

NOVEMBER 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

1787 (11/18) James Freeman having been refused ordination by two Anglican bishops was ordained as a Unitarian minister at King's Chapel in Boston, by the congregation. America's first Anglican church thus became America's first openly theological-ly Unitarian church.

1859 (11/24) Charles Darwin, a Unitarian, published *The Origin of Species*. Contrary to the contemporary notion that religion and science are, and have always been, at odds with one another, the religious response to Darwin's book in his own day (as in our own) was mixed with some voicing support and others dismissing Darwin's claims.

2003 (11/18) The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled it is illegal to deny people of the same gender the marriage rights afforded to people of different genders under the Constitution of Massachusetts. Of the 14 plaintiffs in the case, 7 were Unitarian Universalists. The Unitarian Universalist Association and Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association of the Mass Bay District filed amicus curiae briefs in the case.



Rev. Craig's Contact Info

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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.

November 6 "Spiritual F-Words" –Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music – Choir

November 13 "Requiem for Just War" – Robert Emmet Meagher; Music – Lucy Colwell, French Horn

November 20 "Does Anyone Really Like Herding Cats?" An Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service – Rev. Craig M. Nowak; Music – Choir

November 27 "Crazy, Holy, Hungry Ones"– Rev. Misty-Dawn Shelley ; Music – Bridget Azarowski, piano; Amy Kiernan, singer

November Calendar

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November 2	12:00 pm 1:15 pm	Stone Soup Luncheon Food for Faith: Wednesday Group
November 5	6:15 pm	Circle Supper (pg2)
November 6 & 20	6:00 pm	Calm River Sangha Meditation
November 8	7:00 pm	Book Club (pg3)
November 9	7:00 pm	Women's Alliance Meeting
November 20	12:15 pm	Food for Faith: Sunday Group
November 29	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 atmos-
phere 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 moti-
vation to reach out to the larger
community.*

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

***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.

CIRCLE SUPPER

Our first Circle Supper of the church year will be taking place on Saturday, November 5th at 6:15pm. This is a BUUC tradition that allows old, new, young and less young to mix and mingle for a dinner event at the church. Come join the fun...and tasty food. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor, or contact Debbie Ennis, 978-257-8062 ext. 1

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

All is well in the world of finance at the BUUC. Last fiscal year, which ended 7/31/16, we ended up collecting about \$200 more than what was pledged. Woohoo! What a fine group of people we are. On another note, if you donate cash (towards your pledge or otherwise) and would like a letter at the end of the year notating the amount you have given, please see me about getting some small giving envelopes. Thank you, your Collector, Debbie Ennis.

GUEST WORSHIP LEADER BIO

Robert Emmet Meagher, professor of humanities, with degrees from the University of Notre Dame (summa cum laude) and the University of Chicago, joined the Hampshire College faculty in 1972. Prior to that, he taught religious studies and theology at Indiana University and the University of Notre Dame. He has also held visiting chairs and professorships at numerous colleges and universities, including Trinity College Dublin and Yale University.



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.

**Who's Who at
BUUC**

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nuson, Donna Sullivan

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Ruth King, Diane Mossa,

Judy Trifone

GENEROSITY ABOUNDS!

Thank you to the Chesson Family Fund of Greater Worcester Community Foundation for their recent gift of \$800 in support of BUUC's mission.

Thank you to Diane Mossa and Laurie Magnuson for their ongoing support of BUUC's pastoral ministry through card writing and relaying Joys and Concerns to Rev. Craig.

***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.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our next two meetings are Nov. 6th and Dec. 4th, at 9:15am at the church. We would love to have some fresh faces join us at our meetings. We are currently looking for new fundraising ideas and thoughts in general about fun events we could host. Even if you're not interested in volunteering on the Membership Committee attending a meeting can offer some insight as to what goes on behind the scenes at the BUUC....and sometimes we have snacks! Chair, Debbie Ennis, Debbie@DebbieEnnis.com, 978-257-8062 ext. 1

BAKE SALE! Yummy!!

Interested in being part of a muffin and cupcake bake sale during the month of November? Please check in with Mary Ann Adams... Make a dozen - keep half, sell half... Yumm.

**SPECIAL OFFERING**

As part of the BUUC special offering in September, the members of the Women's Alliance voted to contribute \$300 to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee for flood relief in Louisiana. The Women's Alliance regularly makes contributions to local, national and international charities as part of our mission of service. Membership in the Alliance is open to all women. You don't have to be a member of the BUUC to join. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm at the BUUC. 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

Tell the Wolves I'm Home

by Carol Rifka Brunt.

To be discussed on
November 8, 2016

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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
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.

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.

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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SMOC Dinner