



Domelight



Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa
Rev. Sara Zimmerman, Minister

April 2008
Katie Templin Culbert, Dir. Religious Education

Minister's Musings Rev. Sara Zimmerman

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for the Service of Installation! Thanks to the committee chairs Suzie Siegel and Judy Lehman and everyone who worked on their committee and behind the scenes. It takes a village to put on one of these fancy shindigs, and on March 2 you did yourselves proud. Now I feel fully installed. It's a great feeling! The Unitarian Universalist Association sent an official letter to congratulate us on our mutual commitment, yours and mine.

Before I leave the subject of the Installation, wasn't the music wonderful? Thank you again, Dan Miller, Amy Menard, and the always-on-pitch, always-sounding-great, recording-worthy UUCT choir, and the soloists Rom Delacroix, Tom Raffel, and Lloyd Goldstein.

Last month in this space, I announced the creation of new **Covenant Groups** at UUCT (AKA Small Group Ministries or SGMs). What makes these groups different from, say, a discussion or meditation group that meets regularly at the church? A Covenant Group decides where and when to meet and for how long (e.g. once a month for six months?) and makes other decisions about how they will be together. The membership is set at a minimum of six and a maximum of ten. Each meeting begins with a chalice lighting and a check-in, and closes with another check in and extinguishing the chalice.

Those are just some of the ways a Covenant Group is different from our Buddhist groups or a Sunday afternoon Forum. It's a group that has made a covenant to meet together over a period of time to share a common interest. Covenant Groups are popular in churches of many denominations as a way to grow the numbers of the church and not lose the sense of community of a smaller church.

The type of Covenant Groups we are currently organizing at UUCT are called "affinity" groups. Notify the facilitator of the group you are most interested. Why wait? Do it today. Don't worry about being too impulsive. You will not be asked to commit to being a member of a group until after you feel you know what the group is about and understand the concept.

NEW SINCE THE MARCH DOMELIGHT: Meditation and Inquisitive Listening Group. This covenant group will practice meditation together, followed by a dialogue discussion, characterized by deep listening to both others and your own self. The spiritual insights of a variety of teachers and authors (as determined by the group) will be used to help deepen our experience together. Contact the facilitator Felice Richardson at fambiFL@aol.com, or call Felice at 813 786- 3351.

Attachment Parenting Group. See the description in the March Domelight, and contact Susan Williams at virgo.vegan@gmail.com, or call Susan at 813 436-1679.

Genealogy Covenant Group. See the description in the March Domelight, and contact Tempie Taudte at ttaudte@yahoo.com, or call Tempie at 813 931-1817.

Internet Cafe. See the description in the March Domelight, and contact Grant Wilson at 813 833-0800 or Bud Clough at 813 985-4777

Women's Spirituality Small Group Ministry. See the description in the March Domelight, and contact Pat Benedict at pntb3781@aol.com, or call Pat at 813 968-1418.

If more than ten people indicate an interest in a particular group, we will find a second facilitator and create a second group.

See you in church!

Rev. Sara



REflections

Katie Culbert

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, and superiority. The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith". The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Please note the following Religious Education opportunities that will feed the good wolf:

Sunday, April 6 Elementary lesson on Passover; Middle School lesson on Earth Based Spirituality.

Sunday, April 13 Lifespan Earth Day Worship Service followed by potluck picnic. All children and youth attend service.

Saturday, April 19 All children and families are invited to attend the UUCT Full Moon Circle, hosted by CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) at 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 20 Elementary lesson on Earth Day. Middle School continues lesson on Earth Based Spirituality.

Sunday, April 27 Elementary lesson on Henry Bergh, Unitarian founder of American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; Middle School wraps up lessons on Earth Based Spirituality.

Coming up...

Sunday, May 18 Field trip to local UU church

Saturday, May 31 End of the Year Pool Party

Sunday, June 1 RE Sunday



Conversation With The Board

Diana Stevens, Board of Trustees President

Available members of the Board of Trustees will be present for **conversation** after church on the last Sunday of the month from 12:15 to 12:45 PM. The purpose of these conversations will be to open communication and share ideas. Come with questions and ideas, but always with an open mind.



