

Our Seven UU Principles:

- 1st Principle: **The inherent worth and dignity of every person.**
- 2nd Principle: **Justice, equity and compassion in human relations.**
- 3rd Principle: **Acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth in our congregations.**
- 4th Principle: **A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.**
- 5th Principle: **The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at-large.**
- 6th Principle: **The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.**
- 7th Principle: **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.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community that values caring, learning, and acting on our Unitarian Universalist principles

The vision of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa is:

We will become: A generous community where all members contribute time, talent, and treasure to our shared goals;

A responsive community dedicated to religious exploration for all ages, caring for one another and welcoming all people of good will;

A visible community with a heart for justice, actively seeking ways to be involved with our larger community;

A growing community that stewards an expanded and updated campus with accessible facilities that will support our mission

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*A pledge is a sacred vow, a promise to stay
true to a commitment we've made.*

*The Pledge to End Racism holds
each of us accountable to engage everyday
in the work of addressing racism wherever
we find it, from interpersonal interactions
to the institutions we support and the
systems we participate in. It's more than saying,
"I'm not a racist." Instead, it is
a solemn promise to study, learn, interact,
and join with others to take action to ensure
that all people truly experience justice,
equity, and compassion.*

Sunday, March 4, 2018

**'The Pledge to End Racism Movement'
Guest Speaker- Annette Marquis**

Worship Associate- Rev. Patricia A. Owen

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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

March 4, 2018

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.*

Welcome

Announcements

Greeting Neighbors

Chalice Lighting

**Hymn No. 153 'Oh, I Woke Up This Morning'*

Story for All Ages

Passing the Flame No. 1057 'Go Lifted Up'

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Reading for Meditation 'Who Is Welcome'

~Anita Lee

Words by the Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper

Guest Speaker- Annette Marquis

Worship Associate- Rev. Patricia A. Owen, UUCT Minister

Participants- Erin Powers, Dir. of Religious Exploration Children & Youth and Anita Lee

Accompanist - Deborah (Dee) Lynch, UUCT Music Director and UUCT Choir

Sound-Jay Kirchheimer

Audio Visual and Slideshow Content Provider -Diane Gainforth

Stone Ritual

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

Sermon **'The Pledge to End Racism Movement'**
Guest Speaker- Annette Marquis

Hymn for Meditation No. 34 'Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire'

Offering *Share the Plate**

With MacDonald Training Center

Offertory 'When I Am Frightened' ~Choir

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.*

***Closing Hymn No. 1018 'Come and Go With Me'**

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Extinguishing our Chalice

Closing Words

*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.*

Happening Today

TODAY / THIS WEEK / NEXT WEEK AT CHURCH		
Sunday, March 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service First on 1st (large dome) 2nd Service Task Force (large Dome) Youth Group Meeting (MPB room 5) 	11:00am 12:30-1pm 1-2pm 12:30-2:30pm
Monday, March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tibetan Buddhist Practice (large dome) SGM The Magnolias (MPB room 5) UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7-9pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, March 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Range Planning (MPB room 3) Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) Lay Pastoral Care Group (MPB room 4) 	1:30-3:30pm 6-7pm 6-9pm
Wednesday, March 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespers (large dome) Minister's READ Group (large dome) 	6:30-7pm 7-8:30pm
Thursday, March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Social Justice Meeting (MPB room 4) 	6:15-7:45pm 7-8:30pm
Friday, March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga Class (MPB) SGM The Cedars (large dome) Adult and Teen Game Night (MPB) 	11am-noon 10:30-12:30pm 7-9pm
Saturday, March 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building and Grounds Work Day Al-Anon (MPB room 2) 	9am-noon 10:15-11:45am
Sunday, March 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Church Picnic and Crafts (MPB and grounds) Membership Meeting (small dome) 	11:00am 12:30-2:30pm 12:30-2pm
Monday, March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tibetan Buddhist Practice (large dome) UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, March 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) Intro to UU Part 1 (MPB room 3) 	6-7pm 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, March 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespers (large dome) Minister's READ Group (large dome) SGM The Pines (MPB room 3) Finance Committee Meeting (MPB room 4) 	6:30-7pm 7-8:30pm 7-9pm 7-9pm
Thursday, March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room 3) 	6:15-7:45pm 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, March 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga Class (MPB) 	11am-noon
Saturday, March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al-Anon (MPB room 2) CUUPS: Full Moon Celebration (large dome) 	9am-5pm 7:30-midnight

Our Guest Speaker today is Annette Marquis. Annette is a member of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, VA. Until recently, she served the Unitarian Universalist Association as the LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director and prior to that, as District Executive for the Southeast District and the first Regional Lead of the Southern Region of the UUA. In 2015, **Annette and Anita Lee developed The Pledge to End Racism Program, which, in addition to Richmond, is now active in over fifteen cities around the country.** She is also a founding member of the Living Legacy Project, which conducts regular pilgrimages to key civil rights sites in Mississippi and Alabama. Annette lives in Richmond with her poet-librarian wife, Wendy DeGroat.



