

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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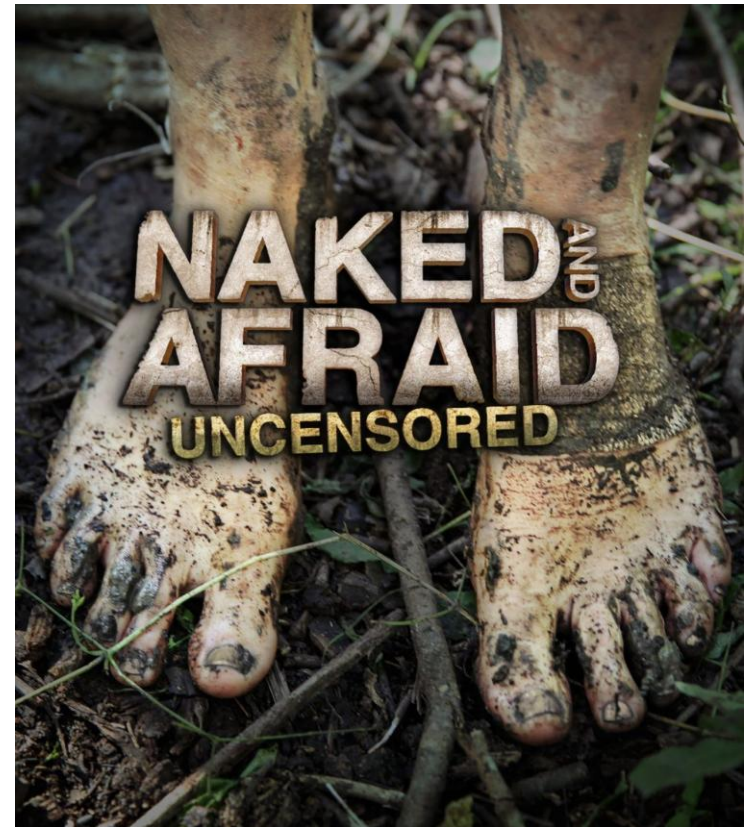
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Rev. Patricia A. Owen, Minister



Sunday, April 8, 2018

‘Naked and Afraid’

Rev. Patricia A Owen



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

Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

April 8, 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.*

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Greet Your Neighbors

Call to Worship *'Welcome to this time of celebration and contemplation!'*

Chalice Lighting

** Hymn No. 188 'Come, Come, Whoever You Are'*

Story for All Ages

Celebration of children No. 1057 *'Go Lifted Up'*

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Reading for Meditation

Worship Leader- Rev. Patricia A. Owen, UUCT Minister
Participants- Erin Powers, Dir. of Religious Exploration Children & Youth;
Accompanist - Deborah (Dee) Lynch, UUCT Music Director
Sound-Jay Kirchheimer
Audio Visual and Slideshow Content Provider -Mary Francis

Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Stone Ritual

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Reflection and Prayer

Hymn for Meditation No. 1053 *'How Could Anyone'*

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

Sermon *'Naked and Afraid'*
Rev. Patricia A. Owen

Offering

Offertory *'Don't Dream It's Over'*

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 our Chalice

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

Teal Hymnal 'Singing the Journey'

