

**As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote our UU Principles:**

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

### **Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa Covenant**

**We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa, covenant with one another:**

To strengthen our church community while following our own spiritual paths,  
To honor diversity as a source of communal strength and to be a welcoming community

Because our acts and words weave the web that connects us to one another:

We accept responsibility for what we do and say,

We communicate with one another in kindness and support,

We promote the safety and well being of the congregation,

We practice the democratic process,

We support this church with our money and time.

We make our contributions with compassion and commitment,

We work together to build a joyful community that affirms peace justice and spiritual fulfillment.

We hold ourselves and each other responsible for adhering to this covenant.

#### ***The vision of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa is to be:***

- a center for liberal religious education for people of all ages;
- a community of caring and committed individuals diverse in identity and theology;
- a haven for those seeking a positive spiritual experience;
- a positive force in the community for justice and equality.

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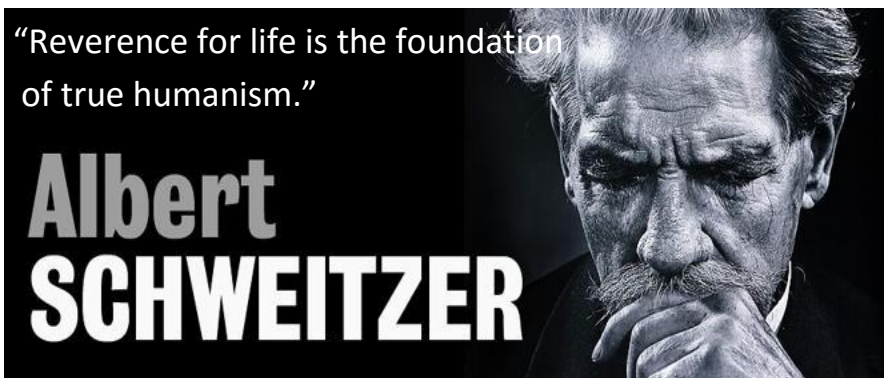
## **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF TAMPA**

**One Place, All Faiths: Creating a caring, justice-seeking community**

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Rev. Patricia A. Owen, Minister



**How are we bringing that alive in our community?**



**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

**“Reverence for Life”**

**Rev. Patricia A. Owen**

*\*Please remember to turn your cell phone ringers off during the service.*

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

March 12, 2017

## Eleven O'clock - Sunday Celebration

We recognize our *'Joys, Sorrows, & Concerns'* during our celebration by bringing the book on the table front left of the room to our pulpit and reading the citations. Before the beginning of our Sunday Celebration or during the opening music and welcoming words please write a short notation (with or without name) recording the significant experience or event you wish shared.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn No. 1014 *'Standing On the Side of Love'*

Welcome

Announcements

Greeting Our Neighbors

Opening Words~

Congregational Response:

*'Give Us The Spirit Of The Child'*

Chalice Lighting

\* Hymn No. 131 *'Love Will Guide Us'*

Story For All Ages

Passing the Flame No. 413

*'Go Now in Peace'*

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Worship Leader- Rev. Patricia A. Owen

Worship Associate- Brian Eckelberger

Participant- Erin Powers, Director of Religious Exploration for Children & Youth

Accompanist – Deborah (Dee) Lynch, UUCT Music Director

Sound- Jay Kirchheimer; Audio Visual-Diane Gainforth

Slideshow Content Provider –Diane Gainforth

Sharing of Joys, Celebrations and Milestones

Reading for Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn for Meditation No. 123 *'Spirit of Life'*

Reading

Sermon *'Reverence For Life'*

Rev. Patricia A. Owen

Offering

Offertory *'How Can I Keep From Singing'*

Extinguishing the Chalice

\* Closing Hymn No. 1017 *'Building a New Way'*

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Closing Words

Traditional Closing

"Touch each other with gentle hands, let your heart embrace the universe, hold to each other while life shall last, oh my friends, hold on."

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*A warm welcome is extended to our visitors today.  
Please join us in the small dome for conversation and brighten your day and  
ours by using a yellow mug for your refreshment.  
We hope you will come again.*

## Happening Today

Join us after the conclusion of the service today in the refurbished Little Dome for coffee. Please remember our coffee and snack fund is self sustaining, so before you partake, please stuff a dollar into the donation can. If you have been enjoying the variety and quality of snacks make sure you continue to fund it. Thank you and enjoy.

