



Domelight



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

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First Month's Musings From Your Newly Settled Minister

Rev. Sara Zimmerman

Hello Everyone,

Thanks to everyone for making me feel welcomed. I am so impressed with your energy, enthusiasm, and good humor, and look forward to spending many years with you.

Apartment living in New Tampa has presented a minor challenge: **recycling**. As you might guess about someone who drives a Prius, I am committed to green living and always trying to walk the talk. Apartment complexes generally do not provide recycling bins, mine included. After several weeks of saving up #1 and 2 plastics and all glass containers, I discovered the locations of bins at USF. This location isn't exactly close to New Tampa where I live, but it's close enough to the church. If any other apartment dwellers are looking for the USF bins, here are the directions: go north on 50th off of Fowler, take a left on Elm, and a right on Sycamore. Go about a block and you will see the bins lined up on the left hand side for cardboard, glass and certain plastics, magazines and newspapers. But no Styrofoam bins. If anyone knows where to find public Styrofoam bins, please let me know.

Now I am all moved in and you have a full-time, settled (in both meanings) minister. You may have been thinking about emailing or calling me but weren't sure if you should. For that reason, I am sharing this list: **When to call or email the minister**.

A colleague in the UU ministry, the Rev. Peter Lee Scott, wrote the original version that I am adapting here. It contains this basic message: **I have time for you**. If you have a concern, I hope you will call on me, or send an email, and we'll schedule time. Phone numbers and email address below.

CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...

When you don't know me, but would like to.

When you have problems you would like to discuss – with your job, children, marriage, relationship, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might be of help.

When you have a joy to share.

When you are going to the hospital or someone else in the congregation is.

When someone is homebound and would like a visit.

When someone close to you is critically ill or has died.

When you are planning to be married.

When you have a child to be dedicated.

When you are pregnant but wish you weren't or are thrilled you are.

When you have a friend or neighbor who would like more information about our Unitarian Universalist faith.

When you are considering membership in this congregation.

When you have joined and wonder where you best fit in.

Here are various ways to get in touch with me:

At home: 813 971-8390 Please leave a voicemail message if I don't pick up.

At church: 813 988-8188

Or, if you need to reach me *right now, it absolutely can't wait*, call my cell phone: 941 661-2044. If it isn't an emergency, please use the other numbers first.

Mondays are my one week-day off.

See you in church!

Rev. Sara

When you have suggestions or hopes about programs.

When you have read something that you would like to share with me.

When you want to volunteer at the church.

When you would like to share your talents and gifts as part of one of our groups, committees, classes, or serve in some way.

When you appreciate how the church is doing and want to tell me.

When there are community issues you would like to discuss.

When you are mad at me.

When you would like to talk about religion, or how it is with your spirit.

When you would like coaching about how to begin a spiritual practice.

When you would like to sit quietly with me with no particular thing in mind and see what may open to us.

UUA Trustee Tidbits

Joan Lund

By now many of you have your church year programs underway and hopefully your congregation is well and thriving. The column this month is about one of the several Unitarian Universalist funding initiatives: the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.

The Fund for Unitarian Universalism grants are given to UU organizations in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada that are perceived to strengthen UU institutions and community life, nurture and celebrate our liberal religious heritage, and encourage a generosity of spirit among UUs that is reflected in commitments of time, money, and energy. These grants are available to congregations who are given to innovative, challenging or experimental programs that will have impact beyond the doors of the congregation, or that address needs unmet by the institutional structure of the denomination. Preferred projects usually have plans for income from diverse sources, including contributions from the members of the group applying.

Grants are not made to individuals and activities that are considered to be part of the ongoing work of the congregation or organization. They are not generally given for equipment, capital campaigns, endowments, or congregational studies. The maximum grant is \$20,000; the average grant is \$7,000. "Challenge" or "matching" grants are common, in keeping with our UU mission to encourage generosity. Grants are for one year but second-year funding is possible upon submitting a final or interim report and a new proposal.

As with all UU funding grants The UU Fund for Unitarian Universalism takes into consideration congregational commitment in meeting the UUA Annual Program Fund Fair Share contribution.