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.*

TODAY / THIS WEEK / NEXT WEEK AT CHURCH	
Sunday, April 8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Live Auction (Large Dome) Auction Check in and out (small dome) Auction Lunch (MPB) 	11:00am 12:30-2pm 12pm-3pm 12pm
Monday, April 9	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tibetan Buddhist Practice (large dome) UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, April 10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Committee Meeting (MPB room 3) Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 	4:30-5:30pm 6-7pm
Wednesday, April 11	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespers (large dome) SGM The Pines (MPB room 3) Finance Committee Meeting (MPB room 4) 	6:30-7pm 7-9pm 7-9pm
Thursday, April 12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir (large dome) 	6:15-7:45pm
Friday, April 13	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGM The Cedars (large dome) Yoga Class (MPB) Adult and Teen Game Night (MPB) 	10:30-12:30pm 11am-noon 7-9:30pm
Saturday, April 14	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building and Grounds Workday Al-Anon (MPB room 2) Rental of the large dome Rental of the MPB 	9am-noon 10:15-11:45am 3-7pm 4-11pm
Sunday, April 15	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Treasurer Meeting (small dome) Curbing Gun Violence Meeting (large dome) Youth Meeting (MPB room 5) 	11:00am 12-2pm 12:30-1:30pm 12:30-2pm
Monday, April 16	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tibetan Buddhist Practice (large dome) UUCT mUUsic- Acoustic Jam (small dome) 	7-8:30pm 7:30-9pm
Tuesday, April 17	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mindfulness Meditation (large dome) 	6-7pm
Wednesday, April 18	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vespers (large dome) RE Committee Meeting (MPB room 5) 	6:30-7pm 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, April 19	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Board of Trustees Meeting (MPB room 3) 	6:15-7:45pm 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, April 20	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yoga Class (MPB) 	11am-noon
Saturday, April 21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Al-Anon (MPB room 2) 	10:15-11:45am

Happening Today

Auction Time!

Live Auction Today in the Sanctuary at 12:30. Come bid on some great items, dinners and services!

Check-in is in the small dome (You must check-in and get a paddle number in order to bid at the auction). Check-out will be in the Small Dome. All credit cards, except Discover, are accepted.



Auction Day Lunch \$5!

Handcrafted Lunch Bags will be available for \$5 after service in the Multi-Purpose Building. Each decorated bag contains two sides and either a Turkey BLT sandwich, an Italian sandwich, a Cranberry Chicken Salad sandwich, or Vegan Rice Noodle Salad. Smaller packs for children also available; Quantities are limited so pick up your favorite choice early so you will have plenty of energy for the rest of the auction day events!

See Pat Benedict, Bill Blymiller or Diane Gainforth if you have questions.

For the month of April our theme is Liberation.

Next Sunday, April 15, 2018

‘Becoming a Liberator of Hearts and Minds’

Guest Speaker- Michael Parise

The power of the liberal way lies in seeing the possibilities in differing viewpoints.

Where do we start?

Our Guest Speaker today is Michael Parise. Michael is an ordained priest with over 30 years ministry experience, now retired from parish work. He is also a certified spiritual director, a trained life coach, and a certified practitioner of emotional recovery. He lives in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. As the **Life & Spirit Coach** Michael's specialty is helping busy professionals and executives who are overwhelmed and drowning in their responsibilities. He helps them focus on their priorities and simplify their lives so they have more balance and joy. His *No More Overwhelm Blog* addresses coaching and spiritual matters for men and women.

<http://mpariselifecoach.com>



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 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



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

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.

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



UUCT Day Trippers: Join us on Saturday, April 28 to take the vintage train ride at the Florida Railroad Museum in Parrish. We will leave the church promptly at 9:30am and return by 4:00pm. Cost is \$14 for museum and train, money for lunch, and \$5 cash gratuity for carpool driver. RSVP by Wednesday, April 25 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.

Announcements

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 12:30** for the spring **Congregational Meeting.** Lunch will be provided by the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting. The agenda will include election of new Board of Trustee members, presentation of 2017 year end finances and the presentation of the Betty Lee award.



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.

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. 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/>

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

Please join your UUCT-HOPE Justice Ministry Network members from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on **Monday, April 16, 2018** at the annual HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality) Nehemiah Action for Justice in Hillsborough County. Our overall Action goal this year is 1,600 attendees from among the 24 HOPE Member congregations, including at least 70 from UUCT, and any other interested citizens.

