

# Womanspirit

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UU WOMEN & RELIGION COMMITTEE

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## Spring Conference Features

Cynthia Grant Tucker

*Author of Prophetic Sisterhood*

MAKE PLANS NOW TO COME TO THE JACKSONVILLE UU CHURCH MARCH 26, 27, AND 28 FOR THE 1993 FLORIDA DISTRICT WOMEN AND RELIGION SPRING CONFERENCE. THE WOMEN OF JACKSONVILLE UU CHURCH have designed a wonderful program featuring Cynthia Grant Tucker as keynote speaker and Carolyn Williams, who led the Jacksonville study group on *Prophetic Sisterhood*, as Saturday luncheon speaker.

This is going to be a special conference. There will be a cabaret, a candle light procession, a wide variety of workshops, a fireside for chanting and drumming, and options to play tennis or visit a museum.

LOOK INSIDE FOR THE FLYER WITH REGISTRATION FORM. The schedule is there. So is more information about the cabaret, a trading fair, and housing options. There is information also about child care and scholarships. Check it out. Jacksonville will be the place to be for Florida District UU Women March 26-28. See you there!

## Open Letter about the Area Reps' Meeting Jan. 8 & 9 --

--from Susan Stephenson

On a very rainy night we gathered at The Pines. Our formal meeting was not until the next day but we were glad for the time to get to know each other before getting to work. Susan offered a series of questions that were represented by symbols or drawing by each of the women about her own life personally and we shared our insights with each other.

The format is one you might like to try for yourself or in relation to our local organizations. Step One, Represent where your energy has been in the past year, perhaps showing the ups and downs of it or otherwise symbolizing how your year might look. Step Two, Where would you like your energy to go in the coming year? Represent how it might take form or feel to you. Step Three, What blocks or barriers interfere with your creating what you want? (It is important here to look within.) Step Four, Ask those blocks/barriers, "What do you need to be removed?" Look over your four drawings and notice what you have learned from this process. Complete the sentence, "I learned..." or "I discovered..." or "I reaffirm..." I'd love to hear about your insights if you give this process a try.

The following morning after a small greeting ritual we jumped right into the work at hand. First came updates on a number of exciting topics...

**The Women and Religion Conference in Jacksonville** was first with discussion of the considerable work that Carol Vogel and her team have been doing for many months. The big news was that Cynthia Grant Tucker, author of *Prophetic Sisterhood*, will be the

headline speaker. More on this appears elsewhere in this newsletter: be sure to check it out and get your registration in early. Yea, Jacksonville Women, one and all. We look forward to being with you in March.

Pam Leavy gave us the scoop on the **Creative Arts Edition of Woman-spirit**. What we hope is that the church or fellowship that sponsors the Spring Conference in 1994 will develop the theme of creativity and that the results of that weekend will become the core of the publication. If your congregation is interested in sponsoring the '94 Spring Conference, let us know or come to the Area Reps' meeting at the Jacksonville Conference.

Amy Jo Smith told us about the **UU Women's Caucus**, which she helped to found. Its purpose is to bring feminist consciousness to the functioning of the UUA and its member congregations. Membership is open and has a fine packet of information as an extra bonus.

Nan Brooks has agreed to facilitate the **Summer Retreat at The Pines**. She has published a book on ritual making for women called *Ceremonies for Our Lives* and will be taking us through a process of creation in June.

**In October**, our own Marjorie Arnoldi and friends will be focusing on another creative theme. See her "teaser" workshop at the Spring Conference.

The entire day's work was completely by consensus (no votes taken all day). We hope we can spread our feelings of community and empowerment over the district as more of you become active in your local groups as well as our district weekends. See you in Jacksonville!



## Coming Events

March 26-28, 1993  
Florida W & R Conference  
"Come To the Circle and Live the  
Age You Are!"  
Jacksonville

June 11-13, 1993  
Florida W & R Retreat at the Pines  
"Ceremonies for Our Lives"  
facilitated by Nan Brooks

June 22-24, 1993  
UU Women's Federation Biennial  
"Empowerment: We are the Ones  
We've Been Waiting For"  
Charlotte, N.C.

