from Earth Policy Institute!

Reference Note: Materials obtained from Earth Policy Institute press release and a news article by Cox News Service, written by Jeff Nesmith.

UUCT OPERATING BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES				
October - December, 2005				
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
INCOME				
Pledges	13,787.00	13,865.00	22,980.01	50,632.01
Non-pledge cash/checks	1,292.13	690.00	655.98	2,638.11
All Other Income	565.92	432.57	855.90	1,854.39
Total Income	15,645.05	14,987.57	24,491.89	55,124.51
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses	4,292.97	5,002.65	5,067.57	14,363.19
Nat'l & District UU Fair Share	0.00	3,115.00	0.00	3,115.00
Campus Ministry	530.98	530.98	530.98	1,592.94
Religious Education	1,393.17	1,247.45	1,194.73	3,835.35
Music	1,634.73	1,589.73	1,552.68	4,777.14
Other Programs & Committees	1,216.35	359.65	191.72	1,767.72
Buildings & Grounds	1,959.02	2,256.10	3,585.87	7,800.99
Minister's Package	6,030.75	6,301.91	4,771.70	17,104.36
Total Expenses	17,057.97	20,403.47	16,895.25	54,356.69

Events: UUCT Upcoming

Upcoming UUCT Events

Peace Dances, Saturday, February 4, 7:30 PM. In the sanctuary. Simple, meditative circle dances, rejuvenating and uplifting. Contact: Tom and Katya Taylor (katyata@earthlink.net, 656-9321).

Brown Bagging with Bill, Thursdays, February 9 & 23, Noon. Bring a bag lunch to UUCT and join Rev. Bill in Rm. L for an hour of conversation and fellowship. No need to RSVP. Contact: Kathie Mackie in office (uuct@nettally.com, 385-5115).


All Church Workday, Saturday, February 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Enjoy fellowship working on chores and projects to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

Chili & Chocolate Dinner and Auction, Saturday, February 11, 5:00 - 7:30 PM. Silent and live auction. See p. 3 for details.

Silent Auction Continues, Sunday, February 12, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM. See p. 3 for details.

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

Movie Discussion Group, Sunday, February 19, Afternoon. See a movie chosen by consensus, then go to a restaurant for discussion. Contact: Dave Harvey (daveharv@mac.com, 668-9096).

 **Baby Shower for Jennifer & DeWayne Carver, Saturday, February 25, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM.**

In the sanctuary. Entire church community invited – all ages. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Barbara Lenczewski by Sat. 2/18 (386-3267, Basia206@comcast.net). For more information, contact Elizabeth Vigil (656-2855, evigil@speakeasy.net) or Elinor Elfner (524-1026, eelfner@comcast.net).

Non-UUCT Events

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

Noah's Pudding 2/12

When the waters of the great Flood began to recede, the Prophet Noah and his family gathered up all the remaining dry beans and wheat on the Ark and made a delicious pudding. So Muslims prepare Noah's pudding every year by mixing dry beans and wheat together, then sharing with neighbors and friends, as a symbol of the unity and essential relationship of humans to one another and to their Creator. Preparing the pudding at home and sending a bowl to each of their neighbors is a common practice among Muslims and Christians around the Mediterranean. As tradition goes the residents of forty houses in each direction are neighbors. Muslims are directed to maintain good relations with their neighbors regardless of what their religion or beliefs may be. The Muslim Tolerance and Dialog Group will include the people who attend the UUCT service on Sun., Feb. 12 among their neighbors, bringing Noah's pudding to share during the potluck.

Mountain Retreat May 2006

Greetings from your Mountain Ambassador, Linda Winn-Brown! It is my great hope that we can make a UUCT Mountain Retreat work this year. We are looking at Memorial Weekend - May 26-29. Hopefully, most can go Friday - Monday. There is a possibility of car-pooling. Some UUCT Mountain scholarship money may also be available; contact Christine Boczarska, Board president.

If you are interested in this weekend adventure, please sign up on the form

Budget & Canvass Dates

The proposed 2006-2007 Asking Budget has been developed and reviewed by the Church Council and the Finance Committee. Once it is reviewed by the Board on February 5, the following events will occur during the month of February:

Friday, February 10: Proposed Asking Budget mailed to church members and friends, along with the slate of nominees for the four Settled Minister Search Committee members to be elected by the congregation.

Sunday, February 19, 12:30 PM: Congregational discussion meeting on the proposed asking budget.

Sunday, February 26, 12:15 PM: Congregational voting meeting to adopt the 2006-2007 asking budget and elect the four additional Settled Minister Search Committee members.

Please mark these meetings on your calendar, along with the all-important **Pledge Sunday party and potluck on March 12.** Canvass materials will be mailed to all members and friends beforehand. If you have questions about any of the above, contact Jim Dawson, VP for Finance and Canvass Committee chairperson (383-1213, jwdawson53@aol.com).

at the rear of the sanctuary and contact Elinor Elfner for a registration form (eelfner@comcast.net, 524-1026). We will plan a meeting as soon as we have a sufficient number interested. Feel free to contact me (lwinn41@earthlink.net, 562-4755). Let's make it happen!

Please note: This purpose of this intergenerational retreat is to experience The Mountain, have fun together, and build community. We'll be leaving all discussions about UUCT's future at home!

February 2006 Monthly Planner

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Our Mission:

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

<p>Our Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Christine Boczarska, President* Richard Dempsey, Past President* DeWayne Carver, President Elect* Molly Schmid, Secretary* Steve Urse, VP for Management* Rod Oldenburg, VP for Worship* Melissa Forgey, VP for Social Justice* Jim Dawson, VP for Finance* Kelley Turnage, VP for Religious Education* Dick Leinberry, VP for Church Community	<p>Non-Voting Members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ellen Dempsey, Treasurer* Joan Patterson, Asst. Treasurer* Tom Chase, Collecting Treasurer <p>The Committee on Ministry</p> <p>Sara Reece, chair</p> <p>Bob Deyle</p> <p>Maria Mena</p> <p>Directory Changes</p> <p>If your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let the office know. Unless you direct us otherwise, changes will be published in updates.</p>	<p>Membership Notes</p> <p>To explore becoming a member or supporting friend, contact Membership chair Trudy Deyle, president Christine Boczarska, or Rev. Bill Murchison.</p> <p>Help our visitors by wearing your nametag on Sundays. New members and friends receive name tags. Contact church office for replacements (\$6.60).</p> <p>Next new member recognition is in March.</p> <p>Mark Your Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the purpose of every check in the memo line (pledge, UUSC...)• Note the month or fiscal year for pledge checks.
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