This Nehemiah Action is being held at Bible-Based Fellowship Church, 4811 Ehrlich Road, Tampa, 33624 (in Carrollwood, west of Dale Mabry Hwy). Please watch for additional information via email between now and April 16, 2018.

capacity, I worked to help solve many diverse problems. My responsibilities included collaborating with various groups to help solve these problems.

I am an active member to the UUCT. I participate in the Cedars Small Group Ministry. I have attended the Book reading groups with Reverend Patricia, I continue to serve as an usher, and I help with the collecting and counting the offering.

I feel these past experiences along with my involvement with the UUCT would enable me to serve as a positive, productive member of the Board of Trustees for the UUCT.

Therefore, I am submitting my name as a nominee. I would appreciate your consideration.

Ron Phillips

I first learned of the Unitarian Church in the 1960's while attending a Baptist College in Tennessee. As a young [closet] atheist I told myself- "That would be my religion if I were ever to choose one."

After receiving my B.S. in Math with a minor in Psychology from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, and a Certificate in Engineering Design Education from the College of Engineering, University of Washington, I spent 2 years in the Design Engineering Department of Boeing before settling into a life career of teaching mathematics at the secondary school level. I served as the Chair of the Wheeler Political Action Committee followed by a stint as President of the Prentiss County Association of Educators, that local county's teacher union. Later I went on to teach in Florida.

Except for a year or two, I remained unchurched until joining "*Dignity*", which was the LGBTQ group affiliated with the Catholic Church. Our services and activities were held at the Franciscan Center here in Tampa and I served the organization as a member of the Board, Chairperson of the Religious Education Committee and as a member of the choir.

After 35 years of classroom teaching, I retired in 2006 and became a "reverse snowbird", spending a few months in Mississippi and the rest in Tampa. I joined the UU Congregation of Tupelo, Mississippi and was a very active member there. I began attending UUCT in the winter months and about three years ago, gave up being a snowbird and began full time residency here in Tampa. It was then that I participated in Reverend Owen's first New Member group which led to my joining the UUCT. I began by serving several years on the coffee-hour hospitality committee and became a member of the Cedars Chalice Circle. I currently co-chair the DayTrippers, arranging tours of interest for congregation members and am an active Buildings and Grounds volunteer, as well as filling in as a substitute leader of the Meditation Group. I feel I have gained the necessary collegial skills and sufficient life experience to make a positive contribution as a member of the UUCT Board of Trustees and, if elected, will give it my full energy and best efforts.

Voting takes place at the Congregation's annual membership meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Board of Trustees (BOT) Candidates

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that five members of our congregation have agreed to stand for election for the three BOT positions that will be elected to office at the Congregation's annual membership meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

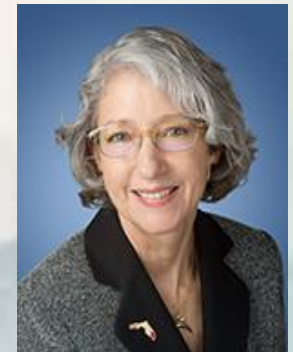
The five candidates are: **Jay Butler, Carl Crosson, Brian Eckelberger, Ron Phillips, and Pamela Jo Hatley.** Each of the candidates has provided a bio and photo, so you can get to know them better.
(Submitted by the Nominating Committee, who members are Diane Gainforth, Russell Kirby, Russell Patterson, John Powers, and Ed Benedict, Chair)



Brian Eckelberger



Jay Butler



Pamela Jo Hatley



Ron Phillips



Carl Crosson

Bios of the Candidates

My name is Brian Eckelberger. My family and I moved to Tampa from Canyon Lake, TX six years ago for a job opportunity. I work for Greenway Health, a medical services and software company that provides the tools ambulatory providers need to do all of their scheduling, billing, and clinical documentation. I was recently promoted to Manager, Implementations and Training and currently manage a team that helps take customers live on our products and services. I've been with Greenway Health for 15 years. In that time, I've watched the healthcare industry transform in many ways and continue to enjoy being part of a company that is leading the current transformation from the fee-for-service model of care to a more preventative model. I am a trusted leader, mentor, and advisor to my team and the company. I am also a certified SAMA (Satori Alternatives to Managing Aggression) facilitator. This is a free-lance role in which I teach learners how to verbally de-escalate situations. The program also teaches protection skills if the situation becomes violent. This program was designed by Larry Hampton for mental health and other medical facilities, but it also works well in everyday situations and in customer service situations.