June 24-29, 1993  
General Assembly, Charlotte, N.C.

October 8-10, 1993  
Florida W & R Retreat at the Pines  
"Stitching Our Lives Together"  
facilitated by Marjorie Arnoldi

October 20-24, 1993  
UUWF Womanspace Retreat  
Beaumont, California

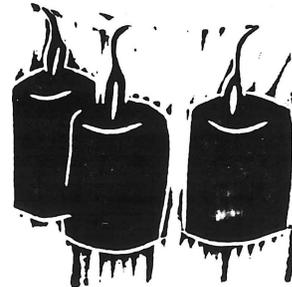
## Welcome New Area Reps

Diana Barrows  
Boca Raton Area

Mary Goolsby  
Gainesville Area

Dian Gorsira  
Tampa Area

Susan I. Miller  
Tampa Area



# Women & Religion Gathering in Boston

by Emily Williams

Susan and I attended the W & R Gathering in Boston Oct. 30–Nov. 1. W & R facilitators came from all over the country for community building. We stayed at the UUA "inn": Pickett & Eliot Houses, the two restored row houses on Beacon Hill adjoining UUA headquarters.

Just being with these women was empowering. I kept thinking what it would be like if all this wonderful energy (gynergy) and social consciousness and feminist focus were permanently in one place! It would be something to behold!

Barbara Child, who is now a member of the Continental W & R Committee, presented a thought-providing workshop on Conflict Management based on her recent attendance at the Alban Institute training program. Barbara is a member of the Fla. UU Conflict Management Team and did us proud.

Amy Jo Smith was also in Boston for a meeting of the UU Women's Caucus, of which she is a founding member. She updated us on the powerful work and staggering task of the Caucus as they move into official status within the UUA. All UU women benefit from the efforts that Amy Jo and the other Caucus members put into the work of transforming our religious institutions. Amy Jo is another Florida UU woman who makes you feel proud.

We saw two moving videos during the weekend. "Mother Wove the Morning" is a one-woman play written and performed by Carol Lynn Pearson on the lives of 16 women from history. The other video was on the Clothesline Project, part of a global movement to stop the cycle of violence against women. The "speaking" is done through

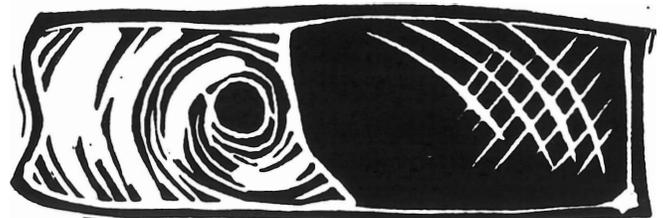
a clothesline of tee shirts on which women have written words to speak their experiences of having survived acts of violence and oppression.

Sunday morning Jennifer Justice from Wellfleet, MA, did a session on woman-story -- and again this was like nothing I had ever experienced. We spoke of times when we had found our voice, when we stepped into womanpower.

Later that morning (despite the fact that we had at least half a dozen UU churches and fellowships from which to choose -- imagine!), most of us went to the Arlington Street Church to hear Kim Crawford Harvie preach on simplifying your life (another moment that would make almost every UU woman feel proud by association).

Before we left our Boston gathering, Susan did the closing worship service -- and provided the perfect icing to the cake. Which is why they asked her to do it, I'm sure.

Oh yes, and since we were there over Halloween, I might add that at night on October 31 we put cookies outside the front door for the ancestors. Nice touch! Definitely my kind of people.



## What Are Those Women Doing?

by Diana Barrows

From all parts of Florida we came to UU In The Pines on a fair weather weekend last October. If you don't know about UU In The Pines, in Brooksville, I can tell you that it is probably as central a location as one could choose in the odd shape of our state of Florida. And it is a retreat center for the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association.

