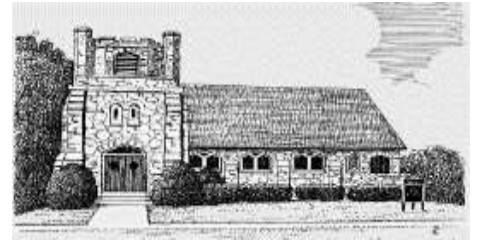


April 2023

The Happenings

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"The Little Stone Church That Rocks"



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST TRIVIA

"Universalists believe that God is too good to damn people, and the Unitarians believe that people are too good to be damned by God." Which Universalist preacher said this?

- A. Thomas Starr King
- B. Charles Spear
- C. Hosea Ballou
- D. Olympia Brown

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.



April Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.



April 2: "Fostering Hope through Education"

Guest Speaker: Lynne Brouillette
Music: Lila M. Farrar, piano

April 9: Easter Sunday
"Dying to Live"

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

April 16: "Give and Take"

Worship Leader: Rev. Craig M. Nowak
Music: Lila M. Farrar and Rick Condee, Telemann flute duets

April 23: Intergenerational RE Service

Worship Leaders: Cara Wales and the Explorers of RE
Music: BUUC Intergenerational Choir

April 30: "Becoming Indigenous"

Worship Leader: Rev. Leaf Seligman
Music: Emily Foster, piano

*A Note About Worship

We plan to hold hybrid services (in-person and streaming) each week, provided we have tech volunteers. We ask that if you feel ill at all, please stay home and take care of yourself. We want all of us to be in community, just not with communicable diseases. Thank you.



Generosity Abounds

Thank you to our children and youth who give generously of their time and imagination throughout the year to make our intergenerational services memorable and inspiring!

CESA Coffee Hour

CESA (Committee for Ecology and Social Action) will be hosting coffee hour in the parlor after the April 2nd church service. We will be displaying posters showing social action projects we are interested in. Members of the committee will be available during coffee hour to answer questions. Religious Education will also be displaying their own poster.

Kids in the Congo representative Lynne Brouillette met with CESA in March to speak about her organization, which helps educate children in the Congo. She will be the guest speaker at the April 2nd church service and will have a poster displayed in the parlor.



BUUC Art Club

A number of members have expressed interest in taking group trips to art exhibits. If you would like to be included in trip planning conversations, email the office at buuc01506@gmail.com.

First rule of Art Club – tell everyone about Art Club!

This is an ad hoc affair with no committee meetings or leader. If you have a museum, gallery, or musical performance you're interested in attending, and would like to experience it in the company of your fellow UU's, email the office and your friendly Admin will alert the others!





NEEDED:

**** A Vacuum Cleaner ****

Would anyone have a vacuum cleaner that is no longer needed? We need a new vacuum; our old one is no longer working. If anyone has one they are able to donate, please reach out to me at robynbuuc@yahoo.com; or you may call or text me at 774-230-6623. Thank you.

Trash Pickup

We have neither trash pickup nor recycling pickup at BUUC. We rely on the goodwill of church members to take trash and recycling home to dispose of them.

If people could share in these chores by checking the trash and recycling occasionally, it would be greatly appreciated.

Food Offerings

For the next 2 months we would like to focus on 4 items that the food pantry is in need of. When you make a donation, please bring these items:

- ❖ Coffee (except decaf)
- ❖ Soup (except chicken & tomato)
- ❖ Cereal (except corn flakes & rice crispies)
- ❖ Baked beans (except vegetarian)

Monetary donations are also welcomed.



Flower Offerings

We continue to welcome flower donors. Please see the message in the March newsletter, or simply sign up in the Parlor. Talk to Lila, Donna, or Judy if you have any questions.



Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to work in the nursery. You will go downstairs after Joys and Concerns. A CORI must be completed ahead of time (BUUC will provide that service).

If you are interested, please see Robyn Vincent or email robynbuuc@yahoo.com.



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.

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 for more info.

Rev. Craig's Office Hours

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, or call 860-916-9261, to schedule a time.

Announcements

Stone Soup*

Stone Soup is back at the church! *Wednesday, April 5th at 12pm*. Come catch up with friends and have lunch together.

*At this time attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee, tea, and a dessert will be provided.

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via ZOOM on *Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm* to discuss *The Disappearing Spoon and Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements* by Sam Kean. Please feel free to attend. A complete list of this year's books can be found on our website at www.buuc.org/events. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hale at 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, April 19th, at 7:00pm* on ZOOM. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Penny Blum at 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 *Monday, April 24th at 7:00pm*. If you have any questions, email Cara Wales at c.l.c.wales@gmail.com.

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 6:30pm.

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.

UU Trivia Question Answer: A

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 non-judgmental 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

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Committee on Ministry

Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith,

Donna Sullivan

Flower Committee

Lila Farrar (chair), Judy Trifone,

Donna Sullivan

Membership Committee

Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea,

Penny Blum, 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

Barb Hale, Roxann Smith, John

Kennison, 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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