



# Domelight



Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa  
Rev. Sara Zimmerman, Minister

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Katie Templin Culbert, Dir. Religious Education

## Minister's Musings Rev. Sara Zimmerman

This month I thought I'd tell you about the academic work I did during the first part of January at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. I attended a week-long "Intensive" class called "Human and Faith Development." The fact that it was "Intensive" meant that the other 14 students and I were in class from 9AM to 5PM, with a break for lunch, every day, Monday through Friday. You might be questioning my sanity: why would I leave cozy warm, sunny Tampa during the first week of January to spend it in blustery, snowy, cold Chicago? And you might be asking, Why is she taking courses -- I thought she was already an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister? Well, yes I sure am. I'm now working on my doctorate, and have completed over 50% of the requirements.

I also took the opportunity to meet with one of my academic advisors at Meadville/Lombard. This school is one of two explicitly Unitarian Universalist schools in the country. (The other one, Starr King School for the Ministry, is in California, and does not offer the Doctorate of Ministry.) I have now taken five "Intensive" courses at Meadville/Lombard towards a D. Min. The next phase is for me to develop a special project. You will be hearing about this project over the coming months and next year. My special interest is in Worship and Theater Arts. The adaptation of the children's story for the Sunday Service on December 23 was a sample of the type of work I will be doing.

The Doctor of Ministry degree is unlike a Ph.D. in that it is always done by the minister when she is working in a church, and the project benefits the church. I may be writing a play for the project, or writing more adaptations and offering them in a collection, or writing about worship theory. I welcome your comments and suggestions as I move into this next phase.

Happy New Year, Everyone!

*Rev Sara*

### The Prez Says Diana Stevens

An issue came to the Board of Trustees' attention that required immediate action – water damage in the Religious Education Dome. The water damage, particularly in hidden places within the RE Dome, had become significant enough that we needed to make some repairs.

Due to the water damage and the risk of mold, we had the firm of Galleon Enterprises, LLC conduct tests to determine if there could be any mold in the structure that posed any problems to human health. The good news is that following the analysis of air samples taken within the RE Dome, Galleon Enterprises, LLC has determined the RE Dome has low to normal mold in the air and no mold that is considered dangerous. One substance, Aspergillus, is present in the RE Dome in low amounts and could be an irritant to some people. For this reason, the Board has agreed that our goal is superior air quality and has contracted with Galleon Enterprises, LLC to install a system (Fresh Air II) that will continually keep the air clean.

In addition, a Task Force directed by Bill Blymiller will deal with any damage caused by the water in the RE Dome. The Task Force will replace, clean and paint the damaged areas within the RE Dome while insuring that our Children's Religious Education is not interrupted during the repair work.

As you may have guessed, the cost for these repairs is not covered by money in the Church's 2008 Budget. While an exact cost figure for repair work has not yet been established, we have decided to set aside the \$5,000.00 given to the Church by the Charles Weingartner Estate for Church Building and Grounds

Projects to pay for this testing, installation and repair work on the RE Dome.

As you recall, at our December 2007 Congregational Meeting, the membership agreed to allow its Board of Trustees to spend money exceeding \$1,000.00, given to the UUCT as directed donations. We specifically had that discussion because we were trying to solve a critical space problem for our Children's Religious Education Program and other group meetings. We were considering using this gift, directed for buildings and grounds, to buy a gazebo to help solve this problem.

Even though we have now directed the Weingartner money towards other purposes (the RE Dome clean-up) we still believe that buying the gazebo is a good idea to help solve our space problem. A gazebo could be quickly constructed and provide additional space immediately for our Church.

So, your church needs your help. The Board of Trustees is initiating a special collection to raise money to purchase a gazebo. The 12'X16' structure from Pope's Utility Buildings Inc. we would like to have installed will cost an estimated \$6,300.00. To help, you can make your directed donation for the gazebo by:

1. putting a check in our collection basket at Sunday services with 'gazebo' on the memo line,
2. mailing a check by the Church's Office, or
3. making a credit card donation on-line at our web site.

If you would like to see the gazebo, go to <http://www.popesutilitybuildings.com/page14/files/page14-1014-full.html> or visit the business at 4015 Orient Road in Tampa.

