

February 2020

# 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.

## Upcoming Events

Unless indicated, all events are at BUUC.

**February 1, 5pm: Game Night**

**February 2, 12pm: Aging as a  
Spiritual Practice**

**February 5, 12pm: Stone Soup  
Luncheon**

**February 5, 7pm: Quiet Gathering in the  
Spirit of the Quakers**

**February 11, 7pm: Book Club**

**February 12, 7pm: Women's Alliance  
Chocolate Extravaganza**

**February 16, 12pm: Aging as a  
Spiritual Practice**

**February 21, 7pm: Sanctuary LGBTQ  
Coffee House**

**February 22, 5pm: Community Supper**



## This Month in UU History

1837 (2/1) William Dean Howells was a writer and poet. He was editor in chief of the Atlantic Monthly and helped establish the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1909.

1965 (2/11) James Reeb was one of 125 Unitarian ministers who answered Martin Luther King's call to march in support of voting rights for black Americans. He was killed in Selma, Alabama after a civil rights march.

1965 (2/25) Viola Fauver Gregg Liuzzo participated in the freedom march between Selma and Montgomery, led by Martin Luther King. She was murdered in Selma, Alabama at the age of 39.

## Worship Schedule

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

**February 2:** "Alligators, Refuge...and You" –Rev. Georganne Greene; Music – Choir and Inter-generational Choir

**February 9:** "We the People" –Tanya Nesslusan; Music – Jefferson Upton, flute, Gary Blanchard, singer songwriter

**February 16:** "Lindens and Tiarellas and Bearberries, Oh My" –Jo Ann Pierce; - Music – Choir

**February 23:** "The Persistence of Memory" –Barb Hale; Music –Lucy Colwell, French horn and Glenn Godfrey, bassoon

## Save the Date!

The "You Call THAT Talent?" Spectacular is coming to the BUUC on Saturday night March 14th. There is sure to be some fantastic talent. . . and there will be other acts as well! Mark your calendars, start practicing your talent, and stay tuned for more details. It's a night not to be missed,

## Call for Photos

While Rev. Craig is on Sabbatical, we need to keep a good record of our events so he can catch up with everything when he returns. On that note, we are calling all photographers out there to record your events on film (!), digital, video, and more. If you are attending an event, please take some pictures. If you are planning an event, it would be great to ask someone to take pictures (especially if you will be busy setting up or organizing the event).

The goal is to put together an actual photo book at the end of the Sabbatical period and present it to Rev. Craig at his homecoming party in June.

Photos can be sent either to Donna Sullivan at [sully-3@charter.net](mailto:sully-3@charter.net) or to Barbara Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com). Please use the subject line BUUC photos.

Get Ready. Get Set. Say CHEESE!



## There Are Allergies Among Us

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

### Capital Campaign

The BUUC is currently running a Capital Campaign to repair exterior stability and to build a handicapped accessible bathroom in the basement including installation of a wheelchair lift, which will improve access to both levels of the building. If you would like to make a pledge, pledge forms are available at the church. If you would like to make a one-time donation simply submit a check with the notation "capital campaign". Any and all amounts are appreciated! Another way to support this project is to volunteer your time on a fundraiser. Please see a committee member. Thank you for your support!

~ CC Members - Tim Boon, Kim Burdon and Amy Frisella.



#### Monthly Coffee House

Third Friday of the Month  
7-9 p.m.

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**A Monthly Coffee House for LGBTQ Youth and Their Allies to gather, share, eat and socialize in a safe and welcoming setting where all are accepted and welcomed.**

**For Information Please Call 774-254-0843**

## In Our Community

### Aging As A Spiritual Practice

The first meeting of the Aging as a Spiritual Practice class for February will be on February 2nd from noon to 1pm, downstairs in the church. Going forward we will continue to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month.

### 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 Barb Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com) for more info. **February book:** The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

### Choir Practice

Every Thursday, 7pm

### Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

### Quiet Gathering in the Spirit of the Quakers

First Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, contact Cruger Johnson Phillips, [cruger.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:cruger.johnson@gmail.com)

### Sanctuary LGBTQ Coffee House

*Third Friday of the month, 7-9pm.* A monthly coffee house for LGBTQ youth and their allies to gather, share, eat, and socialize in a safe and welcoming setting where all are accepted and welcomed. Bring your favorite snack to share and meet other youth. For more info, call 774-254-0843.