With close to sixty attending this "Circles of Women" gathering, the decibel level reached new heights at times -- and at other times we shared a warm and loving silence. Many of the women who had met or worked together renewed acquaintances and others, like me, made new friends. We joined in small groups and large for workshops, activities and rituals. The prize I brought home is a feeling of feminine community and purpose beyond any I have known.

In early January, Mary Cadwell of Boca Raton and I attended, as co-representatives, a meeting of the Florida Women and Religion Committee's Area Representatives. On this trip to UU In The Pines I renewed acquaintances made in October, and met new friends. We worked on plans for future activities and I was struck by the easy cooperation that led to our decisions even in the face of widely varying positions.

The Spring Conference for UU women of Florida District will be held March 26-28 in Jacksonville and I plan to attend. I give a hearty recommendation to all women who participate in our denomination to be there if they can.

## Circles, Circles Everywhere!

by Pamela Leavy  
Pinellas County Area Rep

Our circles of women continue to spiral. The St. Pete Cakes Circle led by Emily Williams came together in "Woman-community" this past fall to "honor seven sisters entering their crone years": Gwen Donner, Barbara Frederickson, Maurea Slesman, Rose Marie Glasser, Gloria Goldstein, Mary-Corrine Johnston and Gloria Marvin. Alison Bolton participated as maiden. The Seminole Circle has completed testing "Rise Up and Call Her Name" and now are beginning Kay Hagen's "Prayers to the Moon" writing journey.

Connie Goodbread, Clearwater, has developed and is fieldtesting a curriculum through which pre-teen girls learn about goddesses through mythology and journaling. The next step is for women in the church to become their wise-woman mentors. At the end of the church school year, the girls will be presented to the congregation.

Diana Fraser and Emily Williams are leading "Cakes" Circles, and Karen Frank plans to lead one in April. Diane Anderson helped to start a Women's Lodge, divided into four circles named for the seasons. These circles come together once a month for ceremonies. Paula Stalley is leading a St. Pete Circle in study of the history of UU women. The Women's Guild at Tarpon Springs meets monthly. They recently raised money for the Clara Barton Camp for Diabetics in Mass.

Emily Williams and Patty Callaghan plan to start Womanspirit worship services the third Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at St. Pete Church, starting Feb. 21. Seeing is believing. Believing is seeing. Blessed be!

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The Florida District Women and Religion Committee  
and  
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville  
Welcome You To  
"COME TO THE CIRCLE AND LIVE THE AGE YOU ARE!"

featuring

*Cynthia Grant Tucker, Ph. D.,*

historian and author of *Prophetic Sisterhood*



March 26, 27, and 28, 1993  
UU Church of Jacksonville  
7405 Arlington Expressway  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
904-725-8133

[Please pull out this conference flyer and duplicate to share with others.]

## Conference Schedule

### FRIDAY

- 3:00 Registration & making name tags
- 5:00 Stone Soup Dinner
- 7:00 Program: introductions, logistics, followed by Cabaret
- 9:00 Centering: candle light procession to pond for memorial
- 10:30 Campfire

### SATURDAY

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 Gathering, Centering Circle
- 9:00 Workshops
- 12:00 Luncheon with speaker, Carolyn Williams, Ph.D., U. of N. Fla.: "Reflections on the Journey to the Goddess"
- Workshops follow speaker.
- 4:00 Resting, regrouping, drumming
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Keynote speaker, Cynthia Grant Tucker, Ph.D., Memphis State: "Plant Deep: We Are Memory's Garden"

### SUNDAY

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Gather to leave for nearby park for Closing Circle
- 9:30 Church forum
- 11:00 Church service with talk by Mary R. Steves
- 12:00 Coffee & goodbye

## Special Information

### NAME TAGS...

will take the form of your creation relative to women's herstory. You might want to begin yours at home and complete it here before Cabaret. Please bring some material to share, no matter how small.