It would be wonderful to have a new gazebo in place within the next six to eight weeks. **Help make it happen!**

## UUA Trustee Tidbits

Joan Lund

Early in January I had the opportunity and pleasure to attend the workshop UU Hospitality, Inclusion, and Transformation in Multicultural Communities at the UU Church of St. Petersburg, facilitated by Paula Cole Jones. Not only was the day a valuable for several reasons I was reminded of a relatively new organization, Allies for Racial Equity (ARE), formed in 2005, whose mission is to be accountable to people of color in building a movement among white UUs to unlearning white privilege/supremacy and to confronting racism in all its forms.

The organization of ARE came about in direct response to a request from UUs of color in DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries). ARE's vision is grounded in an anti-oppressive, multicultural UU faith, accountable to DRUUMM by building a movement among white UUs to understand white privilege and unlearn racism and white supremacy. The ARE founding UUs recognized that there is a long journey to becoming an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, multicultural faith community.

ARE members are committed to: developing an anti-racist practice, supporting DRUUMM leadership and initiatives, including diverse perspectives committed to recognizing our humanity, a cooperative journey together in mutuality and right relationship towards transformation, and wholeness, supporting other white UUs as we struggle together to effectively use our anti-racist power to help transform the institution and UU congregations, and providing resources for a sustainable road to justice built on love, faith, hope, and courage.

The work of ARE is organized in teams. The Congregations Team develops strategies for integration ARE work into congregations, specifically assisting congregations in developing effective models for building ally networks within congregations. The GA Team develops an ally support network and programming at GA. The Education Team develops strategies for assuring that white people throughout our Association have training on white privilege and skill development in what it means to be an ally. The Connections Team develops mechanisms for connecting people and organizations with our UUA who are doing anti-racism/anti-oppression work and provide requested information to support groups.

I encourage individual Florida UUs and congregations to join ARE and become involved in this vital work. At the [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) website I suggest interested UUs Google Allies for Racial Equity. There, much more information than I can write is found, including how one can become a member. You know you can always contact me [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727 to talk about UU "stuff". I love to hear from you.

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## Help Keep the Updaters Updated!

Joyce Formica and Jamie Hendrickx

Are You Moving? Are you planning to move or have already moved? Has your phone number or email address changed? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, please notify the church office by email: [info@uutampa.org](mailto:info@uutampa.org) or phone: (813) 988-8188.



## Migrant Workers Program

Ollis Hughes, Chair

The Charity Committee would like to remind you that there is a basket for food offerings at the church entrance. The basket is for nonperishable food and personal items, no clothing. Please try to remember to bring something to share with those less fortunate.

## Board Bytes

Mary Francis, Secretary

Your Board of Trustees had a busy start for 2008!

Our December auction was a successful fundraised event. We had expected around \$1,000 for the auction and we made \$2,000 – one half of the total will go to the Tampa Bay Area Marketing Campaign. Thanks to everyone who made this a successful event!

There will be an Annual Leadership Round Table workshop on Feb 2nd in Orlando and several members of the Board signed up to attend. Any UUCT member can attend this workshop and interested individuals should see Diana Stevens for details to attend.

Some of our best practices goals for 2008 have already been completed:

- We now have a 10'x10' pop up for temporary additional space and Youth Religious Education is already using it.
- Signs have been placed on Morris Bridge Road, for visitor parking, and directional signs for additional parking.
- Tree growth at the entrance has been cleared.
- The membership committee can now print labels for name tags. These name tags are printed for new guests as they arrive and when they return, they will be given a holder for the name tag.

Additional goals are being prioritized for completion; some are on the buildings and ground blog and others assigned to the appropriate committees.

Water damage to the small dome was discussed and arrangements were made for mold testing to assure we have no health issues. A 'special' BOT meeting was held on January 2nd, and the test results were reviewed to confirm the mold levels in the small dome were safe and not a health hazard.

However to eliminate any potential future problem, an air purifier will be added to the small dome air conditioner and we plan to correct any water damage. A task force was created to fix leaks and replace damage but will not interrupt the Sunday Religious Education program. The designated donation for buildings and grounds will be used to fund these improvements.

