

November 2017

The Happenings

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"The Little Stone Church That Rocks"

A Welcoming Congregation
and a Green Sanctuary

We are a fellowship of seekers
after truth, bound by no dogma,
restricted by no creed.

Our Affirmation

HERE: We unite in an atmosphere of
care and support to foster spiritual
health and growth.

HERE: We focus on sharing our ideas
and histories, with warmth, hope,
loving friendship and an open mind.

HERE: We nurture stability for our
daily lives and seek motivation to
reach out to the larger community.



This Month in UU History

1621 (11/19) The Remonstrant/Unitarian congregation
in Haarlem, Holland, was stormed by a mob of angry
orthodox Christians. Twenty-five parishioners were
arrested.

1744 (11/11) Abigail Smith Adams was born in
Weymouth, MA. A Unitarian and wife of the second president of the
United States, she advised her husband on many issues, worked for social
justice and the abolition of slavery.

1979 (11/10) Lewis Allen McGee died at age 85. The son of a former
slave, he was ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church
but was later ordained as a Unitarian minister. McGee founded the Free
Religious Fellowship of Chicago.

Worship Schedule

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am, unless noted.

November 5: "Meeting Grace" – Rev. Craig Nowak; Music – Choir

November 12: "Because We Don't Know What Else to Say" – Rev. Georganne
Greene; Music – Linda Friedmann, hammered dulcimer

November 19: "R- E-S- P-E- C-T"- An Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service"
–Rev. Craig Nowak; Music –Choir

November 26: "Serving with Grace" – Amy Frisella; Music – Jared and Jessica
Adams, singing



You are invited to sign up to bring flowers for
morning worship. The Sign-Up sheet is in the
parlor. See the September Newsletter for
details.

Generosity Abounds!

Thank you to the Chesson Family Fund of Greater
Worcester Community Foundation for their recent gift
of \$800 in support of BUUC's mission.

Thank you to Gary Blanchard who gave of his time
and talent to write and perform the song,
"Many Windows, One Light" for the 300th Anniversary
Celebration of the four Quaboag churches (of which
BUUC is one) at Foster Hill last month.



The project to sing the entire Bill of
Rights as set to music by Neely
Bruce, continues with the Ninth
Amendment on Nov.5. The Ninth
Amendment affirms that we have
rights beyond what is spelled out in
the Constitution. For more
information see the Music Notes in
the September Newsletter.

Women's Alliance Meeting

Women's Alliance will be meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, at 7pm.

Circle Supper

November 4th at 6:15pm: A BUUC tradition that allows old, new, young and less young to mix and mingle for a dinner event at church. Please sign up in the Parlor. Hope to see you there!

There Are Allergies Among Us

Please limit your use of scents and chemicals, and leave as much latex as possible at home.

Our Covenant

As we share our lives in this place of blessed community, we promise to unite in an atmosphere of care and support, provide a spiritual home for ourselves and our children, and work together in our search for truth and caring ways to be in community with each other, both within and beyond these walls.

We seek to embody a welcoming community of

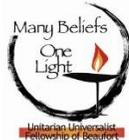
CARING, SUPPORT, AND SERVICE

We therefore promise to

- * Treat each other with respect, trust, and compassion;
- * Actively listen to all points of view on important issues;
- * Create an open environment for nonjudgmental participation;
- * Honor dissenting views, agreeing to disagree;
- * Make decisions with as much participation as possible;
- * Accept that we will make mistakes, forgive each other, and move on;
- * Express gratitude for the efforts of others;
- * Work together to live by our Covenant; and
- * Try to the best of our ability to live by our Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes, affirming our tradition of service and justice for all.

Adopted by the members of BUUC

May 20, 2012



Interested In Membership At BUUC?

Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith making membership in our community both simple and challenging. It is simple in that to become a member all that is generally required is signing the membership book. It is challenging because that is not all that is asked of our members. In addition to honoring our congregational covenant, as a member you would be asked to :

- Worship in community regularly
- Work faithfully on your own spiritual development
- Be involved in a ministry of service to others
- Share your financial resources as stewards of the present and future of this religious community
- Continue to learn and connect to the wider movement of Unitarian Universalism
- Assume responsibility for offering the genuine hospitality of this community to all who come here

Visitors and friends curious to know more or who are considering becoming a member of BUUC are invited to contact Rev. Craig.

In Our Community

Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month, 7pm
JOIN US for an all-inclusive (men and women of BUUC and beyond welcome), exhilarating (maybe a little strong but we're really excited) BUUC BOOK CLUB. We hope to create a group that will generate meaningful conversations about a variety of books, authors and topics. Contact Amy Frisella at amyfrisella@hotmail.com or Barb Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com for more info.

Choir Practice

Every Thursday, 7pm

Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

Once a Month, Date and Time TBD
For information, contact Mary Ann Adams at maryannbuuc@gmail.com.

SMOC Dinner

Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Come join us as we provide a monthly meal for residents of the SMOC residences in Gilbertville. Contact Wendy Newhall, circle_dancers@yahoo.com or Christine Holbrook, holbrookchristine1@gmail.com for details. **Please note there was no dinner scheduled in October, but two dinners, scheduled on November 7 and November 28.

Stone Soup Luncheons

Oct – June, first Wednesday of the month, 12pm. All are invited for Stone Soup, where your presence is the secret (and most important) ingredient. We provide the soup and coffee/tea; you bring something to share (bread, juice, appetizer/dessert).

Women's Alliance

Second Wednesday of the month, 7pm. Contact Laurie Maanuson

We Rise: Social Justice Resources Page

For those who feel called by our faith to take the side of human worth and dignity through social action. Go to www.buuc.org and click the tab "We Rise: Social Justice Resources" on the menu at the left side of the page.

Adult RE Offering Fall 2017

Food for Faith: Practicing Spiritual Practices

This program is premised on the assertion that personal spiritual practices are the engine of faithful living. Participants will be asked to "try" different daily spiritual practices for one month each and to keep a journal to record observations, insights, and questions that arise from engaging in the practice. These will be shared with other participants when we meet at the end of each practice cycle. For the final practice cycle, participants will create their own daily practice.

Preparation Required:

No specific preparation or experience is required other than an openness to potentially unfamiliar and/or challenging spiritual practices.

Meeting Dates:

Sun. 11/5 @12pm: Check In and Sharing; Introduction to the second practice

Sun. 12/3 @12pm: Check In and Sharing; Introduction to the third practice

Sun. 1/7 @12pm: Check In and Sharing; program conclusion

Sign Up:

To sign up, email Rev. Craig @ revcraignowak@comcast.net or use the sign-up sheet in the parlor.

Community Resources Page

At the heart of Unitarian Universalism is a deep recognition and respect for the interconnectedness of life. As a faith community, Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church seeks to foster spiritual health and growth, but we also recognize that it is equally important to encourage and empower one another to lives of physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being. To that end, we have launched our Community Resources page. To access the page visit www.buuc.org and click on the "Community Resources" tab on the side menu.



Being a Green Sanctuary

includes recycling. This is something that we all share. There is no one who comes around to clean up after us; that is to say there is no "they" only "we". If we don't want to take the Order of Service home with us we can put it in the blue recycling container at the back of the sanctuary. There is a larger blue tub for recycling paper downstairs. And any paper that had food in or on it must go in the trash. Thanks for keeping BUUC green!

Who's Who at BUUC

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Love radically.
Serve gratefully.
Wonder daily.
Unitarian Universalism



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Other times by appointment

BUUC Cares: If you or someone you know at BUUC might need pastoral support, please contact Rev. Craig (contact info above).

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