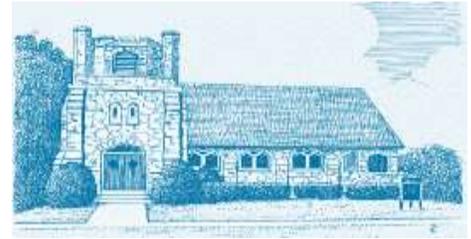




# The Happenings

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"The Little Stone Church That Rocks"



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST TRIVIA

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) was created with the merger of the Unitarians and the Universalists in 1961. What did these two faith groups have in common?

- A. Both believed that everyone was "saved" and no one need fear damnation
- B. Both were rooted in Christianity but were considered heretics by orthodox Christians
- C. Both required members to profess the Nicene Creed
- D. Both first emerged among New England elites in the 18th century

The answer is on Page 4.

*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.

## Music Notes



Christoph Graupner (1683 to 1760), two years older than Bach, outlived him by 10 years. So why have you heard of J.S. Bach and not Graupner? There are a number of reasons why composers become forgotten. For one thing music goes out of style and it takes some years to be "rediscovered," by which time much has been lost, as is the very regrettable situation with Bach. However with Graupner there is another reason.

In the 17th and 18th century Germany wasn't a country but a loose bunch of aligned (or not) city-states, each with an absolute ruling monarch, and also the area of the Lutheran church in which music played a crucial role. Musicians such as Graupner and Bach worked for a court or for the church. Some situations were more stable or had a better group of musicians to work with. The music you composed belonged to the King or Prince.

In the famous case I wrote about earlier this year, after a vacancy arose in Leipzig, a number of highly esteemed composers applied. Telemann may not have been all that interested in the job, but he was offered it first, and turned it down when his employer offered a raise. Graupner was offered it next but his employer (one of those dictator monarchs) wouldn't release him, but since he was paid back wages and given a raise, he too stayed where he was (Darmstadt) for the rest of his career. However, when he died there was a conflict between his heirs and the court as to who owned the music, and this dragged on in litigation for so many years that Graupner's style of composing became outdated and no one was interested anymore. The good news for us today is that the Prince won because modest Graupner's heirs would have fulfilled his wishes to burn all his music! The other good news is that Graupner's prolific output was all preserved and exists in libraries

today where it is becoming accessible to musicologists at the same time that music of this period and of lesser known composers is of great and increasing interest. Hence the availability of the "Monthly Fruits" keyboard suites for 1722 which we have been celebrating all year. Of course when 2022 comes to an end we won't abandon Graupner's music any more than we will that third composer who was finally hired in Leipzig in 1723 --- J.S. Bach.

Lila Farrar,  
Director of Music



## Notes from the Director of Religious Exploration



**Wanted: Volunteers to create relationships across the generations within our community.**

*Vision Statement for the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church's Religious Exploration Program:*

The purpose of the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church's Religious Exploration Program is to discover our values and beliefs, and to cultivate our identities as Unitarian Universalists.

To do this:

- ❖ We nurture respect for others as we thoroughly explore and engage with ideas from world religions and Unitarian Universalism.
- ❖ We are supported through Intergenerational events and activities to create relationships across generations and directly with our minister.
- ❖ We impact the community and the world by living our values at home, at church, and in the world at large with the support of our BUUC community.
- ❖ We engage with the spiritual to become wholly integrated – head, heart, and hands.

### Why do we need volunteers?

Volunteers in RE play an essential part in supporting this vision. Our volunteers help with the practical and the sublime. Sometimes help with scissors is needed. Sometimes other perspectives allow for greater insight. Listening to our children and youth is probably the most important thing we can do as a community.

### What do volunteers do?

Helping with RE involves receiving a monthly email with dates to see who is available. Once you have a date on the books, you come in a few minutes before church begins that day so that I can walk you through the plan for the day: no setup needed!

You may also receive emails with information to help support your role as a volunteer within the RE program. This information may include articles, videos, workshop links, and live training. The goal is to support you - not overwhelm you.

### How will I know if I'm a good candidate?

- ❖ Do you like kids and youth?
- ❖ Do you enjoy marveling at their wisdom?
- ❖ Do you like to laugh with people of all ages?
- ❖ Are you patient?
- ❖ Do you mind occasionally missing half of the church service upstairs?
- ❖ Have you wanted to dive deeply into Unitarian Universalism and the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church?

## Volunteering sounds great! What should I do next?

If interested, please get in touch with me by email ([c.l.c.wales@gmail.com](mailto:c.l.c.wales@gmail.com)) or phone (774-230-1398). From there, I will send you a brief application so we can ask some basic questions (safety first!), and I have a record of any unique skills for planning purposes. Once that is all set, I will send you a list of dates, and you can let me know if any of them work for you.

I appreciate your consideration, and as Laurel used to say, "RE is a great place to be!"

Cara Wales,

Director of Religious Exploration



## Food Pantry Needs

The Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry is currently in need of the following:

- ❖ Any paper goods.
- ❖ Shampoo
- ❖ Detergents
- ❖ Macaroni (any pasta except spaghetti)
- ❖ Jams/jellies
- ❖ Boxed cereals
- ❖ Rice mixes
- ❖ Baked beans
- ❖ Soups
- ❖ Brownie/cake mixes

Donations can be made during the Food Offering at worship on Sundays.