### 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 or dessert).

### Women's Alliance

Join the Women's Alliance for a CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA on Wednesday, February 12, at 7pm at the BUUC. Come enjoy chocolate while hearing about what we've been doing this year - all are welcome! Contact Laurie Magnuson (508-867-3763) for more information.

### Community Supper

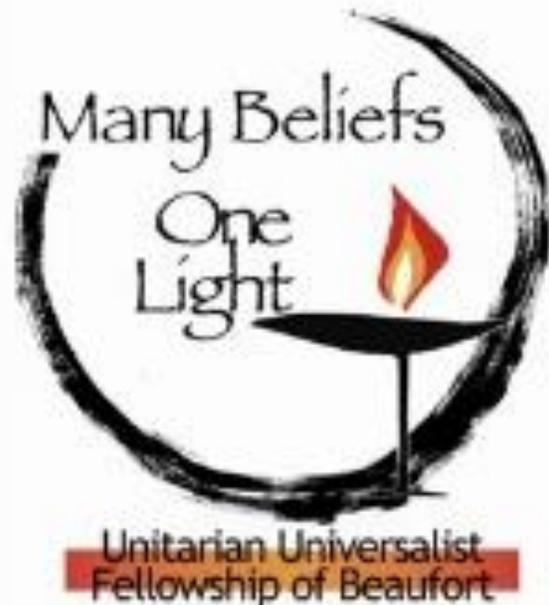
If you would like to donate please either see Julie Boon or Robyn Vincent at coffee hour, sign up on the donation sheet in the parlor, or call Robyn Vincent at 774-230-6623. Next supper is February 22.

## Reminder: If you are planning an event

If you are planning an event at the BUUC, an email to the church assistant (Nina) will ensure the event gets on the calendar and the time slot is reserved. Once your event is on the calendar, it will automatically appear in the newsletter, Order of Service, Upcoming Events e-blast, Facebook, and Twitter. The calendar is online on our website and regularly updated on the paper calendar hanging in the parlor. If you don't contact Nina, you are not guaranteed church space for your event. So please take a minute to send an email to [buuc01506@gmail.com](mailto:buuc01506@gmail.com) as soon as you set a date for your event. The deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the previous month.

## 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](http://www.buuc.org) and click the tab "We Rise: Social Justice Resources" on the menu at the left side of the page.



## 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 BUUC President Barbara Hale  
b.lambert.hale@gmail.com while Rev. Craig is on Sabbatical..



## 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. Any paper that had food in or on it must go in the trash. Thanks for keeping BUUC green!

## 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

## Community Resources

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](http://www.buuc.org) and click on the "Community Resources" tab on the side menu.

## Who's Who at BUUC

### Staff

#### Minister

Rev. Craig M. Nowak  
Religious Education Director  
Laurel Burdon  
Music Director  
Lila M. Farrar  
Office Assistant  
Nina Ellison

### Executive Committee

#### Ex-Officio member

Rev. Craig M. Nowak  
President  
Barbara Hale  
Treasurer  
Doug Smith  
Clerk  
Colleen Groner  
Members-at-Large  
Robyn Vincent, Laurie Magnuson, Donna Boyea, Gary Blanchard  
Collector  
Christine Holbrook

### Committees and Groups

#### Committee on Ministry

Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith, Donna Sullivan

#### Capital Campaign Committee

Amy Frisella, Kim Burdon, Tim Boon

#### Flower Committee

Lila Farrar, Chair

#### Membership Committee

Debbie Ennis, Chair

#### Nominating Committee

Amy Frisella, Laurie Magnuson, Laurel Hemmer

#### Trustees

Tim Boon, Roxann Smith, Kirk Upton

#### Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

#### Worship Committee

Roxann Smith, Chair

#### Sabbatical Committee

Donna Sullivan, Chair  
Fritzi Foster, Dave Yutzler



### Rev. Craig's Office Hours

**Contact Info** There are no minister's office hours during Rev. Craig's sabbatical 12/25/19-5/31/20. For routine pastoral needs, please refer to the Sabbatical Handbook available at the church or online at <http://www.buuc.org/sabbatical-handbook.html>. For pastoral emergencies call or text Rev. John Pastor at (508) 277-6113.

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