### CABARET...

Our Fri. entertainment will be ourselves, with Katie Valentine as MC. Please prepare a skit, song, poem, story, etc.

Following Cynthia Tucker's talk on Sat., there will be chanting & dancing at fireside.

### TRADING FAIR...

Bring books, clothing, magazines, etc. to trade. Untraded items will be locally donated.

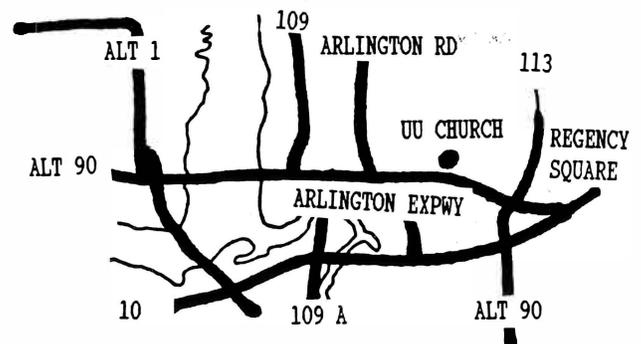
### VENDORS...

Areas available for selling by women registered for the conference.

### DRUMMERS...

You will be needed to lead and close processions. Others, please bring your bells, rattles, & other instruments.

*Your coming to this gathering creates a sacred place. Blessed be... Carol Vogel*



UU CHURCH IS EAST OF MATHEWS BRIDGE ON 7405 ARLINGTON EXPWY (ALT 90)  
CHURCH PHONE IS 904-725-8133

## Conference Registration

Registration Fee: \$45.00 Adults -- includes speakers, workshops, cabaret, & meals.

Scholarships: Partial scholarships available. Write or call --  
Pamela Leavy 813-823-2472  
121 20th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Child Care: \$10.00 per child -- includes meals & child care. (Parental rotation supervision is expected. We'll help you too!)

Housing: Choose from church sleep-over, motel, home hospitality, tenting at the church, or camping at the beach.

Hanna Park Campground at Beach  
\$9.95/\$13.26 tent & RV hookup.

King's Inn (\$45) -- 904-725-3343  
8016 Arlington Expressway

Holiday Inn East -- 904-724-3410  
5865 Arlington Expressway

For more information, write or call --  
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General Information: Carol Vogel -- 904-399-4519  
Jacksonville, FL 32207

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Please make check payable to: UU Church of Jacksonville -- Women's Conference.  
Send this form with check enclosed to Registrar: Marge Powell, 13037 Loblolly Lane,  
Jacksonville, FL 32246. Phone 904-221-6890.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (\$45 per adult & \$10 per child)

Please check appropriate items below:

I would like:  home hospitality.  to sleep in/tent at church.  veggie food.

to play tennis early Sat. a.m. (\$3 court fee/\$1 transportation)

a trip to a museum instead of a workshop (art m. free/ other m. \$2 or 3)

## Saturday Workshops

- "Women and Finance"  
Lynn Shad, Prudential Bache Securities, Jacksonville
- "Spirituality of Money"  
JoAnn Lordahl, Ph.D., writer, Gainesville
- "Herbs I Have Known" -- [Bring pot & herbs to trade.]  
Marge Powell, computer program consultant, Jacksonville
- "Women in a Patriarchal Culture: Friendship, Love, & Spirituality" (a dialogue between straight women and lesbians, based on a UUA curriculum)  
Emily Williams, Co-chair, Fla. Women & Religion, & Patty Callaghan of Bridgit Books, St. Petersburg
- "Flower Arranging with Practically Nothing"  
Freddie Creager, Jacksonville
- "Explanation of Ritual and Symbols as Used by Pagans and Everyone"  
Members of Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) and others
- "Team Building"  
Pat Paterson, Management Consultant, Jacksonville
- "Stitching Up The Threads of Your Life"  
Marge Arnaldi, Temple Terrace, leader of Fall 93 Women & Religion retreat
- "The Romance of Herbs"  
Linda Menke, Tallahassee
- "Conversations & Music with Grandma God," readings of writing by Mary Feagan presented by Lynn Wadley, Jacksonville