Originally, this designated donation was planned to purchase gazebo for additional meeting space. The Board agreed that we should still proceed with the gazebo by holding a special fundraising campaign. By now you have all received a letter requesting donations for the purchase of a gazebo. The Board hopes the money can be raised so we can have a gazebo on the grounds around the end of February.

With the Tampa Bay Marketing campaign and everyone busy making our church a more welcoming place, we have an interesting year ahead of us! For more detailed information, please see the most recent copy of the minutes posted in a binder in the church foyer, or ask any board member.



## Interweave

Interweave Continental is a membership organization actively working to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognizing that we will not be free until all oppression is a thing of the past. We are an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We value and affirm the lives and experience of Queer people of faith of all ages, races, ethnicities, income levels, and abilities. By providing and supporting leadership, and working in collaboration with other organizations of similar vision, we strive to connect and nurture all Queer individuals, communities, groups, and their allies.

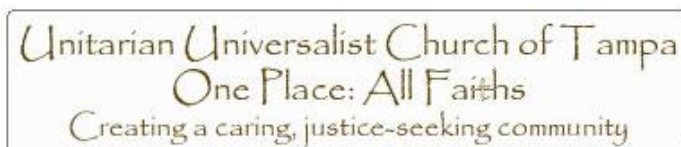
The local UUCT Chapter of Interweave will announce their next meeting during Sunday services. Please see the Order of Service for details or questions can be directed to Magda Santos.

Please mark your calendars for "GAYla – A Celebration for Equality" on March 29. Interweave is sponsoring this fundraiser for the church, and all are invited. Please help us spread the word to anyone outside the church who may be interested.

This adult-only dance party will be 7 p.m. till 1 a.m. Admission is \$5. Chris Hendrickx has volunteered to DJ, but could use suggestions to build the playlist. The attire is ... anything that floats your boat! Denim, leather, cowboy, fabulous, outrageous, gowns, boas, tuxedos, whatever. Your choice can be recorded for posterity in a 5x7 photo for \$10.

We'll have food, beer and wine. We will have artwork and other items for sale, but could use donations. We're also looking for items and services for a raffle and silent auction. Vendors can set up tables for \$35 inside the dome or \$25 for outside pop-ups. If you'd like to be a vendor, please register in advance by calling Magda as space is limited.

If you can donate time, services or stuff, please contact Interweave co-chair Magda Santos at 813-984-9718.





## Green Challenge Brittany Bennett

Okay... So this month's column is not a particular challenge or set of tips for the month of February. Due to a personal bias (being recently engaged) and due to the presence of Valentine's Day in February, I think that it is appropriate to have this month's topic highlight green weddings. What is a green wedding, you ask? When striving for a green wedding, a couple will do their part to make environmentally aware and socially responsible decisions during the planning process. Mainstream weddings can have serious environmental impact. Don't believe me? Think of the resources that it takes to import flowers not grown locally. Think about the party supplies that end up in the trash after a few hours of use. The list goes on and on. Now, I am a fan of convenience and practicality, so I understand that having a completely green wedding is hard to come by... (I should know... I've been looking at prices—eco-friendly invitations are expensive!) However, my challenge to those planning a wedding/commitment ceremony (or any event, for that matter) is to consider some green options along the way. Here are just a few wedding-related tips that you can try yourself or that you can suggest to someone you know who is planning an event:

- Instead of buying wedding favors, donate to a charity in honor of your guests. (The I Do Foundation is something worth checking out if this interests you. See link below.)
- Select bridesmaid outfits that do not look so bridesmaid-ish. Reusability is key.
- Politely encourage people through word of mouth that you support alternatives to wrapping paper for gifts.
- Use food as centerpieces instead of flowers.
- And more... The Internet can yield many more tips!

As usual, I have some online resources to share:

- <http://www.greeneleganceweddings.com/greenweddings.htm>
- <http://www.idofoundation.org/cgi-bin/usersummary.cgi>
- <http://hubpages.com/hub/Having-a-Green-Wedding>

Happy Valentine's Day from the Green Group!