Further information can be found on the UUA web site: uua.org. Please contact me at jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727, if I can be of assistance in your congregational work or answer questions or just to stay in touch. I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy October and Happy Halloween.



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Board Bytes

Tempie Taudte, Secretary

Each month we receive and discuss reports from the Minister, Director of Religious Education, Treasurer, and Board / Committee Liaisons.

At the August meeting, the Board gratefully accepted two donations from the estate of Charles Weingartner, which will be used to establish an endowment for the "Weingartner Teaching As a Subversive Activity Scholarship."

The three UU churches in the New Orleans area continue to suffer from the effects of Katrina and they have asked us to become a Partner Church. The Board voted to invite them to present their adaptation of the play, "Our Town," here in the near future.

It is important that we develop a plan to cover the duties of the Acting Office Administrator when she is out of town. The Board will ask Jamie for a list of tasks and suggestions regarding how best to complete them when she is unavailable.

New officers will be elected during the September Board meeting. Ed Benedict will be stepping down as Treasurer and I will hand over the computer keyboard to a new Secretary. Both Ed and I will continue to serve our remaining terms on the Board.

For more information, please see the most recent copy of the minutes, which is posted on a bulletin board in the foyer, or ask any board member.



Book Sale Kickoff

Ruth Davis

There are some great books that have been donated and a lot of good reading and gift opportunities that have been wasting away, collecting dust. Well, they are being dusted off and reorganized! There will be a UU Tampa Book Sale on the 1st Sunday of every other month following services! So the Book Sale schedule is:

- October 7th, 2007
- December 2nd, 2007
- February 3rd, 2008
- April 6th, 2008
- June 1st, 2008



So bring some extra cash and get some good reading while supporting the church through this ongoing fundraiser. And don't miss the Witches Masquerade Book Store on October 27th either! If you want more information or wish to purchase a book in between book sales, contact Ruth Davis at harpsowinds@tampabay.rr.com.

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A 1-year subscription by mail is still available! Stop by the office with a \$15.00 donation – be sure to mark it **Domelight** and include your name and address.

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Domelight deadline is generally the Sunday closest to the 15th of each month. Deadline for the next issue is **September 16th**.

Articles may be submitted by e-mail to

Domelight@chrisandjamie.net or left in the Domelight box in the church office.

Submissions should include a contact name and phone number. Editor: Chris Hendrickx

Charting a New Course

Pat Benedict and Fran Davin



Don't miss the boat. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 14**. We will have a special service, followed by a complementary **brunch** to launch our 2008 **Stewardship Campaign**. Beginning **Monday, October 15** and running thru **Saturday, October 19**, we will hold our cottage meetings. The cottage meetings will be held in the homes of members of our congregation and led by two Stewards.

At these meetings, we will get to know each other better, talk about our church community and its importance to us. We will also make our financial commitment to the UUCT at that time. Listed below are the dates and hosts of the cottage meetings. Watch the mail for your invitation to one of these gatherings. Come to these events prepared to nourish both body and soul in community with your fellow UUs.

Monday, October 15 Hosted by Ralph and Judy Lehman.

Monday, October 15 Hosted by Mary Francis and Ollis Hughes

Tuesday, October 16 Hosted by Harriet and Bill Blymiller

Wednesday, October 17 Hosted by Pat and Ed Benedict

Wednesday, October 17 Hosted by Tempie Taudte and Jay Hall

Friday, October 19 Hosted by Diana Stevens and Grant Wilson

Friday, October 19 Hosted by Martha Robinson and Bud Clough

Saturday, October 20 Hosted by Fran Davin and Pat Benedict

Please RSVP to the host of your cottage meeting and make sure if you are a pledging couple that you are prepared to make your stewardship commitment at that time.

Calendars

Jamie Hendrickx, Interim Office Administrator

We now have 2 sets of calendars for the church. The first one is the old one in the office which is for **events AT UUCT only**. Please do not write on this calendar. To schedule an event at UUCT, please complete a calendar request form located under the calendars on the wall.

