

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, October 8, 2017

‘Starting Instead of Staring’

Guest Speaker: Freddy Barton,

Executive Director of Safe and Sound Hillsborough

Worship Associate- Joan Lund

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa
October 8, 2017
Eleven O'clock - Sunday Celebration

We recognize our *Joys and Sorrows* 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.*

Song of Welcome

Welcome

Announcements

Chalice Lighting

Why Unitarian Universalism? ~Erin & John Powers

*** Hymn No. 1 'May Nothing Evil Cross This Door'**

Story for All Ages

Passing the Flame No. 413 'Go Now in Peace'

Reading 'Human Family' ~Joan Lund

Words by Maya Angelou

Joys and Sorrows

Guest Speaker- Freddy Barton, Executive Director of Safe and Sound Hillsborough
Worship Associate- Joan Lund
Participant- Erin Powers, Dir. of Religious Exploration for Children & Youth
Accompanist – Deborah (Dee) Lynch, UUCT Music Director
Guest Musician is Jess Glass Sound-Bill Blymiller
Audio Visual- Mary Francis; Slideshow Content Provider – Mary Francis

Stone Ritual

Time of Meditation and Reflection

Hymn of Meditation No. 1002 'Comfort Me'

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Sermon 'Starting Instead of Staring'

**Guest Speaker-Freddy Barton, Executive
Director of Safe and Sound Hillsborough**

Offering

Offertory 'For Good' ~Dee Lynch and Jess Glass

Song from the musical *Wicked*

Offertory Response: *By the work of our hands, and the work of our hearts, our love is made real. May we be grateful for all that is given, and grateful for all that is shared.*

Extinguishing the Chalice

Closing Hymn No. 131 'Love Will Guide Us'

Benediction

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

TODAY / THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, October 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service ▪ Membership Meeting (small dome) ▪ HOPE House Meeting (MPB room 2) 	11:00am 12:30-2pm 12:30-2pm
Monday, October 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (large dome) ▪ UUCT mUUSIC- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, October 10 MPB Voting Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crafters (large dome due to voting) ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 	4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm
Wednesday, October 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day Trippers • Executive Committee Meeting (MPB room 3) • Wed. Worship: -cancelled this week • SGM The Pines (MPB room 3) • Finance Committee Meeting (MPB room 4) • Concert: Matsiko World Orphan Choir 	9:15-3pm 10-11:30am - 7-9pm 7-9pm 7:30-10pm
Thursday, October 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choir Rehearsal (large dome) ▪ Social Justice Meeting (MPB room 4) 	6:15-7:45pm 7-9pm
Friday, October 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SGM The Cedars (large dome) ▪ Yoga Class (MPB) ▪ Adult & Teen Game Night (MPB) 	10:30-12:30pm 11am-noon 7-9pm
Saturday, October 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Buildings and Grounds Workday ▪ Al-Anon (MPB room 2) 	9am-noon 10:15-11:45am
Sunday, October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service ▪ Usher and Greeter Training (large dome) ▪ Youth Meeting (MPB room 5) 	11:00am 12:30-2:30pm 12:30-2:30pm
Monday, October 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (large dome) ▪ UUCT mUUSIC- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, October 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 	6-7pm
Wednesday, October 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed. Worship: Comfort Me • RE Committee Meeting (MPB room 5) 	6:30-8:30pm 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, October 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choir Rehearsal (large dome) ▪ Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room 3) 	6:15-7:45pm 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, October 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga Class (MPB) 	11am-noon
Saturday, October 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Al-Anon (MPB room 2) 	10:15-11:45am



Happening Today

Our Guest Speaker today is Freddy Barton. Freddy Barton is the Executive Director of Safe & Sound Hillsborough (S&SH), a multi-sector, multi-disciplinary collaborative aimed at reducing and preventing violence utilizing a public health model. Freddy works with policy makers, civic and business leaders, residents and community based organizations to mitigate the factors that contribute to violence. He successfully implemented a youth mock trial program in four targeted zip codes served by S&SH, is

establishing a county-wide policy review council and has coordinated many community events throughout Hillsborough County. He serves as a vocal advocate for youth intervention services, mental health support systems and community engagement. In 2017, Freddy led the charge to have Hillsborough County's first Violence Prevention Conference focusing on bringing residents, policy makers and law enforcement officers together to come up with solutions for Hillsborough County.

Stewardship 2018-October is Stewardship month and the drive is underway. If you haven't pledged for 2018 yet . . . It's time. You can pledge online or on paper, doesn't matter. Contact Ed or Pat Benedict or Bill Blymiller (if you know them) or email stewardship@uutampa.org.

Join us after the conclusion of the service today in the multi-purpose building 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.

Concert in the UU Dome this Wednesday! The Matsiko World Orphan Choir!

Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30pm

Matsiko (which means "hope") is the flagship vehicle of the International Children's Network (ICN), a 501c3, charitable organization. Participants in the choir leave their home nations to travel to the U.S. where they embark on a one-year tour, singing and dancing, seeking sponsorship, and raising awareness of the plight of the world's orphaned and at-risk children. We are very excited about this concert/performance.



Please come on over to "the dome" and join us in Hearing the Joy. Seeing the Hope. Feeling the Love.

COST: Love Offering

www.icnchildren.net www.matsikochoir.com

Next Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 11:00 am

'Handle With Care'
Rev. Patricia A. Owen



Worship Wednesday; Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

UUCT offers a contemplative service every Wednesday for anyone and everyone starting at **6:30pm-8:30pm in the sanctuary.**

First Wednesday of the month: This Little Light of Mine: No matter who you are, no matter what you do, you are a leader! As UUs we are also seekers, spiritual, ethical and value based beings. We will gather monthly to learn more about 'our little light' and how we can shine it into every corner of the world.

Second Wednesday of the month: Building a New Way- Interested in UU centered social justice/spiritual activism? This is your spot! We will begin with a short worship then discern, learn and plan on how we will deepen our understanding of justice AND how we will walk our talk. All are welcome!

Third Wednesday of the month: Comfort Me; UUCT is a CARING community! Can you help write birthday cards? Are you interested in giving rides or helping those in need? We need you to pitch in! We will begin with a short worship, a time for joys and sorrows and centering.

Fourth Wednesday of the month: Lift Every Voice - An old fashioned hymn sing! We will begin with a short worship and time for centering, then we will sing. Music Director, Dee Lynch will accompany us! This is a great way to learn new hymns and sing favorites. **Everyone is welcome!**

Announcements

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.** This is an informal gathering of musicians, vocalists, and just plain music lovers who want to make or listen to MUUSIC. Sing, play an instrument, drums, or bang on an upside-down waste basket. Get creative. Everyone is welcome, regardless of ability or experience. music@uutampa.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

Announcements

UUCT DAY TRIPPERS –Join us on **Wednesday, October 11** for a docent-led tour of the **Hindu Temple of Florida** located in the greater Carrollwood area. We will leave the church **promptly at 9:15am** for the 10am tour and return by 3:00pm. Cost is optional donation, lunch at a local restaurant, and \$4 cash gratuity for carpool driver.

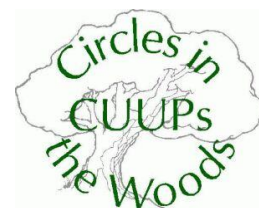
We are required to remove our shoes for the tour. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 8 with one of the co-organizers, Ron Phillips at 813-997-0920 or Mary Wolgemuth at 720-252-3443 or mary.wolgemuth@gmail.com. Please include your telephone number and indicate passenger only or willingness to drive.

The UUCT choir rehearsals for the 2017-2018 season will be on **Thursdays; 6:15-7:45**. New members are welcome! For more information contact director Dee Lynch at choir@uutampa.org. Mark your calendars!

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.

Al-Anon meets in the multi-purpose building on **Saturdays at 10:15 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

TEEN & ADULT GAME NIGHT, second Friday of the Month; we meet in the main room in Multi-Purpose Bldg., **7-9:00pm-** 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



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. There is no cost but love donations are gratefully accepted. Bring a dish to share afterward. email cuups@uutampa.org or check out our online calendar <http://uutampa.org/cuups-calendar/>

Join the UU Yahoo Group: UUtampa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com This is a church wide list about church events and sponsored events. It is open to church members and friends as subscribers.

UUCT KNITTERS and CRAFTERS GROUP All knitting, crocheting, beading, quilting, and other crafters are cordially invited to join the UUCT Stitchers/Crafters group. We will meet on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Multi Purpose Building from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM,** If you have questions please contact Mary Lou Jones at 813-388-6294 (home) mloujones.mlj@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**On Sunday October 22, we will be holding a
Congregation Meeting following the service.**

The Long Range Planning Committee will present the findings from the series of 2017. Cottage Meetings and the results of the Survey Monkey conducted in mid-May. Based on these results, an updated Mission and Vision Statement will be offered that day for your consideration and adoption. This Statement will form the basis of the new 5-Year Strategic Plan.

The Survey Monkey results are up on the UUCT Website under Announcements and Events;
<https://uutampa.org/announcements-and-events/>
and on our Facebook page for review prior to the meeting.

Please plan to attend. A light lunch will be served immediately after service and child care will be provided. We want every voice to be heard as we plan for our UUCT future.

Submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee



Intro to UU

Registration 2017

Interested in becoming a member of this church? Participation in the class listed below is a vital element in becoming a member of our congregation. A basic overview of the history and the evolution of the Unitarian Universalist ways in spirituality and religion will be offered in a causal dialogue format.

Registration is required. Drop this registration form off at the UUCT office

Please register me for the following Intro to UU Class:

○ November 14 & 28;

6:30-8:30pm

(both classes required) (Tuesday)

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:
