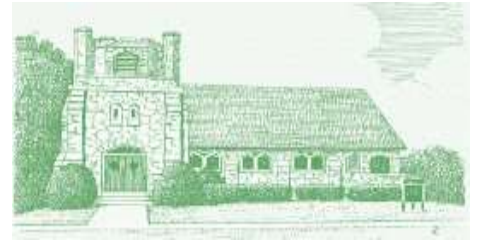


April 2024

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.

April Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.

April 7: "Are We a Tree or a Forest?"

*Worship Leader: Minister Alyssa Lee
Music: BUUC Choir*

April 14: "Can Poetry Bring Us Closer Together?"

*Worship Leader: Minister Alyssa Lee
Music: Rick Condee and Lila Farrar, Telemann Sonata No. 5 for two Flutes*

April 21: "Celebrating Neurodiversity"

*Worship Leaders: Cara Wales & the BUUC Religious Explorers
Music: BUUC Choir & Intergenerational Choir*

April 28: "A History of Layed Services"

*Worship Leader: Jared Adams
Music: Russell Killough-Miller, Bach solo cello Suite No. 2*

***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

The music for "non-choir" Sundays in April are each part of a series.



The first, I have written about several times. These flute duets were in a manuscript collection that has dodged the bullet, literally, at least twice, being moved from Berlin, Germany to Kyiv, Ukraine and back to Berlin. We played the first Sonata in November of 2022 and decided then to commit to playing all eight of them in numerical order. If you missed the background information and are interested in hearing about these duets which were written in the 18th century but published for the very first time in 2006, there will be information sheets on the parlor organ. Feel free to take one.

The other series is by Russell Killough-Miller, who, with his family, has contributed in many ways to music and RE here at BUUC over the years, including playing quite a few selections from the six famous solo cello sonatas of J. S. Bach. With his Doctorate behind him and having retired from teaching, Russell decided to tackle learning and performing one complete sonata a year taking them in order. Thus it was that in October of 2019 Russell played the complete Cello Suite I in G, BWV 1007 with notes in the OOS announcing that day as commencing a six year cycle which would present each of the solo cello sonatas in sequence. One pandemic and four years later, we are finally back on that track with the second Suite. While COVID has taught us we can't be 100% certain of any plans, we do look forward to continuing the cycle next year. Watch for it!

Lila M. Farrar,
Music Director



Cara Wales,
DRE

Notes from the Director of Religious Exploration

April in Religious Exploration

April 7: Tentative field trip to the Ecumenical Food Pantry

April 14: RE Family Walk

April 21: Explorer-Led Intergenerational Service

April 24: Adult RE - Journaling on Zoom, 7p

April 28: Wrap up our two-month exploration of reaching out to the larger community



News from the Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

CESA will be sponsoring a textile collection with Helpsy again this summer. It was a great success last year. It will run from *July 15 to 21*. More information will be coming as we get closer to the date. It's a great way to clear out clothing and other textiles you no longer need and ensure they won't end up in a land fill.

Our Welcome Blanket project of making quilted, knitted and crocheted items for immigrants is moving forward. The items will be given to clients of ACE (African Community Education). We are meeting after church on *Sunday, April 7th* to work on projects. If you are interested, please join us.

The organization Vote Forward is ramping up campaigns to reach under-represented populations and encourage them to vote on important issues. Information on these campaigns will be posted on the CESA bulletin board in the parlor. Please check it out.

CESA continues to collect donations for World Central Kitchen, an organization that is on the ground providing meals to people in crisis. There are currently two matching campaigns going on where your dollars of support can be doubled. In Gaza, World Central Kitchen is providing Ramadan food boxes. Any donations made will be matched up to \$100,000. In Ukraine, World Central Kitchen is providing both fresh meals and food kits to people who have been displaced and are facing food insecurity. Any donations will be matched up to \$250,000.

Gaza Ramadan matching donation:

<https://donate.wck.org/give/567912/#!/donation/checkout>

Ukraine matching donation:

<https://donate.wck.org/give/565346/#!/donation/checkout>

If you have any questions, please contact Penny Blum at quabbinquilter@gmail.com or anyone on the CESA committee.



Announcements

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

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.

Stone Soup

Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:30am. Come catch up with friends and have lunch together. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Book Club

The BUUC Book Discussion Group will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm to discuss *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel. 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.

Poetry Night

Join Alyssa Lee for another Poetry Night on ZOOM! Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm.

CESA

The next meeting of the Committee for Ecology and Social Action will be Wednesday, April 17th, 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, 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.

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

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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, Alix McNitt, Rita Schiano

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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