

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to support and promote the principles of Unitarian Universalism. By nurturing spirituality, intellectual growth, diversity of belief, and our ties to one another, we seek to inspire lives of passion, compassion, and community. We do this for ourselves and for the larger world.

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

Back issues of the BUUC newsletter are on our website at www.buuc.org/newsletters

1553 (10/27) Michael Servetus, theologian and author of *On the Errors of the Trinity*, having drawn the ire of John Calvin, was burned at the stake near Geneva, Switzerland. His martyrdom caused an outcry for religious tolerance.

1852 (10/1) Birth of Eleanor Elizabeth Gordon, an educator who, along with Mary Safford, organized and led the Unitarian Church in Hamilton, Illinois. Gordon was ordained in Sioux City, Iowa in 1889 where she served as minister until 1896.

1959 (10/31) Unitarians and Universalists, meeting separately in Syracuse, New York, voted to proceed with efforts to consolidate the two denominations.



VIGIL OF REMEMBRANCE

A vigil in memory and honor of victims of domestic violence will be held at BUUC, Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm. The vigil, led by Rev. Craig, will include speakers from the community and a ritual to remember those who have lost their lives or been personally impacted by domestic violence. As of June 14, 2016 there have been 11 homicides in Massachusetts as a result of domestic violence. Please join us. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Rev. Craig's Contact Info

Phone and Email

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Office Hours

Wednesdays 9:15-10 am and 1-3 pm
Other times by appointment

BUUC Cares: If you or someone you know at BUUC might need pastoral support, please contact Rev. Craig (contact information above).

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE HELD AT 10:30AM.

October 2 "Recalculating" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music – BUUC Klezmer Orchestra

October 9 "Spirituality"– John Kennison; Music – Choir

October 16 "A Modern Day Divine Call for Religious Pluralism Between Muslims and Christians"– Tahirah Amatul-Wadud ; Music – Rick Condee, flute

October 23 "R & R" – Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music – Choir

October 30 "Wicca'dly Different, Or Not?" – Debbie Ennis; Music – TBA

October Calendar

See page numbers for more detail and/or page 4

October 2 & 16	6:00 pm	Calm River Sangha Meditation
October 5	12:00 pm 1:15 pm	Stone Soup Luncheon Food for Faith: Wednesday Group
October 12	7:00 pm	Women's Alliance Meeting
October 18	7:00 pm	Vigil of Remembrance for Victims of Domestic Violence (see above)
October 23	12:15 pm	Food for Faith: Sunday Group
October 25	6:30 pm	SMOC dinner, Gilbertville, MA
Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Services (pg 1 above)



*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

HERE: *We unite in an atmosphere of care and support to foster spiritual health and growth.*

HERE: *We focus on sharing our ideas and histories, with warmth, hope, loving friendship and an open mind.*

HERE: *We nurture stability for our daily lives and seek motivation to reach out to the larger community.*



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FOOD FOR FAITH: Conversations to Feed Your Soul Adult RE- Fall 2016

Based on the small group ministry or covenant group model, this series will feature short readings to stimulate reflection and conversation in a small group setting. Topics will be drawn from our monthly worship theme offering opportunities to further explore or deepen one's engagement with the theme.

When: Sunday Groups: 10/23; 11/20; 12/18 @ 12:15pm
Wednesday Group: 10/5; 11/2; 12/7 @ 1:15pm

NOTE: The group is open. No preparation or reading is required ahead of time. All participants are asked to abide by the group covenant which will be established at the first session. While you may come to one or all of the sessions, the more you attend, the more all participants will benefit.

Who's Who at BUUC

Staff

Minister

Rev. Craig M. Nowak
Religious Education Director

Laurel Burdon

Music Director

Lila M. Farrar

Office Assistant

Angie Ellison

Executive Committee

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MaryAnn Adams, Mary Frisella, Roxann Smith, Donna Sullivan

Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

Mary Ann Adams, Chair

Flower Committee

Lila Farrar, Chair

Membership Committee

Debbie Ennis, Chair

Nominating Committee

Barbara Hale, Laurie Magnuson, Donna Sullivan

Trustees

Carla Schirm, Doug Smith, Roxann Smith

Women's Alliance

Laurie Magnuson, President

Worship Committee

Wendy Newhall, Chair

Ultimate Team

Ruth King, Diane Mossa, Judy Trifone

Community Resources Page

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 www.buuc.org and click on the "Community Resources" tab on the side menu.

BROOKFIELD APPLE FESTIVAL

We would like to participate in the Apple Country Fair festivities this year, which is Saturday, Oct. 8th. Since we stopped doing our yard sale we haven't had a presence during this event. We are thinking of 2 activities, but we will only do these if we have enough volunteers.

- (1) Sell apple cider and apple cider donuts
- (2) Pumpkin Painting

We need volunteers to purchase the food and pumpkins and collect or purchase paints/brushes, etc. (You will be reimbursed.) We need volunteers to "man" the tables. We are thinking two hour increments would work well; 8-10am, 10am-12pm, 12-2pm. Lastly we need a clean-up crew.