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### ***A Word About Our Special Guest -- Cynthia Grant Tucker***

Cynthia Grant Tucker is a Professor of English at Memphis State University, having earned her Ph.D. in Comparative Literature during the late 1960's. Since then she has focused her teaching on women's creative struggles and writings and has snatched from obscurity whispered stories of unknown but representative sisters. In addition to *Prophetic Sisterhood: Liberal Women Ministers of the Frontier, 1880-1930*, she is the author of *A Women's Ministry: Mary Collson's Search for Reform* and *Kate Freeman Clark: A Painter Rediscovered*. Selected by the UU Women's Federation in 1989 for a Feminist Theology Award, Cynthia Tucker's current research examines how well liberal women have served or been served by the concept of churches as homes. A member of the Church of the Larger Fellowship, she and her husband have two children, Hope, 18, and Grant, 13.

Copies of *Prophetic Sisterhood* are available at a reduced cost of about \$12 from the UU Women's Heritage Society, UU Church, 141 High St., Medford, MA 02155. Phone 617-396-4549. A study guide is being published this spring by the UUA Religious Education Department.

## Hurricane Andrew's Effects Live On...

Our love and encouragement go out to the women and families of Dade County who are still struggling with the after-effects of Hurricane Andrew. Lucille Swenson-Knights reports that it is so devastating to property and lives that the toil can hardly be measured or understood without being there. Ann Davis lost much of her home and many others that we know have also been affected. We commend Lucille and her husband, minister Ward Knights, for the long hours they have been putting in to serve the needs of their Miami congregation.

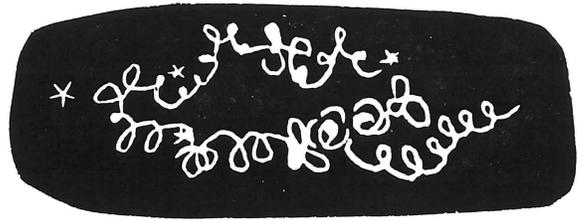
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## One More Time...

Many thanks to Nancy Young for coordinating such a fine Fall Retreat and to all who created the rituals, activities, and wonderful spreads at our happy hours. Darlene Kalada, where is that artichoke recipe? Yum. Perhaps you didn't know but the registrar, Alyce McAdam, who worked so hard right up to the start of the retreat, was not able to come due to her son becoming ill. Gloria Marvin stepped right in and did an outstanding job of getting everyone registered and roomed on site, thank you.

Alice Ricker with her Cakes workshop was such a hit she did it twice. JoAnn Lordahl and Nancy Young offered us a poetry workshop and Trish and Sasha Peterson got us talking about mother-daughter issues. Emily Williams and Patty Callaghan did such a fine job with book reviews that I'm still getting requests for their annotated book list. Mary Cadwell and Elisabeth Hoffman each began the morning with lovely services. Susan Pendergraft and Carol Sievert were the masterminds of the Saturday night ritual and their cast of thousands (small exaggeration) with Allison Bolton and Sasha Peterson doing the smudging honors.

# Moondodgers

by Elisabeth Hoffman

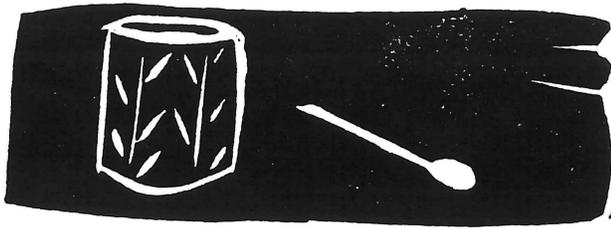
Seventeen eager moondodgers circled the cauldron  
Of food processor gazpacho.  
We brought stones and feathers, medicine cards,  
Homemade candles, flutes, bodies  
And free spirits cautiously to candlelit altars  
At each of the four directions  
On the night before the full moon,  
The better to fit our non-lunar schedules.