The second one is a new calendar located on the door of the office. It is the *UUCT Community Calendar* and is for the UUCT church and church related events that are not necessarily happening at UUCT. It will be kept up to date on the office door and on the web page.

Examples of events for these calendars include, but are not limited to, the following:

- INTERWEAVE activities such as Winter Pride and St. Pete Pride
- H.O.P.E. activities such as the Annual Convention and Nehemiah Action
- Friendship dinners
- UUCT Board retreats
- Committee meetings that are off-site
- RE activities such as the MLK day parade and Popcorn and Opinions
- RUUGS excursions
- Walk In The Park
- UUA West Central Cluster Meetings



There are several ways to add an event to the calendar:

- Email the information to Mary Francis at gldnpuma@earthlink.net
- Phone the office with the information 988-8188
- Email the information to the office at info@uutampa.org
- Leave a note on the dry erase board with the date, time, location, and event and your contact information for any questions.
- Write the information on the date on the calendars on the office door. (Please include contact information.)

We hope that having this information available will encourage members and friends to be more involved in UUCT life. Any questions, ask the interim office administrator, Jamie Hendrickx (info@uutampa.org or 813-988-8188). The calendar is also available online at www.uutampa.org/Calendar.htm.



The Prez Says Diana Stevens

What can I say about the beginning of our church year? We have had great attendance and enthusiasm due to Rev Sara Zimmerman starting her ministry with us. September 2, 2007 was an energy-producing day. The service with the traditional community water ceremony has certainly set the tone for the year.

On September 9, 2007, Miracle Sunday was a true Miracle. We had set a goal of \$12,000.00 and we raised \$11,300.00 as of last count. What a true miracle for our budget. Thank you all for your generous spirit and support of our wonderful community.

There are so many people to thank for their participation that I hardly know where to begin. But, Mark Hennebery and Bill Blymiller really set the tone (FUN) and kept things moving. I can't thank them enough for their talents and abilities. As Rev. Sara said after, "The congregation has a lot of trust." This was evident in the teasing and humor that went on.

Jay Hall set up the on-line payment and organized the money people at the back table. Jay obtained the fundraiser-tracking program from a church in California and modified for us to use. Ed Benedict, Jerry Elsenrath, Joyce Formica, Pat Benedict and Jay Hall kept track of what was happening and who was bidding for what. It was a big task and they did it amazingly well.

The musical performances were excellent – what talent we have at our church. Our long time favorite, Lloyd Goldstein, played to melt your heart – once he was in a skirt! Rom Delecroix, Gwen Johnson, Dan Miller, Bill Blymiller, Mark Hennebery, Joan Lund with Bill Blymiller, Amy Menard, Amy Menard's String Quartet, and Ollis Hughes (also in a skirt) were a delight. We also had Joan Lund and Gene Pizzo dance for us.

The baskets were raffled off and we made about \$1,300.00 on just those. Tom Krumreich did a great job selling the tickets. So, thank you all for your contributions: Martha Robinson, Katie Culbert, Judy Mintz, Kathy Dorman, Dot Frazier, Gloria Holloway, Judy Lehman, Willow LaMonte, Mary Francis, Fran Davin, Pat Benedict, Jamie & Chris Hendrickx, Lynn Parrish and Amy Shilliday. Thank you John & Kathy Dorman and Barbara Nelson for the Sunday flowers – we raffled them off too.

The comic relief came from Patricia McCracken and Russell Patterson. Thanks so much for being good sports and raising so much money. Well, the two guys in skirts were pretty funny, too. And didn't we know that Joan Lund had lots of hats? Who

knew how many? The raffle was not won by anyone as she wore a gold star on her head and who would have guessed that! Kathy Hunter, Mary Francis, and Joyce Formica donated items that sold quickly and added to the joy of the moment. Items bought for later: the Benedict dinner, chosen topic for Rev. Sara's sermon, chosen song for the choir, a 'spell' of choice cast by CUUPS, an original poem by Robin Leigh and an original song by Amy Menard. There will be a classical concert at the Dome in the future featuring the String Quartet. Twelve people went in together to pay \$1,200.00 to hire them for the concert that will be scheduled as a fundraiser (\$825.00 of that for UUCT). Other classical musicians wishing to participate can contact Gloria Holloway.