I have been a member of UUCT for four years. Here, my family and I have truly found our faith home. I believe that the best way I can give to our community is by being involved and volunteering my talents. Many of you have seen me playing the part of worship associate on Sundays. I love being able to help with the service. It brings joy to my heart to see all of you from the pulpit and to use my talents to help bring you a meaningful service. I am also involved in bringing the Navigator Scouts to UUCT. This alternative scouting group was built on UU values and welcomes everyone. More details will be coming to an Order of Service near you. I've volunteered to help repaint and clean the nursery, come to full moon celebrations, and helped in many other aspects of the church. This love of this community was evident in full force in the response from the entire congregation when my daughter fell ill and died last year. The love and support we received was and continues to be at the core of our healing. You are a rock for my family and I want to repay the love, support, and kindness in any way that I can.

The last few years have been full of happiness, sadness, tragedy, and excitement for me and my family. I've learned how to be a better leader, how to be a better father, and how the love of a community can support you through tragedy. I look forward to bringing my talents, time, and agility to a board that is working toward the best future for our faith home.

Jay Butler

Jay Butler was born into a military family in California. As a child he lived in multiple states and countries until his father retired in Florida. He attended high school in Tampa before departing to Louisiana to study cultural geography and sociology. Jay met his wife in Florida during Winter Break and two years later they married.

After finishing university, he began work with the American Red Cross serving under the director for health and safety programs for Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties as a liaison to various city parks and recreation departments. Mr. Butler would later complete further training and take over IT duties for the department. After six years of service, Jay went into work for himself building custom computer hardware and serving as the primary technical support for a family natural hair care business.

Socially and spiritually, Jay has engaged a variety of cultures and belief systems but has always stayed focused on the protection of religious and social freedoms and mutual respect among all peoples. To this end he was active in two political grassroots organizations over ten years.

At the urging of his wife to find a like-minded community within Tampa, Jay and his wife began attending the UU Church of Tampa in 2015 with Jay becoming a member at the end of the year. He has since undertaken the endeavor to be of service to his church and community through SGM Mangroves, Communications and the Ministry Committee over the past year, learning many new facets of the UUCT structure and learning how to function as a productive member of the congregation.

Pamela Jo Hatley

After attending UU Church of Tampa on and off for several years, I finally joined as a member in May, 2017. I was originally drawn to UUCT over ten years ago for the music. I attended concerts and pre-concert jam sessions organized by Gloria Holloway and others. My family and I attended Sunday services occasionally over the years, and I began attending regularly in late 2016. Then I began participating in the mUUsic group on Monday evenings, and later joined the choir. I love music and would play and sing every waking hour if I could.

Unfortunately, I missed my calling...I am an attorney by profession. I practiced real estate, land use, and environmental law in Tampa for 14 years. Last July I closed my practice and joined the Florida Housing Coalition, a statewide nonprofit organization that works on affordable housing, fair housing, and homelessness issues.

Although it was music that originally drew me to UUCT, it is the wonderful, loving community that solidified my wish to become a member and to serve on the Board of Trustees. I have made a personal intention for commitment, justice, and leadership. Serving on the UUCT board is consistent with all aspects of that intention. I would bring to the board a skillset that includes experience and knowledge of real estate, land use, housing, and contracts from a legal perspective. I would consider it a privilege and honor to serve.

Carl Crosson

In the past I have worked as a classroom teacher, served as a longtime union representative, was president of the local union, and had the opportunity to serve on local, state, and national committees where I took part in decisions making. In this