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Submissions should include a contact name and phone number. Editor: Chris Hendrickx



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Friendship Dinners

Martha Robinson

I am looking for one or more persons to host the April Friendship dinner/dinners. This month the host was only able to accommodate a total of 10 people, and that was fine. But it would have been great had more than one person offered to host. For April if there is someone who can handle a mob or 2 or more who can take less than a mob or someone who has no room at home but could use the church who would like to host please contact me, Martha Robinson, either by phone (813/985-4777) or by email (mrobins7@verizon.net) Thanks for your help...folks really enjoy the dinners and it is a great way to establish community and get to know people better besides having wonderful food and conversation.

The Prez Says

Diana Stevens

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa is on the verge of change. It all started about three years ago when we completed the Appreciative Inquiry process. We learned very useful information about ourselves during that process. We then had lots of discussion and used the data to have five choices about our future – do we want to grow and if so how do we want to do it? Out of those choices, we voted to grow with a commitment to Religious Education for the next five years. Your Board of Trustees has been very focused on that commitment. The first step we took was to increase the pay, hours and give benefits to the Director of Religious Education. Our second step was to work very closely with the Long Range Planning Committee to explore building an additional building to be used for Religious Education. Each decision from your Board of Trustees has been made with Religious Education in mind. Just think about the discussion of the garbage dumpster – How does this impact RE? It does - we talked about it!

In the fall of 2007, it became very clear that the Small Dome used for Religious Education had become neglected and needed real, focused attention. UUCT was given \$5,000.00 from the estate of Charles Weingartner for buildings and grounds and it was determined that the money be used to purchase an air purifier and make repairs to the small dome. We will contract out work as needed but will mainly depend on our volunteers. We have a crew of men who come on Tuesday mornings to make these repairs. (All volunteers are welcome – the guys would love to see you.) There have also been several 2nd Saturday Buildings & Grounds work days specifically dedicated to the Small Dome.

However, we still had a need for immediate space for Religious Education. Acting on a suggestion from the RE Committee and Katie Culbert, Director of Religious Education, the idea of a gazebo was born. Your Board of Trustees voted to fundraise for a gazebo. The results were impressive!! In 5 weeks we raised the \$6,300.00 for the gazebo and it is a lovely addition to our property.

But, all the while, the Long Range Planning Committee has been working on progressing to the point of undertaking the construction of a new building. Mr. Dave Rickard, UUA, came to work with our congregation March 10th, 11th, and 12th. Tuesday, March 11th was the Assessment Meeting that some of you attended. It was a fact-gathering meeting as well as an opportunity to hear what we can possibly expect when deciding to build a new building. Mr. Rickard's report will be sent to UUCT at the end of March. As soon as it is received, it will be circulated for all to read. It will include his recommendations about our likely success to build. If it is likely that we will succeed, there will be suggested steps on how to get it done.

The UUA will be helping us with this endeavor and that will ensure our success.

But, there is more good news and change to talk about!

The April 20th sermon will be about a financial and community outreach opportunity for the church. UUCT has been given \$90,000.00 for the Charles Weingartner Scholarship Fund. The Board of Trustees has accepted this gift and a Scholarship Fund Committee will be started. Come to the service on April 20th to learn more.



UUA Trustee Tidbits

Joan Lund

I hope many of you will be attending the District Annual Meeting later this month in Gainesville which promises to be an excellent weekend. Unfortunately the UUA Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting will be held at the same time. Please know I am sorry to miss this special yearly event but I will be there in spirit and you will be in my thoughts. Hopefully you also are planning to attend General Assembly (GA) June 25th-29th in Ft. Lauderdale. GA is in our District and hopefully we can be wonderful, welcoming hosts to the UUs who will be in attendance from many locales.