Thanks to all who brought food and drinks for the lunch, all the helpers with the tables and chairs and to the Kitchen Witch, Ruth Davis, and her friends for taking command of the kitchen. Thanks to Gloria Holloway and Suzie Siegel who did publicity for the event. Mary Francis did a great job keeping the Web page up to date. Thanks to the anonymous donor that gave \$250.00 to be matched by others. It actually raised \$550.00 before people realized that the \$250 had been matched. It was that kind of day.

In the excitement of the day, I may have missed someone's contribution. It is certainly without intention and I would appreciate your mentioning it to me so I can set the record straight.

The biggest thanks goes to ALL the people of our community that gave their support in so many ways! THANK YOU, ALL!



Interweave Jonathan Roudabush

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 Jonathan Roudabush.



UUA Media Campaign

William G. Sinkford, UUA President

My dear friends,

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you today. We are preparing to launch the first national marketing campaign for Unitarian Universalism in fifty years!

Beginning in early October, as part of an effort to offer the good news of our faith to the larger world, the Unitarian Universalist Association will begin a partnership with *Time* Magazine and their website, www.time.com.

This partnership will include:

- Print ads in *Time* Magazine
- "Advertorials" - printed material that promotes Unitarian Universalism and directs readers to a web archive of *Time* articles focusing on current religious and ethical issues
- Customized information on time.com directing users to specially designed pages on our website, www.UUA.org.

This special campaign is designed to raise awareness of Unitarian Universalism and to share our unique message with a larger audience. Our partnership with *Time* will ensure that Unitarian Universalism is an important voice in the religious landscape. This initiative will be a highlight of our first-ever Association Sunday, to be celebrated in hundreds of congregations on and around October 14th. Association Sunday will offer all Unitarian Universalists an opportunity to support our movement's efforts to share the good news of our faith with a wider circle of seekers.

To help congregations in this vital work, we are providing many resources, including a comprehensive FAQ sheet, new hospitality tools, and much more. In addition, all of our congregations will soon receive a wonderful new DVD introducing Unitarian Universalism to visitors and spiritual seekers. This also will be a valuable tool for including new members. These innovative materials will help us reach a wider audience than ever before and I encourage you to find out more.

We will continue to update you as we approach the marketing launch in early October. These are exciting times for Unitarian Universalism as we step out into the world in a new way. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks in advance. Thank you for opening your doors, and your hearts, to the new possibilities on the horizon.

In faith,

William G. Sinkford, President

For more information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/36tn9r>

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 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.



A New Way to Give To The Church: Donate Your Stocks

Several members of your congregation have expressed to a desire to give stocks to the Church as a donation or pay their pledge. In response to these requests, our Board of Trustees directed our Treasurer to establish an account with TD Ameritrade to sell stocks donated to the Church. The account is now in place. If you wish to take advantage of this method to make a gift to our community, please contact the Treasurer for details.



Engaging Our Theological Diversity

Bill Blymiller

We continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00PM to discuss the report of the UUA's Commission on Appraisal on the theological diversity in Unitarian Universalism. You can check out the current month's topic by going to the Church's website www.uutampa.org and following the link to the report.



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.

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:

Join Sacred Oaks Circle for a ritual Honoring The Ancestors October 27th at 7:30PM. As the Witches Masquerade festivities take place inside, others will gather in the Grove and join those who have passed to the other side. This will be a serious and solemn event for those that wish to connect with someone who has passed to the other side. Please note that there will be **no feasting** due to the Witches Masquerade that is occurring that same evening.

Upcoming Classes:

Note: All are welcome at meetings and classes. Meetings start at 7:00 PM and are followed by class.

October 1st: Tarot discussion and reading exchange: Bring your tarot deck for a brief discussion on tarot readings and practice your skills by pairing off with someone who will help you interpret the cards.