## Generosity Abounds!

Thank you to our choir members who started rehearsals for this church year back in August and continually bless this congregation with the gift of song.

## Legacy Giving

Over the years members and friends have included BUUC in their wills or estate plans to help ensure our faith and this church will be here for future generations. You can, too. Gifts to BUUC's Trust help secure a place for liberal religious values in an increasingly illiberal world.

Contact Rev. Craig at [revcraignowak@comcast.net](mailto:revcraignowak@comcast.net) for more information.

## Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

CESA is partnering with the organization Vote Forward ([www.votefwd.org](http://www.votefwd.org)) to send letters to under-served communities encouraging people to vote in the upcoming midterm elections. The program is non-partisan and makes no effort to tell people how to vote, only encourages people to exercise their constitutional right to vote.

The September 18th workshop kicked off our letter writing campaign. There is a poster in the parlor recording our progress. We have been collecting stamp donations, so anyone writing letters can make use of those donated stamps. We will be continuing the project until the October 29th deadline for mailing the letters.

We are so thankful for everyone who is participating. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Blum at [quabbinquilter@gmail.com](mailto:quabbinquilter@gmail.com).

## Hanging Folders

Thank you to the several people who responded to our request for hanging file folders. We now have plenty for a music filled foreseeable future. We could still use a couple of the frames that hold the hanging files.

Thanks again,

Lila M Farrar,  
Music Director

Dave Yutzler,  
Music Librarian



## October Services\*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.

**October 2:** "No Signal"

Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak  
Music: BUUC Choir

**October 9:** "The Beautiful Game"

Worship Leader: Kite Upton  
Music: Gary Blanchard

**October 16:** "Beyond Repair?"

Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak  
Music: BUUC Choir

**October 23:** "Walking the Cosmos"

Guest Speaker: Yaakov "Trek" Reef  
Music: Rick Condee, flute

**October 30:** "Good Mourning"

Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak  
Music: BUUC Choir

### \*Volunteers Needed for Hybrid Worship

Our ability to hold hybrid services (in-person and streaming) depends on having volunteers able to start and monitor the laptop at church during worship.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Robyn Vincent at [robynbuuc@yahoo.com](mailto:robynbuuc@yahoo.com).

## Rev. Craig's Office Hours

(Through December 2022)

Sundays at the church when he's in the pulpit immediately following the service until 12:30pm.

Via Zoom, Facetime (for iPhone users) and telephone:

Email him at [revcraignowak@comcast.net](mailto:revcraignowak@comcast.net), or call 860-916-9261, to schedule a time.

## 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.

UU Trivia Question Answer: B.

## Announcements

### Food for Faith: Adult Religious Exploration "Creation as a Spiritual Practice"

Afternoon Group: 10/3 @ 1:30pm  
Evening Group: 10/4 @ 6:30pm

### Virtual Stone Soup (Through December 2022)

Stone Soup luncheon and conversation will continue this church year but will continue to meet for the time being via Zoom until we can safely resume in person social gatherings at the church.

12:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month, starting in October. A link to attend will be sent out via email to members and friends each month.

### Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00pm to discuss *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe. Please feel free to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at [b.lambert.hale@gmail.com](mailto:b.lambert.hale@gmail.com).

### CESA

The Committee for Ecology and Social Action is now meeting the third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00pm on ZOOM. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Penny Blum at [quabbinquilter@gmail.com](mailto:quabbinquilter@gmail.com)

### Journaling Group

The BUUC Journaling group is open to anyone interested in keeping a journal. We gather monthly on Zoom to journal quietly with some suggested prompts. While we usually chat a little, we do not discuss our writings. Please feel free to join us! Our next meeting is October 24th at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, email Cara Wales at [c.l.c.wales@gmail.com](mailto:c.l.c.wales@gmail.com).

### Women's Alliance

Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm at the church.  
Contact Laurie Magnuson (508-867-3763).

### Choir Practice

7:00-8:30pm each Thursday.  
Contact Music Director Lila M. Farrar at [lilamfarrar@gmail.com](mailto:lilamfarrar@gmail.com) or 508-864-5978.

### 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](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)

## 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**

## Who's Who at BUUC

### Staff

#### Minister

Rev. Craig M. Nowak

#### Director of Religious Exploration

Cara Wales

#### Music Director

Lila M. Farrar

#### Office Assistant

Emily Foster

### Executive Committee

#### Ex-Officio member

Rev. Craig M. Nowak

#### President

Robyn Vincent

#### Treasurer

Colleen Groner

#### Clerk

Gary Blanchard

#### Members-at-Large

Christine Keough-Huff, Fritz Foster,

Amy Frisella, Laurie Magnuson

#### Collector

Dave Yutzler

### Committees and Groups

#### Committee on Ministry

Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith,

Donna Sullivan

#### Flower Committee

Lila Farrar (chair), Judy Trifone,

Donna Sullivan

#### Membership Committee

Debbie Ennis, Joanne Hamerly,

Donna Boyea, Penny Blum, Christine

Holbrook, Alix McNitt, Robyn Vincent

#### Nominating Committee

Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea,

Karen Keough-Huff

#### Trustees

Doug Smith, Roxann Smith,

Kirk Upton

#### Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

#### Worship Committee

Jo Ann Pierce, Roxann Smith, John

Kennison, David Yutzler, Barb Hale

## 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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