*The Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Tampa  
invites you to share our joy at the  
Installation Ceremony of  
The Reverend Sara Zimmerman  
as our Settled Minister*

*4 pm Sunday March 2, 2008*

*11400 Morris Bridge Road  
Tampa, Florida*

*A celebration dinner will follow*

*Please RSVP :813/866-0591 or  
[jr.lehman@verizon.net](mailto:jr.lehman@verizon.net)*

*Ministers, interns, seminarians,  
DRE's, Board Presidents and  
trustees are invited to gather  
at 3:30 pm to process*

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## Flowery Words

Harriet Blymiller

Fresh flower arrangements certainly add to the beauty of our Sunday services. And my fellow congregants, you can also provide flowers for the service, in someone's honor if you like, with a notice in the Order of Service, and then take them home or present them to someone to enjoy for the next week or more.

Barbara Nelson, Worship Service committee member and a florist for 30 years (!) has volunteered to purchase flowers at 'way less than retail prices' and use her talent and stash of supplies to arrange them at no additional cost.

In the foyer, there is a sign-up sheet for donating flowers. Think about the possibilities... Sunday's bouquet, chosen and arranged to your preferences, enhances the service in honor of your best girl's birthday, for instance, and then goes home with her. Whatta' guy! Or a springtime bouquet goes to Aunt Thelma in "the home" and she keeps you in the will! Win-win situation.



## SHAAG /SHAAFT

Bill Blymiller

The SHAAG (Secularist, Humanist, Atheist, Agnostic [and Free Thinker] Group) now meets on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of each month to discuss topics of interest from a primarily non-theistic point of view. I say primarily, because the discussions range freely and many different flavors of "Free Thinking" display themselves. Go the Church website and follow the SHAAG link to get more information and links to download the discussion material. Contact Bill Blymiller for questions at [bill@blymiller.com](mailto:bill@blymiller.com) or 813-988-6551. The discussions are always open and new people come and go all the time. We would love to have you visit to see if it is something you would be interested in.



## Small Group Ministry

Joan Lund

There is an on-going covenanting group at UUCT and we would like to welcome a few new members. Over the past year plus we have met to participate in Evensong and spiritual/life issues of interest to us. Evensong is a program created by Barbara Hamilton-Holway that offers participants the opportunity to share their life experiences, emotions, and doubts with other members of the group in an atmosphere of attentive listening without judgment. We alternate months with Evensong and topics chosen by us or our facilitator. We meet on the second

Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Church. The next gathering will be February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call Barbara Graham at 788-6976 or Joan Lund at 931-9727 for further information.



## Walk in the Park

Patricia McCracken

A group of UUs meet at Lettuce Lake Park Thursday mornings at 8:30AM for a brisk walk on the paved path and good conversation. To find the parking area and meeting place, take the Lettuce Lake Parkway to the end. Turn left and then immediately turn right into the parking lot. We will gather there and begin the walk at 8:30AM. You are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Patricia McCracken at 813-988-6453.



## CARE Committee

Joyce Formica

The Care Committee strives to assist members and their families, when they are ill, isolated, bereaved, lending a helping hand. If you become ill or hospitalized, or know of someone that could use our services, please let Rev Sara (988-8188) or a member of the Care Committee know. If you would be willing to serve on the committee contact Joyce Formica (988-1907) or email her at [keypouse2@aol.com](mailto:keypouse2@aol.com).



## Giving to the UU Church of Tampa

There are several ways to give your financial support to UUCT. You can contact pledge secretary Joyce Formica ([keypouse2@aol.com](mailto:keypouse2@aol.com)) for a form to enroll in automatic deductions from your bank or credit card. You can contribute cash toward your pledge for 2008, but please place the money in the envelopes provided in the Sunday offering baskets. Remember to put your name on the envelope so that your contribution can be recorded. To make one time donations or to pay for concert tickets go online at <http://www.uutampa.org>. If you wish to make a gift to the church of stocks or bonds, please contact our treasurer Russ Patterson, for information.



## Conversation With The Board

Diana Stevens, Board of Trustees President

Available members of the Board of Trustees will be present for **conversation** after church on the last Sunday of the month from 12:15 to 12:45 PM. The purpose of these conversations will be to open communication and share ideas. Come with questions and ideas, but always with an open mind.

## Circles In The Woods CUUPS

Chris Hendrickx

Circles in the Woods CUUPS (Convent of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) is a committee within the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa.