November 5th: Making Staffs and Wands: Now in its 3rd year, this popular class discusses the properties of native woods found around our area and gives you the opportunity to make a staff or wand of your own! Wear something that you don't mind getting a bit dirty if you want to participate.



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3rd Annual Witches Masquerade Ball!! Mary Francis

Mark your calendars for the third annual Witches' Masquerade Ball on October 27th! Come visit the Medieval Towne!! At this fun-filled evening, you may see kings, paupers, princesses, knights, pages, squires, gypsies, and perhaps even a witch or two. Visit the bookstore, sweet shop, and many other stores. Get a double, bubble, toil and trouble potion from the witch in the Apothecary Attic. You may even want to cross the Forbidden Forrest to join the Witches Ancestor Honoring Ritual. By popular demand, the number of Tarot readers this year has increased, so there will be plenty of openings for that reading you've been waiting for! Stop by the kitchen for some hot food, and relax with a beer or wine from the Leaky Faucet. Tour the haunted Dungeon on the gentler path with the wee ones or get scared on the extended version for those with a strong heart and stomach if you dare!! With such amazing attractions, this medieval bash will be the best Masquerade yet!!



When is this great event? On Saturday October 27th starting at 6pm – until the witching hour. What to wear? Something, of course, this is a church! Come and show off your finest and latest Medieval fashion, but none will be turned away if dressed in burlap. All fees will be priced reasonable to ensure you are fully entertained.

Watch for more details as the event nears. Flyers will be placed in the foyer and extra information posted on the website! Volunteer opportunities available – contact Mary at gldnpuma@earthlink.net or call 813-684-8026.



Your help is needed!

Just a reminder, please help to clean the church. This is not only needed on Building & Grounds day, but also whenever you're there. Make sure all food is picked up and put away. Clean up all of your dishes. Take the garbage out to the dumpster. Just these few simple tips can help make sure that we have a sanctuary that's ready to use when we want to use it, and helps keep the grounds looking beautiful!



Youth Religious Education

As this issue goes to press the latest edition of REflections is not available. Please see the table outside Katie's office for the latest news.

Electronic Giving for UU Church of Tampa: Now two new ways to give!

UUCT recently began offering an automated giving program and a number of our members now participate. Our original automated program allowed members the option to fulfill their Stewardship commitment by either using a credit card or via electronic funds transfer (EFTS) through their bank. To enroll in this program, each participant would complete a request form submitted to the Pledge Secretary, who enrolled the participant via the church's computer.

With our newly enhanced electronic contribution program each member may now enroll directly through a connection on the UUCT Web site. You may still use either a credit card or a bank account. This secure system is handled by the Vanco Services computers not our church Web site. Vanco currently handles electronic contributions for several thousand churches including several hundred Unitarian Universalist churches.

Several members have told us how much they like the convenience of the program. They appreciate that their financial gifts to UUCT continue even if they are out of town and unable to attend the services.

Benefits for You:

- Easier to fulfill stewardship commitments
- Strengthens participation and supports the church
- Allows you to contribute even when you're away
- Easier personal budgeting
- More secure than bringing cash or checks to church

Benefits for our Church:

- Cultivates consistent giving
- Provides more predictable cash flow for better budgeting
- Reduces work for office staff and volunteers
- Provides secure and easy cash maintenance

P. S. We would encourage those members who presently have their banks automatically issue paper checks which are mailed to the church to consider terminating that service and enrolling in the VANCO program. This will streamline operations for church staff and volunteers because they will no longer need to handle these checks. The new process by VANCO will be handled exactly the same by your bank without actually issuing paper checks to the church. Thank you.

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Getting Green Betty Kaminker



The Green Group meets on Sundays from 9:45am-10:45am in the small dome. We discuss issues of the environment and sustainable living. Every week there is a different facilitator and perhaps a guest speaker. Try to attend even if you cannot be there for the entire hour. Everybody can make a contribution! Come join us. For more information call Betty at 246-6568 or Carolyn at 989-0771.



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.



