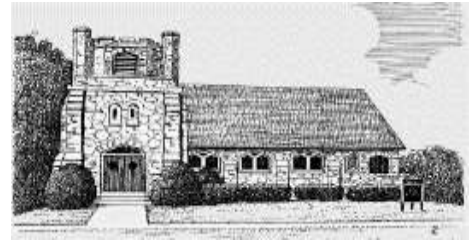


February 2024

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

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.

February Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.

February 4: "Are We the People of Change?"

Worship Leader: Minister Alyssa Lee

Music: Lucy Coldwell-Snyder, French horn; Susan Kirchaussen, violin/viola

February 11: "Active Hope"

Worship Leaders: BUUC Committee for Ecology & Social Action (CESA)

Music: BUUC Choir

February 18: "Lines in the Sand"

Worship Leader: Minister Alyssa Lee

Music: Jared Adams, guitar and vocals

February 25: "Slouching toward Hope"

Worship Leader: Barb Hale

Music: BUUC Choir

*A Note About Worship

Currently we are holding hybrid services (in-person and streaming) as often as tech volunteers are available. For those who wish to stream the service (attend online) a link will be provided via email. If you'd like to volunteer to be one of our ZOOM Geeks, email Barb Hale at b.lambert.hale@gmail.com.

Music Notes



On Feb 25 we look forward to having our IG (Intergenerational) Choir sing "Give Us Hope." Youth and adults who have sung it before are invited to sing again. We will rehearse before church that morning. If you haven't sung it but would like to, or would like to know more about it, please contact me (lilamfarrar@gmail.com or 508 864 5978 or in person at church)

We are also excited to resume having concerts. The first will be singer and multi-instrumentalist Jeff Warner March 24 at 2. Jeff is an expert in traditional music of England and the USA. If you would like to help out, please see Jamie Bishop. If you would be interested in helping out at a possible concert in April or other future concerts, please see me (Lila).

Lila M. Farrar,
Music Director



CESA News

Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA) continues to meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm on ZOOM. We will be collecting deposit bottles and cans on the third Sunday of the month through the end of the church year. This fundraiser benefits Kids in the Congo.

CESA will be hosting the February 11th service which we have titled "Active Hope." We will also be providing the refreshments for coffee hour.

Our Welcome Blanket team is planning a community quilt to benefit immigrants. People will be making individual quilt blocks which will be assembled into a quilt. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Penny Blum at quabbinquilter@gmail.com.

Crayon Initiative

Do you have any broken crayons you would like to repurpose? (Discarded crayons otherwise become waxy sludge that clogs landfills.)

CESA is sponsoring a collection of broken/stubs/unwanted crayons for the Crayon Initiative, which melts down discarded crayons, remanufacturing them into new, free crayons for kids in children's hospitals across the U.S. [For more information go to thecrayoninitiative.org.] Find the collection box in the parlor under the CESA bulletin board.





It is time for the “YOU CALL THAT TALENT?” SPECTACULAR!!!

Come one, come all, to the best talent show around. No matter your level of “talent,” you’re welcome to perform! Songs, stories, skits, and more!

All ages welcomed and encouraged. Remember, we need audience members too. The more the merrier. Back IN PERSON for the most fun experience ever! Appetizers and desserts welcome to make intermission more enjoyable.

Friday, March 22nd. Starts at 7:00 pm.

Ferry Beach Retreat

Save the date! The BUUC Membership Committee is sponsoring a weekend getaway at the Unitarian Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Center in Saco, Maine, from October 4th through the 6th.

Located on Ferry Beach, the weekend offers an opportunity to informally get to know fellow BUUC members and friends while enjoying walks on the beach, gatherings at the fire pit, group dining and more! Join the fun! A variety of lodging options offer varying price points. BUUC has a required minimum of 30 attendees so invite family and friends!



Deadline for signing up and deposit is February 18th.

For further information contact the Membership Committee or go online at: ferrybeach.org

End of Year Giving Summaries

Greetings from the BUUC Collector!

In an effort to reduce paperwork, we've decided to send end of year letters only to those members who request them. If you would like a letter summarizing your giving for 2023, please contact me at buuc.collector@gmail.com.

Please include your email in the request or your mailing address if you would like the letter mailed to you.

Thanks for your support of the BUUC.

Best regards,

Dave Yutzler

BUUC Collector



Minister's Office Hours

In lieu of regular office hours at the church, Alyssa has set up a Calendly link. Simply visit <https://calendly.com/buuc-alyssa> and you should be able to set up a phone or Zoom call. If you have any issues, give Alyssa a call at (978) 310-1303. You can also call or email buuc.alyssa@gmail.com to set up a meeting. She would love to chat with you.

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.

Announcements

Stone Soup

Wednesday, February 7th at 12pm at the church. Come catch up with friends and have lunch together. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Poetry Night

Join Alyssa Lee for another Poetry Night on ZOOM! Wednesday, February 7th at 7:00pm.

Game Night

Friday, February 9th at 7:00pm at the church. See or reach out to Laurel Hemmer with any questions (774-239-8969).

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00pm to discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. 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.

Online Discussion Group

The BUUC small group led by Minister Alyssa Lee will meet again Sunday, February 18th at 6 p.m. over Zoom. We will be using readings from the book *Heart to Heart: Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing*.

CESA

The next meeting of the Committee for Ecology and Social Action will be Wednesday, February 21st, 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 Wednesday, February 28th 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.

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 our minister Alyssa Lee at buuc.alyssa@gmail.com.

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

Alyssa Lee

Director of Religious Exploration

Cara Wales

Music Director

Lila M. Farrar

Office Assistant

Emily Foster

Executive Committee

Ex-Officio member

Alyssa Lee

President

Robyn Vincent

Treasurer

Colleen Groner

Clerk

Amy Frisella

Members-at-Large

Fritzi Foster, Christine Holbrook

Collector

Dave Yutzler

Committees and Groups

Committee on Ministry

Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith, Donna Sullivan

Worship Committee

Barb Hale (chair), Roxann Smith, John Kennison, David Yutzler

Flower Committee

Lila Farrar (chair), Judy Trifone, Donna Sullivan

Membership Committee

Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea, Penny Blum, Alix McNitt, Robyn Vincent, Karen Goudey

Nominating Committee

Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea, Karen Keough-Huff

Women's Alliance

Donna Boyea, Barb Hale, Joanne Hamerly, Laurel Hemmer, Laurie Magnuson, Sharon Smith, Donna Sullivan, Judy Trifone, Diane Mossa

Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

Penny Blum (chair), Joanne Hamerly, Donna Boyea, Laurel Hemmer, Sarah Swift, Barb Hale, Lila Farrar, Emily Foster

Trustees

Doug Smith, Roxann Smith, Kirk Upton

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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