

November 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.

November Services*

Sunday morning services are held at 10:30 am.

November 3: "Moving Towards an Indigenous Worldview"

*Worship Leader: Claire-Karl B-W Müller
Music: BUUC Choir*

November 10: "The Problems Remain"

*Worship Leader: Jared Adams
Music: Jenny Adams, classical guitar; Dave Yutzler, vocal solo*

November 17: Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service
"The Harvest"

*Worship Leader: Cara Wales, DRE
Music: BUUC IG Choir*

November 24: "We Are a Covenantal People"

*Worship Leader: Rev. John Pastor
Music: Dave Yutzler, piano;
Rick Condee and Lila Farrar, flute duets*

***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.

Ferry Beach Trip

What a wonderful time members of BUUC had on their first adventure at Ferry Beach in Saco, ME! 26 adults and teenagers hit this picturesque seven mile stretch of largely private, sandy beach in southern Maine. Our space included the lower level of Rowland dormitory with a huge, open meeting space that is called the Gayla Theater, stage and all. Clearly a good omen for things to come!



We started with a pizza party in the large hall, featuring new mixology graduate, Amy Frisella, on the bar making Ferry Beach Specials, both with and without spirits. Delicious! As members straggled in, having braved heavy traffic north, they were greeted with applause, cheers and coffee house music from Pandora.

The first morning started with several of us getting up to meet the sunrise on the beach as others of us stayed tucked into our beds. Breakfast offered something for everyone, and the coffee drinkers were delighted to discover really good coffee!

After breakfast, most of us scattered in all directions. Some to walk on the beach, some went off to check out Ferry Beach State Park across the street, some grabbed their books and others grabbed their pickleball paddles. The name of the game was go with the flow!



Robyn offered pickleball instruction to newbies. Jamie played music with members from the other church group who were super friendly. A group photo, more books, more hikes, walks and waves. The weather was perfect and the magic of the beach was taking hold. Later in the afternoon, many of us gathered to write more than 200 Vote Forward letters listening to classic music, very much singing along.


Over dinner, we had an impromptu ukulele concert. After sunset, we made our way to the firepit and had s'mores and campfire songs with guitars and concertina. Joanne's grandson, Luka, was our firepit master. As the fire died down, we made our way back to the hall for game night, with rousing games of scrabble, poker with monopoly money and the fishbowl game. So many laughs!



On Sunday morning, a half dozen of us met the gorgeous sunrise from the beach. After breakfast we packed up our stuff to make way for the cleaning staff. Some headed out to get ahead of the traffic while a little more than half of us stayed for an organic service on the beach, including music from Jared and Jessica. We finished with a group hug, cherishing our weekend together in friendship and love.

Ferry Beach is a magical place. Lila would have been proud by how much music we surrounded ourselves with. The Ferry Beach staff took wonderful care of us. The whole experience was Wicked Pissah, and we can't wait for next year!

Flowers Reminder

If you would like to contribute flowers for a Sunday morning, the sign up sheet is in the parlor. 

Games at the BUUC

The Membership Committee would like to invite everyone to come **PLAY games**. WHY???. Because there is fun, laughter, and community when we gather and play together. We will be offering game times some Friday nights and some Sunday afternoons. The first two will be *FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8 at 6:30 pm* and *SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 after service*.

On Friday nights, drinks and goodies are welcome. On Sundays, please bring a brown bag lunch. *And ALWAYS feel free to bring games and good cheer.*

Religious Exploration Calendar

- November 3: Regular Sunday
- November 10: RE Family Walk
- November 17: Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service
- November 24: Regular Sunday; RE TBD

Vote Forward

THANK YOU from CESA to everyone who joined us in writing letters to voters this year. At the last official tally we had 593 letters! That's nearly double our last campaign.

Announcements

Stone Soup

Wednesday, November 6th at 12:00pm.

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, November 12th at 7:00pm* to discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Daré. 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 next meeting of the Committee for Ecology and Social Action will be *Wednesday, November 20th, at 6:30pm* on ZOOM. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Penny Blum at quabbinquilter@gmail.com

Choir Practice

6:55-8:30pm 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.

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 president Robyn Vincent at 774-230-6623 or robynbuuc@yahoo.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

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Lila M. Farrar
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Emily Foster

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Kathleen Walker
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Linda Friedmann

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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