

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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Sunday, September 17, 2017

'The "I" of the Storm'

Rev. Patricia A Owen

Enter into community today as we think about Irma,
and other things that go bump in the night.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa
September 17, 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.*

Prelude

Reading *'The Life Within'*

Words by Richard Gilbert

Greet Your Neighbor

Announcements

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn No. 1010 *'Oh, We Give Thanks'***

Teal Hymnal *'Singing the Journey'*

Story for All Ages

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

The "I" of the Storm Part I

Offering

Worship Leader- Rev. Patricia A. Owen, UUCT Minister
Worship Associate- Erin Powers, Dir. of Religious Exploration for Children & Youth
Accompanist - Deborah (Dee) Lynch, UUCT Music Director and UUCT Choir
Musical Guests- Peggy McNair, James Shaw, Jr., Kristen Wilde
Sound-Jay Kirchheimer
Audio Visual- Diane Gainforth; Slideshow Content Provider - Diane Gainforth

**Offertory *'Ubi Caritas'* ~Choir and Musical Guests-
Peggy McNair, James Shaw, Jr., and Kristen Wilde**

Translation: Where charity and love prevail, there is God.

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.*

Stone Ritual Introduction

Hymn for Meditation No. 100

'I've Got Peace Like a River' Verses 1-3

The "I" of the Storm Part II

Hymn for Meditation No. 100

'I've Got Peace Like a River' Verses 4-6

The "I" of the Storm Part III

Silent Meditation

Extinguishing the Chalice

Benediction

Closing Hymn No. 346 *'Come Sing a Song with Me'*

*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.*

Happening Today

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.



Worship Wednesday; Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

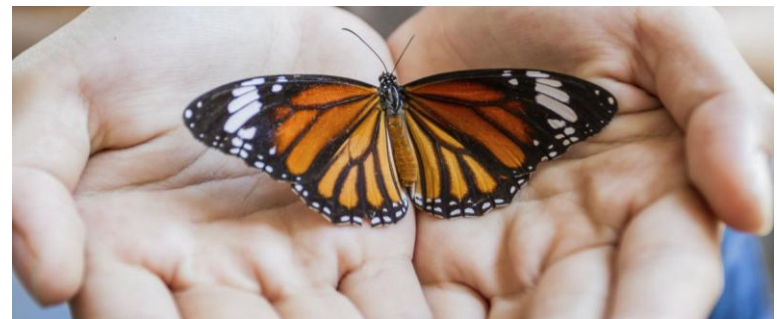
UUCT will offer a contemplative service every Wednesday for anyone and everyone starting at **6:30pm-8:30pm in the sanctuary.**

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!**



Next Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 11:00 am

'Into the Void', Rev. Patricia A. Owen

Every transformational figure in the history of man has disappeared; and returned transformed. What might we learn?

Following this service after coffee time: **Conversations With The Board:** Members of the Board of Trustees will be present for conversation after church on the fourth Sunday of the month from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. The purpose is to open communication and share ideas. Come with questions and ideas but always with an open mind.

TODAY / THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, September 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choir (small dome) 9:45-10:45am ▪ Family Yoga (MPB room 3) 9:30-10:30am ▪ Service 11:00am ▪ HOPE Meeting (large dome) 12:30-1:30pm ▪ Youth Meeting (MPB room 5) 12:30-2:30pm
Monday, September 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (large dome) 7-8:30pm ▪ UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, September 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 6-7pm
Wednesday, September 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed. Worship: Comfort Me 6:30-8:30pm • RE Committee Meeting (MPB room 5) 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, September 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choir Rehearsal (large dome) 6:15-7:45pm ▪ Board of Trustees Meeting(MPB room 3) 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, September 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga Class 11am-noon
Saturday, September 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Al-Anon (small dome this week) 10:15-11:45am

NEXT WEEK AT CHURCH

Sunday, September 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service 11:00am ▪ Conversation with the Board of Trustees 12:30-1pm
Monday, September 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibetan Buddhist Meditation (large dome) 7-8:30pm ▪ UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, September 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crafters (MPB room 3) 12:30-2:30pm ▪ Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 6-7pm
Wednesday, September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed. Worship: Lift Every Voice 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, September 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choir Rehearsal (large dome) 6:15-7:45pm ▪ SGM The Mangroves(MPB room 4) 7-9pm
Friday, September 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yoga Class 11am-noon
Saturday, September 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intro to UU (MPB room 3) 9am-3pm ▪ Al-Anon (small dome this week) 10:15-11:45am

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 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. 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



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 fundraiser) Facilitator: Grant Wilson; yoga@uutampa.org All are welcome.

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.

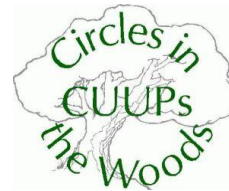
Al-Anon meets in the multi-purpose building on **Saturdays at 10:15 am each week.** For additional information about Al-Anon in Hillsborough County, call 813-881-9372 or visit us on the web at www.tampabayalanon.org

Announcements

UUCT Directory: If you are a member of the Church you are able to access the online Church Directory from your phone or computer. Go to directory.uutampa.org and enter the current password (leave a space for a handwritten password please). You will be taken to a site that asks you for your email address. Put your email address in, click done and within a few minutes you will get an email from the computer system welcoming you to the online directory. Any problems just email directory@uutampa.org and we will contact you.



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/>

Follow the UUCT Facebook Group: Can't come to church? Can't remember something you read in the announcements? Each week's Order of Service and the weekly announcements will now be available on our Facebook page and on the website. On the website, it will appear next to the announcement of that week's service in "A Month of Sundays." The church's Facebook page is public and open to anyone to view. You can view the church's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/uutampa

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,** beginning Sept 12 and continuing on Sept 26 and October 10 and 24. Interested people will need to bring their own handwork supplies. If you need to use an extension cord or a lamp other than the overhead lights, please plan to bring it with you. If you have questions please contact Mary Lou Jones at 813-388-6294 (home) mloujones.mlj@gmail.com

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 dre@uutampa.org; Dee Lynch, Music Director, Office Hours: Tuesday 10am-3pm and Thursday 4-6pm; email: music@uutampa.org. Linda Turnipseed, Office Assistant: Tuesday & Thursday 9am-2pm; 813988-8188