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## UUCL SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE - January

**Sunday Services**  
11:00 AM

**Religious Education**  
Children 11:15 AM  
(School Year Only)

**Adult Discussion  
Group**  
10:00 AM

**Choir Practice**  
10:00 AM

**Coffee on the Patio**  
10:00 AM

**Fellowship on the Patio**  
12:00 PM

**CUUPs Evensong**  
4:00-6:00 PM

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January 7 UU Member Panel - Deb Dubendorf, Fred Royal, Liz Trodahl, Teddy Weihe, and Faye Moore will tell us "WHY THEY CAME, AND WHY THEY STAY."

January 14 "We're All in the Same Boat!" - Dr. Robert P. Tucker will honor Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend by highlighting Unitarian civil rights leader Whitney M. Young, Jr.

January 21 "To Save and to Savor" - As U.U.s, we are called both to save and to savor this world. Our goal must be to find the right balance between justice and joy as Dr. Tucker will explain.

January 28 "King Solomon's Minds?" - What do Davy Crockett and King Solomon have in common? Both were a blend of fact and fancy, as native-born Texan Dr. Tucker will describe.

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## The Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- † The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- † Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- † Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- † A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- † The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- † The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- † Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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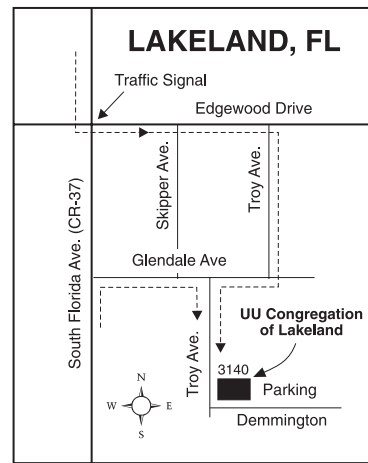
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## District and Other Doings

Upcoming District Events - Janice Austin

submitted by Diane Baum

 <p>Celebrated Speakers Series - Vero Beach UU:          1/13/07 - Dave Barry          2/09/07 - George Will          3/10/07 - The Motley Fool          3/31/07 - Doris Kearns Goodwin</p> <p>2/16-18/07 UUA National Conference: Now Is The Time Arlington, VA</p> <p>3/3/07 West Central Cluster-Social Action Workshop with UUSC President Charlie Clements - Clearwater</p> <p>4/27-29/07 District Annual Assembly - Clearwater</p> <p>5/23/07 4<sup>th</sup> Annual All Cluster Revival Service -Rev. Kendyl Gibbons - St. Petersburg Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.floridadistrict.org">www.floridadistrict.org</a></p>	 <p><b>The Mountain</b>          It's Time to Register for MountainCamp 2007!          2007 Camp Dates:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ASCENDERS Camp</td> <td>June 10 - July 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CITs (Counselors-in-Training)</td> <td>June 10 - July 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beginning Camp</td> <td>July 1 - 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elementary Camp</td> <td>July 1 - 13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior High Camp</td> <td>June 17 - 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior High Camp</td> <td>July 15 - 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Work &amp; Adventure Camp</td> <td>July 1 - 13</td> </tr> </table> <p>For a brochure or if interested in working on the MountainCamp Staff go to:  <a href="http://www.mountaincenters.org/mountaincamp.html">http://www.mountaincenters.org/mountaincamp.html</a>          For more information on The Mountain go to:  <a href="http://www.mountaincenters.org">http://www.mountaincenters.org</a> or call: (828) 526-5838</p> <p>(The Mountain is a 501c3 non-profit organization and an independent affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).)</p>	ASCENDERS Camp	June 10 - July 13	CITs (Counselors-in-Training)	June 10 - July 28	Beginning Camp	July 1 - 7	Elementary Camp	July 1 - 13	Junior High Camp	June 17 - 29	Senior High Camp	July 15 - 28	Work & Adventure Camp	July 1 - 13
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see it grow and prosper. I want to give as much support as I can to help make our community a better place, and I hope that you do too. There are so many good things that our financial pledges support. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions concerning finance/pledging, etc. My contact info is on the last, inside page of the Beacon under Finance.

Barbara and Don Wallace are heading up the planning for the Dinner. From what they have come up with, so far, it sounds like it is going to be a great time. Invitations will be going out in Jan., and we will need RSVPs by the first week in Feb. at the latest. We are still working out details, so if you would like to help with the Dinner, like decorating, setting up, or cleaning up, please contact the Wallaces. Anything that you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. There will be more information in the Feb. Beacon, concerning the Dinner and Pledge drive.

Blessed Be!



### From the Sunshine Committee



**HELP US CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER:** If you know a Member or Friend who could benefit from receiving a call, card, visit or assistance, please notify the Office at 646-3715 or Carolyn Hallett at 688-0922.

## A Message From the Minister

### A Dark Matter, Indeed!

**Dr. Robert P. Tucker**

The October 2004 issue of *Discover* magazine [p. 36] had an article entitled, "Meet the Dark Universe." I have it filed away because it also contains an excellent lesson about how we ought to live our lives, one right up our U.U. alley.

It explains that "the latest theories hold that 96 percent of everything up there [in the night sky] is in the form of exotic dark matter and dark energy that emit no light and cast no shadows... [Dark energy] appears to be causing the universe to blow apart at an accelerating tempo..." Even so, "dark energy is less than invisible. It has no evident impact of any kind."

"Dark matter is a different story," however. It exerts "a powerful gravitational pull" which works "to bind together clusters of galaxies... The effects show up clearly in our own cosmic neighborhood. Without dark matter, our local group of galaxies would disperse, and the famed Andromeda galaxy would not hover overhead on autumn evenings..."

"The Milky Way is likewise escorted by at least a half dozen small galaxies trapped by the gravitational epoxy of dark matter..."

Indeed, as University of Chicago scientist, Andrey Kravtsov adds: "It's hard to understand how such small galaxies should exist at all" without the binding force of dark matter. Many minigalaxies, he explains, "probably started out much larger, containing enough dark and luminous matter to evolve into cohesive systems of stars. Over time, these galaxies grew smaller and dimmer as they were cannibalized by their more massive neighbors..." Kravtsov thinks that dark matter "is made of weakly interacting massive particles, or WIMPs [!]-hypothetical particles so unreactive that they can pass right through ordinary matter [like us, undetected]... WIMPs would be slow moving and unaffected by radiation ("cold dark matter"...), so they could easily gather into giant clumps that would help draw together the bright parts of galaxies."

Dark matter also influences the way the Milky Way galaxy spins. "Without it, stars closer to the galactic center...would orbit the nucleus more quickly than would the sun. Conversely, stars farther from the core...would get left behind. Because of the influence of dark matter, the Milky Way's components all seem to move at about the same speed."

Also, "every single point of light in the night sky bears the imprint of dark matter... Without a gravitational boost from dark matter, the hot gases that emerged from the Big Bang would have evolved into a misty universe devoid of galaxies, stars, planets, or any notable structure at all..."

As fascinating as all that is, for me, at least, the real life lesson is to be found in the article's concluding two sentences: "Astronomer **Fritz Zwicky** discovered dark matter [more than 70 years ago]... Yet Zwicky's name is little known today—largely because his abrasive personality won him few friends." [Emphasis added.]

All of us have our own problems aplenty. The last thing most people need or want is to listen to others moaning and groaning, complaining and disdaining, criticizing and negativising. What we desire is balm and succor, care and concern, joy and laughter.

Someone whose name has not been forgotten was Unitarian Ralph Waldo Emerson. He got it just right when it said what we would all do well to remember: "To have a friend, you must be a friend."

# A Message From The President

## A Vision for 2007 and On

Perhaps you have noticed that for the last few months Dr. Tucker has preached sermons inspired by a little book titled Growing a Beloved Community by noted UU minister Tom Owen-Towle. (But look for the next in this series on the THIRD Sunday in January.) Subtitled "Twelve Hallmarks of a Healthy Congregation," this slim volume provides inspiration as well as concrete suggestions for any church that wishes to be not merely adequate but the best it can be – a coming together of many diverse individuals in true loving community.

A year ago I would have said that such a goal is too difficult to achieve, not possible at all, and a typical UU pie-in-the-sky concept. Now I'm quite certain that I was wrong.

It IS possible for us to become a safe, nurturing congregation. My experiences at General Assembly taught me that well-intentioned people who labor diligently together with a shared vision can make positive changes in their churches.

In the coming year we will be working toward this goal through the development of a covenant, the reiteration of our mission statement, and Dr. Tucker's seven remaining sermons based on Owen-Towle's book. As Robert so eloquently put it on December 10:

As for unity, it already exists among us in the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles that we inherit and share in common by becoming part of this religious movement. These Principles adorn the walls of this sanctuary and make it beautiful. If we let them adorn our lives, we, too, can acquire a sublime spiritual beauty.