### **Vesper Service every Wednesday**

UUCT will offer a short, contemplative service every Wednesday for anyone and everyone at **6PM in the sanctuary**. The service will last about 30 minutes. There are readings, reflections, music, joys, and concerns and some other components as well! If you are in the area, stop in for a hump day break



### **Next Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 11:00 am**

## **“Council on American-Islamic Relations” Guest Speaker- Hassan Shibly**

**Guest Speaker Hassan Shibly is the Chief Executive Director of CAIR Florida.** Hassan is the son of Syrian immigrants, was raised in Buffalo New York. Hassam’s father was an oral surgeon, and mother, an orthodontist, instilled in Hassan an immigrant's wonder and determination.

Hassan graduated Magna Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo with a degree in Political Science concentrating on International Relations. He subsequently graduated amongst the top of his class from the University at Buffalo Law School. He was admitted to the Florida Bar in December 2011. Additionally, Hassan was admitted to practice in Florida’s federal courts in April 2012.

He interned with the New York Civil Liberties Union and has written opinions for two New York Supreme Court Judges. In Western New York, Hassan has worked with various legal organizations including Muslim Advocates, National Lawyers Guild, Erie County Bar Association and Erie County Family Court. Hassan lectures regularly on issues relating to Islam, American Muslims and Civil Rights.

Hassan is blissfully married with three beautiful children, and enjoys hiking and jet skiing.

**The 3rd annual *Tampa Pride Parade* will be on March 25, 2017 in historic Ybor City.** The parade will wind its way east from the corner of Nuccio Parkway and 7th Avenue, down 7th Avenue to 20th Street where it will turn north to end at the Street Festival location at historic Centennial Park. While the parade will start at 1PM, Tampa Pride will begin at noon in front of Centro Ybor with a special tribute to Orlando Pulse tragedy victims and a display of a section of the Sea-to-Sea Rainbow Flag originally from Key West.

### **TODAY / THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND NEXT WEEK**

<b>Sunday, March 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Training (MPB room 3)</li> <li>Beacon Youth Meeting (MPB room 5)</li> <li>Intro to UU part 1 (MPB room 3)</li> <li>Membership Committee Meeting (MPB room 1)</li> </ul>	9-10am 12:30-2:30pm 12:45-3:15pm 12:30-2pm
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tibetan Buddhist Meditation</li> <li>UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome)</li> </ul>	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Range Planning (MPB room 3)</li> <li>Mindfulness Meditation (large dome)</li> <li>Justice Group Read (MPB room 3)</li> </ul>	1:30-3:30pm 6-7pm 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VESPERS (sanctuary)</li> <li>RE Committee Meeting (Room 5)</li> </ul>	6-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Range Planning Committee (MPB room 5)</li> <li>Stitchers (MPB room 3)</li> <li>Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room 3)</li> </ul>	10:30-12:30pm 11am-2pm 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Friday, March 17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yoga Class (MPB)</li> </ul>	11am-noon
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Al-Anon (MPB room 2)</li> <li>Long Range Planning Meeting (MPB room 3)</li> </ul>	10:15-11:45am 2-4pm
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Practice (small dome)</li> <li>Service</li> <li>CUUPS: Wicca101 class (MPB room 3)</li> <li>Concert: Chris Henry and Hardcore Grass (large dome)</li> </ul>	9:30-10:30am 11:00am 1-3pm 3pm-5:30pm
<b>Monday, March 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tibetan Buddhist Meditation</li> <li>UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome)</li> </ul>	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
<b>Tuesday, March 21</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Practice (large dome)</li> <li>Mindfulness Meditation (large dome)</li> <li>Justice Group Read (MPB room 3)</li> </ul>	4-5:30pm 6-7pm 6:30-8:30pm
<b>Wednesday, March 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VESPERS (sanctuary)</li> </ul>	6-6:30pm
<b>Thursday, March 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stitchers (MPB room 3)</li> <li>SGM The Mangroves (MPB room 4)</li> </ul>	11am-2pm 7-9pm
<b>Friday, March 24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yoga Class (MPB)</li> <li>Choir Practice (large dome)</li> </ul>	11am-noon 6-7pm
<b>Saturday, March 25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Al-Anon (MPB room 2)</li> <li>Tampa Pride Parade (Ybor City)</li> </ul>	10:15-11:45am 1pm