Sign-up sheet are in the parlor. Please consider helping out with either of these activities. This is not intended to be a big money maker, just to have our presence known... to be a good neighbor to the Brookfield community.

If you have any questions you can contact Debbie, [978-257-8073](tel:978-257-8073) or Debbie@DebbieEnnis.com

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.

GENEROSITY ABOUNDS!

Thank you to beloved long-time member Diane Oliver-Jensen, who has moved to Canada, for her gift of a mezuzah. Her gift will be officially recognized at our October 2nd service. Thank you, Diane.

Thank you to all those who donated through the offering on September 11th toward the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) relief efforts in response to the flooding in Louisiana this August. Your support is greatly appreciated.

MUSIC NOTES



September gave a good introduction to music at BUUC.

The choir sang twice. And on the “non-choir” Sunday we had music from young budding musicians, as well as experienced singers. We used the organ for most of the service music and used both organ and piano for hymns.

Music is a very important part of worship here, a result of extensive and careful planning in the big picture with the worship staff; Rev Craig Nowak, Director of Religious Education, Laurel Burdon, and Music Director, Lila Farrar, and also specifically for each service with the worship staff or other worship leaders and the worship committee.

Each musical aspect has a purpose.

The Prelude provides a time to put aside the busyness of daily life and prepare for the service. It can be used as a transition or a

time of meditation.

There are usually three hymns for the entire congregation. They are chosen for text, literal or metaphorical, and/or spirit and feeling. Hymns are a time for joining voices together in support one another and becoming “one voice”. The same can be said for various responses, and the Children's Recessional when those remaining in worship “sing the children (and their teachers)” out to their religious education classes with words that remind us that we ALL share in the nurturing of our youth.

The Musical Offerings are those moments when the focus is on music offered by the choir about half of the Sundays, and by individuals or groups of singers or instrumentalists. Like the hymns, the music is chosen as part of the overarching theme or message of the service, sometimes because of the literal meaning of the words, sometimes for a feeling that it invokes, and often a combination.

The Postlude is a transition time. It is usually more lively and a time to

Lila M. Farrar, Music Director

move on to coffee hour and the rest of your week. But it can be a time to linger and listen, as well, if you so choose.

There are many ways to be part of music, ranging from singing hymns and listening to other offerings, to offering a solo or playing in a group, to being in the choir. The choir is the biggest commitment. It does require being able to match pitch and also a time commitment for rehearsals (every Thursday except Thanksgiving) and performance Sundays for all or a portion of the church year. We also welcome and appreciate the musical offerings from all kinds of musicians.

There is also the opportunity to be part of the Music Committee which helps plan and hosts concerts and can aid in other ways such as choir librarian duties.

To be a part of choir or any other musical offering, or for questions, contact Lila Farrar, Music Director, at church, by email lilamfarrar@gmail.com or by phone 508-867-8806.

†Lila



CIRCLE SUPPER

Our first Circle Supper will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 6:15pm. This is an event for all ages. You will enjoy a wonderful meal while talking and laughing with other members of the BUUC family.

If you've never attended and would like more information you can contact Debbie at 978.257.8073 ext 1 or at Debbie@DebbieEnnis.com

I hope to see you there!

THERE ARE ALLERGIES AMONG US:

Please limit your use of scents and chemicals, and leave as much latex as possible at home.

BOOK CLUB

David McCullough's *Wright Brothers*

To be discussed on October 11, 2016

At 7pm

Upcoming Trips!!! Save the Dates!!!

October 23—Trip to Salem Children Grades 5 and up

November 13—ALL CONGREGATION trip to Islamic Center of Worcester County

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ONGOING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Book Club

Second Tuesday of the Month— 7pm
JOIN US for an all inclusive (men and women of BUUC and beyond welcome), exhilarating (maybe a little strong but we're really excited) BUUC BOOK CLUB. We hope to create a group that will generate meaningful conversations about a variety of books, authors and topics. Contact Amy Frisella at amyfrisella@hotmail.com or Barb Hale b.lambert.hale@gmail.com for more info.

Choir Practice

Every Thursday at 7 pm

Committee for Ecology and Social Action (CESA)

Third Wednesday of the month, 7pm
For information, contact Mary Ann Adams at maryannbuuc@gmail.com

Executive Committee

First Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Food For Faith: Adult RE

Sunday Group at 12:15pm and Wednesday Groups at 1:15pm
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Calm River

Meditation Group
First and third Sundays of the month, 6 pm

Meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, with Calm River Sangha. All are welcome.

SMOC Dinner

Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Come join us as we provide a monthly meal for residents of the SMOC sober house in Gilbertville. Contact Wendy Newhall, circle_dancers@yahoo.com or Christine Holbrook, holbrookchristine1@gmail.com for details.

Stone Soup Luncheons

Oct – June, first Wednesday of the month, 12pm
All are invited for Stone Soup, where your presence is the secret (and most important) ingredient. We provide the soup and coffee/tea; you bring something to share (bread, juice, appetizer/dessert).

Women's Alliance

Second Wednesday of the month, 7pm.
Contact Laurie Magnuson (508-867-3763)

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*For specific dates, see
Calendar on page 1*
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