

November 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.



## This Month in UU History

1611 (11/16) John Tyscoviclus of Bielsk, Poland had his  
tongue removed and was executed for refusing to  
take an oath on the Trinity.

1823 (11/2) Lydia Louisa Ann Very was born in Salem,  
MA. Very was a poet, author and illustrator of  
children's books, including "Goody Two Shoes," and

also wrote several Unitarian hymns.

1909 (11/28) Lotta Hltschmanova was born. A Czech Unitarian who fled  
Europe amid the rise of Nazism, she went on to found and lead the  
Unitarian Service Committee of Canada to help refugee children.

## Worship Schedule\*

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

**Nov 1:** "Anxious Gardeners" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak

**Nov 8:** "Our Stories, Ourselves" –Sarah Swift

**Nov 15:** "Ithaka, Enjoying the Journey" –Kathy Spirtes

**Nov 22:** "Thanks for the Memories" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak

An Intergenerational Thanksgiving and All Souls Service

**Nov 29:** "When I Grow Up" –Tanya Neslusan

\*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.

## Generosity Abounds!

Thank you to all our members  
and friends whose contributions  
of time, talent, and treasure  
ensures the "little stone church  
that rocks" keeps rocking  
through the pandemic.



## “You Call THAT Talent?!?” Spectacular

The “You Call THAT Talent?!?” Spectacular is coming to you on *November 7 at 7 pm*. Please join us for community, singing, laughter, and the spoken word. You are also welcome to showcase other talents such as art work. We realize this is shortly after the national election yet feel we all may need something positive to look forward to. This is a BYO event - bring your own comfy chair, bring your own drinks, and bring your own snacks! See you on Zoom. Talent wanted!!! Contact Laurel Hemmer or Debbie Ennis with any questions.

## MUSIC NOTES

This is a reminder that anyone is welcome at our ZOOM Virtual Choir rehearsals and anyone can be part of the Virtual Choir recording process. You do not have to do one in order to do the other. Contact Lila Farrar [lilamfarrar@gmail.com](mailto:lilamfarrar@gmail.com) 508 864 5978 if you are interested or have any questions. Most importantly, keep singing!

## 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.



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## 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, November 4, 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 *November 4th*.

### Food For Faith

Freedom From Fear

Tuesday Group: *November 3rd, 7pm on Zoom*

Wednesday Group: *November 4th, 1:30pm on Zoom*

### Aging As A Spiritual Practice

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](mailto:jmh2ndchapter@gmail.com) or Cruger Johnson Phillips at [cruger.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:cruger.johnson@gmail.com).

### Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via Zoom on *Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm* to discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride. Please feel free to attend. In December, we will be discussing *Rising out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist* by Eli Saslow. A complete list of the books we will be discussing this year are online on our website: [buuc.org/events](http://buuc.org/events). If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lilamfarrar@gmail.com)

### Executive Committee

*First Monday of the month at 6:30pm.*

### Women's Alliance

*To be resumed when able.* Contact Laurie Magnuson (508-867-3763).

### Quiet Gathering in the Spirit of the Quakers

*To be resumed when able.* Contact Cruger Johnson Phillips, [cruger.johnson@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](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

#### 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

Gary Blanchard

#### Members-at-Large

Laurie Magnuson, Helena Paez,

Sarah Swift, Christine Keough-Huff

#### Collector

Dave Yutzler

### 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, 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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