## Announcements

### **Consider Serving on the Board of Trustees**

Serving on the Board is a great way to be meaningfully engaged in the life and mission of our church. In the coming weeks the Nominating Team is seeking candidates for Trustee positions and the subsequent election to be held at the Congregational meeting on May 7, 2017. Interested parties should meet the following qualifications: A member in good standing, leadership ability, a desire to serve, orderly approach to decision making, sense of integrity and honesty, willingness to keep an open mind, a team player, and a good sense of humor who can commit to several hours a week, on average. Trustees serve three year terms and the newly elected trustee's term begins on September 1st. Serving on the Board is an important way to live out your values while helping to maintain and grow a strong organizational foundation that can support and sustain this vibrant community. If you are interested, or wish to suggest someone to serve on the board, contact one of our Leadership Committee members, Ed Benedict, Diane Gainforth, Russ Kirby, or Russ Patterson. You may also email Ed Benedict at [nominating@uutampa.org](mailto:nominating@uutampa.org) to nominate yourself or to recommend someone else as a candidate for the Board. **All nominations need to be turned by Wednesday, March 15, 2017.**

**Our Care Team** sends greeting cards, makes hospital visits and follows up with congregants who are experiencing joys or sorrows. Please let us know if you or someone in our congregation is in need. Contact [care@uutampa.org](mailto:care@uutampa.org)

**The UUCT mUUSIC Group meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the Small Dome.** In the spirit of old-time hootenannys and good-time jam sessions, this is an informal gathering of musicians, vocalists, and just plain music lovers who want to make or listen to mUUSIC. Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability. [muusic@uutampa.org](mailto:muusic@uutampa.org)

**Padmasambhava Buddhist Center of Tampa Bay** holds Buddhist practice in the large dome; Mondays at 7pm For more information on PBC International please visit [www.padmasambhava.org](http://www.padmasambhava.org)

**The UU Mindfulness Meditation Group:** Tuesday at 6:00pm. These are two twenty minute meditations with a five minute walking meditation between them. A short Loving-Kindness recitation is practiced. All are welcome. Contact: Grant Wilson and Diana Stevens; [meditation@uutampa.org](mailto:meditation@uutampa.org)

**Choir Practice:** Choir will hold two weekly rehearsal slots for your convenience (come to one, or come to both!). **Please check the web site calendar for choir practice days!** <http://uutampa.org/calendar/> It is my preference to work on new music on Tuesdays/Fridays (the same material will be covered on Tuesdays and Fridays each week) and to use Sunday's rehearsals for review. Dee Lynch, Music Director [music@uutampa.org](mailto:music@uutampa.org)

**Light Yoga Class, Friday at 11 am.** Yoga Class meets in the Multi-Purpose Building. Bring a mat or towel and wear loose or stretchy clothing. We do light yogic stretching with no difficult poses. Cost: \$6. (a church fund-raiser) Facilitator: Grant Wilson; [yoga@uutampa.org](mailto:yoga@uutampa.org) All are welcome.

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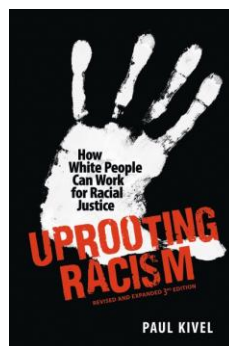
**TEEN & ADULT GAME NIGHT, second Friday of the Month;** we meet in the **main room in Multi-Purpose Bldg., 6:30-9:00'ish.** - If you haven't been to Game Night recently, come on out - it's a lot of fun. Make new friends or hang out with old ones. Excellent refreshments provided, if any questions, [gamenight@uutampa.org](mailto:gamenight@uutampa.org)

**Circles in the Woods CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)** holds Full Moon Celebrations on the Saturday closest to the full moon and occasional other activities; All activities are open to the public and held at UUCT. Families are welcome but no pets please. There is no cost but love donations are gratefully accepted. Bring a dish to share afterward. For more information about Circles in the Woods CUUPS email [cuups@uutampa.org](mailto:cuups@uutampa.org) or check out our online calendar <http://uutampa.org/cuups-calendar/>

**Al-Anon** meets in the multi-purpose building on Saturdays at 10:30 am each week. For additional information about Al-Anon in Hillsborough County, call 813-881-9372 or visit us on the web at [www.tampabayalanon.org](http://www.tampabayalanon.org)

**The Board of Trustees is currently accepting nominations for the Betty Lee distinguished service award** from members of our congregation to acknowledge a member of UUCT for "high standards of diligence and dedication" to the well-being of our church. Please submit your nomination by Saturday, April 1, 2017, to [president@uutampa.org](mailto:president@uutampa.org). State the reasons you believe this individual should receive the Betty Lee Award. See the March *Domelight* for the list of previous winners who cannot be nominated again. This year's award will be announced at our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

**LAST CALL . . . to make your voice heard.** The last Appreciative Inquiry Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 from 2 to 4 pm in the MPB. What members tell us are important to them is what will shape the next 5-Year Plan for UUCT. If you have not yet brought your dreams for our future to a cottage meeting, then make sure you come to this last A.I. meeting Please email [MarlaFrazer@gmail.com](mailto:MarlaFrazer@gmail.com) to make your reservation so we may plan for materials and refreshments for the meeting. (Congregation members w/children in the R/E program will be meeting separately on Sunday March 26.)



