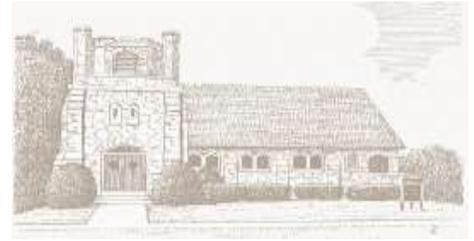


The Happenings



"The Little Stone Church That Rocks"

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THIS MONTH IN UU HISTORY

1619 (5/5) — The Synod of Dort in Holland condemned Conrad Vorstius's Unitarian writing. His works were ordered burned and he was banished from the country.

1825 (5/3) — Laura Matilda Towne was born in Pittsburgh, PA. A member of a wealthy Unitarian family, Towne traveled to South Carolina during the Civil War and founded the Penn School to educate freed slaves and train teachers.

1944 (5/24) — The Church of the Larger Fellowship was formed to serve Unitarians (and later Unitarian Universalists) who were not located near a Unitarian church.

*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

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

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

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



May Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.



May 1: "Doing Dishes"

*Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak
Music: BUUC choir*

May 8: "Mothering Mothers"

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Twinkle Manning
Music: Emily Foster, piano*

May 15: Intergenerational Flower Communion
"Of Muck and Martyrs"

*Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak
Music: BUUC choir*

May 22: "Who Are You?"

*Lay Speaker: Gary Blanchard
Music: Dave Yutzler*

May 29: "Breaking Down Stereotypes"

*Lay Speaker: Mary Ann Adams
Music: Jared and Jessica Adams*

*A Note About Worship

Currently we are holding hybrid services (in-person and streaming). For those who wish to stream the service (attend online) a link will be provided weekly via email.

Music Notes



As we continue our tricentennial celebration of Christoph Graupner's 1722 collection of partitas for harpsichord or organ, *Monatliche Clavir Früchte*, here is a further note on the "monthly" aspect of this collection.

Peter Williams, author of *Bach: A Musical Biography*, comments on Bach's efforts to have some of his keyboard Partitas published, that although they were eventually published together, they were originally published separately because there just wasn't yet a robust enough market for such things. He suggests that may be why Graupner published his "Monthly Fruits" one month at a time; and may mean that rather than setting himself a goal of writing one a month, as I suggested in an earlier newsletter, he may have written many or even all at once, and held them back. Interesting thought.

I do want to point out that you are not hearing all of the pieces from any of the monthly Partitas; each Partita contains from seven to ten movements. I generally play only about three or four each month, but over the years have managed to play most of them. Some which have proved to be more useful, or have become favorites, do get played more often. I do generally play only from the appropriately named Partita for each month. I think the only exception was when I played the entire April Partita for Laurel Burdon's Celebration of Life which we held in July 2020. Her birth month was April. But this generally means I never play the July or August "Fruits". As part of our tricentenary observation, I plan to play selections from both the June and July Partitas in June, and add some August selections to the services in Sept. If you have another suggestion or idea let me know.

Lila M. Farrar,
Music Director



Generosity Abounds!

A big thank you to everyone who has done a little something to make the church more welcoming over the course of the church year, whether it be tidying up, clearing a walkway, fixing a sign, suggesting an overlooked reading or hymn, chatting with a visitor, checking in on someone, helping edit online web content, etc.

Being welcoming doesn't just happen and seemingly small things make a big difference. Thank you.

Capital Campaign Announcement

By the time this newsletter is released, the BUUC Capital Campaign should be complete, including fully functioning bathroom and wheelchair lift! Please SAVE THE DATE to celebrate:

*Sunday, June 5th, immediately following service
(rain date June 12th)*

OTC Medicine Drive for Ukraine UPDATE

In March our Little Stone Church that Rocks responded immediately to a call for Over-the-Counter medical supplies being collected for soldiers and civilians fighting the war in Ukraine. CESA stepped up to spread the word and also write cards of comfort. The drive ended in March, to get supplies to Ukraine ASAP. Most, if not all, are expected to have reached Lviv by the time you read this. Some were flown out in early April.