*****Share the Plate:** Once a month we share the plate. Today all cash and checks collected during the offertory will be donated to **MacDonald's Training Center**. Please make checks out to UUCT with ***Share the Plate*** in the memo line. All pledges to UUCT should be written out and identified as such on the memo line. ***

First on 1st: Interested in learning about Unitarian Universalism? This is an informal meet and greet after service today in the sanctuary that will give you information about our community, our faith tradition and how you can learn more!
Open to everyone after service 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.

For the month of March our theme is Blessing.

Next Sunday March 11, 2018

‘Invisible Work’ Rev. Patricia A. Owen

There is more to an iceberg than what we see. You and I are no different. How might we practice awareness that shines light on our invisible work?

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



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

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 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

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

The Minister's Read Wednesdays after Vespers: March 7 and 14; 7-8:30PM You are invited to join Rev. P. in reading and discussing ***"Braving the Wilderness"*** by Brene' Brown.

The UUCT choir rehearsals for 2018 season are on **Thursdays; 6:15-7:45.** New members are welcome. Dee Lynch, choir@uutampa.org.

The UUCT Choir is seeking several "first soprano" women for this semester, particularly for "Deep River," part of a combination of this song with "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," on April 1. If you are a soprano but cannot commit to the choir's regular schedule but can rehearse separately after several Sunday services, please contact Dee Lynch, choir@uutampa.org. Thank you!

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. 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

Announcements

UUCT is starting a new small group, UU Agape. The group is open to anyone inspired by the teachings of Jesus, who consider themselves UU Christian, or who is curious about learning more. **Maundy Thursday Service; March 29, 7:00pm** UU Agape will hold a service with foot washing and communion in the sanctuary. Gluten-free bread, wine and grape juice will be served. To RSVP or for more information, contact Dee Lynch, dlynch@uutampa.org.

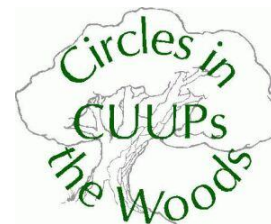


Light Yoga Class, Friday at 11 am. **Yoga Class meets in the Multi-Purpose Building.** Bring a mat or towel and wear loose or stretchy clothing. We do light yogic stretching with no difficult poses. Cost: \$7. (a church fund-raiser) Facilitator: Grant Wilson; yoga@uutampa.org All are welcome.



TEEN & ADULT GAME NIGHT, second Friday of the Month; we meet in the main room in Multi-Purpose Bldg., 7-9pm - 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 (a perennial favorite) or other games of your choice. Excellent refreshments provided, if any questions, email gamenight@uutampa.org

UUCT DAY TRIPPERS – Our own tour guide, Grant Wilson, will lead us on a tour of **Oakland Cemetery** on **Wednesday, March 21.** Created in 1850, Oaklawn is Tampa's oldest cemetery. We will leave the church **promptly at 9:00am** and return by 3:00pm. Cost is money for lunch and \$4 cash gratuity for carpool driver. RSVP by Sunday, March 18 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.



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

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



Intro to UU

Registration 2018

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 casual dialogue format.

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

Please register me for the following Intro to UU Class:

○ **Tuesdays,
March 13 & 20;
6:30-8:30pm**

Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:



Going...going...SOLD!

**THE ANNUAL UUCT AUCTION IS RIGHT
AROUND THE CORNER! Sunday, April 8!**

Once again, we will auction delicious dinners to suit different tastes, whether you're a vegan or an omnivore. Bid on services or events provided by your fellow UUs (and others). There will be a wonderful variety of things to bid on. Best of all, the auction is a fun thing to be part of. The "vibe" around the auction is a wonderful one, and you don't want to miss it.

If you have an item or a service you would like to offer to the auction, send an email to auction@uutampa.org along with specific information. Operators are standing by...

All auction proceeds go to the church general fund. But the auction is about more than just money. Dinners and parties are a great way to get to know people better or spend quality time with old friends. The services offered highlight the skills of our congregation and its friends.

Lunch will be provided between the morning service and the beginning of the auction, so mark April 8 on your calendars.

Spring Picnic is looking for Crafts, crafts, crafts...

The Board is sponsoring a Spring Picnic after church on **March 11**. **There will be some crafters there with some wares to sell. If you are interested in a table to display your wares, contact wickeddram@gmail.com**
Pay \$15 for one table of your items



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 6, 2018.

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, Russ Patterson, and John Powers. You may also email Ed Benedict at 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 14, 2018.

Picnic

WHEN: MARCH 11TH DIRECTLY AFTER SERVICE
WHERE: VUCT
TICKETS: \$5 PER ADULT \$3 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE PRIOR TO SERVICE SUN 2/25, 3/4 AND ALSO 3/11. LOOK FOR HOSPITALITY MEMBERS AT MAIN DOME ENTRANCE TO GET YOURS!

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF DELICIOUS FOOD, LAWN GAMES, AND BEER AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE!
\$4/ GLASS WINE
\$3 BEER

SO MUCH FUN FOR EVERYONE!
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!