As some of you know concern about security regulations at the Ft. Lauderdale convention center has been the center of much discussion within our UU community. The BOT appreciates the various UU organizations, congregations, and individuals who have communicated concerns regarding security. In January the BOT reaffirmed the GA Planning Committee's (GAPC) conclusion that there were no alternative venues available for the large events of GA. According to Rev. Bill Sinkford, UUA President, Beth McGregor, Chair of GAPC, and Gini Courter, Moderator significant programming at GA and the Professional Days that precede GA will be focused on what it means for individuals in our society to live where many of our neighbors and their families lack government-issued identification and the erosion of civil liberties since 9/11/2001. All attendees will be provided opportunities to discuss these two issues.

It is important for Florida District UUs to bring our leadership, wisdom, and love for our faith to GA for other reasons too. Last year in Portland the first of a two year process of gathering information in a process called Open Space. Information from this process was reviewed by the BOT and was provided to GAPC to determine the process for GA 2008. This year lay and ordained congregational leaders will be invited to participate in an Appreciative Inquiry process, in which our values and hopes for our liberal faith will be discussed. We will be invited to set priorities for our Association. This information will be used by the BOT in the fall of 2008, when the BOT and district

presidents will work together to determine what the Association should do, for whom and at what cost (ends).

To encourage congregational presidents' attendance at GA the Association is offering registration reimbursement of up to \$72.50, twenty-five percent of the cost of full-time early registration to the congregation's highest lay leader. In addition is hoped congregations will financially support their president's attendance.

I could write much more about the events, speakers, and programming planned for GA this year but space does not permit. Please go on to the UUA website (www.uua.org) for more information about GA, including a scheduled important public witness event and UU University, the day and a half preceding GA. Stay in touch: jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727. I look forward to hearing from you.



Betty McCleur Lee Distinguished Service Award

Diana Stevens

Throughout our church's history, several members of our congregation have been singled out for the service they have provided to our community by being awarded the Betty McCleur Lee Distinguished Service Award. (They are listed on a plaque on the wall by the three windows.) Our last recipient was Ed Benedict "...in recognition of service and high standards for diligence and dedication." The Board of Trustees will announce another recipient of this award at the Congregational Meeting in May. Nominations are now closed. Watch for the announcement of who is the next lucky recipient of this award at the May Congregational Meeting and in the May Domelight.



What's that Sound?

Bill Blymiller

Volunteers are needed to help in the sound room. If enough people volunteer, no single person would need to be doing sound more than once a month or so. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bill Blymiller at bill@blymiller.com or stop by and talk to him. (He's the one in the sound room.)



Board Bytes Mary Francis, Secretary

Thanks to everyone who generously contributed to the gazebo. We can all see it is really being used! Also, you have probably noticed improvements to the small dome and many other areas of our buildings and grounds. Bill Blymiller still needs more volunteers to assist with the Buildings and Grounds committee.

There will be a Church Council meeting on April 20th following Sunday services. All committee chairs should plan to attend; other UUCT members are also welcome.

The UUCT Board is focused on activities to prepare for the Congregational meeting scheduled on May 4th. Our congregation will have a lot to discuss and/or vote on, including:

- Budget update
- Board of Trustees election – 3 positions
- Committee updates
- Policy and Procedure updates
- Assessment update
- Online Domelight

Watch for your notification letter in April, and plan to attend this important meeting.

Mark your calendars for the UUA General Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale on June 25th to 29th. For more details, check the web site at www.uutampa.org.

For more detailed information, please see the most recent copy of the minutes posted in a binder under the bulleting board in the hallway, or ask any board member.



Walk in the Park

Patricia McCracken

A group of UUs meet at Lettuce Lake Park Thursday mornings at 8:30AM for a brisk walk on the paved path and good conversation. To find the parking area and meeting place, take the Lettuce Lake Parkway to the end. Turn left and then immediately turn right into the parking lot. We will gather there and begin the walk at 8:30AM. You are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Patricia McCracken at 813-988-6453.



Interweave

Interweave Continental is a membership organization actively working to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, recognizing that we will not be free until all oppression is a thing of the past. We are an affiliate organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We value and affirm the lives and experience of Queer people of faith of all ages,

races, ethnicities, income levels, and abilities. By providing and supporting leadership, and working in collaboration with other organizations of similar vision, we strive to connect and nurture all Queer individuals, communities, groups, and their allies.

