

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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Rev. Patricia A. Owen, Minister



Sunday, September 4, 2016
"Peace Like a River"
Rev. Patricia A. Owen
Worship Associate- Erin Powers

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa
September 4, 2016
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.*

Gathering Music No.361
***'Enter, Rejoice, and Come In'* ~ Congregation**

Welcome ~Erin Powers

Greet Your Neighbors

Announcements ~Rev. Patricia Owen

Lighting of the Chalice
~Kya Eckelberger and Anthony Lee

*** Hymn No. 1007 *'There's A River Flowin' In My Soul'***
Teal Hymnal *'Singing the Journey'*

Story For All Ages
~Erin Powers and Rev. Patricia Owen

New Member Recognition~ Community response:
"Welcome to this Covenantal Community"

Sharing of Joys, Celebrations and Milestones
~Care Team Member

Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Hymn for Meditation No. 1031 *'Filled With Loving Kindness'* Teal Hymnal *'Singing the Journey'*

Offering

***'Wade in the Water'* ~Heide Wuerfele**

Homily ***'Peace Like A River'***
Rev. Patricia Owen

Water Communion and Blessing of the Waters
Adapted from Ranwa Hammamy

*** Closing Hymn No. 100 *'I've Got Peace Like A River'***

Closing Words

***Extinguishing of Chalice**
~Matt Kenoyer and Alex Lee

Rite of Community

"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."

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.

Worship Leader- Rev. Patricia A. Owen, Minister
Worship Associate- Erin Powers, DRE of Children and Youth
Worship Participants- Kya Eckelberger, Anthony Lee, Matt Kenoyer and Alex Lee
Accompanist - Heidi Wuerfele, Sound- Jay Kirchheimer
Audio Visual- Mary Francis and Joe Adles; Slideshow Content Provider - Mary Francis

TODAY / THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room5) ▪ Service ▪ First on 1st (Large dome) 	10:15-10:55am 11:00am 12:45-1:45pm
Monday, September 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (cancelled this week) ▪ UUCT mUUSIC Meeting (small dome) 	7:30-9:30pm
Tuesday, September 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Worship Committee Meeting (MPB room 4) ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (small dome this week) ▪ Facilitation Training (MPB room 3) 	4:30-6pm 6-7pm 6-8:30pm
Wednesday, September 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daytimers ▪ VESPERS (sanctuary) ▪ Minister's READ (MPB room 3) ▪ Planning Committee Meeting (MPB room 4) 	11:30-12:30pm 6-6:30pm 6:45-8:30pm 7-9pm
Thursday, September 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Committee Meeting (MPB room 3) ▪ Social Justice Meeting (MPB room 3) 	4:30-5:30pm 7-9pm
Friday, September 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga Class (MPB) ▪ Adult and Teen Game Night (MPB) 	11am-noon 6:30-9pm
Saturday, September 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buildings and Grounds Work Day ▪ Teacher's Training (MPB rooms 3 & 4) ▪ Al-Anon (MPB room 2) 	9am-noon 10am-2pm 10:15-11:45pm
Sunday, September 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service ▪ Owl (MPB room 2 & 3) ▪ Membership Committee Meeting (MPB room 3) ▪ RE Family Conversation with Rev. P (large dome) ▪ Beacon Youth Meeting (MPB room 5) 	11:00am 12-2pm 12:30-2pm 12:45-2pm 1-3pm
Monday, September 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (cancelled this week) ▪ UUCT mUUSIC Meeting (small dome) 	7:30-9:30pm
Tuesday, September 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (small dome this week) ▪ Facilitator Training (MPB room 3) 	6-7pm 6-8:30pm
Wednesday, September 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VESPERS (sanctuary) ▪ RE Committee Meeting (MPB room 5) ▪ Chalice Circle Meeting (MPB room 3) ▪ Finance Committee Meeting (MPB room 2) 	6-6:30pm 6:30-8:30pm 7-9pm 7-9pm
Thursday, September 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room 3) 	6:30-8:30pm
Friday, September 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga Class (MPB) 	11am-noon
Saturday, September 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Al-Anon (MPB room 2) ▪ CUUPS: Full Moon Celebration (large dome) 	10:15-11:45pm 7:30-midnight

Happening Today

Today we welcome Heidi Wuerfele. Heidi is a relief organist/pianist. Originally from Connecticut, Heidi settled in Florida in 1987, and completed her BA degree at USF Tampa. In addition to filling in as a relief organist/pianist, Heidi works within the Polk County School System with the ESOL program.

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.



Vespers Every Wednesday at 6pm

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, September 11, 2016

“Where Were You?”