To live by these Principles is not easy. It takes courage, perseverance, and flexibility. We must be willing to set our own egos aside for the sake of the larger whole. We must be willing to compromise our desires for the needs of others. But we can do these things if we set our hearts and minds to it.

Happy New Year, Blessed Be, and see you next week!  
*Elaine*

### Two (alternative) takes on the 4<sup>th</sup> Principle

All our lives are an ongoing quest.  
We go searching north, south, east and west  
To find out what is real  
Through the things that we feel  
With our minds and our spirits the test.  
(Church of the Larger Fellowship)



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## Lights, Camera, Auction !!

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lakeland  
Goods and Services Auction

Saturday, January 27, 2007  
at UUCL

5:30 - 6:30 Silent Auction and Social Time  
6:30 - 7:15 Italian Dinner  
7:15 - 9:30 Live Auction

## How you can help raise money for UUCL

### Donate

Beautiful things for the **Silent** Auction

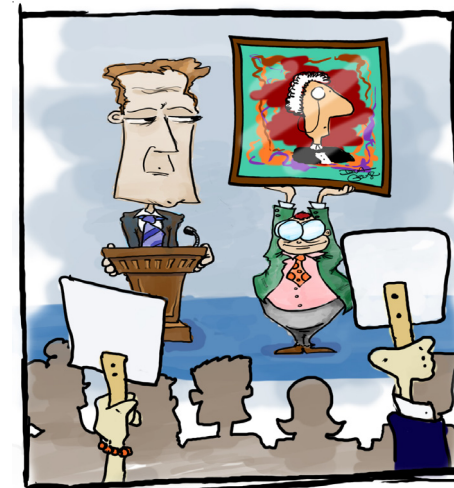
Dinners, or outings, or services for the **Live** Auction

Donation forms are available at UUCL and also someone will call you to ask for your donation. All donations must be submitted by January 7 so the auction book can be available the week before the auction..

### Come and bid for many items at the auction

Dinner with bidding paddle costs \$10 per person, but kids are free. Can't come for dinner? A paddle alone costs \$2. Make your reservation at UUCL on Sunday or call or e-mail Blenda George (863)709-9096 or [blenda@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:blenda@tampabay.rr.com)

Free babysitting provided for the kids - and they can bid in the silent auction. Rides to UUCL will be provided.



## Community News

### NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST AND INFORMATION SESSION

UUCL Social Hall - Sunday, Feb. 4 - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

To register or for further information, contact Carol Hull 667-2038 or Barbara Wallace 696-0323

Or Visitors' Desk in UUCL Lobby.

### PARENT ORIENTATION SCHEDULED FOR OWL - Ron Nickolas

OWL (Our Whole Lives) is a highly structured sexuality education curriculum whose purpose is to educate and guide students in 7th, 8th and 9th grades so that they may safely and sanely negotiate such issues as romantic relations, peer pressure, sexuality in the media, the changes their bodies are going through and the consequences of the decisions they make about these topics. If you have a child in this age group who would like to participate it is required that you attend the orientation session. The curriculum was developed by the Unitarian Universalist Program Development office and the United Church of Christ (UCC). The current plan is to include students from the United Church of Christ of Lakeland.

We are offering this course in January and February of 2007. The current plan is to offer 5 sessions that would be approximately 90 minutes in length that would include lessons, discussions and activities that promote the lessons of OWL. The possibility exists to extend the number of classes through March if there is sufficient interest on the part of the students to continue.

Per OWL guidelines, youth participation is contingent on each (custodial) parent attending an orientation session. Parent orientation is scheduled for Sunday January 7 at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lakeland at 3140 Troy Avenue. The purpose of the orientations is to:

- Inform parents of the topics to be covered in each session
- Obtain permission slips and collect registration materials
- Respond to your concerns, if any, regarding the OWL curriculum
- Understand the shared commitment and the potential for parent involvement

If you have any questions please contact either of the co-facilitators: Deborah Dubendorff (648-0727) or Ron Nickolas (683-0558).

### Opera Lovers! - Diane Baum

The Imperial Symphony Orchestra is again staging their opera fundraiser at the Historic Polk Theatre. Donizetti's Elixir of Love will be presented on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm, starring Sarah Hagstrom and Nicholas Coppola. This year, please arrange for your own tickets by calling 863 688-3743 or [www.imperialsymphony.org](http://www.imperialsymphony.org) A group will be going to dinner together at The Antiquarian preceding the opera. Call Diane Baum (686-8820) if you would like to be included in the dinner reservation.