The local UUCT Chapter of Interweave will announce their next meeting during Sunday services. Please see the Order of Service for details or questions can be directed to Magda Santos.



Monthly Green Musings from the Green Group

Brittany Bennett



In today's world, information comes at us from all sides and in a variety of forms. For some of us, we like to get a portion of that information in the form of blogs online. A *blog*, as Blogger.com defines it, is "...a personal diary. A daily pulpit. A collaborative space. A political soapbox. A breaking-news outlet. A collection of links. Your own private thoughts. Memos to the world." In other words, blogs are different things to different people; at the very least, they are a way to communicate ideas. The following is an unofficial "top ten list" of blogs worth checking out.

- The Daily Green: <http://www.thedailygreen.com/>
- Treehugger: <http://www.treehugger.com/>
- 21st Century Citizen: <http://www.21st-century-citizen.com/>
- Green Options: <http://greenoptions.com/>
- GroovyGreen: <http://www.groovygreen.com/groove/>
- Lighter Footstep: <http://lighterfootstep.com/>
- Celsias: <http://www.celsias.com/>
- Switchboard, from the NRDC: <http://switchboard.nrdc.org/>
- EcoSherpa: <http://www.ecosherpa.com/>
- Metaefficient: <http://www.metaefficient.com/>

As a "challenge" for the month of April, I highly recommend that you visit at least one of these! My vote goes to "The Daily Green," which has lots of tips of steps that you can take to "go green."

Please also join us Sunday, April 20 between 11am - 4pm at Lowry Park (the Park at 7530 North Blvd, not the Zoo) for the Earth Day Celebration sponsored by the Tampa Bay Sierra Club. This years them is "Get Out: Explore, Enjoy, Protect." Admission and Parking are Free!!!



HOPE needs YOU!

Carol Partington

This is your opportunity to make a difference in our community. We need your participation at the April Action where we gain commitments from decision makers on our issue proposals. Because HOPE's power is in people, we need 1,000 or more people at the Action.

To ensure that we meet our goal, congregations are encouraged to form networks (Justice Ministry Teams). Each member of the team commits to attend the Rally and bring 3 or more people with them to the Action. UUCT's goal is 85 - our guess at our average weekly attendance. Twenty-one people, each bringing three, would yield 84 at the Action. Currently we have 7 on our team. We need 14 more! We need YOU!

Please mark this date on your calendar now and invite several friends to come with you!

April 7, Monday - Nehemiah ACTION - 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Location: Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church (2902 W. Fletcher - E. of Dale Mabry, W. of Armenia)

Goal: 1,000+, Justice Ministry Team, each bring three. All are invited to help us reach the goal of 1,000 by coming and bringing friends and neighbors.

Purpose is to gain commitments from decision makers on issue proposals. Signing in at the meetings is very important!

HOPE stands for the Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality. Our church is a long standing member of HOPE.

Please contact Carol Partington, 813-985-9109, for more info or to join the Justice Ministry Team.



SHAAG /SHAFT

Bill Blymiller

Great discussions continue on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at the more secularly-oriented discussion group referred to as SHAAG (Secularist, Humanist, Atheist, Agnostic (Free Thinkers) Group. We met in the nursery or sometimes the small dome if necessary and talk from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm on issues that are posted in advance. If you would like to be on the mailing list to get personal copies of the discussion topics and to be notified of the meetings, email Bill Blymiller at bill@blymiller.com and he will add you to the mailing list. If you want to see what we are talking about this month (as well as future and previous topics) you can also go the Church website, click on the SHAAG link and follow the directions at the bottom of the page to take you to the topics of discussion.



CARE Committee

Suzie Siegel

As part of the Care committee, I'm setting up "UUCT" on the www.lotsahelpinghands.com Internet site. This site is free.

This site was used to help me, after I had lung surgery, and Susan Miller, when she was in cancer treatment. Care chair Joyce Formica and I hope to get this site updated for use with all church members.

On the site, people can see what needs to be done and then volunteer for as much or as little as they can do. If they can't help, or don't want to help, they don't have to make any excuses or feel guilty. They simply don't sign up for a particular activity.

