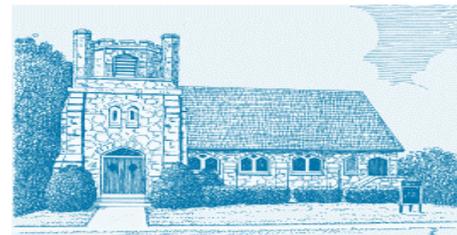


October 2020

The Happenings

Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church
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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

1796 (10/18) Universalist minister Hosea Ballou II,
grandnephew of Hosea Ballou, the "Father of
American Universalism," was born in Guilford, VT.

1850 (10/23) The first women's suffrage meeting
opened in Worcester, MA. Most of the organizers and
supporters were Unitarians.

1909 (10/12) Dorothy Livesay, Canadian poet and Unitarian, was born in
Winnipeg, Canada.

Worship Schedule*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am via Zoom.

Oct 4: "Spiritual Engineering" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak

Oct 11: "We are Courageous"*** –Jo Ann Pierce

Oct 18: "I Do Believe in Spooks" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak

Oct 25: "Climate Change: Living in Interesting Times" –John Keller

*Services will continue on Zoom through at least the first half of the
church year. In the meantime, Rev. Craig and the Executive
Committee, in consultation with state law, denominational
recommendations, and our mission, are working on a policy that will
guide our return to the sanctuary for worship and the building for
other gatherings.

**This is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the
subject may not be suitable for children.

Generosity Abounds!

Thank you all for your
continued support.



BUUC's Little Loaning Library is Expanding Its Mission

During the pandemic I agreed to open up "library hours" twice monthly at the BUUC for members of our community to be able to borrow books to read. This quickly turned into books and puzzles. Looking to the fall I realized how much I miss being able to "give back to the community" every week in service with my donation to the Ecumenical Food Pantry. I realized Library Hours would be an ideal time for members and friends to drop off donations at the BUUC for the Food Pantry and in this way, despite meeting on Zoom for services, we can continue to support our greater community.

I will be at the BUUC twice monthly this fall for "library hours" one Wednesday and one Monday each month. The hours will always be 10:30 am - 12:00 noon. The dates are as follows: Wed Oct 14, Mon Oct 26, and Wed Nov 11. Although I appreciate offers of books and puzzles, this is truly meant to be a "Little Loaning Library" and we have quite a wonderful selection at this time. You are welcome to bring a book and take a book, but besides that I will not be accepting new donations. If there are any questions, call, text, or email me at laurelsquilts@msn.com or 774-239-8969. And don't forget to wear your mask and social distance.

THANKS! Laurel

Seeking Winter Homes for BUUC Plants

Normally the wide window sills in the basement are filled with geraniums and spider plants during the church year. I take most of them home with me for the summer where they happily live on my porch. As cold weather approaches, and the realization that we won't be using the church building for the foreseeable future sinks in, there is another problem that needs to be solved by generous BUUC attendees. I don't have space in my house for more than a couple of these plants. If you could give one or more a home for the winter, we will all be appreciative.

Neither plant requires much care.

Geraniums need for the soil to be dry to the touch before you water. Picking off dead leaves and turning the pots when the leaves have all turned toward the sun is about the extent of keeping them looking nice. They want some sunlight, but even a north window will suffice. There are red, pink, variegated pink, white, and one pot with red and pink to choose from.

Spider plants can do without direct sunlight just fine, and don't even have to be by a window. May need water a little more often but if you water when the soil feels dry, they will do fine. If you want to, you can pot up the baby spiders or you can ignore them. I will always be available for advice.

If you are willing to take one or more plants, please contact me before we get freezing weather. You can pick up from my porch, or I will deliver to you. The plants thank you. I thank you. And everyone who enjoys seeing them in the basement of the church thanks you.

Lila Farrar, plant overseer
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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.



Brookfield Unitarian
Universalist Church

Announcements

Zoom Stone Soup

With our traditional Stone Soup off the table, so to speak, for a while, consider dropping in for Zoom Stone Soup, *Wednesday, October 7th, at 12pm*. Gather your lunch, log on and spend some time catching up with friends. We'd love to see you. The zoom link to attend will be emailed *October 7th*.

Food For Faith

Freedom From Fear

Tuesday Group: *October 6th, 7pm on Zoom*
Wednesday Group: *October 7th, 1:30pm on Zoom*

Women's Alliance

The Women's Alliance will meet Sunday, *October 4th at 1pm* on the Brookfield Common. Please bring a chair and wear a facemask. The rain date is *October 11th*. Hope to see you there! Contact Laurie Magnuson (508-867-3763).

Aging As A Spiritual Practice

Beginning in October, the Aging and Spirituality discussion group will meet remotely on the *third Sunday of the month from 12pm to 1pm*. If you are not already receiving meeting invitations and would like to be included, please email Joanne Hamerly at jmh2ndchapter@gmail.com or Cruger Johnson Phillips at cruger.johnson@gmail.com.

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via Zoom on *Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm* to discuss *So You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. Please feel free to attend. In November, we will be discussing *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride. A complete list of the books we will be discussing this year are online on our website: buuc.org/events. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com.

Choir Practice

Choir Zoom meeting *7-8pm or 8:30pm each Thursday*. Contact Music Director Lila M. Farrar at lilamfarrar@gmail.com

Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

Quiet Gathering in the Spirit of the Quakers

To be resumed when able. Contact Cruger Johnson Phillips, cruger.johnson@gmail.com.

Sanctuary LGBTQ Coffee House

To be resumed when able.

Community Supper

To be resumed when able.

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 at revcraignowak@comcast.net



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 and click on the "Community Resources" tab on the side menu.

Who's Who at BUUC

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Lila M. Farrar

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Nina Ellison

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Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith, Donna Sullivan

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Amy Frisella, Kim Burdon, Tim Boon

Flower Committee

Lila Farrar, Chair

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Debbie Ennis, Chair

Nominating Committee

Amy Frisella, Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea

Trustees

Tim Boon, Roxann Smith, Kirk Upton

Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

Worship Committee

Roxann Smith, John Kennison, Fritz Foster, Jo Ann Pierce, David Yutzler



Rev Craig's Contact Info

Office Hours: Rev. Craig will be available for scheduled office and pastoral visits via Zoom, Facetime or telephone. Please email or call for an appointment.

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