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## Committee/Officer News!

### Beacon Newsletter - Janice Austin, Editor

If you are thinking of submitting an article for the Beacon, please keep in mind both the deadline for future issues **and the mailing date**. Depending on when an event is occurring and the nature of the event, you may need to submit your article an issue ahead in order for timely notice to be given to people. To help you in making such decisions I am including in this issue (and will include in future issues) information on relevant dates for the next three months of the Beacon:

Beacon Issue	Deadline	Mailing Date
Feb '07	1/17	1/30
Mar '07	2/14	2/27
Apr '07	3/14	3/27

If it would not be appropriate/productive to publish the information that far in advance, then an alternative would be to ask Dr. Tucker to do a mass e-mailing to all members at an appropriate point in time.

### Congregational Relations - Charlene Bennett, Chair

#### SECOND UUCL TOWN MEETING!

Sunday, January 14, after potluck

**The Topic: DEVELOPING A BEHAVIORAL COVENANT FOR OUR WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER—HOW SHALL WE DO IT?**

**It is so very important that each of us participate in this event. Come help us solve this puzzle.**

**Please put on your schedule right now.**

**See you there.**

### Grounds Committee - Orrinna Speese, Chair

The Grounds work crew is glad summer is over! Thanks to Ken and Mel Davis, Ken Schmidt, Whit and Teddy Weihe—we mowed, cleaned the patio, clipped bushes, picked up sticks, moss and litter. The Demington Street hedge was quickly trimmed thanks to a cool new tool from Ken Schmidt. Ken and Don Micklewright repaired and painted the old picnic table—it looks as good as new. And Don, who is committee member emeritus, clipped bushes on a Saturday morning. Ken Davis took out some, old, raggedy cedars and he and Mel planted dwarf viburnums along Troy. They also planted American beautyberry along the east fence. Norm Davies is back, fixing things. He and Ken S. drilled the holes in the patio tables for the new and classy umbrellas which Joyce Bode bought — thanks. The tables themselves were repainted by Bill Lord in August — thanks. Beatty Raymond clipped the azaleas — thanks. Bob Baum recently oversowed with winter rye grass seed — thanks. Thanks again to Greg and Joyce Hannie for repairing and repainting the main sign. Thanks also to Cindy Ross, Kaye Breckenridge, Jose Garcia, Jane Eskenazi and Mona Oberhaus.



## Membership - Carol Hull

### BECOMING A MEMBER OF UUCL

The Members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lakeland (UUCL) would like to extend an invitation to persons interested in learning more about us and becoming Members of the Congregation. Membership in this Congregation provides opportunities to explore spiritual and intellectual convictions, to engage in community activism in support of social justice, and to seek individual support through networking with other Members and Friends of the Congregation. Any person who has reached the age of fourteen and who is in sympathy with and agrees to support this Congregation's purpose and program both actively and financially may become a Member.

Persons considering membership are encouraged to make an appointment with the Minister who will explain the method, meaning and responsibility of being a Member of the Congregation. This should be followed by participation in a UU Newcomers Session as a means to enhance understanding of the principles underlying the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Association as well as our Congregation. The next session will be held in conjunction with a breakfast in the Social Hall on Sunday morning, Feb. 4. Those wishing to attend should contact Carol Hull (667-2038) or Barbara Wallace (696-0323).

Within a few weeks after the signing of the Membership Book, new Members will be contacted by a representative of the Membership and Finance Committees to discuss their areas of interest for involvement with the Congregation as well as their financial commitment for the coming year.

We welcome the involvement and participation of new Members and anticipate that they will find UUCL an exciting place to meet their interests and needs.

#### Charles Schrey - by Al Eskenazi

We welcome Charles Schrey as a new member to the UUCL. Charles has traveled extensively as a marine and later in electronics. He joined the Marines at 17 and remained a marine for 8 years. He was an aviation electronics technician and then took training as a Naval Air Cadet. He was later reinstated in the Marines and stationed in the Phillipines, having been in Korea previously. After the service he was a Philco technology representative in Alaska and all over the United States.