John Jeter at Safety Harbor Public Library Robin Leigh

Former UUCT member John Jeter gives author talk at Safety Harbor Public Library on Thursday, October 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

Join us for a talk with John Sims Jeter author of *...and the Angels Sang*, a novel tenderly written from a male perspective. Jeter's honest, lyrical prose celebrates the loves that give meaning to his narrator's life over a span of years – first love, music, baseball, poetry, and nature. A book signing will follow, and refreshment will be provided by the library. Jeter, also featured at the St. Petersburg Festival of Reading, is a former member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa.

The Safety Harbor Public Library is at 101 2nd St. N, Safety Harbor, FL. For further information contact UU member Robin Leigh at the library 727-724-1525x233 or at home 813-571-1366.

Conversation With The Board

Diana Stevens, Board of Trustees President

Starting in September and continuing throughout the year, available members of the Board of Trustees will be present for **conversation** after church on the 4th 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.



H.O.P.E. Happenings

Carol Partington

HOPE, the Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality, successfully moved into their new office at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 5105 N. Central Avenue. The phone number remains the same - 221-HOPE/4673. Please update your records. It is very close to Hillsborough High School, so stop by when you are in the area. Thanks, Joyce Formica, for your help with the move!

UUCT's HOPE Support Drive went very well. Thirty-eight people invested in HOPE. We are still \$460 short of our goal of \$4000. Please consider making an investment to help us reach our goal! Send your check made out to H.O.P.E. to Carol Partington, 7305 N. Center Dr., Tampa, FL 33604. Note UUCT on the bottom left corner of your check.

Our next big event is the Annual Convention. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the other congregations involved in HOPE. Mark your calendar for October 29th, 6:30-8:00 PM. The location will be announced later. At this event, we hear reports on current issues, vote to prioritize problem areas, elect officers of the Executive Board, and recognize this year's investors in the program. My goal is to see 50 UU's at this event!

If HOPE is new to you, pick up one of the brochures in the entryway to learn more about it. If you are looking for a way to get more involved and live out your UU principles, contact me or the HOPE office.



Adult Religious Education

Ollis Hughes

There are several events coming up in October to be excited about!

Don't forget about the **Tarot Discussion and Reading Exchange** after the CUUPS meeting on October 1st. See the CUUPS article on page 6 for more details.

The **Engaging Our Theological Diversity** series continues the second Monday of each month. See details in Bill's article on page 5.

Our very own Rev. Sara Zimmerman is starting a **Zen Loving Kindness Meditation** every Tuesday evening *beginning October 16th* from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM in the large dome.

Coming up in November, we have a book discussion on *Peace is Every Step* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Rev. Sara Zimmerman will lead UU 101 starting in November as well.

We're still looking for hosts for the Popcorn and Opinions series. Contact Ollis Hughes if interested.



Care Committee

Joyce Formica

We are a small group that tries to assist members and their families, those that are ill, isolated or bereaved, lending a helping hand.

The Care Committee invites you to explore ways you can assist others who are in need within our church family. There are lots of ways you can help even though you feel you don't have the time to join one more committee or attend another meeting. Perhaps you would be willing to do any of the following that might take just a few minutes or a few hours, on an as need basis. Contact Joyce Formica (988-1907) for more information. Please place a check how you would like to help and place the list in the Sunday collection basket.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Companionship visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Run errands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/doctors or church | <input type="checkbox"/> Child care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial service assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation / hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Record Joys & Sorrows, Sunday mornings. | |

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Communications Tidbit

Getting information to the congregation at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

E-Group – The church has an E-Group. You can subscribe at <http://www.uutampa.org> by clicking the “Related Links” button and entering your email address. Conversation about various topics occurs on the E-Group. There is also a social action e-group at the same place.

Domelight newsletter – Firm deadline is the Sunday closest to the 15th of the month. Editor is Chris Hendrickx. Submissions may be made by email to Domelight@chrisandjamie.net or left in the Domelight box at the church. Final decisions on content included are made by the Communications Committee and there is limited space so articles may be edited for brevity.