**UUCT Justice Group Read: Uprooting Racism**  
**Tuesdays- March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25;**  
**6:30-8:30pm**

Study group will read ***“Uprooting Racism: How White People can work for Racial Justice”***  
by Paul Kivel

6 sessions - Meet in the Multi-Purpose Building -  
Registration requested.

**Email: [adultre@uutampa.org](mailto:adultre@uutampa.org)**



# Magnolia Small Group Ministry

is collecting Helpful Hygiene Items for

## The Spring Domestic Violence Shelter

Items will be collected each Sunday in March

Suggested Items:

- Tampons of any size
- Sanitary Napkins of any size
- Women's Deodorant
- Body Wash

A box for collection is in the Foyer  
in the Large Dome

Thank you for helping our Group support Survivors of  
Domestic Violence.



Support Live Music At UUDome!



**Chris  
Henry  
& Hardcore Grass**  
**Sunday, March 19 3pm**  
**\$15\* advanced. \$20 door**

**Chris Henry and the Hardcore Grass** draw from the best years of traditional bluegrass to pick out some of the most intense songs and tunes. Whether it's a national festival or a small town event, **Chris Henry and the Hardcore Grass** will bring a powerful show full of memorable moments to diverse audiences. Founded in 2012, the group has risen quickly to be one of the most popular bluegrass groups in Nashville.

Chris has been described by the **International Bluegrass Music Association** as the premiere Monroe-style mandolinist of his generation. After receiving a Song of the Year nomination for writing the song "Walkin' West to Memphis", his skill as a songwriter has been receiving national attention as well. Thousands of terrestrial and Sirius satellite radio listeners have been hearing Chris's original songs and tunes for years. **The Hardcore Grass** provides a perfect backing for his brand of hard-hitting bluegrass and nail-biting intensity that he brings to his picking and singing. His unique brand of bluegrass has been known to excite national and international audiences from front porches to the Grand Old Opry. Chris comes from a traditional bluegrass background and blends his appreciation for the classic sound with his own creativity to stretch out into wide open spaces that have audiences riveted to hear and see what happens next. \*Tickets on line at <http://uutampa.org/concerts/>



## Spring Auction 4/9/2017

Would you like to donate a service, a dinner or some nice thing for our annual auction?

If so, please email [auction@uutampa.org](mailto:auction@uutampa.org) or complete this form and put it in the auction box located in the foyer of the church.

Description: ( If offering a dinner or service, please include the date of the event.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Minimum Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

## The Spring Auction is upon us!

If you have not marked your calendar's as yet, please do so now for the afternoon of **Sunday, April 9, 2017**, as the Church's annual auction event. You need to be there! The event is a BIG raiser - of money (for the church) and of spirits (for everyone involved). The auction will start in the Multi-Purpose Building soon after the end of Sunday service.

**Lunch will be available. For just \$5.00 you can purchase a nutritious bag lunch**, loaded with enough good food stuff to power you through the high-energy auction activities.

Dinners, multiple course meals, and much sought after services are among some of the items available in this year's auction catalogue. If you snooze you will lose out on an opportunity to purchase a seat at some of these fun events or buy some of these extraordinary helpful items.

If you would like to be a part of the auction itself, it is not too late to volunteer to be an auction helper. We still need people to help check people in, make lunches, record data, and check people out. Just contact us at [auction@uutampa.org](mailto:auction@uutampa.org). The same goes for new auction items. If you have something you would like to include in the auction catalogue, send your information to the same contact site just mentioned or file out the auction insert and drop it off at the office.

Would you like an acknowledgment letter for your records? yes no

**If yes, please complete the following:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your donation to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa!** All proceeds go to the general fund.



## **Stitchers Redux: Pursuing individual hand-craft work in a UU community setting**

**Come join us. All are welcome! We are a small group of UU handcrafters (knitting, beadwork, and similar pursuits) who plan to meet weekly on Thursdays from 11 AM to 2 PM in the multipurpose building.**

Bring your own lunch and your tabletop or lap based handcraft supplies. There are plenty of tables and chairs available. If you need a special lamp, please bring your own and an extension cord.

### **Questions?**

**Contact Mary Lou Jones: 813-388-6294 or 719-210-4800, or [mloujones.mlj@gmail.com](mailto:mloujones.mlj@gmail.com).**



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