With this site, we hope that, when something happens, Joyce will no longer have to call a bunch of people, sometimes leaving messages on phone machines; waiting for people to check their availability; or telling people that someone else already has volunteered. Sometimes we have more than one person calling around, searching for help. This site can reduce that wasted energy.

If you want to join, go to this site: <http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/602988/login/> To register, you have to enable cookies.

Joining the site does not commit you to work, but it does mean that you will get emails when there is work to be done. All activities are voluntary.

We understand that not everyone can, or will want to, use this site. If you are one of those people, please contact me. If you would still like to help people in need, let me know if you'd like us to contact you by phone.



Adult Religious Education

Ollis Hughes

The Adult RE Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday every other month. The next meeting is on April 16th.

Wondering what to plant, and where? The **Green Group** invites everyone to a very special presentation on **Sunday, April 6, at 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.** Guest speaker **Marina D'Abreau** of the Hillsborough County Extension will share information with us based on her passion for gardening and the environment. She will also provide information about the resources available to all Hillsborough County residences through the Extension. See more Green Group information in their article on page 5.

Our very own Rev. Sara Zimmerman is continuing a **Zen Loving Kindness Meditation** every Tuesday evening from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM in the large dome.

One Covenant Group that Rev Sara did not mention is called **Journey**. "Wherever you are is the entry point," Kabir wrote in the 15th century. Let's meet in covenant group to create a safe, supportive place to explore, deepen, and expand our creative imaginations. All levels, beginning through advanced visual, performing and literary artists are welcome. We will utilize a variety of interactive exercises and meditations to focus our attention on the creative process as a spiritual practice. If you are interested or have questions, call Robin Leigh at 813 571-1366 or email leigh520jr@yahoo.com.

We're still looking for hosts for the Popcorn and Opinions series as well as facilitators for book discussions. Contact Ollis Hughes if interested.



Circles In The Woods CUUPS

Chris Hendrickx



Circles in the Woods CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) is a committee within the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa. While there is no cost for most of our events, we do put out a basket for love donations. All money collected goes to UUCT.

Full Moon Celebrations

We host Full Moon Celebrations on the Saturday closest to the Full Moon at 7:30PM followed by shared feasting. This is an open family event, so yes, children are welcome! However, childcare is **not** provided, so parents **are** responsible for the care of their children. Donations to help pay for the upkeep of the property are welcome! First-time ritual attendees, those interested in Wicca or Paganism, and their families are welcomed and encouraged to attend! You do not have to have ritual experience to be part of the Celebration. We welcome all those who come in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust!!

Upcoming Rituals:

April 19th 7:30pm. Circles in the Woods CUUPS and students of our Wicca 101 class will present this ritual. Come and support these students as they put into practice what they have learned.

Upcoming Classes:

April 7th, 2008 Circles in the Woods CUUPS will hold our monthly business meeting at 7:30 PM followed by a class on Soap Making. All are welcome to attend, there is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for the class.



Bio of Patricia Keller

Her sightings rarer than those of Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster but she's devoted in spirit to the UUCT. Pat Keller recently quit 2 of her 3 jobs and now has the time and energy to attend church and would like to serve on the Board of UUCT. She has participated in a Capital Campaign in the past and would use her experience to assist UUCT in the next 3 years. Her qualifications include:

- Joined the Clearwater UU church in 1980. Was involved with church activities and helped with RE. Gratefully brought her children for their religious education.
- Participated in the move to leave the Clearwater church to form the new UU Fellowship of the Larger Circle.
- Served on the board of directors of the UU Fellowship of the Larger Circle when the decision was made to merge with the St. Pete Francis David Fellowship to form the UU United Fellowship. Assisted with the Capital Campaign.
- Served on the board of the UU United Fellowship and was sponsored to attend the first Leadership School at UU in the Pines when Mike Young was one of the trainers there.
- Attended several Woman in Religion conferences at UU in the Pines.
- Participated several years in testing the UU Woman and Religion curriculum "Cakes for the queen of heaven"
- Attended SWIM every year from 1989 to 2001 and was on the SWIM board several times.
- Moved to Tampa due to work obligations in 1997.
- Joined the UUCT, am on the e-list, participate in special events and read my Domelight..
- The rest is history.