Printed Announcements in the Order of Service – Firm deadline is 10:00AM on the Thursday before the service. Submissions may be made by email to info@uutampa.org or left in the Order of Service Announcements box at the church. Space is limited so final decisions on what will be printed rests with the church office staff.

Spoken Announcements during Sunday Service – should only be used if the announcement was not published in the Order of Service or the announcement is of great importance. Should be **very brief**, and if further detail is necessary, something like “if you want to know more, see me after service” should be used.

Web Site – Requests for items to be added to the web site should be sent to our webmaster, Mary by email at gldnpuma@earthlink.net.



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 or phone: 813-988-8188. You can also print your new address, phone number, and/or email address on the guest register form in the foyer. Since the *Domelight* is now sent out electronically, you can help keep communication lines open by updating your email address as well. Again, just contact the church office or leave a note in the Office Manager’s mailbox in the church office with your new information. Thanks for helping us communicate better with you!!



Calendar of weekly events at UUCT

SUNDAY

- 9:45AM Green Group (Small Dome)
- 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 October Events

- Oct 1** – CUUPS Meeting 7:00 PM
CUUPS Workshop / Tarot 7:30 PM
- Oct 3** – Choir 7:00 PM
- Oct 4** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Oct 6** – Stewardship Campaign 9:00 AM
- Oct 7** – Witches Masquerade Planning Meeting 12:15 PM
Book Sale 12:15 PM
Memorial Service 3:00 PM
- Oct 8** – Adult RE: Engaging our Theological Diversity 7:00 PM
- Oct 9** – Small Group Ministry 7:00 PM
- Oct 10** – Choir 7:00 PM
SHAAG/SHAAFT 7:00 PM
- Oct 11** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Oct 13** – Buildings and Grounds Cleanup 9:00 AM
- Oct 14** – DOMELIGHT DEADLINE
Stewardship Campaign Brunch 12:00 PM
- Oct 15** – Finance Committee 7:00 PM
- Oct 16** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Oct 17** – Choir 7:00 PM
Adult RE Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
Youth RE Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- Oct 18** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- Oct 20** – Stewardship Campaign Cottage Meeting 9:00 AM
- Oct 21** – Interweave meeting 12:15 PM
- Oct 23** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Oct 24** – Choir 7:00 PM
SHAAG/SHAAFT 7:00 PM
- Oct 25** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Oct 26** – Witches Masquerade Ball Setup (all day)
- Oct 27** – Witches Masquerade Ball 6:00 PM
CUUPS Full Moon Celebration 7:30 PM (Grove)
- Oct 28** – Your UU Board 12:15 PM
- Oct 30** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Oct 31** – Choir 7:00 PM
Jin Shin Jyutsu Rental Setup (all day)

A Month of Sundays at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

October 7th: *The Power of Humanization* – Does anyone remember hearing about the My Lai massacre and the helicopter pilot Hugh Thompson who rescued some of the villagers? It has been said that he acted with the "power of humanization" when others dehumanized the same group. Rev. Zimmerman will reflect on the fact that in a crisis, some witnesses become proactive moral agents.

October 14th: *Zen and the Art of Giving* – In the spirit of today being Stewardship Sunday, Rev. Zimmerman will share her understanding of the Buddhist concept of *attachment*. Her text will be the Vimalakirti Sutra, one of the most beloved of Buddhist scriptures. Children and Youth in our RE classes will be in the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, so that they too may briefly participate in the Stewardship Sunday service. Stewardship Sunday Brunch will immediately follow the service.

October 21st: *Intergenerational Music Sunday* – For all the music lovers in the congregation, this showcase of musical talent and abilities in our congregation returns. See the church web site at <http://www.uutampa.org> or contact Dan Miller for additional details.

October 28th: *Day of the Dead, El Dia de los Muertos* – Rev. Zimmerman invites the congregation's participation in the creation of an alter to honor the dead. You may bring the items during office hours the previous week, or before the service on Sunday morning. For a good history and description of Day of the Dead, see <http://www.inside-mexico.com/featuredead.htm>

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