Rev. Patricia A. Owen

Where were you 15 years ago? No doubt you remember.

Rev. Patricia Owen- Office hours: Monday; Appointment Only, Tuesday- Thursday; 11am-5pm. Friday is Rev. Patricia's day off. Only urgent calls please. Call her at 804-347-8159 or email at RevP@uutampa.org with questions, ideas, needs and to confirm her availability at church office. ☺ Erin Powers, Director of Religious Education for Children & Youth: Regular hours are Wednesday 3:30-8:30pm; Email her at dre@uutampa.org; Linda Turnipseed, Office Assistant: Regular hours are Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm; Office Number: 813- 988-8188

Announcements

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 Tempie Taudte at 813-598-6740 or care@uutampa.org

Padmasambhava Buddhist Center of Tampa Bay now holds Buddhist practice in the large dome; **Mondays at 7pm** For more information on PBC International please visit www.padmasambhava.org

The UUCT MUUSIC Group meets every Monday evening at 7:30 in the Small Dome. In the spirit of old-time hootenannies 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

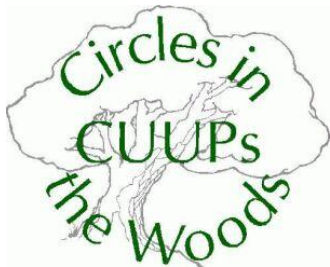
The UU Mindfulness Meditation Group: Tuesday at 6:00pm. This week we are meeting in the small dome. These are two twenty minute meditations with a five minute walking meditation between them. A short Loving-Kindness recitation is practiced. We close with a short reading and discussion. All are welcome. Contact: Grant Wilson and Diana Stevens; meditation@uutampa.org

The Conversations on Leadership Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:45 pm; multi-purpose building room 3 The Group is moving on to Module 4 of "Passing the Torch: Leadership Development in Your Congregation." Please come join us in the discussion of leadership development topics! Email Kim McDonald at president@uutampa.org

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. Come play Mexican Train Dominoes or other games of your choice. Excellent refreshments provided, for questions, email gamenight@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 All are welcome.

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 or check out our online calendar <http://uutampa.org/cuups-calendar/>



Announcements

UUCT DAY TRIPPERS - Our next Day Trippers excursion is the *Tampa Bay History Center*, located in downtown Tampa, on **Wednesday, September 21**. The History Center's collections date from prehistoric Gulf Coast Florida to the present. Current temporary exhibits include Clyde Butcher's Florida Photographs. Car pool will leave the church **promptly at 9:30am** and return mid-afternoon. Cost is \$10.95 - \$12.95 for admission, \$4 cash gratuity to carpool driver, and lunch at onsite Columbia Restaurant. RSVP with one of the co-organizers, Ron Phillips at 813-997-0920 or Mary Wolgemuth at 720-252-3443 or mary.wolgemuth@gmail.com

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.

SAVE THE DATES! Below is a list of SOME of the programming you will see beginning in September, 2016! Mark your calendars now!

Teaching Tuesdays - begin this Tuesday, September 6th. 6:30-8:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Building. Our first class will be **Facilitator Training for those interested in leading a Chalice Circle.** Dates: **Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20.** Registration required - email revp@uutampa.org (more information on Chalice Circles may be found in the August and September Domelight).

Minister's Read - begins September 7th. 6:45-8:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Building. We will share a common read in an informal discussion group. Our first read is "*When Breath Becomes Air*." by Paul Kalanithi. **Wednesday, September 7th** will be an introduction to how we'll spend time together.

Daytimers - begins September 7th and will be held on the **first Wednesday of each month. 11:30AM-1:00PM in the Multi-Purpose Building.** Daytimers is a chance for retirees, those who don't drive at night and anyone else to enjoy fellowship. Bring your own lunch!

mUUVie nites - **Friday nights Sept. 23rd, Oct. 28th and Nov. 18th. 6-9pm, movie begins at 6:15 in the Sanctuary.** Movies will be aligned with our Season of Caring. Discussion will follow. Snacks available. This will be a fundraiser for our UU Youth.

Leaders' Gathering - begins Saturday, September 3rd and will be held on the **first Saturday of each month; 9-11am in the Sanctuary.** If you are a committee chair, facilitator or leader of any group, this is your chance to connect with one another. We will begin to look at the possibility of committee work as ministry and generative community building.

UUCT is hosting Lay Pastoral Care training in October (7th-8th)! See the insert for registration. 30 slots available Training will be offered by Carol Wayne and Linda Erikson from Richmond, VA. This program explains the details of lay pastoral care. Questions? Contact Rev. Patricia; revp@uutampa.org Cost= \$40 meals included.