The BUUC joined a local collection campaign (part of a wider effort) that also included Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Southbridge, the Sturbridge Federated Church, First Methodist Church, Southbridge, and a number of area businesses and individuals who pitched in with needed items and shipping funds.

The accompanying photos give you an idea of the volume and variety of supplies collected. In all, some 35 boxes weighing 570 pounds were sent to Boston to the main drive organizers. Among the donations were: 26 pounds of bandaids, 1,000 pairs of medical gloves, 33 pounds of energy bars, 3 cartons of surgical gauze, 2 cartons of pain and swelling-relief medications, 100 emergency blankets and a variety of specialized surgical supplies purchased with financial donations.

The boxes left Southbridge April 2 for Boston, where they were examined by physicians who regularly fly to Ukraine to help the wounded. Doctors were able to pack their travel bags immediately with donated surgical supplies and hop on a plane. Possibly something you offered went with them. The bulk of the donations followed in a more traditional way.

This opportunity to reach out and help is due to the work of Tamsin Lucey, a member of Holy Trinity Church, whose Ukrainian son-in-law lives here in Massachusetts. I have known Tamsin for decades and was looking for a direct-aid donation venue. Tamsin put her prodigious organizing skills to work, letting social media spread the word. In the end she attracted volunteers from several churches and the Bay Path High School nursing program who sorted, assembled, packed and labeled those 35 boxes. Mother Judith, Rector of Holy Trinity, took an idea that came from the BUUC and invited her congregation to write cards of compassion for anyone who opened a box. Dozens were tucked in. Hopefully some did/will give a bit of comfort.

Going forward, here are links to several organizations that offer direct aid to Ukrainian refugees and soldiers, if you're looking for other donation opportunities:



US based non-profits:

<https://unitedhelpukraine.org/>

<https://wck.org/>

Providing nearly 300,000 MEALS PER DAY — yes, Per Day!:

<https://mercychefs.com/ukraine/>

Ukraine based non-profit:

<https://www.comebackalive.in.ua/>



Thanks, one and all, and especially to CESA members Penny Blum, Joanne Hamerly and Ellen Woodbury. Surely, and horrifically, there's more to do, but this was a good start.

In gratitude,

Sarah Swift

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, May 4th 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 May 4th.

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via Zoom on *Tuesday, May 10th, at 7:00pm* to read *All In: An Autobiography of Billie Jean King* by Billie Jean King. Please feel free to attend. A complete list of the books we will be discussing this year appear online on our website at buuc.org/events. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com.

CESA

Committee for Ecology and Social Action is now meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is *Wednesday, May 11th, at 7:00 pm* on Zoom. We are currently discussing ways to protect voting rights and ways to help with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Penny Blum at quabbinquilter@gmail.com

Virtual Social Hour

Third Wednesday of every month on Zoom. Contact Barb Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com

BUUC Journaling Group

The next meeting of the BUUC Journaling Group will be *Monday, May 30th, at 7:00pm*. Contact Cara Wales at c.l.c.wales@gmail.com for more information.

Choir Practice

7:00-8:30pm each Thursday.

Contact Music Director Lila M. Farrar at lilamfarrar@gmail.com or 508-864-5978.

Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:45pm.

Women's Alliance

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.

Sanctuary LGBTQ Coffee House

To be resumed when able.

Community Supper

To be resumed when able.



Rev. Craig's 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.

860-916-9261

revcraignowak@comcast.net

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.

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

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**

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Amy Frisella, Kim Burdon, Tim Boon

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Lila Farrar, Chair

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Debbie Ennis, Chair

Nominating Committee

Robyn Vincent, Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea

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Tim Boon, Roxann Smith, Kirk Upton

Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

Worship Committee

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

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 <http://www.buuc.org/community-resources.html>.



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