### Full Moon Celebrations

We host Full Moon Celebrations on the Saturday closest to the Full Moon at 7:30PM followed by shared feasting. This is an open family event, so yes, children are welcome! However, childcare is **not** provided, so parents **are** responsible for the care of their children. Donations to help pay for the upkeep of the property are welcome! First-time ritual attendees, those interested in Wicca or Paganism, and their families are welcomed and encouraged to attend! You do not have to have ritual experience to be part of the Celebration. We welcome all those who come in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!!

### Upcoming Rituals:

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Members of Sacred Oaks Circle will present an Imbolc celebration honoring the goddess Bridgid. This ritual will include a community wiccaning. A Wiccaning is a recognition ritual to honor and present a new life for blessing and protection until the child is able to determine his or her own spiritual path.

### Upcoming Classes:

Note: All are welcome at meetings and classes. For our Wicca 101 classes we do ask for a donation of \$5.00 per class. All money goes directly to UUCT.

Wicca 101 classes will be held on the first and third Mondays of February and March. See <http://www.uutampa.org> for specific topics.



## Company is Coming!

Russell Patterson

In early February, eight congregations in the Tampa Bay area will be launching a major advertising campaign to increase awareness about Unitarian Universalism and to welcome guests to our church homes. *This is the first UU event of its kind in our area and it will be exciting!*

In many ways the preparation for this campaign is like planning a party. What do you do when you are planning a big party? You.....

- ✓ Send out invitations and include directions as well as a phone number in case folks get lost (Is your website up-to-date with contact information and directions? Is your church answering machine working properly and does it have a message that will help the visitor?)

- ✓ Mow the lawn, weed the flower beds, make sure that the street address is visible, and turn on the outside lights. Even put out a sign on the lawn perhaps!
- ✓ Clean the house, sparkling clean! – hide old boxes, slip cover old furniture, replace old lampshades, dust in all the corners – ceiling and floors - and wash the bathroom stall walls. And make sure there is enough toilet paper!
- ✓ Tell people where to park. Maybe even have someone outside to help direct traffic. And make sure that guests needing assistance can park near the house.
- ✓ Ask your most outgoing friend to help hostess by greeting people at the door.
- ✓ Have name tags available
- ✓ Plan a conversational ice-breaker so that folks can meet each other and make a special effort to introduce folks that don't know each other. (Have your greeters been trained?)
- ✓ Serve good food and show your guests where the refreshments are located.
- ✓ Make sure you have enough chairs and never sit down until all your guests are seated.

Want to help? Show up on Buildings and Grounds day on February 9<sup>th</sup> to help clean the Dome inside and out – even something as simple as sweeping the front walk is a huge help. You can also contact any member of the worship committee to volunteer help with coffee and snacks after service. Pitch in and help our guests realize that our party occurs every time we gather.



## H.O.P.E. Happenings

Tempie Taudte

The Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality (HOPE) research meetings are underway!

On January 4, 2008, four members of HOPE, representing congregations in Riverview, Lutz, and Tampa (UUCT) met with the Executive Director of Tampa Family Health Centers. The meeting was very structured. After introductions and a brief explanation of HOPE's mission, we asked the following questions:

What is the mission and history of Tampa Family Health Centers?

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What is your vision for improving health care in Hillsborough County?

What are the greatest challenges/obstacles to fulfilling your vision?

What population do you serve?

What are your main sources of funding?

How does payment work?

What health care services do you provide?

Additional meetings at different health care organizations were conducted during the month of January.

After completing the meetings, the HOPE Health Care group will compile the information and decide on a very specific, winnable issue to address. Stay tuned for more information next month.

Oh, yes, more about the Tampa Family Health Centers. They have six locations in Hillsborough County and have been providing quality primary care for children and adults for more than 20 years. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and many forms of insurance. There is a sliding scale and clients are seen regardless of their ability to pay. You can pick up one of their brochures in our lobby.



## Adult Religious Education

Ollis Hughes

The Adult RE Committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every other month. The next meeting is on February 20<sup>th</sup>. There are several events coming up in January, so mark your calendars!