I am grateful to how the UU church has enriched my life and brought me in contact with so many interesting people.



Bio of Diana Stevens

I have been a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa since 1989. I came to attend political meetings and then stayed to join the church because of the like-minded people that I found here. I met my husband here and my son attended Religious Education. I consider the church my extended family.

I have served on many committees over the years: Religious Education, 50th Anniversary, Fund Raising, Communication, Friendship Dinners, Church Council and others I've probably forgotten. I have enjoyed 3 settled ministers and 4 interim ministers during that time. I am very excited and happy to have Rev. Sara Zimmerman as our settled minister. I feel that we, as a church, are the strongest we have ever been and are moving forward to our best years yet.

I was elected to the Board in 2005 and served my first year as Vice President. I have been the President for the past two church years. I would like to continue my service to UUCT by being a member of the Board of Trustees for another 3-year term. This past year, with Rev. Sara, we have made decisions to move forward with vast improvement to our facility. The small dome is being refurbished and we have the lovely gazebo. However, that is just the beginning of the changes. This is a very pivotal time for the church and I feel that the current Board is up to the challenge. The church is making decisions about our direction and I would like to be part of the leadership that assists the church in its vision. The Board is committed to implementing decisions made by the congregation and I feel that my time on the Board will add to the stability and forward direction of UUCT at this time.



Bio of Beverly Bethune

I'm an Associate Professor Emerita from the University of Georgia where I taught in the College of Journalism and Mass Communication for 27 years. I taught almost everything in the Journalism Department at one time or another, but for ten years my main assignment was Journalism 101, a class of 300 students offered three terms a year. Then another ten years I was director of the College's photojournalism program. I also wrote, edited and designed SixShooters, the southern regional magazine of the National Press Photographers Association. When I retired in 1994, I moved to Portland, Oregon, where my son and his family live. Eight years later I came to Tampa to be near my daughter and her family.

In 1996 in Portland I joined the First Unitarian Universalist Church, an urban church with a congregation so large that there had to be three services on Sunday mornings. I became chair of the Membership Committee and frequently a greeter at the door and a maker of coffee for attendees at two of the Sunday services. It has been a delight to attend a smaller church! I joined UUCT in 2004. I've always felt that when an organization has done a great deal for me, I should give back what I could. Being a member of the Board would be one way to do that. I'd be honored to serve you in that capacity.



Thank you for the Gazebo!

Tom Hagner	Martha Robinson	Beverly Bethune
Diana Stevens	Grant Wilson	Lyn Parrish
Priscilla Brewer	Chalmers Frazer	Dot Frazer
Liz Taylor	Phil Compton	Suzie Siegel
Tom Krumreich	John Dorman	Kathi Dorman
Judy Lehman	Ralph Lehman	Ken Davis

(Thank you for the Gazebo, Continued)

Melba Davis	Tom Copley	Judy Harwood
Kathy Hunter	Don Hunter	Russell Patterson
Candy Gale	Rev Sara Zimmerman	Pat Benedict
Ed Benedict	KL	Tempie Taudte
Jay Hall	Mary Francis	Ollis Hughes
Wayne Busbice	Pat Busbice	Dan Miller
Felice Richardson	Jerry Elsenrath	Patricia McCracken
Ann Cook	Joyce Formica	Judy Mintz
Faye Turke	Tom Turke	Bill Blymiller

And all those who gave there time and support!

Young Adult Group

The newly re-formed Young Adult Group (YAG) will be having a picnic out in the Gazebo on April 20th, 2008 after Coffee Hour. The YAG is geared towards those who are 18 to 35 years of age and are looking for others in this age range to connect with on various levels. Please bring picnic type food/drinks if you are able as it is potluck-style. Anyone is welcome to join us for some food and good conversation. Please contact Alyssa Cobb for more information at (850) 449-7332

Domelight needs YOU!