We met after the tennis tournament and wedding  
In town, for those who had to be up for Sunday service.  
When sudden rain wiped out the fire circle  
And exhaustion of hot clay courts did in our bods,  
We swam and went home early to bed.

Still, we'd followed Terra's lead willingly  
Deep into a maze of ancient storerooms  
Housing the richness of our possible lives for the choosing  
and re-emerged refreshed and laden  
Ready to open our cornucopian selves  
To share in ritual,  
Eating dates and grapes  
At indoor altars  
We named ourselves sunwise  
From the eastern glassfront bookcase  
To the orange-red south's teak buffet,  
From the blue silk-draped ladder  
To the earthy upended iguana cage at north.  
Inhaled a note found  
Tacked up at someone's work

"You only get one body this time around  
It comes with tools, resources, and lessons.  
Lesson One is repeated in various forms til you get it  
And can go on looking, listening, trusting, to the next, forever."

And at a wondrous moment,  
Those funky homemade candles  
Shot a crackling fireball  
Towards the antique white ceiling  
Peasant cunning salted and doused the flame  
But not our charged sense  
That something really had changed  
During the hot, scary seconds before the fire was quenched  
Or spread softly all evening over and through  
The glimmering fiber of our togetherness  
Completing the circle - What good magic!



## Exploring Spirituality in Boca

by Mary Cadwell

Defying the adage that "nothing happens here during the summer," a group of women from Boca Raton's UU Fellowship gathered last summer to explore the possibilities of on-going women's spirituality programs.

With open attendance for any woman interested, shared rotating leadership and meeting dates dictated, in part, by lunar calendar, our meetings have been diverse and eclectic: we've talked, sung, danced, drummed, used our creative hands to make dream catchers -- and listened to the silence. 1993 will find us in a member's spa one evening and at the beach for full moon on another, as we try to keep ourselves open to different ways of furthering the spiritual search.

As an added bonus, Kay Kami and Nika Aldrich led our 3rd round of "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" during the fall months.

## Considering a study group on *Prophetic Sisterhood*?

Then you will want to meet Cynthia Grant Tucker, the author, at the spring conference. -- And, you might be interested to know that this spring the R.E. Department of the UUA is publishing a study guide on *Prophetic Sisterhood* by Cynthia Tucker and Barbara Child.



## Over 54?

Have an idea for a project  
to empower or enrich  
women's lives?

Then you will want to pick up a brochure at the spring conference on how to apply for a grant from THE THANKS BE TO GRANDMOTHER WINIFRED FOUNDATION.





## Women's Leadership Quiz

Q. What do these women have in common?

Joyce King, Amy Jo Smith, Susan Stephenson Hefte, and Carol Vogel

- A. All have been/are active in the leadership of Women and Religion.
- B. They are all on the Pines Board until May 1994.
- C. Each is a member of The Pines, which is a requirement for Board positions. (Annual membership, \$60; Life membership, \$450)
- D. All of the above.

(D., of course, is right.)

Perhaps you too have a special feeling for The Pines and would like to contribute your time to the governing body. Suzanne Gagan is doing a mammoth job of restructuring and rejuvenating The Pines. She can use "sweat equity" and has an on-going "wish list" so even if you cannot be on the Board at this time, please consider the alternatives. New members are always welcome. Contact any of us if you're interested in being on the Board, or Suzanne if you want to offer goods or services. The Pines phone number is 904-796-4457. Joyce King, Board Chair, is 813-531-3440.

## Book Review

by Emily Williams

*OUTERCOURSE: The Be-Dazzling Voyage*, by Mary Daly

First of all let me say loud and clear: this is readable! This is Mary's own story -- which is not a simple matter, but allows her to be accessible. It is an amazing story of a woman clearly on the cutting edge of this century's thought. It is the story of a woman philosopher (can you name many?). It is the story of a woman so out-rage-ous that the System doesn't really know what to do with her.