Charles was married twice and is currently divorced. He notes that he is finding himself newly isolated and is trying to make new friends. He lives alone. He has had quadruple bypass heart surgery and other medical problems. At present he loves to read and spends a lot of time on the web. He says that he has never been bored.

Charles was affiliated with a UU in New Jersey but did not join there. Recently he has been attracted to the philosophy of UUCL and to people who seem to respect each other's viewpoints without criticism. He would like to become more active, but driving at night is difficult for him.


Welcome aboard, Charles.  
(Charles Schrey DOB 10/24, 6111 Grand Oaks Drive SE, Winter Haven, FL 33884, Phone (863) 326-1369 cell (871) 326-1369 email Charles\_Schrey@hotmail.com)

### Religious Education - Diane Baum, RE Coordinator

Have you asked one of the RE children what they are doing in their Sunday School classes? Maybe without realizing it, they are learning the Purposes and Principles of our UU religion. One class is looking at the Bible stories and relating them to what we believe. Another class is being exposed to famous UUs that have impacted our lives. Even the preschool class has lessons on our church being a safe, caring group of people.

It takes time and dedication for the teachers to prepare these lessons, and it is rewarding for them. . . but

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### Happy Birthday!!!

David Ernst	Jan 1	Irma Miller	Jan 17
Ken Davis	Jan 5	Vincent Ross	Jan 19
Virginia Adler	Jan 8	LeeAnn Haley	Jan 20
Joanne Wiggins	Jan 8	Cindy Ross	Jan 23
Maurice Raymond	Jan 8	D. Kyle Sawyer	Jan 23
Alysia Evans	Jan 12	Diny Kalman	Jan 24
Norm Rainey	Jan 14	Roberta Tucker	Jan 28
Kyle Van Horn	Jan 15	Oliver Ross	Jan 31
Jo Parker	Jan 16		

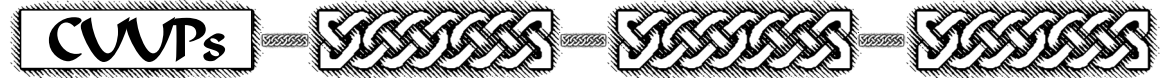
  

### Happy Anniversary!!!

Arland & Beth Meade	Jan 6
Sue Harris & Peter Helwig	Jan 12
Beatty & Maurice Raymond	Jan 12
Hubert & Sharon Becker	Jan 21
Keyno & Zela Hicks	Jan 23
Dottie & John Perry	Jan 24



If you have any corrections/additions/deletions to birthday or anniversary information, please send an e-mail to Janice Austin at uumailme@cs.com or leave the information in her Beacon Editor's mailbox. Also provide Lee Myers, the UUCL secretary, with the information.



### Circles start at 4 pm - Theresa Lutz, CVPs Contact

**January 7** - "The Quiet Times" A ritual to help us recover from the frenzy of the holidays, led by Theresa Lutz. This will include silent meditation and will be too quiet for most children to participate. Finger food potluck after.

**January 14** - "Drum and Rhythm Circle" led by Linda Walters. You don't have to drum: dance, chant, play another rhythm instrument or just soak up all the great vibes! This is a family friendly opportunity to release all that negative energy and generate a lot of the positive kind! Finger food potluck after.

*Creating Our Circle:* A series of four workshops (1/21, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29) exploring modern paganism with exercises designed to help participants develop and define our personal beliefs. We will use the book, *Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions* by Joyce and River Higginbotham. Copies will be available at EarthFamilies

meetings in January. Our facilitator, Chalice Moon, has been a UU for over 18 years and has been a participant in EarthFamilies since the first meeting. She is however, still in the Broom Closet when it comes to public announcements.

**January 21** - "Foundations of Earth-Centered Religion" Please read chapters 1&2. If you have time, reflect on your spiritual journey to date and jot down a timeline of the important religious and spiritual events in your life. We won't have time to do this exercise in the workshop. Finger food potluck after.

**January 28** - No Circle on Sunday, instead please join UUCL on Saturday for their annual Service Auction. If you didn't donate, think about how you can participate next year!

## Wednesday Forums

Where: Sanctuary

When: Wednesday, 7:00 PM

(Continuing through 8:30 - 9:00 depending on length of presentation)

**January 3** - No Forum

**January 10** - Movie and Discussion - **An Inconvenient Truth**

Vice President Al Gore in the wake of defeat in the 2000 election, re-set the course of his life to focus on a last-ditch, all-out effort to help save the planet from irrevocable change. This movie ultimately brings home Gore's persuasive argument that we can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue - rather, it is the biggest moral challenges facing our global civilization.