Don't forget about the **Wicca 101 classes** on **February 4<sup>th</sup>** and **February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Several UUCT members attended last year and all gave favorable reviews. See the CUUPS article on page 6 for more details.

Our very own Rev. Sara Zimmerman is continuing a **Zen Loving Kindness Meditation** every Tuesday evening from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM in the large dome.

The **Green Group** welcomes your input on issues concerning our environment. See their article on page 4 for full details.

We're still looking for hosts for the Popcorn and Opinions series as well as facilitators for book discussions. Contact Ollis Hughes if interested.



## Quilting With Words

Alison Strickland

The St. Petersburg UU Church on Mirror Lake is hosting the annual International Women's Writing Guild's (IWWG) annual Florida Workshop Saturday, February 23, 2008. Alison Strickland and Judy Huge, both experienced writers and writing workshop leaders who know how to create a warm accepting learning community, will facilitate the day-long experience, *Quilting with Words: A Shared Experience for Women Who Write*, using quilting as a metaphor to help women explore, share, and make sense of the complex patterns of their lives.

They invite any woman who feels the urge to write for personal growth, self-understanding and artistic expression. The only tools needed are a past and a desire to see the patterns of your life more clearly as you capture them in words. The result will be writing that you can use to create works of art in whatever form calls to you...story, memoir, poetry, song, or even a quilt.

For details visit the IWWG website at [www.iwwg.org](http://www.iwwg.org) to download a brochure, call Alison Strickland at 727-391-5080 or e-mail her at [acialison@aol.com](mailto:acialison@aol.com).



## Alternatives to Violence

Robin Leigh

**Alternative to Violence Basic Workshop returns to UUCT**

When: Two sequential Saturdays, February 9 and 16 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa, Dome

Trained Facilitators: Cecelia Yocum, who has worked in Rwanda and Burundi with Friends Peace Teams, UUCT member Robin Leigh, and possibly others from AVP Tampa.

Registration. Please sign up at the fellowship hall, or call or email Robin 813-571-1366, or [leigh520jr@yahoo.com](mailto:leigh520jr@yahoo.com)

Cost: The UUCT fellowship has waived any meeting space use costs for this community building workshop; however, a \$30 donation to AVP prison work is gratefully accepted. The facilitators are non-paid volunteers.

What is AVP? The Alternatives to Violence Project is a non-profit (501c3) multicultural, volunteer organization dedicated to reducing interpersonal violence in our society through *experiential* workshops that empower people to lead non-violent lives through affirmation, respect for all, community building, cooperation and trust.

Reflections from Robin. I have been involved with AVP for the past 5 years. The Basic workshops are a lot of fun and great

community builders. I hope that more UUCT members will be able to participate in this opportunity to grow and enhance our peacemaking skills. AVP workshops are direct experiences of our UU Principles, especially these three:

- \* The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- \* Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; and
- \* The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

Please make a commitment to spend two Saturdays with us. And, call me if you have any questions. More information about AVP is available from these web sites:

<http://www.avptampabay.org/> or <http://www.avpusa.org/>



## Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Robin Leigh

The Green Group will be selling Fair Trade Coffees in the front foyer in February following arrival of our first order through Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange makes a contribution to UUSC programs that support the human rights and social justice work of community-based cooperatives in coffee-growing regions. Through the UUSC Coffee Project you can enjoy delicious coffee (and teas or chocolates if the interest develops) while helping small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia as they build a better future for themselves and their families. Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust. With your support, these communities invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvements.

Look for more information about the Green Group's Fair Trade coffee sales in upcoming church bulletins and announcements.



## Meet Some of UUCT's Newest Members

Judy Lehman



Pictured from left to right: Deja Harris, Tom Raffel, Moira Riley, Marjorie Acker (in front), Joe Weinstein, and Josiah Olenski.