Mary Daly was recently in St. Petersburg, and having the honor of being in the presence of a great foremother of Feminism peaked my curiosity.

Her journey took me on a ride through a life I would never have access to in any other way. She speaks from the Fourth Spiral Galaxy -- or the Other Side of the Moon. Like the cow who jumped over the moon, Mary Daly has been driven to Extreme Acts. We see just one side of the moon, but we know that the other side is there. It is an unseen fact. Just as much of our knowledge, our subliminal knowledge, is unseen, un"verifiable" fact. And so, with the other women of the past/present/future, Mary resides in the Expanding Now. She points to the door through which any of us may enter this Be-Dazzling Now. Without her, I'm afraid I wouldn't have even noticed the door. And it would have been my loss.



# The Stories of Our Lives

A Retreat for 10 Women  
with Barbara Child

to share the experience  
of exploring our  
spiritual autobiography.

April 30--May 2, 1993  
Cedar Lodge at The Pines



I invite 10 women to join me on this retreat, sponsored by the Florida District Women and Religion Committee, as a quest for a greater understanding of our lives by writing about them. We will not concern ourselves with writing skill or aptitude. The qualifications for participating are a willingness to write about and share your experience with the group and to respect and learn from the experience of others in a women's community of memory.

Handwritten signature of Barbara Child in cursive.

## Cost and Schedule:

The cost is \$70 (\$60 for members of the Pines). The cost covers the retreat, including lodging, materials, and meals Fri. supper through Sun. breakfast. The retreat begins with supper at 7:00 Fri. It ends Sun. at noon.

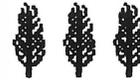
## Accommodations:

We will stay at Cedar Lodge, and vegetarian meals will be served to us there. (Another group will be meeting in the main bldgs.) Pillow and blankets are provided. Please bring sheets and towels.

## Registration:

Please send the form below and your check for \$70 (\$60 if you are a Pines member) payable to Barbara Child, 4240 NW 77th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32606. If you have questions, call Barbara at 904-377-8945.

When your registration is confirmed, you will receive more details about schedule and program as well as a map to the Pines.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs \_\_\_\_\_

If the retreat is full:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please return my check.

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## News from Tampa

by Susan I. Miller

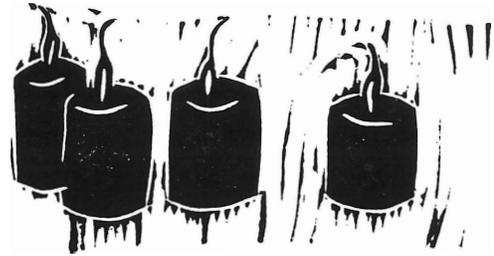
We've just completed a course of "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" led by Alyce McAdam and Kate Martin. Interest has been expressed in continuing a women's group in this vein with an organizational meeting on January 10 at Sue Shealy's.

There was an organizational meeting on January 20 for conducting a morning service on May 30 to commemorate women killed during history, called Joan of Arc.

We have a monthly moon ceremony held on the Saturday evening closest to the full moon. Both men and women are invited. Dian Mueller is our Priestess.

A course in *Prophetic Sisterhood* will be offered during the Adult R.E. Sunday a.m. The course will cost \$5 for the workbook.

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## Florida W & R Child Care

by Emily Williams

At the Jan. 9 Area Reps' meeting, it was decided that Florida W & R would make a formal commitment to exploring and offering child care., We want to do this in a way that provides quality care for the children and is sensitive to the needs of all the women attending our retreats and conferences.

Child care will be offered at our upcoming Conference in Jacksonville with a full program for the children. We intend to have child care also in place for the Fall Retreat at the Pines.

Children and child care are women issues. It takes women working together for the good of all to make this happen. And our sense of cooperation and commitment to making this work bodes very well for us and for our children.

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