**January 17** - Movie and Discussion - **Beyond the Call**

Three middle-aged men, former soldiers and modern-day knights, travel the world delivering life-saving humanitarian aid to civilians and doctors in some of the most dangerous yet beautiful places on Earth. As humanitarian renegades, this band of ordinary guys with extraordinary courage takes risks and bends rules in the name of making a difference.

**January 24** - Movie and Discussion - **Side Effects**

Based on filmmakers Kathleen Slattery-Moschkau's decade of experience working as a drug sales rep, "Side Effects" examines the pill-pushing tactics of the pharmaceutical industry's leading companies. Enjoy an entertaining comedy-drama that brings to light many issues in the health care industry.

January 31 - No Forum

**Laura Wampfler, Forum Coordinator**

## Adult Discussion Group

Where: Social Hall

When: Sunday, 10:00 AM

**January 7** - Topic: **Global Warming – Who Me?**

Are we putting our money where our mouths are about the issue of global warming? Today we will share our personal strategies with the group.

Facilitator: Elaine Lehmann

**January 14** - Topic: **Origins of an Error-prone New Testament**

Facilitator: Reverend Robert Willoughby

**January 21** - Topic: **To be announced**

Facilitator: To be announced

**January 28** - No ADG

Suggestions for discussion topics are welcome. Let us know what topic you might like to facilitate or topics you are interested in and who you think would be a good presenter/leader on it.

**Janice Austin, ADG Coordinator**



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we would like to have more volunteers to help some Sundays, so the regular teachers can have a Sunday in the service occasionally. Wouldn't you like to experience our Sunday School programs? Contact Diane Baum at [rbaum@gte.net](mailto:rbaum@gte.net) if you would like to volunteer.

A very important program that distinguishes UU from other religions is our OWL program. (OWL = Our Whole Lives) This is the current reincarnation of the AYS program. We are lucky to have two trained presenters who are willing to offer this program in Jan/Feb for our 12-15 year olds. It is an in depth sexuality training program to make sure our youth are well equipped to face their teen years. One of the requirements is a parent meeting, where permissions slips are signed and questions are answered. Anyone having a teen they want involved in this program, come to the Parent meeting on Sunday, Jan 7 from 7 to 9 pm in the large RE room.

The RE is planning to attempt a musical presentation this Spring. We will also need volunteers to help with this production, so keep this in mind. . .

The YRUU group is planning to host a Trans-In CON in late February. If you have not experienced this, you might want at least see some of what happens! There will be about 40 youth from around the state at our facility from Friday night to Sunday, just before services that one weekend. There is a lot of energy!

## Report of the Treasurer - Joyce Bode - Month ending 11/30/06

**Operating Fund:** November Year to date

Income	\$5,340.20	\$43,913.25
Expenses	<u>\$7,171.65</u>	<u>\$41,447.75</u>
Total	-\$1,831.45	\$ 2,465.50

Restricted Fund Balances:

Endowment Funds: \$35,610.31

Capital Campaign: \$1,825.00

Prepaid Pledges: \$8,491.66

Earth Families CUUPS: \$622.50

Roof Fund: \$5,000.00

If you ever have any questions about UUCL finances, please feel free to call me (863) 701-0077 or e-mail [jbode@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbode@tampabay.rr.com)

For all those who have made a pledge for the 2006-2007 fiscal year (July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007), a statement of your payments will be sent to you either by e-mail or regular mail at the end of December.

## Finance - Linda Walters

As a new member of UUCL, I have experienced many firsts, this year. I have taken on quite a few projects and duties, like Asst. Treasurer, a CUUPS Director, Hospitality the first Sunday each month, money duties at the Auction, and Finance Chair. I did, however, say no when asked to be a piñata at the Annual Picnic. It would probably have involved as much punishment as being Finance Chair, but I am sure it would have required more stitches.

February is the month we begin our Pledge Drive. This year we will kick it off with our Annual Dinner on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Peggy Brown Building on Lake Mirror. Our theme is "Caring for our Beloved Community." Our President, Elaine Lehmann, brought the phrase "Beloved Community" back from General Assembly (GA). I was touched by the videotaped sermon by Rev. Gail on the subject, from GA, and was very moved by Dr. Tucker's service about "Charity/Caring begins at Home." I care about our beloved community. I want to

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