## Calendar of weekly events at UUCT

### SUNDAY

- 9:45AM Green Group
- 10AM Current Affairs (Small Dome)
- 11AM Sunday Service
- 11AM (Grades 1-12) Youth R.E. (Small Dome)
- 11AM Child Care for babies in the Nursery

### THURSDAY

- 8:30AM Nature Walk in the Park  
(info: 813-988-6453)

### Calendar of February Events

- Feb 2** – Concert: Mini Folk Fest 10:00AM - 7:00PM
- Feb 3** – Book Sale 12:15 PM  
Aesthetics Committee Meeting 12:30PM
- Feb 4** – Adult RE: Wicca 101 7:00 PM
- Feb 5** – Campfire USA 10:30AM  
Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM  
Worship Committee 7:00 PM
- Feb 6** – Choir 7:00 PM
- Feb 7** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Feb 9** – Alternative to Violence Workshop 8:30 AM – 5:00PM  
**Buildings and Grounds 9:00 AM**
- Feb 12** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Feb 13** – SHAAG 7:00 PM  
Choir 7:00 PM
- Feb 14** – Concert: Wil Maring 7:00 PM  
Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Feb 15** – Florida District Board Meeting 5 PM
- Feb 16** – Alternative to Violence Workshop 8:30 AM – 5:00PM
- Feb 17** – Concert: The Muses 3:00 PM  
Discussion on Evolution 12:30 PM (See *A Month of Sundays* on next page for details.) (small dome)
- Feb 18** – Adult RE: Wicca 101 7:00 PM  
Finance Committee 7:00 PM
- Feb 19** – Campfire USA 10:30 AM  
Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Feb 20** – Adult RE Committee 7:00 PM  
Choir 7:00 PM
- Feb 21** – Board 7:00 PM  
Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Feb 23** – CUUPS Full Moon Celebration 7:30 PM
- Feb 24** – Conversation with the Board 12:15 AM
- Feb 26** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Feb 27** – SHAAG 7:00 PM  
Choir 7:00 PM
- Feb 28** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM

## A Month of Sundays at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

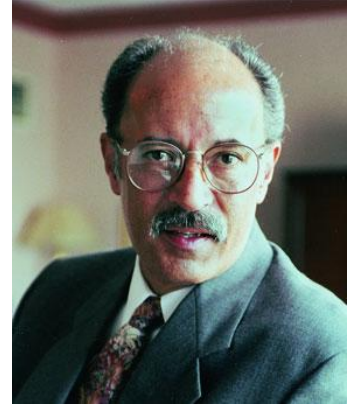
Please Note: All Sunday Services start at 11:00 AM and are led by Rev. Sara Zimmerman unless otherwise noted.

### *Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: The New Buddhism*

Rev. Meredith Garmon, co-minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville, Florida will lead this intergenerational worship service. What spiritual discipline most needs is social action and what social justice work most needs is spiritual discipline.

### *Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>: Worship led by UUA President Reverend William Sinkford.*

The Rev. William G. Sinkford was elected as UUA president in June of 2001. He is responsible to the UUA Board of Trustees for administering staff and programs that serve its more than 1,000 member congregations. He is the principal spokesperson and minister-at-large for the Association. His presidency has been distinguished by his social justice work including supporting equal marriage rights for same-sex couples, speaking out against the war in Iraq, and working on the behalf of the people of Darfur. He also has worked to grow the spiritual aspect of UUism, calling UUs to reclaim "a language of reverence." For more information on Rev. Sinkford, visit [http://www.uua.org/documents/info/ga07\\_sinkfordbio.pdf](http://www.uua.org/documents/info/ga07_sinkfordbio.pdf).



We are very excited to receive a visit from Rev. Sinkford on the eve of the UUA media campaign in the Tampa Bay Area!

### *Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Science and Evolution: Darwin and Religion*

Rev. Zimmerman will explore the compatibility of religion and science. Following the service and coffee hour, Dr. Tom Raffel will lead a discussion on evolution. Tom teaches a class on vertebrate evolution at USF. He has a special interest in evolutionary theory and its relationship with religion. A free book by the National Academy of Sciences called *Science, Evolution, and Creationism* will provide the basis for the discussion. It can be downloaded free from the website of the National Academy of Sciences ([http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=11876#toc](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11876#toc)). Several printed copies of the book will be available at the church on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for a small copying charge.

### *Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>: Psychology and Religion: James Fowler's Stages of Faith*

Rev. Zimmerman will bring to life examples of these stages and offer a means for each of us to find ourselves in the range. Is it true that only the likes of Mother Teresa and Gandhi can reach the pinnacle stage?

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