Chris Hendrickx

Due to changes in my work schedule, I no longer have the time necessary to edit the Domelight. This is where **you** come in. Do you have word-processing skills? The monthly Domelight newsletter is done in Microsoft Word, and it's a fairly simple process. I'm going to commit to staying on full time for the next three months (May, June, and July) but will have to step back after that time.

If you are interested, Please see Mary Francis, Jamie Hendrickx or Chris Hendrickx.

HOPE

NEHEMIAH ACTION

Monday, April 7th @ 6:30 PM

Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church
2902 W. Fletcher Ave. Tampa, FL 33618

(Located on south side of W. Fletcher, between N.
Dale Mabry and N. Armenia)

1,000 community residents will secure public commitments from decision makers on proposals to tackle problems related to Health Care and Homelessness

For more information call HOPE at 813-221-4673

Calendar of weekly events at UUCT

SUNDAY

9:45AM Green Group
11AM Sunday Service
11AM (Grades 1-12) Youth R.E. (Small Dome)
11AM Child Care for babies in the Nursery

THURSDAY

8:30AM Nature Walk in the Park
(info: 813-988-6453)

Calendar of April Events

- Apr 1** – Campfire USA 10:30 AM
Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
Worship Committee 7:00 PM
- Apr 2** – Choir 7:00 PM
- Apr 3** – UU 101 7:00 PM
Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Apr 6** – Book Sale 12:15 PM
Book Discussion: Militant Atheism 12:30
- Apr 7** – Circles in the Woods CUUPS meeting 7:00 PM
- Apr 8** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
Small Group Ministry 7:00 PM
- Apr 9** – SHAAG/SHAAFT 7:00 PM
Choir 7:00 PM
- Apr 10** – UU 101 7:00 PM
Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Apr 12** – **Buildings and Grounds 9:00 AM**
Private Rental 12:00 PM
- Apr 13** – **Domelight Deadline**
- Apr 15** – Campfire USA 10:30 AM
Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Apr 16** – Adult RE Committee 7:00 PM
Choir 7:00 PM
- Apr 17** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
Board 7:00 PM
- Apr 19** – CUUPS Full Moon Celebration 7:30 PM
- Apr 20** – Young Adult Group Picnic 12:30 PM
Church Council Meeting 12:30 PM
- Apr 22** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Apr 23** – SHAAG / SHAAFT 7:00 PM
Choir 7:00 PM
- Apr 24** – Tibetan Buddhist Meditation 7:00 PM
- Apr 26** – Seder Dinner 5:00 PM
- Apr 27** – Conversation with the Board 12:15 PM
- Apr 29** – Adult RE: Zen Loving Kindness Meditation 5:30 PM
- Apr 30** – Choir 7:00 PM

Reminder: Seder Dinner (the first night of Jewish Passover) is on April 19th. Anyone interested in organizing or participating in the dinner should contact Jamie in the church office. (813-988-8188 or info@uutampa.org)



A Month of Sundays at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa

Please Note: All Sunday Services start at 11:00 AM and are led by Rev. Sara Zimmerman unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 6: Justice Sunday

At this Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Justice Sunday 2008, Rev. Zimmerman will reflect on current UUSC projects for justice. This year, these efforts include the UUA-UUSC response to Hurricane Katrina; the second UUSC mission to Kenya; and the true cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, thought to be as high as \$1.6 trillion. Forty years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Sunday, April 13: An Earth Day Celebration

The Green Group and Rev. Zimmerman will join with Katie Culbert, Religious Education Director to bring us a child-friendly service about being ecologically responsible and honoring our mother, the Earth.

Sunday, April 20: U.U.CT.'s New, "Charles Weingartner Scholarship Fund"

"We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person." Grantford Wilson will speak about the legacy of Charles Weingartner and the new Charles Weingartner Scholarship Fund at UUCT.

Sunday, April 27: Music Sunday

Join us for our traditional last Sunday in April service of music. In the context of our worship service, it will showcase the many talented musicians in the congregation who will perform music that inspires and transforms us.

*A big **THANK YOU** to Siobhan Herkert for the beautiful pen and ink drawing of the church used on the first page of this month's Domelight.*

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